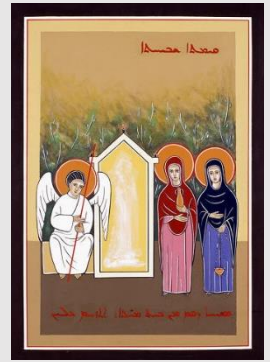




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WEEKLY BULLETIN – 05/05/2024

The Glorious Resurrection

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6th Sunday of the Resurrection

Feast of Our Lady of Lebanon

1st Sunday of May

In the Maronite calendar, the first Sunday of May holds special significance as it marks the feast of Our Lady of Lebanon. This solemn occasion offers us a sacred opportunity to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary, who holds a unique place of honor and intercession in our faith tradition.

As we commemorate this feast, we are reminded of the deep connection between Mary and the people of Lebanon. Through her maternal love and intercession, she watches over us with tender care, guiding us through the challenges and joys of life. Just as a loving mother embraces her children, Mary embraces us all as her own, offering comfort, strength, and hope in times of need.

On this special day, let us turn to Mary with gratitude and devotion, entrusting to her our joys, sorrows and aspirations. May her gentle presence inspire us to walk in the footsteps of her Son, Jesus Christ, and to embody His love and compassion in our lives.

As we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Lebanon, let us unite our prayers for peace, reconciliation and prosperity for our beloved country and its people. May Mary, Queen of Lebanon, intercede for us before her Son, and may her maternal embrace enfold us all in her boundless love. Amen.



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

SUNDAY READINGS

SANCTUARY CANDLE

2ND COLLECTION

1st Reading – Romans 10:1-13

Gospel Reading – Luke 24:36-48

for a culture of peace and non-violence

National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon

DIVINE LITURGIES

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.

Saturday, May 11, @ 4:00PM, liturgy is offered for a special intention.

Sunday, May 12, @ 11:00AM liturgy is offered for a special intention.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

April 20-21, 2024

Collection	\$ 1,104.00
Online	\$ 0.00
Total	\$ 1,104.00
Coffee Hour	\$ 46.00
Bishop's Appeal	\$ 30.00
Assessment	\$ 0.00
Insurance	\$ 0.00
Fuel	\$ 70.00

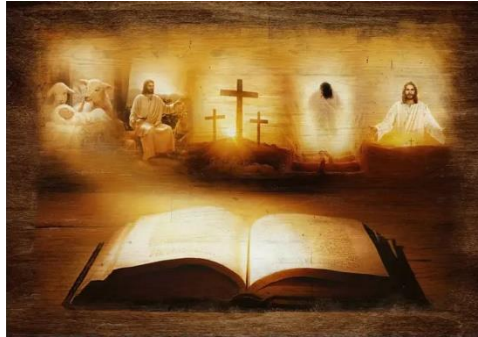
BIBLE STUDY

Every Thursday

AT 7PM

In Person:
Church Hall

Via Zoom:
Link provided by email



Bishop's Appeal 2024

Collected during Lent

Collected	\$ 2,510.00
Amount Due	\$ 3,500.00
Balance	\$ 990.00

2ND 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.

Click on the link below to read the latest issue:

<https://www.maronitevoice.org/>

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the **Voice**
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thank you volunteers

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

As we approach this year's festival, I once again turn to your generous hearts for support. Your kindness and generosity have always been the cornerstone of our celebrations, and I am deeply grateful for your continued contributions. Below, you will find a list outlining the items we need for this year's festivities. Your donations will ensure that our festival is a joyous and memorable occasion for all. Thank you in advance for your unwavering support and generosity.

Fr. Andrawos

FESTIVAL REMINDERS

- Sponsorships:** The sponsorship form has been sent out via mail. If you feel called to offer financial support to the church, kindly complete the form and return it to the church office. Your generosity is deeply appreciated and will help sustain our mission and ministry. Thank you for your consideration and support.
- Advertise & Promote:** Remember to spread the word about the festival by sharing the flyer with your friends and family. The more exposure we receive, the more people we can reach. The festival plays a vital role in providing financial support for our church, especially during the summer months. Your help in promoting the event is greatly appreciated and will contribute to its success.
- Volunteer Sign-up Sheet:** Please remember to complete the volunteer sign-up sheet to ensure we have sufficient volunteers at each station. Your participation is crucial in helping our event run smoothly and successfully.
- Festival Preps:** Your assistance in the food preps is greatly appreciated. Check the schedule and mark your calendars.
- Setup:** Thursday, May 30, 2024 @9AM.
- Breakdown:** Sunday, June 02, 2024 @ 9PM.
- Please Note:** at all times, volunteers are needed to help in the food preps when needed (vegetable washing and cutting, salads preps, grape leaves...)
- Items Needed for The Festival:** If you wish to donate any of the items listed on the right, please don't hesitate to contact the office at 215-389-2000 or office@saintmaron.org

ITEMS NEEDED

FOR THE FESTIVAL BAR

2	½ gal.	Dewars Scotch
2	½ gal.	Woodford Bourbon
3	1.75L	Jack Daniels
2	750ml	Jameson's Irish Whiskey
5	750ml	Tequila
5	750ml	Vodka
2	1.5L	Tanqueray Gin
2	750ml	Bacardi Rum (white)
2	750ml	Dark Rum
2	750ml	Coconut Malibu Rum
2	750ml	Anisette
9	1.5L	Peach Schnapps
3	750ml	Sambuca
2	750ml	Seagram's
6	1.5L	Red Wine
3	1.5L	Rosé Wine
15	cs.	Corona Beer in Bottles
4	Btls.	Grapefruit Juice
4	Btls.	Pineapple Juice
2	lg.	Btls. Grenadine
30	cs.	Water
20	cs.	Coke
6	cs.	Diet Coke
6	cs.	Sprite
8	Btls.	Tonic Water
8	Btls.	Seltzer
4	1L	Sprite
6	1L.	Gingerale
10	gal.	Orange Juice
6	Btls.	Cranberry Juice
4	128oz	Maraschino Cherries



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OR



2024 ANNUAL LEBANESE FESTIVAL

Friday, May 31
5pm - 11pm

Saturday, June 1
3pm - 11pm

Sunday, June 2
1pm - 9pm

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Festival PREPS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

DATE	START TIME	PREPS
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
UPDATED	Friday, May 17	3:00 PM Grape Leaves
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
Friday, May 31	6:30 PM	Meat Kabob
	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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CATECHIST WEBINAR

Evaluating the year and looking ahead...

This is an open invitation to all CCD Teachers in our parish to join this webinar on **Monday, May 13, 2024.**

Hosted by: Mother Marla Marie, MSCL

Assistant Director Eparchy Office of Religious Education



In the webinar, we aspire to journey through the past year, discerning our strengths, acknowledging areas where we can improve and identifying opportunities for growth in both our teaching and programs. Together, we will pool our collective insights to craft a vision for the forthcoming catechetical year, nurturing and honing our individual gifts and talents along the way.

To register click on the following link: <https://rb.gy/1alxqd>



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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First Reading

Romans 10:1-13

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

Brothers and Sisters:

Brothers and sisters, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. I can testify that they have a zeal for God, but it is not enlightened. For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they have not submitted to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes. Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that 'the person who does these things will live by them.' But the righteousness that comes from faith says, 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?"' (that is, to bring Christ down) 'or "Who will descend into the abyss?"' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Praise be to God always.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل رومة

يا إخوتي، إنَّ بُغْيَةَ قَلْبِي وَتَضَرُّعِي إِلَى اللَّهِ مِنْ أَجْلِ بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ لِيَخْلُصُوا. فَأَنَا أَشْهَدُ لَهُمْ أَنَّ فِيهِمْ غَيْرَةَ لِلَّهِ، وَلَكِنْ بِدُونِ مَعْرِفَةٍ صَاحِبَةٍ. فَقَدْ جَهِلُوا بِرَّ اللَّهِ، وَحَاولُوا أَنْ يُثَبِّتُوا بِرَّ أَنْفُسِهِمْ، فَلَمْ يَخْضَعُوا لِبِرِّ اللَّهِ؛ لِأَنَّ غَايَةَ الشَّرِيعَةِ إِنَّمَا هِيَ الْمَسِيحُ، لِكَيْ يَتَبَرَّرَ بِهِ كُلُّ مُؤْمِنٍ. وَقَدْ كَتَبَ مُوسَى عَنِ الْبِرِّ الَّذِي هُوَ مِنَ الشَّرِيعَةِ فَقَالَ: «مَنْ يَعْمَلُ بِأَحْكَامِ الشَّرِيعَةِ يَحْيَا بِهَا.» أَمَا عَنِ الْبِرِّ الَّذِي هُوَ مِنَ الْإِيمَانِ فَيَقُولُ: «لَا تَقُلْ فِي قَلْبِكَ: مَنْ يَصْعَدُ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ؟»، أَيْ لِيُنْزَلَ الْمَسِيحُ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ. وَلَا تَقُلْ: «مَنْ يَهْبِطُ إِلَى الْهَاطِيَةِ؟»، أَيْ لِيُصْعِدَ الْمَسِيحُ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ. بَلْ مَاذَا يَقُولُ؟ «الْكَلِمَةُ قَرِيبَةٌ مِنْكَ، فِي فَمِكَ وَقَلْبِكَ»، أَيْ كَلِمَةُ الْإِيمَانِ، الَّتِي تُنَادِي بِهَا. فَإِنْ أَعْتَرَفْتَ بِفَمِكَ أَنَّ يَسُوعَ هُوَ الرَّبُّ، وَأَمَنْتَ بِقَلْبِكَ أَنَّ اللَّهَ أَقَامَهُ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، تَخْلُصُ. فَالْإِيمَانُ بِالْقَلْبِ يَقُودُ إِلَى الْبِرِّ، وَالْأَعْتِرَافُ بِالْفَمِ يَقُودُ إِلَى الْخَلَاصِ؛ لِأَنَّ الْكِتَابَ يَقُولُ: «كُلُّ مَنْ يُؤْمِنُ بِهِ لَا يُخْزَى». فَلَا فَرْقَ بَيْنَ يَهُودِيٍّ وَيُونَانِيٍّ، لِأَنَّ الرَّبَّ هُوَ نَفْسُهُ لِجَمِيعِهِمْ، يُفَيْضُ غِنَاهُ عَلَى جَمِيعِ الَّذِينَ يَدْعُونَهُ. فَكُلُّ مَنْ يَدْعُو اسْمَ الرَّبِّ يَخْلُصُ.

والتسبيح لله دائماً.

Gospel Reading

Saint Luke 24:36-48

The Apostle Writes:

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِيسِ لَوْقَا

فِيمَا الرُّسُلُ يَتَكَلَّمُونَ بِهَذَا، وَقَفَ يَسُوعُ فِي وَسْطِهِمْ، وَقَالَ لَهُمْ: "السَّلَامُ لَكُمْ!". فَأَرْتَاعُوا، وَأَسْتَوَلَى عَلَيْهِمُ الْخَوْفُ، وَكَانُوا يَظُنُّونَ أَنَّهُمْ يُشَاهِدُونَ رُوحًا. فَقَالَ لَهُمْ يَسُوعُ: "مَا بِالْكُمْ مُضْطَرِبِينَ؟ وَلِمَاذَا تُخَالِجُ هَذِهِ الْأَفْكَارُ قُلُوبَكُمْ؟ أَنْظِرُوا إِلَى يَدَيَّ وَرِجْلَيَّ، فَإِنِّي أَنَا هُوَ. جُسُونِي، وَأَنْظِرُوا، فَإِنَّ الرُّوحَ لَا لَحْمَ لَهُ وَلَا عِظَامَ كَمَا تَرَوْنَ لِي!". قَالَ هَذَا وَأَرَاهُمْ يَدَيْهِ وَرِجْلَيْهِ. وَإِذْ كَانُوا بَعْدَ غَيْرِ مُصَدِّقِينَ مِنَ الْفَرَحِ، وَمُنْتَعَجِبِينَ، قَالَ لَهُمْ: "هَلْ عِنْدَكُمْ هُنَا طَعَامٌ؟". فَقَدَّمُوا لَهُ قِطْعَةً مِنْ سَمَكٍ مَشْوِيٍّ، وَمِنْ شَهْدِ عَسَلٍ. فَأَخَذَهَا وَأَكَلَهَا بِمِرْأَى مِنْهُمْ، وَقَالَ لَهُمْ: "هَذَا هُوَ كَلَامِي الَّذِي كَلَّمْتُكُمْ بِهِ، وَأَنَا بَعْدُ مَعَكُمْ. كَانَ يَنْبَغِي أَنْ يَتِمَّ كُلُّ مَا كُتِبَ عَنِّي فِي تَوْرَةِ مُوسَى، وَالْأَنْبِيَاءِ وَالْمَزَامِيرِ". حِينَئِذٍ فَتَحَ أَذْهَانَهُمْ لِيَفْهَمُوا الْكُتُبَ. ثُمَّ قَالَ لَهُمْ: "هَكَذَا مَكْتُوبٌ أَنَّ الْمَسِيحَ يَتَأَلَّمُ، وَيَقُومُ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ فِي الْيَوْمِ الثَّلَاثِ. وَبِاسْمِهِ يُكْرَزُ بِالنُّوْبَةِ لِمَغْفِرَةِ الْخَطَايَا، فِي جَمِيعِ الْأُمَمِ، إِبْتِدَاءً مِنْ أُورُشَلِيمَ. وَأَنْتُمْ شُهُودٌ عَلَى ذَلِكَ. حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانُ لَجَمِيعِكُمْ".



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