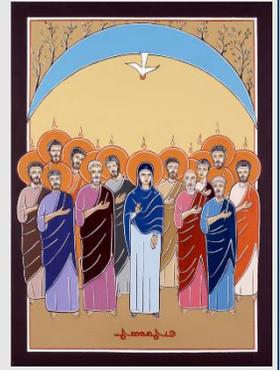




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## WEEKLY BULLETIN – 07/07/2024

### *Season of the Glorious Pentecost*

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## 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost

Heavenly Father,

O Hidden One, we humbly come before You, seeking Your divine presence in our daily lives. As You revealed Your divinity to the prophets of old, grant us the grace to see and recognize Your hand at work in every moment of our lives. Fill our hearts with the same awe and reverence that the angels have for You.

Lord, just as You came to us in the flesh through Your Son, Jesus Christ, come to us each day in our thoughts, actions and encounters with others. Help us to offer our prayers and lives as a testament to Your glory and goodness.

We thank You for the sacrifices made by the righteous men of old and for the ultimate sacrifice of Christ. May we always be mindful of the gift of the Eucharist, through which You continue to reveal Yourself to us. Let the presence of Christ in the Eucharist be our strength and guide, drawing us closer to You each day.

With humble hearts, we ask that You reveal Yourself to us in our joys and struggles, in our successes and failures, and in every aspect of our lives. May Your wondrous ways lead us to a deeper understanding of Your love and mercy.

In Jesus' name, we pray.

Amen.

*This prayer is based on the hymn "O Hidden One, When You Revealed" from the Liturgy Tuesday A in the Season of Glorious Pentecost.*

## SUNDAY READINGS

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Romans 8:1-11**

**Gospel Reading – Matthew 12:14-21**

## SANCTUARY CANDLE

For the parents who mourn the loss of a child

# BIBLE STUDY

## Every Thursday AT 7PM

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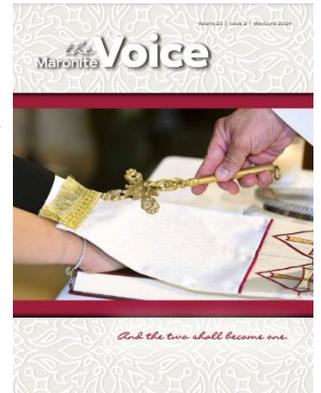


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### DIVINE LITURGIES

**Saturday, July 6, @ 4:00PM,**  
liturgy is offered for a special  
intention.

**Sunday, July 7, @ 11:00AM**  
liturgy is offered in memory of  
Elham Azzi. May her soul rest  
in peace.

**Saturday, July 13, @ 4:00PM,**  
liturgy is offered for a special  
intention.

**Sunday, July 14, @ 11:00AM**  
liturgy is offered for a special  
intention.

### WEEKLY COLLECTION

#### June 29-30, 2024

Collection	\$ 936.00
Sts. Peter & Paul	\$ 90.00
Online	\$ 0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,026.00</b>

2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	\$ 71.00
Coffee Hour	\$ 21.00
Bishop's Appeal	\$ 0.00
Assessment	\$ 0.00
Insurance	\$ 0.00
Fuel	\$ 0.00

### "Important Notice: Email System Update"

Dear parishioners and friends,

We've encountered issues with our email system lately, leading to some of you not receiving church emails. If you notice you're not getting our emails, please let the office know and remember to check your junk or spam folders.

If you've changed your email address or prefer to receive church emails at a different address, please inform the office accordingly.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Best regards,  
Fr. Andrewos

### ANNUAL FESTIVAL 2024

Dear Brothers and sisters in Christ,

With immense gratitude to God and the steadfast dedication of our cherished volunteers, generous sponsors and understanding neighbors, I am thrilled to share the wonderful success of this year's festival.

Here are the key financials:

<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$ 133,328.91</b>
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$ 36,168.79</b>
<b>Profit:</b>	<b>\$ 97,160.12</b>

### 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.

## MYO thoughts

### Nai

This year's MYO national was one I won't forget. I got to reconnect with my friends and become closer to God. I will never forget this MYO retreat and I will keep everything I got from it in my heart.

### Anthony

As usual, the national retreat was a one-of-a-kind experience. It's always amazing to see such a huge amount of Maronites gathered in one spot. Being around so many fellow members of the body of Christ really rejuvenated my faith, and the unmatched energy of the entire group really lifted my spirit. Overall, I had a great time and I'm looking forward to regionals.

### Maria

The theme for this 2024 nationals was to level up and that's exactly what I did and what I intend on continuing. These retreats are moments that you can only experience there, and I am grateful that I did. I had such a great time with some of my closest friends. Adoration and confession were incredible and I felt so connected to God. I am so happy that I went and got to make memories of a lifetime. WE ARE THRIVING!!

### Sara

I thought the retreat was a nice break from home and I really improved spiritually and got closer to my friends and to God.

### Christina

I thought that this retreat was super fun and I definitely would go again. I made friends and got so much closer to God and overall, it was so much fun.

### Reese

This retreat was so much fun and I was able to connect closer with God as well as make so many friends and memories!



## 2023-2024 Graduates



**Congratulations!** As a church community, we are incredibly proud of all our graduates from 8<sup>th</sup> grade, high school and college. Your hard work and achievements are a testament to your dedication and the support of your families.

**We celebrate this significant milestone with you. Best wishes for the journey ahead. May God's guidance and blessings accompany you as you embark on new endeavors.**

### 8TH GRADE GRADUATES

#### Isabella Chedrawy

Graduate from Garnet Valley Middle school and attending Garnet Valley High School

#### Joseph Chaaya

Graduated from Our Lady of Good Council school and attending Saint Joe Prep in Philadelphia

#### Nai Topalian

Graduated from Voorhees Middle School attending Eastern Regional High School Voorhees

#### Pia Maria Hourani

Graduated from Thomas E. Harrington Middle school and attending Lenape High School

### HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

#### Andie Awaida

Graduated from Cherry Hill East Public High School and attending Rutgers - New Brunswick – Finance

#### Samira Akkari

Graduated from Haddon Heights High School and attending Saint Joseph's University

#### Paulien Donnelly

Graduated from Philadelphia High School for Girls and attending University of Pittsburgh

#### Gracy Zeinoun

Graduated from SS Neumann & Gorette High School

### COLLEGE GRADUATES

#### Jamie Zakharia

Graduated from Drexel University Biomedical Engineering and Mechanical Engineering

#### Ryan Cherfane

Graduated from West Virginia University Business Marketing

#### Jimmy Jebara

Graduated from Temple University Masters of science in Civil engineering

## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual MYA Eparchial Conference

**September 27th-29th  
at the Georgia Tech Hotel  
in Atlanta, GA.**

Are you a young adult between the ages of 18 and 39? Are you looking to grow deeping in your faith and connect with other like-minded young adults from your culture and faith?

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Dear beloved parishioners,

On behalf of Bishop Gregory Mansour, Bishop Elias Zaidan and all my brother priests in the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles and the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn, I extend heartfelt gratitude to all who remembered us during the Annual Conference.



Your love and support are deeply appreciated. Please continue to keep us in your prayers, that we may faithfully watch over the souls entrusted to us and serve with joy.

Blessings and prayers,

Fr. Andrawos



# Join Our Sister Parishes - Summer Festivals

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## First Reading

### Romans 8:1-11

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

Brothers and Sisters:

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason, the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

**Praise be to God always.**

#### فصل من رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل رومة

يا إخوتي، إذا فلا حُكْمٌ بِالْهَلَاكِ بَعْدَ الْآنَ عَلَى الَّذِينَ هُمْ فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ؛ لِأَنَّ شَرِيْعَةَ رُوحِ الْحَيَاةِ فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ، قَدْ حَرَّرْتَنِي مِنْ شَرِيْعَةِ الْخَطِيئَةِ وَالْمَوْتِ. فَإِنَّ مَا عَجَزَتْ عَنْهُ الشَّرِيْعَةُ، وَقَدْ أضعَفَهَا الْجَسَدُ، أَنْجَرَهُ اللهُ، حِينَ أَرْسَلَ ابْنَهُ فِي جَسَدٍ يُشَبِّهُ جَسَدَ الْخَطِيئَةِ، تَكْفِيرًا لِلْخَطِيئَةِ، فَفَضَى فِي الْجَسَدِ عَلَى الْخَطِيئَةِ، لِكَيْ يَتِمَّ بِرُ الشَّرِيْعَةِ فِيْنَا، نَحْنُ السَّالِكِينَ لَا بِحَسَبِ الْإِنْسَانِ الْجَسَدِيِّ بَلْ بِحَسَبِ الرُّوحِ؛ لِأَنَّ السَّالِكِينَ بِحَسَبِ الْإِنْسَانِ الْجَسَدِيِّ، يَرْغَبُونَ فِي مَا هُوَ لِلْجَسَدِ، وَالسَّالِكِينَ بِحَسَبِ الرُّوحِ يَرْغَبُونَ فِي مَا هُوَ لِلرُّوحِ. فَرَغْبَةُ الْجَسَدِ مَوْتٌ، أَمَا رَغْبَةُ الرُّوحِ فَحَيَاةٌ وَسَلَامٌ. لِذَلِكَ فَرَغْبَةُ الْإِنْسَانِ الْجَسَدِيِّ عَدَاوَةٌ لِّلَّهِ، لِأَنَّهَا لَا تَخْضَعُ لِشَرِيْعَةِ اللهِ وَلَا تَسْتَطِيعُ ذَلِكَ. وَإِنَّ السَّالِكِينَ بِحَسَبِ الْإِنْسَانِ الْجَسَدِيِّ، لَا يَسْتَطِيعُونَ أَنْ يُرْضُوا اللهُ. أَمَا أَنْتُمْ فَلَسْتُمْ أَنَا سَا جَسَدِيِّينَ بَلْ رُوحِيِّينَ، إِنْ كَانَ حَقًّا رُوحُ اللهِ سَاكِنًا فِيكُمْ. وَلَكِنْ مَنْ لَيْسَ لَهُ رُوحُ الْمَسِيحِ، لَيْسَ هُوَ لِلْمَسِيحِ. أَمَا إِذَا كَانَ الْمَسِيحُ فِيكُمْ، فَبِرَغْمِ أَنَّ الْجَسَدَ مَيِّتٌ بِسَبَبِ الْخَطِيئَةِ، فَالرُّوحُ حَيَاةٌ لَكُمْ بِفَضْلِ الْبِرِّ. وَإِذَا كَانَ رُوحُ اللهِ الَّذِي أَقَامَ يَسُوعَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ سَاكِنًا فِيكُمْ، فَالَّذِي أَقَامَ الْمَسِيحَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ يُحْيِي أَيْضًا أَجْسَادَكُمْ الْمَائِتَةَ بِرُوحِهِ السَّاكِنِ فِيكُمْ.

والتسبيح لله دائماً.

## Gospel Reading

### Saint Matthew 12:14-21

#### **The Apostle Writes:**

But the Pharisees went out and conspired against him, how to destroy him. When Jesus became aware of this, he departed. Many crowds followed him, and he cured all of them, and he ordered them not to make him known. This was to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah: 'Here is my servant, whom I have chosen, my beloved, with whom my soul is well pleased. I will put my Spirit upon him, and he will proclaim justice to the Gentiles. He will not wrangle or cry aloud, nor will anyone hear his voice in the streets. He will not break a bruised reed or quench a smoldering wick until he brings justice to victory. And in his name the Gentiles will hope.'

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

#### من إنجيل القديس متى

خَرَجَ الْفَرِيسِيُّونَ فَتَشَاوَرُوا عَلَى يَسُوعَ لِيُهْلِكُوهُ. وَعَلِمَ يَسُوعُ بِالْأَمْرِ فَأَنْصَرَفَ مِنْ هُنَاكَ. وَتَبِعَهُ كَثِيرُونَ فَشَفَاهُمْ جَمِيعًا، وَحَذَّرَهُمْ مِنْ أَنْ يُشْهِرُوهُ، لِيَتِمَّ مَا قِيلَ بِالنَّبِيِّ إِسْعْيَا: "هُوَذَا فَتَايَ الَّذِي أَخْتَرْتُهُ، حَبِيبِي الَّذِي رَضِيتُ بِهِ نَفْسِي. سَأَجْعَلُ رُوحِي عَلَيْهِ فَيُبَشِّرُ الْأُمَّمَ بِالْحَقِّ. لَنْ يُمَاجِكَ وَلَنْ يَصِيحَ، وَلَنْ يَسْمَعَ أَحَدٌ صَوْتَهُ فِي السَّاحَاتِ. قَصَبَةً مَرْضُوضَةً لَنْ يَكْسِرَ، وَفَتِيلَةً مَدَخِنَةً لَنْ يُطْفِئَ، إِلَى أَنْ يَصِلَ بِالْحَقِّ إِلَى النَّصْرِ. وَبِاسْمِهِ تَجْعَلُ الْأُمَّمَ رَجَاءَهَا."  
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