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WEEKLY BULLETIN – May 10-11, 2025

4th Sunday of The Glorious Resurrection

الأحد الرابع من زمن القيامة

Happy Mother's Day

READINGS 1st Reading: Hebrews 13:18-25 | Gospel Reading: John 21:1-14

SANCTUARY CANDLE: This week's, the sanctuary candle burns for all mothers, living and deceased, in gratitude for their selfless love, sacrifices and nurturing care.

We remember in a very special way all expecting mothers. Lord, grant them peace, strength and good health. Surround them with Your protection and fill their hearts with joy as they prepare to welcome new life.

May the light of Christ, symbolized by this candle, shine upon all mothers, comforting the weary and guiding the lost. May they be blessed by God's endless grace. Amen

DIVINE LITURGIES

Saturday, May 10, @ 4:00PM,

liturgy is offered for all mothers, living and deceased. And we remember in a very special way all the expecting mothers.

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.

Saturday, May 17, @ 4:00PM,

liturgy is offered for all cancer patients, their families. We remember in a special way all doctors, hospitals and institutions dedicated to caring for cancer patients.

Sunday, May 18, @ 11:00AM,

Liturgy is offered for all our Graduates, asking God to guide them on their journey ahead.

Festival 2025 Dabkeh Practices

MYO & CCD: Friday, May 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
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- **Festival Chairmen:** Billy Tayoun, Tony Frangie
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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

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

May 3-4, 2025

Sunday Collection	\$ 1,415.00
Online Giving	\$ 0.00

Other Collections

Coffee Hour	\$ 16.00
Eparchial Assessment	\$ 0.00
Insurance	\$ 0.00
Fuel	\$ 80.00
2nd Collection (Cath. Home. Miss.)	\$ 10.00
2nd Collection (OLOL)	\$ 175.00

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
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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

Zaina Szewczyk

Graduating from Greenfield Elementary school
attending Girard Academic Music Program High School

Aiden Kamer

Graduating from Downingtown Middle School
attending Downingtown West High School

John Maalouf

Graduating from Upper Merion Middle School
Attending Upper Merion High School

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

Anthony Labbad

Graduating from Lower Merion High School
attending Temple University / Bio engineering

Reese Cherfane

Graduating from Cherry Hill West High School
attending St. Joseph University / Nursing

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

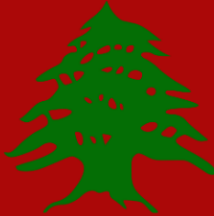
Conor Donnelly

Master of Theological Studies
From Villanova University



First Holy Communion - Sunday, May 4, 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.

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|----|-------|----------------------------|
| 15 | cs. | Corona bottles |
| 10 | 1.75L | Peach Schnapps |
| 5 | 750ml | Anisette |
| 6 | 750ml | Martini Extra Dry |
| 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 @ 4:30 PM
Maamoul

Tuesday, May 27 @ 7:00 PM
Chicken Kabob

Wednesday, May 28 @ 7:00 PM
Shawarma & other Festival Preps

Thursday, May 29 @ 9:00 AM
Tents Set Up

Thursday, May 29 @ 1:00 PM
Meat Skewers and Festival Preps

Friday, May 30 @ 9:00 AM
Festival Preps

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

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|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 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 |

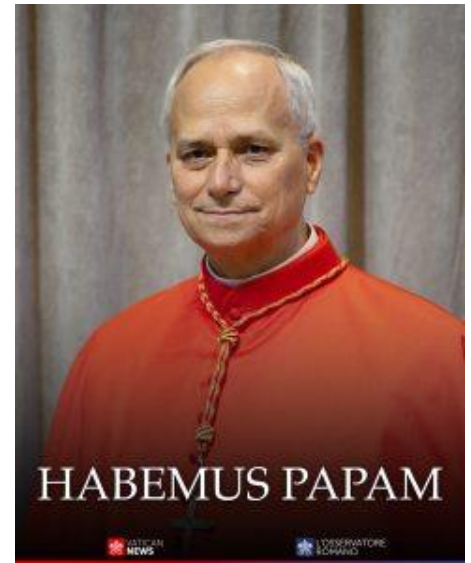
- Kitchen Towels (Rags)
- Paper Towels
- All Purpose Cleaners Spray (Lysol, Clorox...)



Habemus Papam Pope Leo XIV

The Cardinals gathered in the Vatican's Sistine Chapel have elected Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost as the 267th Pope, who took the name Pope Leo XIV.

Cardinal Robert Prevost, a missionary who spent his career ministering in Peru and leads the Vatican's powerful office of bishops, was elected the first American pope in the 2,000-year history of the Catholic Church. Prevost, 69, took the name Leo XIV.



Heavenly Father, source of all wisdom and love, we thank You for guiding Your Church through the gift of the papacy. Bless our new pope with courage, wisdom, and holiness. May he lead Your people with compassion, defend the truth of the Gospel, and promote unity among all Your children. Strengthen him to be a faithful servant of Christ, a humble guide for Your Church, and a beacon of hope for the world.

We entrust him to the loving care of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, and we ask this through Christ our Lord. 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

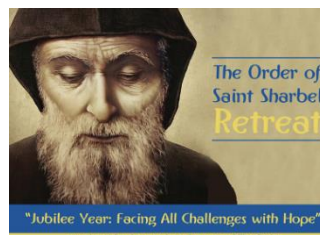
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For more information, Visit www.stmaron.org/eparchial-benefit

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

Hebrews 13:18-25

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews. Your blessing father...

Brothers and Sisters:

Pray for us; we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things. I urge you all the more to do this, so that I may be restored to you very soon. Now may the God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do his will, working among us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever and ever. Amen. I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, bear with my word of exhortation, for I have written to you briefly. I want you to know that our brother Timothy has been set free; and if he comes in time, he will be with me when I see you. Greet all your leaders and all the saints. Those from Italy send you greetings. Grace be with all of you.

Praise be to God always.

Gospel Reading

Saint John 21:1-14

The Apostle Writes:

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

فصل من الرسالة إلى العبرانيين

يا إخواني، صلُّوا من أجلنا، فإننا واثقون أنَّ ضميرنا صالح، ونحن نريدُ أن نسلِّك مسلكًا حسنًا في كلِّ شيء. وأطلبُ إليكم بِالْحَاحِ أَنْ تَفْعَلُوا ذَلِكَ، حَتَّى يَرُدَّنِي اللهُ إِلَيْكُمْ سَرِيعًا! وإلهُ السَّلام، الَّذِي أَصْعَدَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ رَبَّنَا يَسُوعَ، رَاعِي الخِرَافِ العَظِيمِ بِدَمِ عَهْدِ أبدي، هُوَ يَجْعَلُكُمْ كَامِلِينَ فِي كُلِّ صَلاح، لِتَعْمَلُوا بِمَشِيئَتِهِ، وَهُوَ يَعْمَلُ فِيْنَا مَا هُوَ مَرَضِيٌّ فِي عَيْنِيهِ، بِيسُوعِ المَسيحِ، لَهُ المَجدُ إلى أبَدِ الأَبَدِينَ. آمين. وَأناشِدُكُمْ، أَيُّهَا الإخوة، أَنْ تَحْتَمِلُوا كَلامَ التَّشجيعِ، فَإِنِّي كَتَبْتُ إِلَيْكُمْ بِإِيجاز! إِعْلَمُوا أَنَّ أَخانا طِيموثاؤسَ قد أَخلِيَ سَبيلَهُ. فَإِنْ أُسْرِعَ فِي مَجيئِهِ، سأُذْهَبُ مَعَهُ وَأراكم. سَلِّمُوا على جَمِيعِ مُدَبِّرَيْكُمْ وَجَمِيعِ القَدِيسِينَ. يُسَلِّمُ عَلَيْكُمْ الإخوةُ الَّذِينَ فِي إِيطالِيا. أَلتَعْمَةُ مَعَكُمْ أَجمَعِينَ!

والتسبيح لله دائما.

مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ القَدِيسِ يوحنا

بَعْدَ ذَلِكَ، ظَهَرَ يَسُوعُ لِتَلاميذِهِ مَرَّةً أُخْرَى على بُحيرةِ طَبْرِيةَ، وَهَكَذَا ظَهَرَ: كَانِ سَمْعانُ بُطْرُسُ، وَثوما المُلَقَّبُ بِالثَّوَمِ، وَنَتائِيلُ الَّذِي مِنْ قانا الجليل، وَأبنا زَبدي، وَتَلميذانِ آخَرانِ مِنْ تَلاميذِ يَسُوعَ، مُجْتَمِعِينَ مَعًا. قَالَ لَهُم سَمْعانُ بُطْرُسُ: «أنا ذاهبُ أَصْطادُ سَمَكًا». قَالُوا لَهُ: «وَنَحْنُ أَيضًا نَأْتِي مَعَكَ». فَخَرَجُوا وَرَكِبُوا السَّفِينَةَ، فَمَا أَصابُوا فِي تِلْكَ اللَّيْلَةَ شَيْئًا. وَلَمَّا طَلَعَ الفَجْرُ، وَقَفَ يَسُوعُ على الشَّاطِئِ، وَلَكِنَّ التَّلاميذَ لَمْ يَعْلَمُوا أَنَّهُ يَسُوعُ. فَقَالَ لَهُم يَسُوعُ: «يا فِتيانَ، أَمَّا عِنْدَكُمْ قَليلٌ مِنَ السَّمَكِ؟». أَجابوه: «لا!». فَقَالَ لَهُم: «أَلْقُوا الشَّبَكَةَ إلى يَمِينِ السَّفِينَةِ تَجِدُوا». وَأَلْقَوْهَا، فَمَا قَدَرُوا على أَجْتِدابِها مِنْ كَثْرَةِ السَّمَكِ. فَقَالَ ذَلِكَ التَّلميذُ الَّذِي كانَ يَسُوعُ يُحِبُّهُ لِبُطْرُسُ: «إِنَّهُ الرَّبُّ». فَلَمَّا سَمِعَ سَمْعانُ بُطْرُسُ أَنَّهُ الرَّبُّ، إِتَرَّرَ بِثَوْبِهِ، لِأَنَّهُ كانَ عُرْيانًا، وَأَلْقَى بِنَفْسِهِ فِي البُحيرةِ. أَمَّا التَّلاميذُ الآخَرُونَ فَجَاؤُوا بِالسَّفِينَةِ، وَهُمْ يَسْحَبُونَ الشَّبَكَةَ المَمْلُوءَةَ سَمَكًا، وَما كانوا بَعِيدِينَ عَنِ البَرِّ إِلَّا نَحْوَ مِئَتِي ذِراعٍ. وَلَمَّا نَزَلُوا إلى البَرِّ، رَأوا جَمْرًا، وَسَمَكًا على الجَمْرِ، وَخَبْرًا. قَالَ لَهُم يَسُوعُ: «هاتُوا مِنَ السَّمَكِ الَّذِي أَصَبْتُمُوهُ الآنَ». فَصَعِدَ سَمْعانُ بُطْرُسُ إلى السَّفِينَةِ، وَجَدَ الشَّبَكَةَ إلى البَرِّ، وَهِيَ مَمْلُوءَةٌ سَمَكًا كَثيرًا، مِئَةً وَثَلَاثًا وَخَمْسِينَ. وَمَعَ هَذِهِ الكَثْرَةِ لَمْ تَتَمَرَّقِ الشَّبَكَةُ. قَالَ لَهُم يَسُوعُ: «هَلُمُّوا تَعَدُّوا». وَلَمْ يَجْرُؤُ أَحَدٌ مِنَ التَّلاميذِ أَنْ يَسأَلَهُ: «مَنْ أَنْتَ؟»، لِأَنَّهُمْ عَلمُوا أَنَّهُ الرَّبُّ. وَتَقَدَّمَ يَسُوعُ وَأَخَذَ الخُبْزَ وَناولَهُمْ. ثُمَّ فَعَلَ كَذَلِكَ بِالسَّمَكِ. هَذِهِ مَرَّةً ثالِثَةً ظَهَرَ فِيها يَسُوعُ لِتَلاميذِهِ بَعْدَ أَنْ قامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الأَمْواتِ. حَقًّا 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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