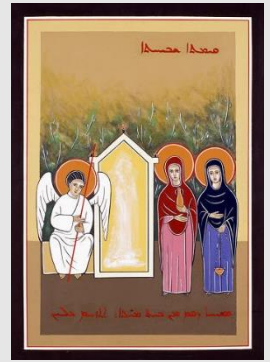




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## WEEKLY BULLETIN – 04/07/2024

# The Glorious Resurrection

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Resurrection

# New Sunday

O Christ,  
open our eyes by the light  
of your resurrection,  
as you enlightened the  
women who came to your  
tomb with aromatic  
perfumes and the apostles  
who came to see what had  
happened.

Thus, we shall all be led  
toward you, certain that it  
is you.

We shall believe in your  
glorious resurrection, live  
in you as the source of our  
life, the promise of our  
own resurrection, and give  
you glory and praise, for  
ever. Amen.



**Prayer:** Monday Ramsho  
Prayer of the Faithful  
<https://www.maronitefaith.com/new-sunday/>

“I am The Resurrection and The Life”

انا هو القيامة والحياة

## SUNDAY READINGS

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading - 2 Cor 5:11-21**

**Gospel Reading - John 20:26-31**

**Sanctuary Candle** For those who are suffering and facing difficult circumstances.

## DIVINE LITURGIES

**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.

**Saturday, April 13, @ 4:00PM,** liturgy is offered in memory of Marie Gaudioso requested by Bob & Mae Calabrese. May her soul rest in peace.

**Sunday, April 14, @ 11:00AM** **First Holy Communion.** liturgy is offered for our First Communicants.

## WEEKLY COLLECTION

March 30-31, 2024

<b>Easter Col.</b>	<b>\$ 3,100.00</b>
<b>Holy Thursday</b>	<b>\$ 342.00</b>
<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>\$ 538.00</b>
<b>Online</b>	<b>\$ 500.00</b>
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	<b>\$ 32.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,512.00</b>

<b>Bishop's Appeal</b>	<b>\$ 150.00</b>
<b>Insurance</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>Fuel</b>	<b>\$ 350.00</b>

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection

<b>Holy Land</b>	<b>\$ 655.00</b>
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## Bishop's Appeal 2024

### Collected during Lent

<b>Collected</b>	<b>\$ 2,390.00</b>
<b>Amount Due</b>	<b>\$ 3,500.00</b>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$ 1,110.00</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.**

## Saint Charbel Spiritual Life Center



## GRAND OPENING

Please join us to celebrate the Grand Opening of the  
**Saint Sharbel Spiritual Life Center**

820 Crane Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA

Open House & Dedication Ceremony 12pm-4pm	<b>Saturday</b> <b>April 13th</b>	Dinner and Concert \$50 per person 5:30pm-8pm
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To register online for the open house or to purchase tickets for the dinner/concert, visit:

[www.saintsharbelcenter.org](http://www.saintsharbelcenter.org)

## IN OUR PRAYERS

### Please keep in your prayers

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# *The Armor of God*

*“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore, put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people.” (Ephesians 6:10-18)*

The Armor of God is a powerful metaphor used by the apostle Paul in his letter to the Ephesians (specifically Ephesians 6:10-18). Let’s explore this spiritual armor and its significance:

## **Belt of Truth**

Buckle the belt of truth around your waist. It represents honesty, integrity, and the unwavering foundation of God’s Word. In a world of deception, this belt keeps us grounded and aligned with God’s ultimate reality.

## **Breastplate of Righteousness**

Wear the breastplate of righteousness to guard your heart. It symbolizes moral purity and right living. Satan attacks our identity and worth, but this breastplate protects our spiritual core.

## **Fitted Feet – Shoes of Peace**

Let your feet be fitted with the gospel of peace. This footwear enables you to stand firm and move forward. The gospel brings peace with God and others, even in the midst of spiritual battles.

## **Shield of Faith**

Take up the shield of faith to extinguish the enemy’s fiery arrows. Faith is our trust in God’s promises. When doubts assail, raise your shield and declare, “I believe!”

## **Helmet of Salvation**

Secure the helmet of salvation on your head. It guards your mind and thoughts. Salvation assures us of eternal life and protects us from despair.

## **Sword of the Spirit**

Grasp the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God. It’s our offensive weapon. Scripture is powerful—it exposes lies, cuts through darkness, and brings life.

## **Prayer in the Spirit**

Finally, pray in the Spirit at all times. Prayer connects us to God’s wisdom, strength, and guidance. Stay alert, intercede for others, and stand strong in the Lord. Remember, the Armor of God equips us for spiritual battles.

**Maronite Enrichment Days**  
April 9 -12, 2024

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<https://maroniteseminary.org/news-events/seminary-events/about/>

**2024 NAM Convention**  
59<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention

Detroit, Michigan  
July 4-7, 2024

For more info you can click  
on the link below:

<https://rb.gy/hy4cwa>

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

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



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to our parish on  
Sunday, April 28, 2024*

*Divine Liturgy  
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# Readings

## New Sunday

### First Reading

#### 2 Corinthians 5:11-21

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

Brothers and Sisters:

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore, all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So, we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

**Praise be to God always.**

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الثانية إلى أهل قورنتس

يا إخوتي، بما أننا نعرف مخافة الرب، نحاول أن نفتح الناس. ونحن معروفون لدى الله، ولكني أمل أن نكون معروفين أيضًا في ضمائركم. ولسنا نعود فنوصيكم بأنفسنا، بل نعطيك فرصة للافتخار بنا تجاه الذين يفتخرون بالمظهر لا بما في القلب. فإن كنا مجانين فله، وإن كنا عقلاء فلأجلكم؛ إن محبة المسيح تأسرتنا، لأننا أدركنا هذا، وهو أن واحدًا مات عن الجميع، فالجميع إذا ماتوا. لقد مات عن الجميع، لكي لا يخيا الأحياء من بعد لأنفسهم، بل للذي مات عنهم وقام من أجلهم. إذا فمئذ الآن نحن لا نعرف أحدًا معرفة بشرية، وإن كنا قد عرفنا المسيح معرفة بشرية، فالآن ما عدنا نعرفه كذلك. إذا، إن كان أحد في المسيح فهو خلق جديد: لقد زال القديم، وصار كل شيء جديدًا. وكل شيء هو من الله، الذي صالحنا مع نفسه بالمسيح، وأعطانا خدمة المصالحة؛ لأن الله صالح العالم مع نفسه بالمسيح، ولم يحاسب الناس على زلاتهم، وأودعنا كلمة المصالحة. إذا فنحن سفراء المسيح، وكأن الله نفسه يدعوكم بواسطتنا. فنسألكم باسم المسيح: تصالحوا مع الله! إن الذي ما عرف الخطيئة، جعله الله خطيئة من أجلنا، لتصير نحن فيه برًا لله.

والتسبيح لله دائماً.

## Gospel Reading

Saint John 20:26-31

### The Apostle Writes:

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

### مِنِ انْجِيلِ الْقَدِيسِ يُوْحَنَّا

بَعْدَ ثَمَانِيَةِ أَيَّامٍ، كَانَ تَلَامِيذُ يَسُوعَ ثَانِيَةً فِي الْبَيْتِ، وَثُومًا مَعَهُمْ. جَاءَ يَسُوعُ، وَالْأَبْوَابُ مُغْلَقَةً، فَوَقَفَ فِي الْوَسْطِ وَقَالَ: "السَّلَامُ لَكُمْ!". ثُمَّ قَالَ لِثُومًا: "هَاتِ إِصْبَعَكَ إِلَى هُنَا، وَأَنْظُرْ يَدَيَّ. وَهَاتِ يَدَكَ، وَضَعْهَا فِي جَنْبِي. وَلَا تَكُنْ غَيْرَ مُؤْمِنٍ بَلْ كُنْ مُؤْمِنًا!". أَجَابَ ثُومًا وَقَالَ لَهُ: "رَبِّي وَالْهِي!". قَالَ لَهُ يَسُوعُ: "لَأَنَّكَ رَأَيْتَنِي آمَنْتَ؟ طُوبَى لِمَنْ لَمْ يَرَوْا وَآمَنُوا!". وَصَنَعَ يَسُوعُ أَمَامَ تَلَامِيذِهِ آيَاتٍ أُخْرَى كَثِيرَةً لَمْ نُدَوِّنْ فِي هَذَا الْكِتَابِ. وَإِنَّمَا دُوِّنَتْ هَذِهِ لِكَيْ تُؤْمِنُوا أَنَّ يَسُوعَ هُوَ الْمَسِيحُ ابْنُ اللَّهِ، وَلِكَيْ تَكُونُوا لَكُمْ، إِذَا آمَنْتُمْ، الْحَيَاةَ بِأَسْمِهِ.

**حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانُ لِكُلِّكُمْ.**



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