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WEEKLY BULLETIN – May 03-04, 2025

3rd Sunday of The Glorious Resurrection

Feast of Our Lady of Lebanon

الأحد الثالث من زمن القيامة – عيد سيّدة لبنان

READINGS 1st Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-13 Gospel Reading: Luke 24:13-35

SANCTUARY CANDLE: This week's, the sanctuary candle burns for our First Communicants. May they always cherish the gift of the Eucharist and grow in love for Jesus. May their hearts remain close to Him all the days of their lives.

Through the intercession of our Blessed Mother, Our Lady of Lebanon, whose feast we joyfully celebrate today, may they be guided and protected by her motherly love. Amen.

DIVINE LITURGIES

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 Zadie families. Requested by Salema and Barbara Dahdah. May they rest in peace.

Saturday, May 10, @ 4:00PM,
liturgy is offered for a special intention.

Sunday, May 11, @ 11:00AM,
Liturgy is offered in memory of Sr. Nahida Al-Sawa. Requested by Philip and Vivian Rai. May her soul rest in peace.

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 1st 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

2nd Collections

National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon

Sunday, May 4, 2025

Catholic Communications Campaign

Sunday, May 25, 2025

Committees Meetings

Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

@6:30 PM

Finance Committee Meeting

To Be Announced Later

May 2025 at a Glance

SAT – May 3		Feast of Our Lady of Lebanon
SUN – May 4	1st Holy Communion	
SAT – May 10		4th Sunday of the Resurrection
SUN – May 11	Mothers' Day	
SAT – May 17		5th Sunday of the Resurrection
SUN – May 18	Intention of the day: Graduates Last Day of Religious Education Classes	
FRI – May 23	MYA BBQ	
SAT – May 24		6th Sunday of the Resurrection
SUN – May 25		
MON – May 26	Memorial Day	
THU – May 29	The Ascension of the Lord	
FRI – May 30	Annual Festival	
SAT – May 31	Annual Festival	7th Sunday of the Resurrection
SUN – June 1	Annual Festival	
May 18 - Last Day of Religious Education Classes Feast: Thursday, May 29, 2025: The Ascension of the Lord 2ND Collection: May 4 – National Shrine of OLOL May 25 – Catholic Communication Campaign		

WEEKLY COLLECTION

April 26-27, 2025

Easter Collection	\$ 1,611.00
Online Giving	\$ 250.00
Easter	\$ 400.00
Ascension	\$ 15.00
Good Friday	\$ 70.00

Other Collections

Coffee Hour	\$ 21.00
Eparchial Assessment	\$ 0.00
Insurance	\$ 70.00
Fuel	\$ 260.00
2nd Collection (Cath. Home. Miss.)	\$ 20.00
OLOL	\$ 10.00

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

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IN OUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers

Francis Donnelly, 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 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 DiLuca, Laurent Chidiac, Tom Hart, John Hart, Fadi Jaber, Joseph Realdine, Lisa Alestra, John Nader, Joey Gdowick, Francis Joseph Kerns, Samer Chokeyr, Kathy Newman, Rita Arrigale, Maryann Bratton, Renee Sahar, James Cordisio, Stacey Fuentes, Noel Andjuhar, and Angel Salerno.

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Congratulations to our Graduates



8th Grade

Dany Sukkarieh

Graduating from Thomas E Harrington middle school
attending Lenape High School in Mount Laurel, NJ

High School

Maria Topalian

Graduating from Eastern Regional High School
attending Saint Joseph University

Jennifer Haifa

Graduating from Neuman Goretti High School
attending Drexel University / Pre-med Biology

Solaine Salloum

Graduating from Lenape High School
attending Rowan University / Business

College

Summer Dib

Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience
with Honors
from Temple University College of Liberal Arts

DebbieAnna Semaan

Bachelor of Public Relations and Content Creation
Advertising
from Temple University

Lareine D. Zakharia

Bachelor of Science in Nursing
from Drexel University

Julia Stilwell

Masters of Science
in Education of Mental Health Counseling (LPC)
from University of Pennsylvania

First Holy Communion Sunday, May 4, 2025

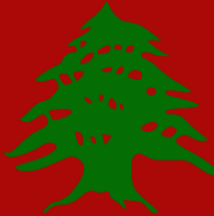
Please keep our First
Communicants in
your prayers.



May God bless them and keep them
safe.

1st Communion Retreat Sunday, April 27, 2025





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

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



We Raise Our Prayers for the Conclave of Cardinals

We raise our prayers to God, the Father of all mercy, for the conclave of Cardinals gathered in Rome, entrusted with the solemn task of electing the successor of Saint Peter.

May the Holy Spirit, who spoke through the prophets and guides the Church in every age, descend upon them with clarity, courage, and deep fidelity to Christ.

May each Cardinal be attentive to the voice of God in prayer, open to the needs of the Church in our time, and united in faith and love as they seek a shepherd after the Heart of the Good Shepherd.

We pray that the one chosen will lead the flock of Christ in holiness, truth, and joyful witness to the Gospel. Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, and Saint Peter, Prince of the Apostles, may this moment renew our commitment to the one, holy, Catholic, and apostolic Church.

May the new pope strengthen the unity of the Body of Christ, defend the dignity of all people, and proclaim the saving love of Jesus to the ends of the earth.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be created and you shall renew the face of the earth.

Amen.



Eparchial Events

60th Annual NAM Convention



July 3-6, 2025 | Raleigh, NC

for more information and to register
visit www.namconvention.org

Maronite Music Workshop

with Fr. Neemtallah (Edgard) Oneissy

August 12-13, 2025
Pittsburgh, PA



for more information
and to register,
visit www.saintsharbelcenter.org/retreats

16th Annual Benefit Dinner

October 22, 2025

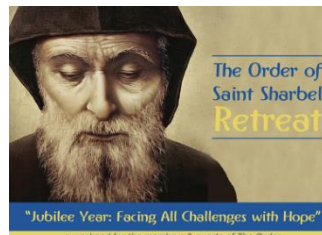
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The Order of Saint Sharbel Retreat

with Bishop Gregory Mansour



September 12-14, 2025
Pittsburgh, PA

for more information and
to register,
visit www.saintsharbelcenter.org/retreats

First Reading

2 Timothy 2:8-13

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

Brothers and Sisters:

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore, I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful for he cannot deny himself.

Praise be to God always.

Gospel Reading

Saint Luke 24:13-35

The Apostle Writes:

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الثانية إلى طيموتاوس

يا إخواني، وأنت يا ابني، تذكّر يسوع المسيح الذي قام من بين الأموات، وهو من نسل داود، بحسب إنجيلي، الذي فيه أحتمل المشقات حتى القيود كمجرم، لكن كلمة الله لا تُقيد. لذلك أصبر على كل شيء من أجل المختارين، ليخلصوا هم أيضًا على الخلاص في المسيح يسوع مع المجد الأبدي. صادقة هي الكلمة: إن متنا معه نحيا معه، وإن صبرنا نملك معه، وإن أنكرناه يُنكرنا، وإن كنا غير أمناء فهو يبقى أمينًا، لأنه لا يهدر أن يُنكر نفسه!
والتسبيح لله دائمًا.

من إنجيل القديس لوقا

في اليوم عينه، كان اثنان من التلاميذ ذاهبين إلى قرية تُدعى عماوس، تبتعد نحو سبعة أميال عن اورشليم. وكانا يتحادثان بكل تلك الأمور التي حدثت. وفيما هما يتحادثان ويتساءلان، إذا يسوع نفسه قد اقترب منهما، وراح يسير معهما. ولكن أعينهما أمسكت عن معرفته. أما هو فقال لهما: «ما هذا الكلام الذي تتحادثان به، وأنتما تسيران؟». فوفقا عابسين. وأجاب أحدهما، وأسمه كليوباس، فقال له: «هل أنت وحدك غريب عن اورشليم، فلا تعلم ما حدث فيها هذه الأيام؟». فقال لهما: «وما هي؟». فقال له: «ما يتعلق بيسوع الناصري، الذي كان رجلاً نبياً قوياً بالقول والفعل، فقام الله والشعب كله. وكيف أسلمه أخبارنا ورؤسائنا ليحكم عليه بالموت، وكيف صلبوه! وكنا نحن نرجو أن يكون هو الذي سيؤدي إسرائيل. ولكن مع هذا كله، فهذا هو اليوم الثالث بعد تلك الأحداث. لكن بعض النساء من جماعتنا أدهشتنا، لأنهن ذهبن إلى القبر عند الفجر، ولم يجدن جسد يسوع، فرجعن وقلن إنهن شاهدن ملائكة تراءوا لهن وقالوا إنه حي! ومضى قوم من الذين معنا إلى القبر، فوجدوه هكذا كما قالت النساء، وأما يسوع فلم يره». فقال لهما يسوع: «يا عديمي الفهم، وبطيئي القلب في الإيمان بكل ما تكلم به الأنبياء! أما كان يجب على المسيح أن يعانِي تلك الآلام، ثم يدخل في مجده؟». وفسر لهما ما يتعلق به في كل الكتب المقدسة، مُبتدئًا بموسى وجميع الأنبياء. واقتربا من القرية التي كانا ذاهبين إليها، فنظاهر يسوع بأنه ذاهب إلى مكان أبعد. فتمسكا به قائلين: «أمكث معنا، فقد حان المساء، ومال النهار». فدخل ليمكث معهما. وفيما كان مُتكئا معهما، أخذ الخبز، وبارك، وكسر، وناولهما. فانفتحت أعينهما، وعرفاه، فإذا هو قد توارى عنهما. فقال أحدهما للآخر: «أما كان قلبنا مضطربًا فينا، حين كان يُكلمنا في الطريق، ويشرح لنا الكتب؟». وقاما في تلك الساعة عنيها، ورجعا إلى اورشليم، فوجدا الأحد عشر والذين معهم مُجتَمعين، وهم يقولون: «حقًا إن الرب قام، وتراءى لسمعان!». أما هما فكانا يُخبران بما حدث في الطريق، وكيف عرفا يسوع عند كسر الخبز. **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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