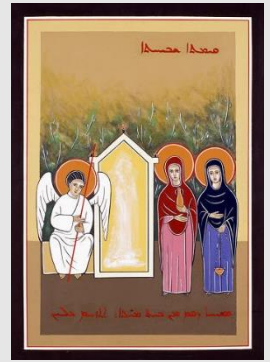




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## WEEKLY BULLETIN – 04/28/2024

# The Glorious Resurrection

### OFFICE HOURS:

**MONDAY OFFICE CLOSED**  
**TUESDAY – FRIDAY 10:30AM - 4:00PM**

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Fr. Andrewos (Fadi) El Tabchi

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Claudine ElHajal

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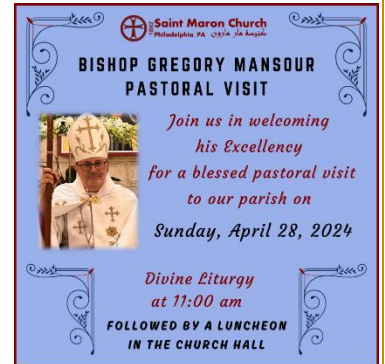
**President:** Amin Al Soueidy

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## 5th Sunday of the Resurrection

### Bishop Gergory J. Mansour Pastoral Visit

Due to unexpected circumstances, Bishop Gregory will not be able to join us this Sunday for his pastoral visit. I extend a heartfelt thanks to everyone who dedicated their time and effort in preparing the delightful food. Additionally, I express my gratitude to the family that generously made a donation towards the flowers. We will miss the bishop's presence and eagerly anticipate his visit in the near future.



## Maintenance Work Update

### Church Door

On Thursday, April 18, we finished the 1<sup>st</sup> Stage of Repairing the church's main entrance door.

The door frame was reinforced and strengthened. Further updates will follow as we proceed with the subsequent phases.



**Phase 1**  
**TOTAL COST:**  
**\$ 1,650.00**

### Rectory - Backyard

This week, two maintenance tasks were completed in the Rectory's backyard.

The wooden fence sustained damage from strong winds few weeks ago, necessitating repairs. Additionally, the planter wall, showing signs of aging, began to deteriorate. Consequently, both the wall and the fence had to be taken down.



## SUNDAY READINGS

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Ephesians 2:1-10**

**Gospel Reading – John 21:15-19**

## SANCTUARY CANDLE

Terminally ill patients

## DIVINE LITURGIES

**Saturday, April 27, @ 4:00PM,** liturgy is offered in memory of Marcia Colish requested by Ann Matter. May her soul rest in peace.

**Sunday, April 28, @ 11:00AM** liturgy is offered in memory of Leile Touma Jebara requested by Philip and Vivian Rai. May her soul rest in peace.

**Saturday, May 4, @ 4:00PM,** liturgy is offered in memory of Joseph Lagato requested by Elaine Cavallaro. May his soul rest in peace.

**Sunday, May 5, @ 11:00AM** liturgy is offered in memory of deceased members of the Khawley and Kouri families requested by family. May their souls rest in peace.

**Thursday, May 9, @ 6:00PM,**  
**Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord.**

## WEEKLY COLLECTION

**April 20-21, 2024**

Collection	\$ 2,940.00
Online	\$ 50.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,990.00</b>
Coffee Hour	\$ 33.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	\$ 138.00
Bishop's Appeal	\$ 60.00
Assessment	\$ 30.00
Insurance	\$ 90.00
Fuel	\$ 0.00

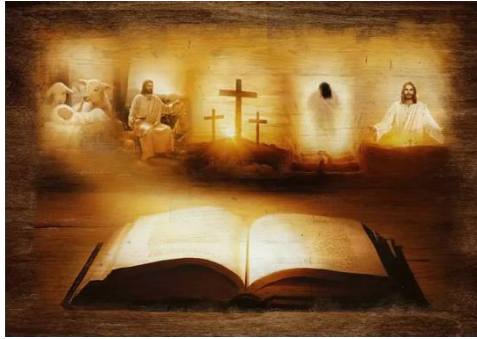
## BIBLE STUDY

**Every Thursday**

**AT 7PM**

**In Person:  
Church Hall**

**Via Zoom:  
Link provided by email**



## Bishop's Appeal 2024

**Collected during Lent**

Collected	\$ 2,480.00
Amount Due	\$ 3,500.00
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$ 1,020.00</b>

## 2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION

**May 4-5, 2024**

***National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon***

All funds collected are sent from the Chancery directly to our Shrine in North Jackson, Ohio.

## IN OUR PRAYERS

**Please keep in your prayers**

Jay O'Donnell, Allison Auld, Carmen Sansweet, Mary Louise Scotti, Janet Labar, Krystal Valianti, Anne Mgrdichian, Carol Bevelhymmer, Mary V. (Nelson) Scotti, Mike Devinney, Debbie Freedenberg, Allan Emilio Domingez, Rev. Subdeacon Dr. Mallard T. George, Landon Reid, Tamara Lewis, Michael Thomas, Mary McKinney, Jessica McKinney, Angela McKinney, Skyla Simon, Peter Labaki, Nancy Murphy, Marentha Young-Heart, Allison Tretina, Stephanie Devinney, Angela Scorza Anderson, Raymond Fitzpatrick, Linda Yeckes, Frankie Olivieri, Marie Eddis, Mia Andrilla, Ashley Iaconelli, Elissar Ayoub, Joanne Simon-Turing, Suzanne Haney, Linda DiBernardo, Joan Speck, Dennis Strelchuk, Gladys Dalcourt, Denise Furey, Mirta Ruiz, Rita Impo, Jade Kellam, Marion Thomas Branca, Francesca Impo, Lucy DiLuce, Laurent Chidiac, Tom Hart, John Hart, Fadi Jaber, Joseph Realdine, Lisa Alestra, John Nader, Joey Gdowick, Francis Joseph Kerns, Samer Chokeir, Kathy Newman, Rita Arrigale, Maryann Bratton, Renee Sahar, Sister Nahida Al-Sawa, James Cordisio, Stacey Fuentes, Noel Andjuhar, and Angel Salerno.

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**Saint Maron Church**  
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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

I am thrilled to extend a heartfelt invitation to you all to join us for our Annual Lebanese Festival taking place on **May 31, June 1 and June 2, 2024**.

The Annual Festival serves as a cornerstone of our community life. It provides us with a wonderful opportunity to come together, strengthen our bonds of fellowship, and celebrate the rich tapestry of diversity that makes our congregation so special.

Your active involvement in preparing for our annual festival is vital and deeply valued, not only during the event itself but in the days leading up to it.

I invite you to join us in the preparations throughout the month of May as well as on **Thursday, May 30, 2024**, for setting up tents and stations. Also, your support in breaking down and cleaning on the final day will be immensely appreciated as well.

In addition to your volunteer efforts, please consider supporting the festival financially by becoming a sponsor. You can easily fill out the **Sponsorship Form** below and mail it back to the office.

Furthermore, don't miss out on the opportunity to participate in the **50/50 raffle**, adding to the excitement and support for our community event.

Thank you for your continued dedication and generosity.  
Together, we'll make this festival a memorable success!

I look forward to celebrating with each and every one of you as we gather in joy and fellowship.

Father Andrawos (Fadi) El Tabchi  
Pastor

## Sponsorship Form

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Please make check payable to: **Saint Maron Church** & write **"Festival Sponsorship"** on the memo line.

# Festival Volunteer

Dear Parishioners,

I'm extending an open invitation to all of you for the **May Festival Preps**. Please note: there is no need to sign up for May preps.

We have a significant amount of work ahead of us, and I am counting on each and every one of you to lend a hand. Your participation will make our festival truly special.

Fr. Andrawos

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

DATE	START TIME	PREPS
Wednesday, May 1	4:00 PM	Lifit Pickles
<b>UPDATED</b>	<b>Friday, May 17</b>	<b>3:00 PM</b>   <b>Grape Leaves</b>
Monday, May 6	10:00 AM	Hashwee for Kibbeh
	4:00 PM	Kibbeh
Friday, May 10	5:00 PM	Kafta
Tuesday, May 14	4:00 PM	Cookies Filling & Packaging
Tuesday, May 28	6:30 PM	Shawarma and other preps
Wednesday, May 29	4:00 PM	Chicken Kabob
Thursday, May 30	9:00AM	Setup and kitchen preps
	10:00 AM	Festival Preps
	6:30 PM	Chicken Skewers
	6:30 PM	Meat Kabob
Friday, May 31	9:00 AM	Festival Preps
		Meat Skewers

The **VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP SHEET** for the 3-day festival was mailed along with the **festival package**. Please take a moment to review the information and fill out the form, then send it back to the office. Your prompt response will ensure that all stations are adequately staffed with volunteers and that will guarantee a smooth flow of work in the festival.

Fr. Andrawos

## 3-Day Festival

**The form outlines the festival dates, detail the stations requiring assistance and provide slots for you to indicate your availability, specify when and where you can lend a hand and for what duration. Thank you for your love and commitment to the Church.**

## NAM JOB OPPORTUNITY

The Board is now looking for a new **NAM Coordinator**.

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### A prayer for terminally ill patients:

"Dear merciful and compassionate God,  
We come before you with heavy hearts, seeking comfort and solace for our loved ones who are facing terminal illness. Grant them strength to endure their physical suffering and peace to navigate the emotional challenges that accompany their journey. May they find moments of joy amidst their pain and feel your presence surrounding them with love and warmth. Grant them courage to face each day with hope and faith, knowing that you are with them every step of the way.



Guide their caregivers and medical professionals with wisdom and compassion, as they provide comfort and support during this difficult time. We entrust our loved ones into your care, knowing that you are the ultimate healer and source of comfort. May they find rest and peace in your loving embrace, now and always. Amen."



*Come and see!*

Join the National Shrine of Saint Rita of Cascia  
on **Wednesday, May 22, 2024**  
for the **Solemn Feast of Saint Rita of Cascia**

*Mass Times:*

**8:00am – 10:00am – 12:00pm – 3:00pm – 5:00pm – 7:00pm**

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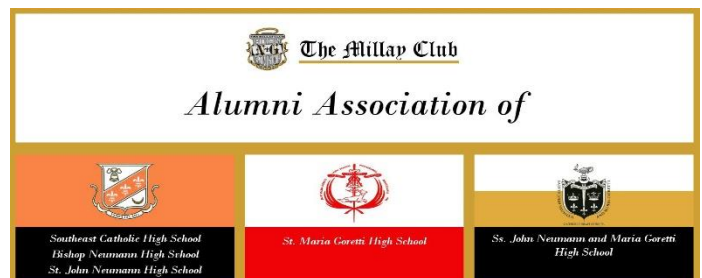
### NAM CONVENTION

For more info you can click on the link:

<https://rb.gy/hy4cwa>



### Classes of 1974



**Bishop Neumann and Saint Maria Goretti classes of 1974** are planning a combined reunion for **September 13, 2024**. In order to update their database, they are presently gathering address and email information from alumni. Please contact them to submit your information:  
Janet Ricci Tomasco: [jriccit@aol.com](mailto:jriccit@aol.com)  
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## First Reading

### Ephesians 2:1-10

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

Brothers and Sisters:

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ by grace you have been saved and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness towards us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

**Praise be to God always.**

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل أفسس

يا إِخْوَتِي، وَأَنْتُمْ، فَقَدْ كُنْتُمْ أَمْوَاتًا بِزَلَّاتِكُمْ وَخَطَايَاكُمْ، الَّتِي سَلَكْتُمْ فِيهَا مِنْ قَبْلُ بِحَسَبِ إِلَهٍ هَذَا الْعَالَمِ، بِحَسَبِ رَيْسِ سُلْطَانِ الْجَوِّ، أَيِ الرُّوحِ الَّذِي يَعْمَلُ الْآنَ فِي أَبْنَاءِ الْعُضْيَانِ؛ وَمِنْهُمْ نَحْنُ أَيْضًا جَمِيعُنَا قَدْ سَلَكْنَا مِنْ قَبْلُ فِي شَهَوَاتِ إِنْسَانِنَا الْجَسَدِيِّ، عَامِلِينَ بِرِعَابَاتِهِ وَأَفْكَارِهِ، وَكُنَّا بِالطَّبِيعَةِ أَوْلَادَ الْعَضْبِ كَالْبَاقِينَ؛ لَكِنَّ اللَّهَ، وَهُوَ الْغَنِيُّ بِرَحْمَتِهِ، فَلِكثْرَةِ مَحَبَّتِهِ الَّتِي أَحَبَّنَا بِهَا، وَقَدْ كُنَّا نَحْنُ أَيْضًا أَمْوَاتًا بِزَلَّاتِنَا، أَحْيَانَا مَعَ الْمَسِيحِ، وَبِالنِّعْمَةِ أَنْتُمْ مُخَلَّصُونَ؛ وَمَعَهُ أَقَامْنَا وَأَجَلَسْنَا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ، لِيُظْهِرَ فِي الْأَجْيَالِ الْآتِيَةِ غِنَى نِعْمَتِهِ الْفَائِقَةِ، بِلُطْفِهِ لَنَا فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ. فَبِالنِّعْمَةِ أَنْتُمْ مُخَلَّصُونَ بِوَسِطَةِ الْإِيمَانِ: وَهَذَا لَيْسَ مِنْكُمْ، إِنَّهُ عَطِيَّةُ اللَّهِ. وَلَا هُوَ مِنَ الْأَعْمَالِ، لِئَلَّا يَفْتَخِرَ أَحَدٌ؛ لِأَنَّنا نَحْنُ صُنْعُهُ، قَدْ خُلِقْنَا فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ لِلْأَعْمَالِ الصَّالِحَةِ، الَّتِي سَبَقَ اللَّهُ فَأَعَدَّهَا لِكِي نَسُوكَ فِيهَا.

والتسبيح لله دائماً.

## Gospel Reading

### Saint John 21:15-19

#### The Apostle Writes:

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

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

#### مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِّيسِ يُوْحَنَّا

بَعْدَ الْغَدَاءِ، قَالَ يَسُوعُ لِسِمْعَانَ بُطْرُسَ: «يَا سِمْعَانُ بَنَ يُونَا، أَتُحِبُّنِي أَكْثَرَ مِمَّا يُحِبُّنِي هَؤُلَاءِ؟». قَالَ لَهُ: «نَعَمْ، يَا رَبِّ، أَنْتَ تَعْلَمُ أَنِّي أُحِبُّكَ». قَالَ لَهُ يَسُوعُ: «إِرْعَ حُمْلَانِي». قَالَ لَهُ مَرَّةً ثَانِيَةً: «يَا سِمْعَانُ بَنَ يُونَا، أَتُحِبُّنِي؟». قَالَ لَهُ: «نَعَمْ يَا رَبِّ، أَنْتَ تَعْلَمُ أَنِّي أُحِبُّكَ». قَالَ لَهُ يَسُوعُ: «إِرْعَ نِعَاجِي!». قَالَ لَهُ مَرَّةً ثَالِثَةً: «يَا سِمْعَانُ بَنَ يُونَا، أَتُحِبُّنِي؟». فَحَزَنَ بُطْرُسُ، لِأَنَّ يَسُوعَ قَالَ لَهُ ثَلَاثَ مَرَّاتٍ: أَتُحِبُّنِي؟ فَقَالَ لَهُ: «يَا رَبِّ، أَنْتَ تَعْلَمُ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ، وَأَنْتَ تَعْرِفُ أَنِّي أُحِبُّكَ». قَالَ لَهُ يَسُوعُ: «إِرْعَ خِرَافِي! الْحَقُّ الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكَ: حِينَ كُنْتَ شَابًّا، كُنْتَ تَشُدُّ حِرَامَكَ بِيَدَيْكَ وَتَسِيرُ إِلَى حَيْثُ تُرِيدُ. وَلَكِنْ حِينَ تَشِيخُ، سَتَبْسُطُ يَدَيْكَ وَآخِرُ يَشُدُّ لَكَ حِرَامَكَ، وَيَذْهَبُ بِكَ إِلَى حَيْثُ لَا تُرِيدُ». قَالَ يَسُوعُ ذَلِكَ مُشِيرًا إِلَى الْمِيْتَةِ الَّتِي سَيَمَجِّدُ بِهَا بُطْرُسُ اللَّهَ. ثُمَّ قَالَ لَهُ: «إِتَّبِعْنِي!».

**حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانُ لِكُلِّكُمْ.**



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