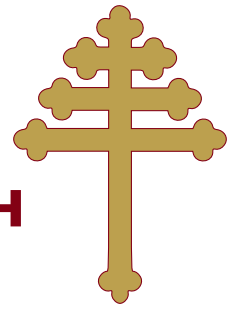




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Please contact our priest ASAP after the birth of your child.

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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!

PENTECOST

SATURDAY, MAY 18

Adoration 4:00 p.m.; Liturgy at 4:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 19

Rosary at 9:30 a.m.; Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.

GOSPEL

John 14:15-20



"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit

of truth, which the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows it. But you know it, because it remains with you, and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you.



PENTECOST. *The Maronite Icons: Modern Sacred Art.* Dar Sader Publishers: Beirut 1999. Via Maronite Heritage.com/icons

TWO DESCRIPTIONS OF PENTECOST BY ST. JOHN PAUL II

In the Acts of the Apostles, St Luke describes the extraordinary manifestation of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost as a communication of the very vitality of God who gives himself to men. This divine gift is also light and power: light, to proclaim the Gospel, the Truth revealed by God; power, to infuse the courage of witnessing to the faith, which the Apostles begin at that very moment. (May 18, 1997)

How can we not give thanks to God for the wonders the Spirit has never ceased to accomplish in these two millenniums of Christian life? Indeed, the event of grace at Pentecost has continued to bear its marvellous fruits, everywhere instilling apostolic zeal, a desire for contemplation, the commitment to live and serve God and our brothers and sisters with complete dedication. (May 31, 1998)

This week Father will pray the
ANAPHORA OF SAINT PETER
 beginning on page 774

MASS INTENTIONS

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

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

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

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

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.

For the repose of the soul of Elsie Dablain
Requested by Sam and Jane Slaiby

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

Available

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

For the repose of the souls of Nemer, Rose, Saad
and Elias Noujaim
Requested by Nassib and Toni Noujaim

For the intentions of the Bingo workers

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

Available

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

Available



To succeed in your intentions, entrust yourselves to the Blessed Virgin Mary always, but especially in moments of difficulty and darkness. From Mary we learn to surrender to God's will in things. From Mary we learn to trust even when all hope seems gone. From Mary we learn to love Christ, her Son and the Son of God... Learn from her to be always faithful, to trust that God's Word to you will be fulfilled, and that nothing is impossible with God.

-- St. John Paul II

Left: 6th century Byzantine mosaic of the enthroned Theotokos on the north wall of the Basilica di Sant'Apollinare Nuovo (New Basilica of Saint Apollinaris) at Ravenna, Emilia-Romagna, Italy

CHURCH SUPPORT

Weekend of May 11/12

Saturday, May 11 Offering:

1st Collection **\$418.00**

2nd Collection **\$149.00**

Sunday, May 12 Offering:

1st Collection **\$635.00**

2nd Collection **\$173.00**

Mail In: **\$300.00**

Bingo: **\$1008.50**

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.

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.

EPISTLE

Acts 2:1-21

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem. At this sound, they gathered in a large crowd, but they were confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language. They were astounded, and in amazement they asked, "Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans? Then how does each of us hear them in his own native language? We are Parthians, Medes, and Elamites, inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya near Cyrene, as well as travelers from Rome, both Jews and converts to Judaism, Cretans and Arabs, yet we hear them speaking in our own tongues of the mighty acts of God." They were all astounded and bewildered, and said to one another, "What does this mean?" But others said, scoffing, "They have had too much new wine." Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed to them, "You who are Jews, indeed all of you staying in Jerusalem. Let this be known to you, and listen to my words. These people are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'It will come to pass in the last days,' God says, 'that I will pour out a portion of my spirit upon all flesh. Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions, your old men shall dream dreams. Indeed, upon my servants and my handmaids I will pour out a portion of my spirit in those days, and they shall prophesy. And I will work wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below: blood, fire, and a cloud of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the coming of the great and splendid day of the Lord, and it shall be that everyone shall be saved who calls on the name of the Lord.'



The Pastor's Corner

SHORT ARTICLES AND NOTES

My Dear Friends:

This past week, a family podcast has come to my attention. **The Merry Beggars** (www.themerrybeggars.com) is the entertainment division of Relevant Radio, a Catholic radio network, whose mission is to bring Christ to the world. The Merry Beggars' particular mission within Relevant Radio is to heal our wider culture by providing families with support in building a beautiful culture within their own homes. They do this by providing exceptional audio entertainment for the whole family. One of their mainstays is their daily podcast **The Saints: Adventures of Faith and Courage**. These inspiring and often thrilling stories of the saints are brought to life with award-winning actors, writers and sound designers. Every week they focus on a different saint in a new five-episode adventure.

This past week their offering was the story of our own beloved St. Charbel!

As all the episodes of The Saints stay on the Merry Beggars website, it is not too late to listen to this wonderful dramatization of the life of St. Charbel. Nor is it too late to listen to other saints' stories such as St. George, St. John Paul II, St. Benedict, St. Bernadette, St. Juan Diego. These are just a very few of the many that have already aired. And, of course, there are new saints and episodes every week.

St. Charbel, by the way, felt the same way as The Merry Beggars towards the modern culture: *The war of the Evil One against the Lord is his war against the family, and the war of the Evil One against the family is the core of his war against the Lord. Because the family is the image of God, from the beginning of the creation of this universe, the Evil one is focusing on destroying the family, the foundation of God's plan.*

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

Fr. Fadi



O sinner, be not discouraged, but have recourse to Mary in all your necessities. Call her to your assistance, for such is the divine Will that she should help in every kind of necessity.

- Saint Basil the Great



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