



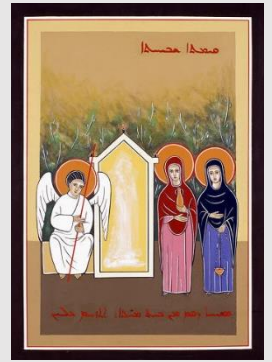
# Saint Maron Maronite Catholic Church

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## WEEKLY BULLETIN - 03/31/2024

# The Glorious Resurrection



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## Al Massih Kam ... Hakkan Kam

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Today we gather to celebrate the glorious resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, the foundation of our Catholic faith and the source of our hope.

Through His triumph over death, Jesus offers us the promise of eternal life and invites us to share in His victory.



As we rejoice in the Easter season, let us reflect on the profound significance of this sacred event, which assures us of God's boundless love and mercy.

Just as Mary Magdalene encountered the risen Lord in the garden, may we too encounter His presence in our lives and be transformed by His resurrection power.

Let us go forth as joyful witnesses of the resurrection, bringing hope and light to a world in need of God's redeeming love.

In Christ,

Fr. Andrawos (Fadi) El Tabchi

### BIBLE STUDY

with Abouna David - Starting Thursday, April, 4, 2024  
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and in person at the Church Hall

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87347439104?pwd=eUJRRVpFUyt5NVpTVXR5bCtBdGpGdz09>

### SUNDAY READINGS

1<sup>st</sup> Reading

1 Cor 15:12-26

Gospel Reading

Mark 16:1-8

### Sanctuary Candle

The Safety and Well-being of our Elderly

## Palm Sunday Brunch March 24, 2024

Income	\$	3,794.44
Expenses	\$	660.23
<b>Profit</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3,134.21</b>

## Annual Bake Sale March 23-24, 2024

Income	\$	4,172.59
Expenses	\$	1,486.10
<b>Profit</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,686.49</b>

## E-Bike Raffle January - March 2024

Tickets Sales	\$	11,297.24
Sponsorship	\$	3,500.00
Expenses	\$	2,706.52
<b>Profit</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>12,090.72</b>

## DIVINE LITURGIES

**Saturday, March 30, @ 4:00PM, Resurrection Liturgy.** liturgy is offered for the safety and well-being of our Parishioners.

**Sunday, March 31, @ 11:00AM Resurrection Sunday.** Liturgy is offered for the safety and well-being of our parishioners.

Also, liturgy is offered in memory of the deceased members of the Tavani, Joseph, Mosey, and Rohana families requested by family. May their souls rest in peace.

**Saturday, April 6, @ 4:00PM,** liturgy is offered in memory of Maria Navarro requested by family. May her soul rest in peace.

**Sunday, April 7, @ 11:00AM** liturgy is offered in memory of John Joseph requested by Mary Joseph. May his soul rest in peace.

## WEEKLY COLLECTION March 23-24, 2024

Collection	\$	3,579.00
PayPal	\$	150.00
Coffee Hour	\$	47.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3,776.00</b>

Bishop's Appeal	\$	50.00
Insurance	\$	0.00

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Collections

*"Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I directed the churches of Galatia, so do you also..." (1 Corinthians 16:1-4)*

In his first letter to the Corinthians, Saint Paul discusses collections to support other churches. In 1 Corinthians 16:1-4, he instructs the Corinthians to set aside funds on the first day of the week according to their means, so that when he comes, there will be no need to gather funds. He explains that these collections are for the support of the saints (believers) in Jerusalem. This passage illustrates Paul's concern for the welfare of other Christian communities and emphasizes the principle of mutual support and solidarity within the early Christian Church.

## Bishop's Appeal 2024

### Collected during Lent

Collected	\$	2,240.00
Amount Due	\$	3,500.00
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,260.00</b>

**Reminder:** contributing to the Bishop's Appeal is a responsibility shared by all churches in the Eparchy. Your generous support is truly valued and greatly appreciated.

## March 29, 2024

### Holy Land Collection

Part of this Collection is sent through the USCCB to the Holy Land and another part is sent directly to the Maronite Eparchy of Haifa.

## IN OUR PRAYERS

### Please keep in your prayers

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# Pastor's Message

Dear All,

I wanted to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to each and everyone of you who contributed to the success of the E-BIKE RAFFLE event. Your hard work, dedication and enthusiasm truly made a significant difference, and I am deeply thankful for your commitment to making this initiative a success.

In particular, I want to extend a special thank you to Terri Koway, Deb Mosier and Lori Mosier. Your tireless efforts, attention to detail and unwavering support were instrumental in ensuring the smooth organization and execution of the Raffle. From coordinating logistics to prompting the event, your contributions were invaluable, and I am incredibly grateful for your outstanding leadership and teamwork.

I also want to express my heartfelt appreciation to the generous sponsors of the E-Bike Raffle. Your support and generosity helped make this event possible and your commitment to our cause is deeply appreciated.

Additionally, I want to express my gratitude to all those who worked hard for the BAKE SALE and PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH. Your dedication, creativity and hard work played a crucial role in the overall success of our fundraising efforts. I want to assure you that your efforts have not gone unnoticed and I am sincerely thankful for your contributions.

The success of the e-bike raffle event and our fundraising endeavors would not have been possible without the collective effort of each and every one of you. Your passion, dedication and hard work have left a lasting impact, and I am truly appreciative of everything you have done.

Once again, thank you all for your incredible contributions and for making these events a resounding success. Your dedication and commitment are truly inspiring and I feel fortunate to work with such an amazing team.

With sincere Gratitude,  
Fr. Andrawos (Fadi) El Tabchi



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59<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention

Detroit, Michigan  
July 4-7, 2024

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**Year of Prayer**

Pope Francis declared 2024 as the **Year of Prayer**, calling upon believers worldwide to deepen their spiritual connection through prayerful reflection, seeking unity, and fostering peace in our hearts and communities.

Let us come together in faith, embracing this sacred opportunity for renewal and communion with God.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**First Holy Communion**  
Sunday, April 14, 2024

**Keep Our  
First Communicants  
in Your Prayers**



Sebastian Chedrawy  
Olivia Cherfane  
Alfred Joseph Saad  
Julia Salloum  
Alexander Skaf  
Jacob Sudano

**SIP & PAINT**  
Friday, April 19, 2024

**PASTORAL VISIT**  
Sunday, April 28, 2024

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*Join us in welcoming  
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for a blessed pastoral visit  
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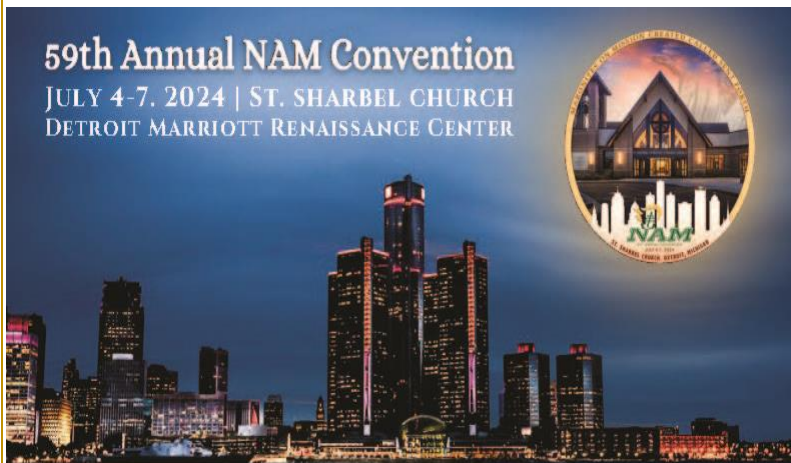
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# Readings

## Resurrection Sunday

### First Reading

#### 1 Corinthians 15:12-26

**A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to Corinthians. Your blessing father...**

Brothers and Sisters:

If Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

**Praise be to God always.**

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الأولى إلى أهل قورنثوس

يا إخوتي، إن كان المسيح يُبشَّرُ به أنه قام من بين الأموات، فكيف يقول بعض منكم أن لا قيامة للأموات؟ فإن كان لا قيامة للأموات، فالمسيح أيضًا لم يَقم! وإن كان المسيح لم يَقم، فباطلٌ تَنبِئُنا وباطلٌ إيمانكم، ونكون نحنُ شهودَ زورٍ على الله، لأننا شهدنا على الله أنه أقام المسيح، وهو ما أقامه، إن صحَّ أن الأموات لا يقومون. فإن كان الأموات لا يقومون، فالمسيح أيضًا لم يَقم! وإن كان المسيح لم يَقم، فباطلٌ إيمانكم، وتكونون بعدُ في خطاياكم. إذا فالذين رقدوا في المسيح قد هلكوا. إن كنا نرجو المسيح في هذه الحياة وحسب، فنحن أشقى الناس أجمعين! والحال أن المسيح قام من بين الأموات، وهو باكورة الراقدين. فبما أن الموت كان بواسطة إنسان، فبواسطة إنسان أيضًا تكون قيامة الأموات. فكما أنه في آدم يموت الجميع، كذلك في المسيح سيحيا الجميع، كل واحد في رتبته: المسيح أولًا، لأنه الباكورة، ثم الذين هم للمسيح، عند مجيئه. وبعد ذلك تكون النهاية، حين يُسلم المسيح الملك إلى الله الأب، بعد أن يكون قد أبطل كل رئاسة وكل سلطان وقوة، لأنه لا بد للمسيح أن يملك، إلى أن يجعل الله جميع أعدائه تحت قدميه. وأخرُ عدوٍ يبطل هو الموت. والتسبيح لله دائمًا.



# Gospel Reading

## Saint Mark 16:1-8

### The Apostle Writes:

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.' So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

**This is the truth. Peace be with you.**

### مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِيسِ مَرْقَسِ

لَمَّا أَنْقَضَى السَّبْتِ، أَشْتَرَتْ مَرْيَمُ الْمَجْدَلِيَّةُ، وَمَرْيَمُ أُمُّ يَعْقُوبَ، وَسَالُومَةَ، طُيُوبًا لِيَأْتِيَنَّ وَيُطَيِّبَنَّ جَسَدَ يَسُوعَ. وَفِي يَوْمِ الْأَحَدِ بَاكِرًا جِدًّا، أَتَيْنَ إِلَى الْقَبْرِ مَعَ طُلُوعِ الشَّمْسِ. وَكُنَّ يَقُلْنَ فِيمَا بَيْنَهُنَّ: "مَنْ يُدْخِرُ لَنَا الْحَجَرَ عَنِ بَابِ الْقَبْرِ؟". وَتَقَرَّسْنَ فَشَاهَدْنَ الْحَجَرَ قَدْ دُخِرَ، وَكَانَ كَبِيرًا جِدًّا. وَدَخَلْنَ الْقَبْرَ، فَرَأَيْنَ شَابًّا جَالِسًا عَنِ الْيَمِينِ، مُتَوَشِّحًا حُلَّةً بَيْضَاءَ، فَأَنْدَهَلْنَ. فَقَالَ لَهُنَّ: "لَا تَنْدَهَلْنَ! أَنْتُنَّ تَطْلُبْنَ يَسُوعَ النَّاصِرِيِّ الْمَصْلُوبِ. إِنَّهُ قَامَ، وَهُوَ لَيْسَ هُنَا. وَهِيَ هِيَ الْمَكَانُ الَّذِي وَضَعُوهُ فِيهِ. أَلَا أَذْهَبْنَ وَقُلْنَ لِتَلَامِيذِهِ وَلِبَطْرُسَ: إِنَّهُ يَسْبِقُكُمْ إِلَى الْجَلِيلِ. وَهُنَاكَ تَرَوْنَهُ، كَمَا قَالَ لَكُمْ". فَخَرَجْنَ مِنَ الْقَبْرِ وَهَرَبْنَ مِنْ شِدَّةِ الرِّعْدَةِ وَالذُّهُولِ. وَمِنْ خَوْفِهِنَّ لَمْ يَقُلْنَ لِأَحَدٍ شَيْئًا...

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