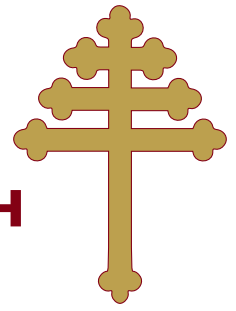




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Please contact our priest ASAP after the birth of your child.

RECONCILIATION

Before or after Liturgy or by appointment

MARRIAGE

Couples must contact our priest six months before the wedding.

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Be sure to visit from time to time for National Maronite News, pictures of parish events and other announcements!

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF
RESURRECTION SEASON**

SATURDAY, MAY 11
Adoration 4:00 p.m.; Liturgy at 4:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 12
Rosary at 9:30 a.m.; Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.

GOSPEL

JOHN 13:31-35



When he had left, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. (If God is glorified in him,) God will also glorify him in himself, and he will glorify him at once.

My children, I will be with you only a little while longer. You will look for me, and as I told the Jews, 'Where I go you cannot come,' so now I say it to you. I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." This is the Truth. Peace be with you.



THE WASHING OF THE FEET. *The Maronite Icons: Modern Sacred Art.* Dar Sader Publishers: Beirut 1999.
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A Blessing on Mother's Day

Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church. Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect.



Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

This week Father will pray the
ANAPHORA OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES
beginning on page 754

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 11 at 4:30 p.m.

Birthday remembrance for Maurice Theeb, Jr.
Requested by Michael & Lisa Soliani and
Donald & Sharon Newkirk

Sunday, May 12 at 10:00 a.m.

For the repose of the souls of Deirdre and Sheila Ivain
Requested by David Leard and Marilyn Vencel

Saturday, May 18 at 4:30 p.m.

For the repose of the souls George and Vera Balakgie
Requested by their children

Sunday, May 19 at 10:00 a.m.

For the repose of the souls of
Bill Boss, Richard Zummo, & Jim McKnight &
all the deceased of Vermont Law School Class of 1976
Requested by Sam and Jane Slaiby

Saturday, May 25 at 4:30 p.m.

For the repose of the soul of Raymond Hubert
Requested by his wife and children

Sunday, May 26 at 10:00 a.m.

Available

Saturday, June 1 at 4:30 p.m.

Available

Sunday, June 2 at 10:00 a.m.

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Saturday, June 8 at 4:30 p.m.

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Sunday, June 9 at 10:00 a.m.

Available

Saturday, June 15 at 4:30 p.m.

Available

Sunday, June 16 at 10:00 a.m.

Available

CHURCH SUPPORT

Weekend of May 4/5

Saturday, May 4 Offering:

1st Collection **\$387.00**

2nd Collection **\$155.00**

Sunday, May 5 Offering:

1st Collection **\$517.00**

2nd Collection **\$147.00**

Mail In: **\$715.00**

Bingo: **\$707.00**

Thank You!

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

The second collection on May 19 is for:

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN
50% of this collection is sent to the USCCB for national
Catholic television, radio and other media, and 50% is
retained by our Eparchy for the Maronite Voice and any
other communication needs we may have.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION



On Sunday, April 28, Diana and Rosa Maita made their confirmation. They are pictured here with their parents and Father Fadi.



COFFEE HOUR



With Mother's Day
on the second Sunday this month, and
the busy summer season in full swing
in the following months, coffee hour
will also be taking a vacation!
See you in October!



O Mary,
to you
I entrust my soul.

--Saint Nimatullah
Youssef Kassab Al-Hardini

MARY, OUR LADY.
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EPISTLE

EPHESIANS 1:15-23

Therefore, I, too, hearing of your faith in the Lord Jesus and of your love for all the holy ones, do not cease giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him. May the eyes of (your) hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call, what are the riches of glory in his inheritance among the holy ones, and what is the surpassing greatness of his power for us who believe, in accord with the exercise of his great might, which he worked in Christ, raising him from the dead and seating him at his right hand in the heavens, far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion, and every name that is named not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things beneath his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way. Praise be to God always.

Saturday June 8: BrewFest returns!

A MESSAGE ABOUT BREWFEST FROM SUB DEACON MIKE:

The BrewFest, St. Maron's biggest and most important fundraiser of the year, was the brain child 13 years ago of Mike Nejaime. Little did we know it would grow into such a massive, successful event. Last year we had over 1000 people attending! BrewFest is a huge undertaking and we are so blessed to have Brooker Memorial join us in it as our partner and dear friends.



This year we are planning on another hugely successful event. There will be live music, food trucks, wine, beer, alcohol, and other libations to enjoy, as well as many raffle prizes! In addition, many of our sponsors will be there, making it a great networking opportunity. All around, it is a wonderful world class event!

Please do your best to help us by volunteering or attending, and thank you to all those who are working so hard to ensure another sensational outcome. The success of BrewFest - which contributes to a major part of our parish finances - truly reside with all of us.

*Never be afraid of loving the Blessed Virgin too much.
You can never love her more than Jesus did.*

-- St. Maximilian Kobe



The Pastor's Corner

SHORT ARTICLES AND NOTES

My Dear Friends:

A very happy and blessed Mother's Day to all our mothers, grandmothers, aunts and all women who act as our mothers. Today, while we remember and honor our mothers with gratitude, we should also remember to take time during this beautiful month of May to honor our mother in heaven, the mother Jesus gave to all of us as he died on the cross - his own mother, Mary. Mary loves each one of us as her own child and she is always there to listen to our prayers, to intercede for us with her Son, and to guide us by her words in her many apparitions.

In Catholic tradition, May has been "Mary's Month" for almost a thousand years. Why May? Other months have very important Marian feasts such as her Assumption on August 15 and her Immaculate Conception on December 8. There seem to be two reasons for May, a natural one and a liturgical one.

St. John Henry Newman describes May as a poet might: *The first reason is because it is the time when the earth bursts forth into its fresh foliage and its green grass after the stern frost and snow of winter and the raw atmosphere and the wild wind and rain of the early spring. It is because the blossoms are upon the trees and the flowers are in the gardens. It is because the days have got long, and the sun rises early and sets late. For such gladness and joyousness of external Nature is a fit attendant on our devotion to her who is the Mystical Rose and the House of Gold.*

In other words, it is a season of light and Mary brought Light into the world; it is a season of joy and Mary brought true Joy into the world; it is a season of beauty and Mary brought eternal Beauty into the world.

The other, liturgical, reason is that May always falls during the Easter season, the season of Resurrection. In the readings during this time, Mary's presence, humble and discrete, is noted: *She is with the Apostles in the upper room as they prayed and waited for the Holy Spirit. Pope Benedict XVI says: In the days that followed the Lord's resurrection, the Apostles stayed together, comforted by Mary's presence, and after the ascension, they persevered with her in prayerful expectation of Pentecost. Our Lady was a mother and teacher to them, a role that she continues to play for Christians of all times...*

So, today, please pray for your mothers and grandmothers and anyone who has ever acted as mother towards you, and tell them "I love you." And during this month May, this month of Mary, don't forget to tell her as well, just as Jesus did so many times, "I love you."

As always, I pray that God will bless you all abundantly this coming week.

Fr. Fadi



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