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### WEEKLY BULLETIN – 08/18/2024

# Season of the Glorious 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**

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Denise Eddis, Theresa Barry

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Advisor: Rosemarie Marrone

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#### **MYO Director: Zeina Topalian**

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

#### **MYA**

Coordinators: Nahi Rai, Roger Jebara, Frankie Piacentini

#### Men's Club

The election for the roles of president, vice president and treasurer is currently ongoing.

# 15th Sunday of Pentecost

Dear Parishioners.

It is with deep sadness that I inform you of the passing of Father Joseph Abi Saad, a devoted priest of our Eparchy, who entered into eternal rest on August 19, 2024. Father Joseph served the faithful in various communities with great dedication, and he will be deeply missed by all who knew him.



His wake will be held at Saint Theresa Church in Brockton on Thursday, August 22, from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. The Ginnaz for a deceased priest will take place at 7:00 pm.

On Friday, August 23, there will be a viewing at Saint Anthony Church in Lawrence, from 10:00 am to 12:00 Noon. Father's Funeral Divine Liturgy will be celebrated there at Noon by Bishop Gregory Mansour.

I will be joining the family and friends of Father Joseph for these services, and therefore, I will not be present in the parish from Thursday, August 22, to Friday, August 23. During my absence, please keep Father Joseph and his family in your prayers.

Thank you for your understanding.

In Christ, Fr. Andrawos (Fadi) El Tabchi Pastor

**SUNDAY READINGS** 

1<sup>st</sup> Reading – 1 Thes 1:1-10 Gospel Reading – Luke 7:36-50

SANCTUARY CANDLE For the Repose of Soul of Father Joseph Abi Saad.

May His Soul Rest in Peace.

#### **BIBLE STUDY**

#### **Every Thursday at 7PM**

In Person: Church Hall

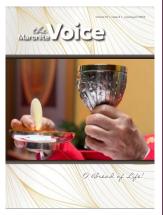
Via Zoom: Link provided by email





The new issue of the Maronite Voice (Volume 21, Issue 4, July/Aug 2024) is now available online at: <a href="https://www.maronitevoice.org/blog/2024/08/10/2024-iv">https://www.maronitevoice.org/blog/2024/08/10/2024-iv</a>

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#### **DIVINE LITURGIES**

**Saturday, August 24,** @ **4:00PM,** In Memory of Father Joseph Abi Saad. May His Soul Rest in Peace.

Sunday, August 25, @ 11:00AM liturgy is offered for the repose of soul of Suleiman and Nahi Rai requested by Philip and Vivian Rai. May their souls rest in peace.

**Saturday, August 31,** @ **4:00PM,** liturgy is offered for a special intention.

**Sunday, September 1,** @ **11:00AM** liturgy is offered for the repose of soul of Alice Abi Salloum. Offered by Rony and Rana Matar. May her soul rest in peace.

#### **WEEKLY COLLECTION**

#### August 17-18, 2024

Collection Assumption Online Total	\$ \$ \$	1,035.00 65.00 00.00 1,100.00
Coffee Hour	\$	17.00
Bishop's Appeal	\$	0.00
Assessment	\$	0.00
Insurance	\$	0.00
Fuel	\$	0.00

## 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. 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



# Bishop's Desk

JUBILEE YEAR
"Pilgrims Of Hope"
Dec 24, 2024 - Dec 28, 2025

**Bishop's Letter** 

Decree on the Plenary Indulgence during Jubilee year

# IN OUR PRAYERS Please keep in your prayers

O'Donnell, Allison Auld, Jay Carmen Sansweet, Mary Louise Scotti. Janet Labar, Krystal Valianti, Anne Mgrdichian, Carol Bevelhymer, 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 Jade Kellam. Marion Impo, 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 Corner**

### **2024 Eparchial MYO Retreat**

Regions: New England, Mid-Atlantic East, Mid-Atlantic West

### **REGISTRATION IS OPEN!**



#### 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:

https://www.myoeparchystmaron.org/eventdetails/2024-eparchial-myo-retreat/form

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





# 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?

To learn more or to register for the conference visit: <a href="https://www.myaeparchystmaron.org">www.myaeparchystmaron.org</a>

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



# WORKSHOP PRESENTERS

Victim/Witness Services of South Philadelphia (VWSSP)

#### What is the VIP PROJECT?

CAGP VIP offers workshops/seminars on topics related to gun violence & safety, ethnic intimidation, community safety/violence, mental health/building resilience against stress, and crime prevention for adults, elders, and children.





### September 2024 At a glance

SAT – Aug 31		16th Sunday
SUN - Sept 1		of Pentecost
MON – Sep 2	Labor Day	
SAT – Sep 7		Exaltation of the
SUN – Sep 8	Religious Education Parents' Meeting	Holy Cross
MON – Sep 9		
TUE – Sep 10		Dlook Douts
WED – Sep 11		<ul><li>Block Party</li><li>Preps</li></ul>
THU – Sep 12	5:00 PM – Kafta preps	Treps
FRI – Sep 13	4:00 PM – Grape leaves	
SAT – Sep 14		1st Sunday after
SUN – Sep 15	Religious Education Classes Start	Holy Cross
MON – Sep 16	2:00 PM Maamoul and Cookies	
TUE – Sep 17		Block Party
WED – Sep 18	6:00 PM Shawarma	Preps
THU – Sep 19	6:00 PM Beef and Chicken	Перз
FRI – Sep 20	3:00 PM preps (babaghanouj, garlic, tahini,)	
SAT – Sep 21	Block Party   Check Rain Day	2nd Sunday after
SUN – Sep 22		Holy Cross
SAT – Sep 28	MYO Game Night (Console / Board Games)	3rd Sunday after
SUN – Sep 29	Saint Michael's feast day: Volunteers Appreciation Lunch	Holy Cross
MON – Sep 30	1st Responders Appreciation Day	
Feast: Sunday, September 8, 2024: Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Sunday, September 8, 2024: Celebration of the Exaltation of The Holy Cross		
2 <sup>ND</sup> Collection: September 8, 2024 – Catholic University of America and Maronite Seminary		

# Join Our Sister Parishes - Summer Festivals



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2024 LEBANESE FESTIVAL

Friday, Sept 6th, 4 PM-11 PM Saturday, Sept 7th, 12 PM-11 PM Sunday, Sept 8th, 1 PM-9 PM

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# UKRAINIAN FOLK FESTIVAL AND SUMMER CONCERT

August 25, 2024 12:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Ukrainian American Sport Center Lower State and County Line Roads Horsham, PA 19044

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All are invited to come and join us Festivities will go on come rain or shine! Under the tents or in the open air!

# Lebanese Mahrajan Food Festival

St. Anthony of the Desert Church, 300 N. Eastern Avenue, Fall River, MA



Fri, Aug  $9^{th} \sim 5$ pm to 10pm Sat, Aug  $10^{th} \sim N$ oon to 11pm Sun, Aug  $11^{th} \sim 11$ am to 5pm





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Facebook: St Anthony of the Desert Maronite Catholic Church Website: https://saotd-fr.org/









Friday, September 13, 2024

5:00PM - 11:00PM





Kaltsunas

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With Bashir El- Khoury Band

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Saturday, September 14, 2024

12:00PM - 11:00PM

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## **First Reading**

#### 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

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

Brothers and Sisters:

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of people we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place where your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Praise be to God always.

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.



#### فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الأولى إلى أهل تسالونيقي

يا إخوَتِي، من بُولُسَ وَسِلْوَانُسَ وَتِيمُوثَاوُسَ إِلَى كَنِيسَةِ التَّسَالُونِيكِيِّينَ التي فِي اللهِ الآبِ وَالرَّبِّ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ: أَلنِعْمَةُ لَكُمْ وَالسَلاَمِ! نَشْكُرُ اللهَ دائمًا مِنْ أَجْلِكُم جَمِيعًا، ونذْكُرُكُم فِي صَلَوَاتِنَا بِغَيْرِ انْقِطاع. ونتَذَكَّرُ في حَضْرَةٍ إِلهِنا وأَبِينا عَمَلَ إِيمَانِكُمْ، وَتَعَبَ مَحَبَّتِكُمْ، وَثَبَاتَ رَجَائِكُمْ، كما في رَبّنا يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحَ. ونَعْلَمُ، أَيُّهَا الإِخْوَة، أَحِبَّاءُ الله، أنَّ اللهَ اخْتَارَكُمْ؛ لأَنَّ إِنْجِيلَنَا لَمْ يَصِرْ إِلَيْكُمْ بِالْكَلاَمِ وِحَسْب، بَلْ أَيضًا بِالْقُوَّةِ وَبِالرُّوحِ الْقُدُس وَمِلْءِ النَقِينِ، وأَنتُم تَعْلَمُونَ كَيْفَ كُنَّا بَيْنَكُمْ مِنْ أَجْلِكُمْ. فَقَدْ صِرْبُهُ تَقْتَدُونَ بِنَا وَبِالرَّبِّ، إِذْ قَبِلْتُمُ الْكَلِمَة، فِي وَسَطِ ضِيقاتٍ كَثِيرة، بِفَرَح الرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ، حَتَّى صِرْتُمْ مِثَالاً لِجَمِيع الْمُؤْمِنِينَ فِي مَقْدُونِيَةَ وأَخَائِيَةَ؛ لأَنَّهَا مِنْكُم ذَاعَتْ كَلِمَةُ الرَّبِّ، لا فِي مَقْدُونِيَةَ وَأَخَائِيَةَ وَحَسْب، بَلْ فِي كُلِّ مَكَانِ انتَشَرَ إِيمَانُكُمْ بِاللهِ، حَتَّى لَمْ يَعُدْ بِنَا حَاجَةٌ إلى أَنْ نَقُولَ في ذَلِكَ شَيْئًا. فَهُمْ أَنْفُسُهُم يُخْبِرُونَ عَنَّا كَيْفَ كَانَ دُخُولُنا إِلَيْكُمْ، وَكَيْفَ رَجَعْتُمْ عَن الأَوْتَانِ إلى الله، لِكي تَعْبُدُوا الله الْحَيَّ الْحَقّ، وَتَتْتَظِرُوا مِنَ السَمَاواتِ ابْنَهُ، الَّذِي أَقَامَهُ مِنْ بَيْنِ الأَمْوَاتِ، يَسُوع، مُنَجِّينَا مِنَ الْغَضَبِ الآتِي.

والتسبيح لله دائمًا.

# **Gospel Reading**

**Saint Luke 7:36-50** 

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

One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, 'If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him that she is a sinner.' Jesus spoke up and said to him, 'Simon, I have something to say to you.' 'Teacher,' he replied, 'speak.' 'A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they could not pay, he cancelled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?' Simon answered, 'I suppose the one for whom he cancelled the greater debt.' And Jesus said to him, 'You have judged rightly.' Then turning towards the woman, he said to Simon, 'Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little.' Then he said to her, 'Your sins are forgiven.' But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, 'Who is this who even forgives sins?' And he said to the woman, 'Your faith has saved you; go in peace.'

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

# 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.

### مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ القِدِّيسِ لوقا

وَسَأَلَهُ وَاحِدٌ مِنَ الْفُرّيسِيّينَ أَنْ يَأْكُلَ مَعَهُ، فَدَخَلَ بَيْتَ الْفُرّيسِيّ وَاتَّكَأً. وَإِذَا امْرَأَةٌ فِي الْمَدِينَةِ كَانَتْ خَاطِئَةً، إِذْ عَلِمَتْ أَنَّهُ مُتَّكِئٌ فِي بَيْتِ الْفَرّبِسِيّ، جَاءَتْ بِقَارُورَةٍ طِيبٍ وَوَقَفَتْ عِنْدَ قَدَمَيْهِ مِنْ وَرَائِهِ بَاكِيَةً، وَابْتَدَأَتْ تَبُلُ قَدَمَيْهِ بِالدُّمُوع، وَكَانَتْ تَمْسَحُهُمَا بِشَعْر رَأْسِهَا، وَتُقَبِّلُ قَدَمَيْهِ وَتَدْهَنُهُمَا بِالطِّيبِ. فَلَمَّا رَأَى الْفَرِّيسِيُّ الَّذِي دَعَاهُ ذلِكَ، تَكَلَّمَ فِي نَفْسِهِ قِائِلاً: «لَوْ كَانَ هذَا نَبِيًّا، لَعَلِمَ مَنْ هذِهِ الامَرْأَةُ الَّتِي تَلْمِسُهُ وَمَا هِيَ! إِنَّهَا خَاطِئَةٌ». فَأَجَابَ يَسُوعُ وَقَالَ لَهُ: «يَاسِمْعَانُ، عِنْدِي شَيْءٌ أَقُولُهُ لَكَ». فَقَالَ: «قُلْ، يَامُعَلِّمُ». «كَانَ لِمُدَايِن مَدْيُونَان. عَلَى الْوَاحِدِ خَمْسُمِنَةِ دِينَارِ وَعَلَى الآخَرِ خَمْسُونَ. وَإِذْ لَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُمَا مَا يُوفِيَان سَامَحَهُمَا جَمِيعًا. فَقُلْ: أَيُّهُمَا يَكُونُ أَكْثَرَ حُبًّا لَهُ؟» فَأَجَابَ سِمْعَانُ وَقَالَ: «أَظُنُّ الَّذِي سَامَحَهُ بِالأَكْثَرِ». فَقَالَ لَهُ: «بالصَّوَاب حَكَمْتَ». ثُمَّ الْتَفَتَ إِلَى الْمَرْأَةِ وَقَالَ لِسِمْعَانَ: «أَتَنْظُرُ هذِهِ الْمَرْأَةَ؟ إِنِّي دَخَلْتُ بَيْتَكَ، وَمَاءً لأَجْلِ رِجْلَيَّ لَمْ تُعْطِ. وَأَمَّا هِيَ فَقَدْ غَسَلَتْ رِجْلَيَّ بِالدُّمُوعِ وَمَسَحَتْهُمَا بِشَعْرِ رَأْسِهَا. قُبْلَةً لَمْ تُقَبِّلْنِي، وَأَمَّا هِيَ فَمُنْذُ دَخَلْتُ لَمْ تَكُفَّ عَنْ تَقْبِيلِ رِجْلَيَّ. بِزَيْتِ لَمْ تَدْهُنْ رَأْسِي، وَأَمَّا هِيَ فَقَدْ دَهَنَتْ بِالطِّيبِ رِجْلَيَّ. مِنْ أَجْلِ ذلِكَ أَقُولُ لَكَ: قَدْ غُفِرَتْ خَطَايَاهَا الْكَثِيرَةُ، لأَنَّهَا أَحَبَّتْ كَثِيرًا. وَالَّذِي يُغْفَرُ لَهُ قَلِيلٌ يُحِبُّ قَلِيلاً». ثُمَّ قَالَ لَهَا: «مَغْفُورَةٌ لَكِ خَطَايَاكِ». فَابْتَدَأَ الْمُتَّكِثُونَ مَعَهُ يَقُولُونَ فِي أَنْفُسِهِمْ: «مَنْ هذَا الَّذِي يَغْفِرُ خَطَايَا أَيْضًا؟». فَقَالَ لِلْمَزَأَةِ: «إِيمَانُكِ قَدْ خَلَّصَكِ، إِذْهَبِي بِسَلاَم».

حقًّا والأمان لجميعكم.

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