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Saint Maron
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May 17th, 2020

**Sixth Sunday of the Resurrection
of the Lord**

Luke 24:36-48

While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." But they were startled and



terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. Then he said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? **Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself.** Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have." And as he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.

While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed, he asked them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them. He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Messiah would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that **repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations**, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

This is the Truth. Peace be with you.

Liturgical Intentions

5/16	George and Vera Balakgie , requested by the family
5/17	William Slaiby , requested by Sam and Jane Slaiby Maron Jacob , requested Adla Keywan
5/23	Michael Kelmelis , requested by Adla Keywan
5/24	Maron Jacob , by his Goddaughter Karen Borla
5/30	Alan Mattson , requested by Marie Soliani
5/31	Aime and Eva Lacombs , by Sam and Jane Slaiby
6/6	40 Day mass for Joanne Harrington Costa , requested by her sister Kathleen Perrotti
6/7	
6/13	Michael Kelmelis , requested by Michael and Lisa Soliani, Maurice and Judy Theeb
6/14	Oliver and Lena Thebarga , by Sam and Jane Slaiby
6/20	40 Day Mass for Joe Nader , requested by his family
6/21	Joanne Costa , requested by Marie Soliani
6/27	Joe Nader , requested by Maurice and Ninette Barakat, Marie Soliani, and Adla Keywan
6/28	

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Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord

Sunday May 31
Pentecost Sunday

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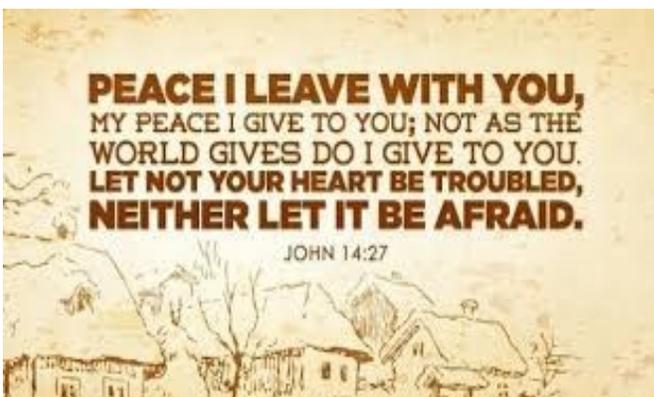
Prayer for Spiritual Communion

**PEACE I LEAVE WITH YOU,
MY PEACE I GIVE TO YOU; NOT AS THE
WORLD GIVES DO I GIVE TO YOU.
LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED,
NEITHER LET IT BE AFRAID.**

JOHN 14:27

O Divine Ocean of Mercy and Compassion, be with us in our time of trial and difficulties. Today I make an act of spiritual communion with you, the Life-Giving Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

At this time I am not able to receive the sacred body and blood of my Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ, but I choose to live in union with him and in the unity of the Holy Spirit. I offer my day, my daily life, my joys and sorrows to you, for those around me, and for the whole world. Be with us O life-giving Triune God, for we know that nothing in this world has power over us. O Lover of all people, have mercy on us and on the whole world.



Reflection on Luke 24:36-48

It's not enough that the tomb is empty. It's not enough to proclaim, "Christ is risen!" It's not enough to believe in the resurrection. At some point we have to move from the event of the resurrection to experiencing the resurrection. Experiencing resurrected life begins with recognizing the risen Christ among us. That is the gift of Easter and it is also the difficulty and challenge described in today's gospel.

With Jesus' resurrection, however, God shatters human categories of who God is, where God's life and energy are to be found, and how God works in this world. Resurrected life can never be comprehended, contained, or controlled by human thought or understanding. Jesus' resurrection compels us to step outside our usual human understandings of reality and enter into the divine reality.

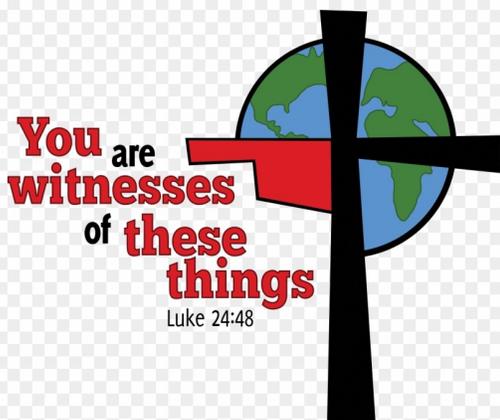
That new reality begins with touching and seeing, flesh and bones, hands and feet, and broiled fish. Jesus said to his disciples, "Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I

have." Then "he showed them his hands and his feet.

" After this he ate a piece of broiled fish in their presence. The resurrected life of Christ, it seems, is revealed in and through the created order. It is not, however, bound by the created order. Rather, the resurrected body and life of Christ unite the visible and invisible, matter and spirit, humanity and divinity. On the one hand Jesus has a real body. On the other hand it is not subject to the natural laws of time and space. It's not one or the other. It's both. It is a new and different reality.

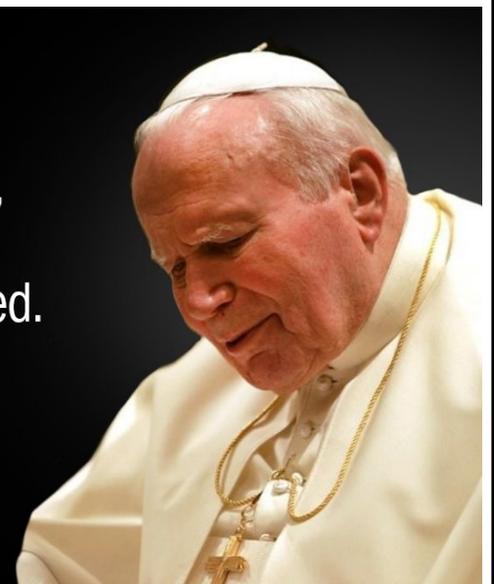
Let's not lose this moment. Let's not put this text behind

us. It is much too easy to come here each Sunday, listen to the gospel, hear, for better or worse, whatever I have to say, and then return to life as usual. Don't let that happen. Your life is too important to let that happen. "You are witnesses of these things," he says to us. Tell it. Live it. Become it. The resurrected life is yours.



I plead with you —
never, ever give up on hope,
never doubt, never tire,
and never become discouraged.
Be not afraid.

— Pope John Paul II



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