



## Saint Maron Maronite Catholic Church

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## WEEKLY BULLETIN – April 26-27, 2025

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of The Glorious Resurrection

*New Sunday – Divine Mercy Sunday*

الأحد الثاني من زمن القيامة – الأحد الجديد – أحد الرحمة

### READINGS

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

Gospel Reading: John 20:26-31

### DIVINE LITURGIES

#### New Sunday

Saturday, April 26, @ 4:00PM,

liturgy is offered for the repose of soul of Pope Francis. May he rest in peace.

Sunday, April 27, @ 11:00AM,

liturgy is offered for the well-being and speedy recovery of His Beatitude Patriarch Beshara Rai.

Saturday, May 3, @ 4:00PM,

liturgy is offered for a special intention.

Sunday, May 4, @ 11:00AM,

Liturgy is offered in memory of the deceased members of the Dahdah, Anderson, and Zadi families. Requested by Salema and Barbara Dahdah. May they rest in peace.

**SANCTUARY CANDLE:** This week, the sanctuary candle burns for the repose of soul of pope Francis. "God, in Your perfect plan, you chose Your servant Francis to be one of the highest priests. We ask that he, who on earth represented Your only Son, may now be with all Your holy popes forever. Through Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen."

*Source: Roman Missal*

## Festival 2025 Dabkeh Practices

**MYO & CCD:** Friday, May 2-9-16-23, 2025 At 6:00 PM.

**MYA:** Every Monday at 7:30 PM

*Except the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the Month*

### Parish Committees

**Administrative Assistant:** Claudine ElHajal

### Parish Committees

- **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 & First Responders:** Denise Eddis, Theresa Barry
- **Religious Education Program (CCD & MYO) and MYA**  
**Religious Education Program Director:** Janah Szewczyk  
**CCD Advisor:** Rosemarie Marrone  
**Teachers:** Rania Sukkarieh, Maha Labbad, Samar Dawlabani, Reine Ghazaly, Janah Szewczyk, Sanaa Rizk, Samer Hourani, Christian Sadaka, Youmna Layoun.  
**MYO Advisors:** Zeina Topalian, Anne Tayoun, Summer Dib, Diego Jorge  
**MYO Coordinator:** Summer Dib  
**MYA Coordinators:** Summer Dib, DebbieAnna Semaan
- **Men's Club: President:** John Azzi  
**Vice-President:** Nickolas Dawlabani | **Treasurer:** Christian Sadaka

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Collections

**Catholic Home Mission Appeal**

Sunday, April 27, 2025

**National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon**

Sunday, May 4, 2025

### Committees Meetings

**Parish Council Meeting**

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

@6:30 PM

**Finance Committee Meeting**

To Be Announced Later

## April 2025 at a Glance

|  |  |                   |
|--|--|-------------------|
| SAT – Apr 26   |  | <b>New Sunday</b> |
| SUN – April 27   | New Sunday   <b>Knefeh Breakfast</b>   <b>1<sup>st</sup> Communion Retreat</b> |                   |
| <b>2<sup>ND</sup> Collections: April 27, 2025 – Catholic Home Mission Appeal</b> |  |                   |

## May 2025 at a Glance

|  |                                      |  |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|
| SAT – May 3  |                                      | <b>Feast of Our Lady of Lebanon</b>              |
| SUN – May 4  | <b>1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion</b> |  |
| SAT – May 10   |                                      | <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Resurrection</b> |
| SUN – May 11   | Mothers' Day                         |  |
| SAT – May 17   |                                      | <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Resurrection</b> |
| SUN – May 18   |                                      |  |
| FRI – May 23   | MYA BBQ                              |  |
| SAT – May 24   |                                      | <b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Resurrection</b> |
| SUN – May 25   |                                      |  |
| MON – May 26   | Memorial Day                         |  |
| THU – May 29   | The Ascension of the Lord            |  |
| <b>The date of the final religious education class will be announced at a later time.</b>                    |                                      |  |
| FRI – May 30   | Annual Festival                      |  |
| SAT – May 31   | Annual Festival                      | <b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Resurrection</b> |
| SUN – June 1   | Annual Festival                      |  |
| <b>Feast: Thursday, May 29, 2025: The Ascension of the Lord</b>  |                                      |  |
| <b>2<sup>ND</sup> Collection: May 4 – National Shrine of OLOL   May 25 – Catholic Communication Campaign</b> |                                      |  |

### WEEKLY COLLECTION

April 19-20, 2025

|                   |             |
|-------------------|-------------|
| Easter Collection | \$ 2,727.00 |
| Online Giving     | \$ 0.00     |

### Other Collections

|                            |           |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| Coffee Hour                | \$ 23.00  |
| Eparchial Assessment       | \$ 0.00   |
| Insurance                  | \$ 20.00  |
| Fuel                       | \$ 0.00   |
| Good Friday                | \$ 565.00 |
| Rice Bowl                  | \$ 20.00  |
| Holy Land (2nd Collection) | \$ 200.00 |

### BIBLE STUDY

With Fr. David  
Every Thursday  
At 10 am

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84726749798?pwd=2IbuLdNgd2XV MYk18QhTnScVcXdFGw.1>  
Meeting ID: 847 2674 9798  
Passcode: 166641

### Maronite Voice

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### IN OUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers

Stephanie Dejesse, Patricia DeViney, Ed and Theresa Gussin, Barbara Impriano, Paige Moderski, Rita Fortina, Jason Gushue, Lily Gushue, Joann Fontana, Jay O'Donnell, Allison Auld, Carmen Sansweet, Mary V. (Nelson) Scotti, Mike Deviney, 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 Deviney, 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, James Cordisio, Stacey Fuentes, Noel Andjuhar, and Angel Salerno.

## Mouth-watering Fundraiser

### Sunday of the Delicious Knefeh

April 27, 2025

following Divine Liturgy

Bring  
your  
appetite

## Zoom Workshop

### The Holy Family MODEL OF THE DOMESTIC CHURCH

Guest speaker:  
Deacon Brian Dunn  
from St. Anthony of the  
Desert, Fall River, MA



May 6th  
8PM EST



MEETING ID: 826 7355 7271

PASSCODE: 055554

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## First Communion

### Retreat

Sunday, April 27, 2025

Following Divine Liturgy

### First Communion

Sunday, May 4, 2025

## MYO Lenten Retreat – Brooklyn NY

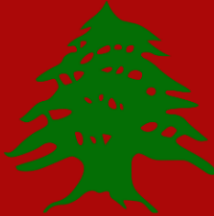
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## 2025 National MYO Conference

Register now at

<https://www.maronyouth.org/2025nationals/>



# 2025 ANNUAL LEBANESE FESTIVAL

**FRI, May 30**

5pm - 11pm

**SAT, May 31**

3pm - 11pm

**SUN, June 1**

1pm - 9pm

## ***Festival Bar Supplies*** ***Needed by May 18, 2025***

The list will be updated weekly.

|    |       |                            |
|----|-------|----------------------------|
| 15 | cs.   | Corona bottles             |
| 10 | 1.75L | Peach Schnapps             |
| 5  | 750ml | Anisette                   |
| 20 | 750ml | Martini Mix                |
| 4  | 750ml | Grenadine                  |
| 18 | 1L    | Tonic Water                |
| 18 | 1L    | Club Soda                  |
| 12 | 1L    | Seltzer                    |
| 16 | Btls. | Fruit Punch                |
| 24 | Btls. | Pineapple Juice            |
| 32 | Gal.  | Orange Juice               |
| 24 | Btls. | Cranberry Juice            |
| 8  | 128oz | Maraschino Cherries Jar    |
| 24 | cs.   | Regular Coke Can (35/cs)   |
| 10 | cs.   | Regular Sprite Can (35/cs) |
| 40 | cs.   | Water bottles (500ml)      |



## **Festival Prep Schedule**

**Monday, April 28 @ 4:30PM**  
Grape Leaves

**Friday, May 9 @ 5:30PM**  
Kafta

**Monday, May 19 @ 4:30PM**  
Maamoul

**Tuesday, May 27 @ 7:00PM**  
Shawarma

**Wednesday, May 28 @ 5:30PM**  
Chicken Kabob & other Festival Preps

**Thursday, May 29 @ 9:00AM**  
Tents Set Up & other Festival Preps

**Friday, May 30 @ 9:00AM**  
Festival Preps

## ***Festival Food Supplies*** ***Needed by May 1, 2025***

|                             |                           |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Cucumber Pickles            | 2 tubs (or 2cs. Lg. Cans) |
| Rice – Uncle Ben’s          | 200lbs                    |
| Cinnamon                    | 2 lg. Cont.               |
| Allspice                    | 8 lg. cont.               |
| Freezer Ziploc Bags (2gal.) | 8 boxes                   |

- Kitchen Towels (Rags)
- Paper Towels
- All Purpose Cleaners Spray (Lysol, Clorox...)
- Dishwashing Detergent Liquid Soap





The burial of Pope Francis will take place at 10 a.m. local time in Rome (4 a.m. US Eastern Time) on Saturday, April 26, 2025. The funeral will be held in St. Peter's Square, outside St. Peter's Basilica. The pope's body will then be taken to the Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore for entombment.



EPARCHY OF SAINT MARON OF BROOKLYN - THE CHANCERY

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Reverend and Dear Monsignors and Fathers, Deacons and Subdeacons, Brothers and Sisters;

Christ is Risen!

Certainly, we are profoundly saddened at the passing of our Holy Father, Pope Francis. At the same time, we are in need of some liturgical and practical directives. Therefore, the first message below is statement from Bishop Gregeory. That will be followed by the practical norms related to the death of the Pope.

### **Message of Bishop Gregory Mansour**

Our beloved Pope Francis “has returned to the home of the Father.”

These words from Cardinal Kevin Farrell, Camerlengo of the Holy See, remind us of our beginning and our end. We begin our earthly lives with God, and we return to God.

They also remind us of our own pilgrimage on this earth, whereby all of us, as in the story of the Prodigal Son, have a loving Father to return to, who is ready to embrace us and welcome us with joy. Pope Francis has shown the world the face of that Merciful Father by every word and gesture of his Pontificate.

He has taught us that we are all welcome in the Father’s house. May our Holy Father now enjoy that embrace of our Heavenly Father, and may he rest in peace.

+ Gregory.

## **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.**

## **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.**

## فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الثانية إلى أهل قورنثس

يا إخوتي، بما أننا نعرف مخافة الرب، نحاول أن نفع الناس. ونحن معروفون لدى الله، ولكني آمل أن نكون معروفين أيضًا في صمائرهم. ولسنا نعود فنوصيكم بأنفسنا، بل نعطيك فرصة للإفتخار بنا تجاه الذين يفتخرون بالمظهر لا بما في القلب. فإن كنا مجانبين فله، وإن كنا عقلاء فلاجلكم؛ إن محبة المسيح تأسرتنا، لأننا أدركنا هذا، وهو أن واحدًا مات عن الجميع، فالجميع إذا ماتوا. لقد مات عن الجميع، لكي لا يحيا الأحياء من بعد لأنفسهم، بل للذي مات عنهم وقام من أجلهم. إذا فمُنذ 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 فتحنا سفراء المسيح، وكان الله نفسه يدعوكم بواسطةنا. فنسألكم باسم المسيح: تصالحوا مع الله! إن الذي ما عرف الخطيئة، جعله الله خطيئة من أجلنا، لنصير نحن فيه بر الله. والتسبيح لله دائماً.

## من إنجيل القديس يوحنا

بعد ثمانية أيام، كان تلاميذ يسوع ثانية في البيت، وثوما معهم. جاء يسوع، والأبواب مغلقة، فوقف في الوسط وقال: "السلام لكم!". ثم قال لثوما: "هات إصبعك إلى هنا، وأنظر يدي. وهات يدك، وضعها في جنبي. ولا تكن غير مؤمن بل كن مؤمنًا!". أجاب ثوما وقال له: "ربي وإلهي!". قال له يسوع: "لأنك رأيتني آمن؟ طوبى لمن لم يروا وأمنوا!". وصنع يسوع أمام تلاميذه آيات أخرى كثيرة لم تدون في هذا الكتاب. وإنما دونت هذه لكي تؤمنوا أن يسوع هو المسيح ابن الله، ولكي تكون لكم، إذا آمنتم، الحياة باسمه. حقًا والأمان لجميعكم.

## Prayer for His Beatitude Patriarch Beshara Rai

Heavenly Father,  
We lift up to You our shepherd,  
His Beatitude Patriarch Beshara Peter Rai.

In Your compassion, watch over  
him as he recovers from surgery  
after his fall.

Grant him healing of body, peace of  
mind and strength of spirit.

Guide the hands of his doctors and  
all who care for him.

May Your grace surround him and  
restore him swiftly to full health, so he may continue to  
lead Your Church with wisdom, courage, and love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Lady of Lebanon, pray for him.

Saint Maron, intercede for him.



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