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WEEKLY BULLETIN – 07/28/2024

Season of the Glovious Pentecost



OFFICE HOURS:

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

Pastor

Fr. Andrawos (Fadi) El Tabchi

Advisor / Consultant Fr. David Fisher

Administrative Assistant Claudine ElHajal

Parish Council

Costa J. Mansour, Michael Marrone, Anne Tayoun, Manal ElHajal, Rosemarie Marrone, Barbara Dahdah, Tony Frangie, Khalil Raie, Nahi Rai, Roger Jebara

Finance Committee

Philip Rai, Deebeanne Tavani, Terri Koway, Fred Haddad, Paul Kouyoumdji, Denise Eddis, Jimmy Jebara, Jano Frangie

Festival Chairmen Billy Tayoun, Tony Frangie

Saint Jude Denise Eddis, Theresa Barry

CCD

Director: Janah Szewczyk

Advisor: Rosemarie Marrone

Teachers: Rania Sukkarieh, Maha Labbad, Samar Dawlabani, Reine Ghazaly, Janah Szewczyk, Sanaa Rizk, Samer Hourani.

MYO

Director: Zeina Topalian

Advisors: Anne Tayoun, Jocelyne Habib, Fadia Salloum, Maha Labbad

MYA

Coordinators: Nahi Rai, Roger Jebara, Frankie Piacentini

Men's Club

President: Amin Al Soueidy **Vice-President:** Samer Hourani

SUNDAY READINGS

SANCTUARY CANDLE

11th Sunday of Pentecost



The Gospel of Saint Mark The Gospel of Mark, the shortest of the four canonical gospels, presents a vivid and action

canonical gospels, presents a vivid and actionoriented account of the life, ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is thought to be written between 60-70 CE in Rome or Syria.

Key Themes:

1. Jesus as the Suffering Servant: Mark emphasizes Jesus' role as the Suffering Servant who came to serve and give His life as a ransom for many.

2. Messianic Secret: Throughout the gospel, Jesus often instructs people to keep His identity as the Messiah a secret until the right time.

3. Urgency of the Gospel: The narrative is fast-paced, using the word "immediately" frequently, highlighting the urgency of Jesus' mission.

Structure:

1. Prologue and Early Ministry (Chapter 1): Begins with John the Baptist, the baptism and temptation of Jesus, and the start of His public ministry.

2. Galilean Ministry (Chapters 1-9): Covers Jesus' miracles, parables, teachings, and growing opposition from religious leaders.

3. Journey to Jerusalem and Passion (Chapters 10-16): Details Jesus' journey to Jerusalem, the events of Holy Week, His arrest, trial, crucifixion, death and resurrection.

Purpose:

Mark's gospel, believed to be the first written, aims to encourage Christians, particularly Gentile converts in Rome, by presenting Jesus as the powerful yet humble Son of God who brings the Good News of salvation through His suffering and sacrifice.

1st Reading – Ephesians 2:17-22 Gospel Reading – Luke 19:1-10

The Homebound and Sick

BIBLE STUDY Every Thursday at 7PM

In Person: Church Hall

Via Zoom: Link provided by email



DIVINE LITURGIES

Saturday, July 27, @ 4:00PM, liturgy is offered for the repose of soul of Chiara Lambardi requested by Amalia Lambardi. May her soul rest in peace.

Sunday, July 28, @ 11:00AM liturgy is offered for the safety and well-being of Tania Fares by Philip and Vivian Rai.

Saturday, August 3, @ 4:00PM, liturgy is offered for the repose of soul of Peter requested by Terri Koway. May his soul rest in peace.

Sunday, August 4, @ 11:00AM liturgy is offered for the repose of soul of Msgr. Sharbel Lischaa requested by family. May his soul rest in peace.

WEEKLY COLLECTION July 20-21, 2024

Collection Online Total	\$ <u>\$</u> \$	883.00 0.00 883.00
Coffee Hour	\$	37.00
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. Andrawos

Block Party Fall 2024

Dear Parishioners and Friends, I am pleased to inform you that we have applied for the Block Party Permit for the end of summer. I will keep you all updated with all the details regarding the date and time of the Block Party as soon as we receive confirmation. Let us continue to pray and

prepare, trusting in God's guidance as we anticipate a blessed and joyful gathering that strengthens our community bonds.

Fr. Andrawos

the Voice

The new issue of the Maronite Voice (Volume 21, Issue 3, May/June 2024) is now available online at: <u>https://www.maronitevoice.or</u> g/blog/2024/06/07/2024-iii



Maronita Voisa

IN OUR PRAYERS Please keep in your prayers

Jay O'Donnell, Allison Auld, Carmen Sansweet, Mary Louise Scotti. Krystal Janet Labar, Valianti, Anne Mgrdichian, Carol Bevelhymer, Mary V. (Nelson) Scotti, Mike Devinney, Debbie Emilio Freedenberg. Allan 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, Scorza Angela 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.



Time Retreat Check-In: Friday, October 25 at 4pm Retreat Check-Out: Sunday, October 27 at 3pm

Location America's Keswick Christian Retreat Ctr, 601 County Rd 530, Whiting, NJ 08759

To register click on the following link: <u>https://www.myoeparchystmaron.org/event-</u> <u>details/2024-eparchial-myo-retreat/form</u>

> Registration closes on: September 30, 2024 @ 11:59 PM



4th 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?

> To learn more or to register for the conference visit: <u>www.myaeparchystmaron.org</u>

If you have any questions, reach out to MYA Eparchial President, Marla Saikali at <u>mya.eparchystmaron@gmail.com</u>

Early bird registration is now open, and late registration begins August 1st.





Bishop Gregory Mansour

at the

Eparchy of Saint Maron's FIFTEENTH ANNUAL BENEFIT DINNER

> THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2024 **UNION LEAGUE CLUB**

Proceeds will support Seminarians, Parishes and Missions, Retired Priests, help to our Church in the Middle East, and our newly acquired St. Sharbel Spiritual Life Center.

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Package Includes

Package Price: \$1900 / person (airfare not included)

al seats available. Register by 8/31/2024

Join Our Sister Parishes - Summer Festivals OUR LADY STAR OF THE EAST MARONITE CHURCH 12th ANNU **July 26 July 27** Lebanese **July 28** Our Lady Of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church EASTON, PA 2024 LEBANESE August 3 HERITAGE DAYS August 4 Enjoy Two Days of Family Fun **UKRAINIAN FOLK FESTIVAL AND SUMMER CONCERT 2024** August 12:00 PM to 8:00 PM 25 Ukrainian American Sport Center Lower State and County Line Roads Horsham, PA 19044

For more info: (267) 664-3857 | info@tryzub.org

First Reading 2 Corinthians 3:7-17

A reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians. Your blessing father... He (Jesus) came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near, for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then, you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the holy ones and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the capstone. Through Him the whole structure is held together and grows into a temple sacred in the Lord; in Him you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Praise be to God always.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل أفسس يا إخوَتِي، لَمَّا جَاءَ المَسِيحُ بَشَّرَكُم بِالسَّلامِ أَنْتُمُ البَعِيدِين، وبَشَّرَ بالسَّلامِ القَرِيبين، لأَنَّنَا بِهِ نِلْنَا نَحْنُ الاثْنَينِ في رُوحٍ وَاحِدٍ الوُصُولَ إلى الآب. إِذًا فَلَسْتُم بَعْدُ غُرَبَاءَ ولا نُزَلاء، بَلْ أَنْتُم أَهْلُ مَدِينَةِ القِدِيسِينَ وأَهْلُ بَيْتِ الله، بُنِيتُمْ على أَسَاسِ الرُسُلِ والأَنْبِيَاء، والمَسِيحُ يَسُوعُ نَفْسُهُ هُوَ حَجَرُ الزَّاوِيَة. فيه يَتَمَاسَكُ البِنَاءُ كُلُّه، فَيَرْتَفِعُ هَيْكَلاً مُقَدَّسًا في الرَّب، وفيهِ أَنْتُم أَنْتُم أَنْتُم أَمَّلُ مَدِينَةِ القِرِيسِينَ وأَهْلُ بَيْتِ الله، بُنِيتُمْ على أَسَاسِ الرُسُلِ والأَنْبِيَاء، والمَسِيحُ يَسُوعُ نَفْسُهُ هُوَ حَجَرُ الزَّاوِيَة. فيهِ يَتَمَاسَكُ البِنَاءُ كُلُّه، فَيَرْتَفِعُ هَيْكَلاً مُقَدَّسًا في الرَّبَ، وفيهِ

والتسبيح لله دائمًا.

You are invited to our Annual Appreciation Lunch, A HEARTFELT THANK YOU

for all your hard work and dedication throughout the year. Your tireless efforts and selfless contributions make our community stronger and more vibrant.



Gospel Reading Saint Mark 9:1-7

The Apostle Writes:

And he said to them, 'Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see that the kingdom of God has come with power.' Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!'

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ القِدِّيسِ لوقا دَخَلَ يَسُوعُ أَرِيْحا وَبَدَأَ يَجْتَازُها، وإِذَا رَجُلٌ ٱسْمُهُ زَكًّا، كانَ رَئِيسًا لِلْعَشَّارِينَ وَغَنِيًّا. وكَانَ يَسْعَى لِيَرَى مَنْ هُوَ يَسُوع، فَلَمْ يَقْرِرْ بِسَبَبِ الجَمْعِ لأَنَّهُ كانَ قَصِيرَ القَامَة. فَتَقَدَّمَ مُسْرِعًا وَتَسَلَّقَ جُمَّيْزَةً لِكَي يَرَاه، لأَنَّ يَسُوعَ كانَ مُزْمِعًا أَنْ يَمُرَّ بِهَا. وَلَمَّا وَصَلَ يَسُوعُ إِلَى المَكَان، رَفَعَ نَظَرَهُ إِلَيْهِ وقَالَ لَهُ: «يَا زَكًا، أَسْرِعْ وآتَنلَقَ جُمَّيْزَةً لِكَي يَرَاه، لأَنَّ يَسُوعَ كانَ مُزْمِعًا أَنْ يَمُرَّ بِهَا. وَلَمَّا وَصَلَ يَسُوعُ إِلَى المَكَان، رَفَعَ نَظْرَهُ إِلَيْهِ وقَالَ لَهُ: «يَا زَكًا، أَسْرِعْ وآنزِلْ، فَعَلَيَّ أَنْ أُقِيمَ اليَومَ في بَيْتِكَ". فَأَسْرَعَ وَبَنَزَلَ وَاسْتَقْبَلَهُ في بَيْتِهِ مَسْرُورًا. وَرَأَى الجَمِيعُ ذلِكَ فَأَخَذُوا يَتَذَمَّرُونَ قَائِلِين: "دَخَلَ لِيَبِيتَ عِنْدَ رَجُلٍ خَاطِئ.« أَمَّا زَكَّا فَوَقَفَ وَقَالَ لِلرَّبَ: "يَا رَبَ، هَا أَنَا أُعْطِي نِصْف مُقْتَنَاتِي لِلْفُقَرَاء، وَإِنْ كُنْتُ قَدْ ظَلَمْتُ أَحَدًا بِشَيء، فَالِيَقِ أَنُ يُمُوَ أَرْبَعَة أَصْعَانَ وَتَالَ لِلرَّبَ: "يَا رَبَ، هَا أَنَا أُعْطِي نِصْف مُقْتَنَاتِي لِلْفُقَرَاء، وَإِنْ كُنْتُ قَدْ ظَلَمْتُ أَحَدًا بِشَيء، فَإِنِي أَرُبُعَة أَصْعَافَ وَقَالَ لِلرَّبَ: "يَا رَبَ، هَا أَنَا أُعْطِي نِصْف مُقْتَنَاتِي لِلْفُقَرَاء، وَإِنْ كُنْتُ قَدْ ظَلَمْتُ أَحَدًا

جَاءَ لِيَبْحَثَ عَنِ الضَّائِعِ وَيُخَلِّصَهُ". حقًّا وإلأمان لجميعكم.

TOWN HALL MEETING

Sunday, October 20, 2024 Following Divine Liturgy Church Hall

Join us for a town hall meeting to discuss the church's finances. Your input and participation are essential for our community's growth and transparency.

