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WEEKLY BULLETIN – June 28-29, 2025

Season of the Glorious Pentecost

Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul – عيد الرسولين بطرس وبولس

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you” (Jeremiah 1:5)

READINGS 1st Reading: 2 Corinthians 11:21-30 | Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:13-20

DIVINE LITURGIES

Saturday, June 28, @ 4:00PM,
and **Sunday, June 29, @ 11:00AM,**

liturgy is offered for the priests of both eparchies who are participating in the clergy conference this coming week. May the Holy Spirit guide their discussions, strengthen their brotherhood and renew their zeal for the service of God and His Church.

Saturday, July 5, @ 4:00PM, liturgy is offered for a special intention.

Sunday, July 6, @ 11:00AM,

liturgy is offered in memory of Sami Melhem El Khoury requested by family. May his soul rest in peace.

SANCTUARY CANDLE: This week's sanctuary candle burns for all those who are preparing for surgery or undergoing a procedure. O, Heavenly Physician, our Lord and God, we place them into Your loving hands. Calm their anxieties, comfort their hearts and give them strength. Guide the hands of the surgeons and all who cares for them. Surround them with Your healing presence and bless them with a safe and swift recovery. Amen

The Sacred Heart of Jesus



Exposition of the Holy Eucharist & Eucharistic Adoration.

Friday, June 27, 2025 @ 6:00 pm

Intention: Peace

Eparchial Event

60th Annual NAM Convention

July 3-6, 2025 | Raleigh, NC

for more information and to register

visit www.namconvention.org



2nd Collection

Sunday, June 29, 2025

Holy Father's Collection
(Peter's Pence)

The entire collection is sent to the Holy Father to assist him with emergency financial assistance to aid the neediest throughout the world.

Matching Grant

Anthony Abraham Foundation

Goal	\$ 5,000.00
Collected	\$ 670.00
Balance	\$ 4,330.00

This matching Grant is a special donation made towards the **Church's** endowment fund.

June - Aug 2025 at a glance

June 23 - 28		National MYO Conference (MON 23 - SAT 28)
FRI	June 27	Sacred Heart of Jesus: Eucharistic Adoration
SUN	June 29	Ss. Peter and Paul Feast
FRI	July 4	Independence Day
SUN	July 20	Saint Sharbel Feast
WED	Aug 6	Feast of the Transfiguration
FRI	Aug 15	Feast of the Assumption
2ND Collection: June 29, 2025 – Peter's Pence		

WEEKLY COLLECTION

June 21-22, 2025

Sunday Collection	\$ 794.00
Online Giving	\$ 450.00

Other Collections

Coffee Hour	\$ 15.00
Eparchial Assessment	\$ 0.00
Insurance	\$ 0.00
Fuel	\$ 0.00
Matching Grant	\$ 500.00

BIBLE STUDY

With Fr. David
Every Thursday
At 10 am

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84726749798?pwd=2IbuLdNgd2XVMyk18QhTnScVeXdfGw.1>

Meeting ID: 847 2674 9798
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Article about
2025 Festival

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IN OUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers

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Upcoming Festivals



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You are cordially
invited to our fifth
annual festival July
July 19th 4pm-12am
July 20th 12pm-11 am



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drinks

Kids fun zone



Shady Younes
Saturday July 19th




Tony Mercho
Sunday July 20th



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Saturday
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Sunday
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FESTIVAL**

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Thank you to all our Festival Sponsors

Dear Beloved Sponsors,

With heartfelt gratitude, we thank each of you for your generous support of our annual festival. Your contributions have been a true blessing, making this event a tremendous success and providing vital support for our church.

Your generosity allowed us to create a joyous and memorable festival filled with engaging activities and enriching experiences that brought our community together. Your support plays a crucial role in sustaining our church and its ministries, keeping our doors open and our mission thriving.

Thank you for believing in our vision and for being an integral part of this celebration. Your kindness and commitment have touched many hearts and made a lasting impact on our community and our church.

With deep appreciation and blessings,

Fr. Andrawos

Pastor

Thank you to all the Festival Volunteers

Dear Beloved Volunteers,

With heartfelt gratitude, I thank you all for your time, love and effort you have offered to make this year's festival a success. Not only during the three-day event, but also for the weeks of preparation leading to the festival, many have worked tirelessly behind the scenes with dedication and joy.

Year after year, because of your hard work and generosity, the festival continues to grow making it one of the most successful events in the area. Today, this cultural tradition not only attracts those who are near but also visitors from different states; more than seven states in this year's case.

Through the intercession of Saint Maron, our patron Saint, may the Lord God bless you abundantly.

Fr. Andrawos

Pastor

Thank You to Our Beloved Neighbors

Dear beloved neighbors,

I hope this letter finds you well and in good spirits.

On behalf of the entire community of Saint Maron Church, I extend our heartfelt thanks to each of you for your continued support to the church especially Our Annual Festival. We are grateful for your generosity and willingness to share your neighborhood with us. Because of you, we are able to carry this tradition that brings joy not only to our parish but to the wider community as well.

In order for us to host the festival we rely on your approval and patience, not only to block off the street for four days, but also during the Thursday's setup as well as the full weekend of festivities. We know that four days of tents, music and crowds right outside your doors can be a lot to handle but your spirit of hospitality was a key success to this year's festival.

Please know how much we appreciate your support,

With deep gratitude and warm wishes,

Father Andrawos (Fadi) El Tabchi
Pastor

Queridos y amados vecinos:

Espero que esta carta les encuentre bien y con buen ánimo.

En nombre de toda la comunidad de la Iglesia de San Marón, les expresamos nuestro más sincero agradecimiento por su continuo apoyo a la iglesia, especialmente durante nuestro Festival Anual. Estamos muy agradecidos por su generosidad y por su disposición a compartir su vecindario con nosotros. Gracias a ustedes, podemos continuar con esta tradición que trae alegría no solo a nuestra parroquia, sino también a toda la comunidad.

Para poder llevar a cabo el festival, dependemos de su aprobación y paciencia, no solo para cerrar la calle durante cuatro días, sino también durante el montaje del jueves y todo el fin de semana de celebraciones. Sabemos que cuatro días de carpas, música y multitudes justo frente a sus hogares pueden ser mucho que soportar, pero su espíritu de hospitalidad fue clave para el éxito del festival de este año.

Sepan cuánto valoramos su apoyo.
Con profunda gratitud y mis mejores deseos,

P. Andrawos (Fadi) El Tabchi
Párroco

First Reading - 2 Corinthians 11:21-30

A reading from the Second letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians. Your blessing father...

Brothers and Sisters:

To my shame, I must say, we were too weak for that! But whatever anyone dares to boast of I am speaking as a fool I also dare to boast of that. Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they descendants of Abraham? So am I. Are they ministers of Christ? I am talking like a madman I am a better one: with far greater labors, far more imprisonments, with countless floggings, and often near death. Five times I have received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I received a stoning. Three times I was shipwrecked; for a night and a day I was adrift at sea; on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from bandits, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brothers and sisters; in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, hungry and thirsty, often without food, cold and naked. And, besides other things, I am under daily pressure because of my anxiety for all the churches. Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to stumble, and I am not indignant? If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness.

Praise be to God always.

Gospel Reading - Saint Matthew 16:13-20

The Apostle Writes:

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you Simon, son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock, I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

This is the truth. Peace be with you.



فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الثانية إلى أهل قورنثس

يا إخوتي، أقول وأخجل، كما لو كنا ضِعْفَاء! وأقول كجَاهِل: إِنَّ كُلَّ مَا يَجْرُؤُ عَلَيْهِ هَؤُلَاءِ، أَجْرُؤُ عَلَيْهِ أَنَا أَيْضًا: أَهْمُ عِبْرَانِيُّونَ؟ أَنَا أَيْضًا عِبْرَانِيٌّ! أَهْمُ إِسْرَائِيلِيُّونَ؟ أَنَا أَيْضًا إِسْرَائِيلِيٌّ! أَهْمُ نَسْلُ إِبْرَاهِيمَ؟ أَنَا أَيْضًا نَسْلُ إِبْرَاهِيمَ! أَهْمُ خُدَّامُ لِلْمَسِيحِ؟ أَقُولُ كَمَنْ فَقَدْ صَوَّابُهُ: أَنَا أَكْثَرُ! فِي الْإِتْعَابِ أَكْثَرُ! فِي السُّجُونِ أَكْثَرُ! فِي الضَّرَبَاتِ أَكْثَرُ جِدًّا! فِي أخطَارِ الْمَوْتِ أَكْثَرُ بِمَرَّاتٍ كَثِيرَةٍ! تَلَقَّيْتُ الْجِلْدَ مِنَ الْيَهُودِ خَمْسَ مَرَّاتٍ، كُلُّ مَرَّةٍ أَرْبَعِينَ جِلْدَةً إِلَّا وَاحِدَةً! ضُرِبْتُ بِالْعِصِيِّ ثَلَاثَ مَرَّاتٍ! رُجِمْتُ مَرَّةً وَاحِدَةً! أَنْكَسَرْتُ بِي السَّفِينَةَ ثَلَاثَ مَرَّاتٍ! قَصَّيْتُ فِي عُرْضِ الْبَحْرِ لَيْلَةً وَنَهَارًا! قُمْتُ بِإِسْفَارٍ كَثِيرَةٍ، كُنْتُ فِي أخطَارٍ مِنَ الْأَنْهَارِ، أخطَارٍ مِنَ اللُّصُوصِ، أخطَارٍ مِنْ أُمَّتِي، أخطَارٍ مِنَ الْأَمَمِ، أخطَارٍ فِي الْمَدِينَةِ، أخطَارٍ فِي الصَّخْرَاءِ، أخطَارٍ فِي الْبَحْرِ، أخطَارٍ بَيْنَ الْإِخْوَةِ الْكَذِبَةِ! عَانَيْتُ النَّعَبَ، وَالْكَدَّ، وَالسَّهَرِ مَرَّاتٍ كَثِيرَةٍ، وَالْجُوعَ، وَالْعَطَشَ، وَالصَّوْمَ مَرَّاتٍ كَثِيرَةٍ، وَالْبَرْدَ، وَالْغُرْيَ! أَضِيفُ إِلَى ذَلِكَ، مَا عَلَيَّ مِنَ الْأَعْبَاءِ كُلِّ يَوْمٍ، وَالْأَهْتِمَامِ بِجَمِيعِ الْكَنَائِسِ! مَنْ يَضْعُفُ وَلَا أَضْعُفُ أَنَا؟ وَمَنْ يَقَعُ فِي الْخَطِيئَةِ وَلَا أَحْتَرِقُ أَنَا؟ وَإِنْ كَانَ لَا بُدَّ مِنَ الْإِفْتِخَارِ، فَأَنَا أَفْتَخِرُ بِأَوْهَانِي!

والتسبيح لله دائماً.

مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِيسِ مَتَّى

جَاءَ يَسُوعُ إِلَى نَوَاحِي قَيْصَرِيَّةِ فِيلِبُّسَ فَسَأَلَ تَلَامِيذَهُ قَائِلًا: "مَنْ يَقُولُ النَّاسُ إِنِّي أَنَا ابْنُ الْإِنْسَانِ؟". فَقَالُوا: "بَعْضُهُمْ يَقُولُونَ: يُوْحَنَّا الْمَعْمَدَانُ؛ وَآخَرُونَ: إِيْلِيَّا؛ وَغَيْرُهُمْ: إِرْمِيَا أَوْ أَحَدُ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ". قَالَ لَهُمْ: "وَأَنْتُمْ مَنْ تَقُولُونَ إِنِّي أَنَا؟". فَأَجَابَ سِمْعَانُ بُطْرُسُ وَقَالَ: أَنْتَ هُوَ الْمَسِيحُ ابْنُ اللَّهِ الْحَيِّ!". فَأَجَابَ يَسُوعُ وَقَالَ لَهُ: "طُوبَى لَكَ يَا سِمْعَانُ بَنَ يُونَا! لِأَنَّهُ لَا لَحْمَ وَلَا دَمَ أَظْهَرَ لَكَ ذَلِكَ، بَلْ أَبِي الَّذِي فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ. وَأَنَا أَيْضًا أَقُولُ لَكَ: أَنْتَ هُوَ بُطْرُسُ، أَيُّ الصَّخْرَةِ، وَعَلَى هَذِهِ الصَّخْرَةِ سَأَبْنِي بَيْعَتِي، وَأَبْوَابُ الْجَحِيمِ لَنْ تَقْوَى عَلَيْهَا. سَأُعْطِيكَ مَفَاتِيحَ مَلَكُوتِ السَّمَاوَاتِ، فَكُلُّ مَا تَرْتَبُطُهُ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ يَكُونُ مَرْبُوطًا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ، وَمَا تَحُلُهُ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ يَكُونُ مَحْلُولًا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ". حِينَئِذٍ أَوْصَى تَلَامِيذَهُ أَلَّا يَقُولُوا لِأَحَدٍ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْمَسِيحُ.

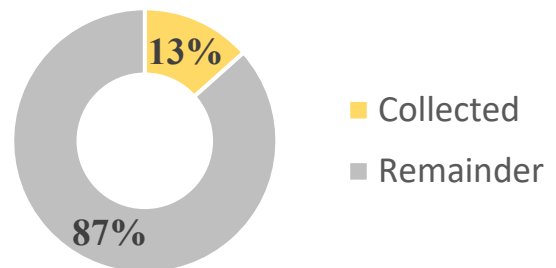
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