

Our Lady of Lebanon Church - Easton

6th SUNDAY OF RESURECTION



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Gospel Reflection : LK : 24:36-48

But what said the Lord Jesus? "Why are ye troubled, and why do thoughts ascend into your hearts?" If thoughts ascend into your heart, the thoughts come from the earth. But it is good for a man, not that a thought should ascend into his heart, but that his heart should itself ascend upwards, where the Apostle would have believers place their hearts, to whom he said, "If ye be risen with Christ, mind those things which are above, where Christ is sitting at the right hand of God. Seek those things which are above, not the things which are upon the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ your life shall appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in glory." In what glory? The glory of the resurrection. In what glory? Hear the Apostle saying of this body, "It is sown in dishonor, it shall rise in glory." This glory the Apostles were unwilling to assign to their Master, their Christ, their Lord: **they did not believe that His Body could rise from the sepulcher: they thought Him to be a Spirit, though they saw His flesh, and they believed not their very eyes. Yet we believe them who preach but do not show Him. Lo, they believed not Christ who showed Himself to them.**

Malignant wound! Let the remedies for these scars come forth. "Why are ye troubled, and why do thoughts ascend into your hearts? See My hands and My feet," where I was fixed with the nails. "Handle and see." But ye see, and yet do not see. "Handle and see." What? "That a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have. When He had thus spoken," so it is written, "He showed them His hands and His feet." "And while they were yet in hesitation, and wondered for joy." Now there was joy already, and yet hesitation continued. For a thing incredible had taken place, yet taken place it had. Is it at this day a thing incredible, that the Body of the Lord rose again from the sepulcher? The whole cleansed world has believed it; whoso has not believed it, has remained in his uncleanness. Yet at that thee it was incredible: and persuasion was addressed not to the eyes only, but to the hands also, that by the bodily senses faith might descend into their heart, and that faith so descending into their heart might be preached throughout the world to them who neither saw nor touched, and yet without doubting believed. "Have you," said He, "anything to eat?" How much doeth the good Builder still to build up the edifice of faith? He did not hunger, yet He asked to eat. And He ate by an act of His power, not through necessity. So then let the disciples acknowledge the verity of His body, which the world has acknowledged at their preaching.



Words of Wisdom

- **NO FOR FOCA**
- *Ignorance of scripture is ignorance of Christ (St. Jerome)*
- *A lot of Kneeling will keep you in good standing*
- *Don't believe all you hear, spend all you have or sleep all you want.*
- *Open your arms to change, but don't let go of your values.*
- *Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.*
- *We cannot control the evil tongues of others; but a good life enables us to disregard them. (Cato the Elder)*



WEEKEND * 6TH SUNDAY OF RESURRECTION *****

Sat., May 16 – 5:00 P.M. – (anniversary mass) **James Stevens Jr. & Ida Stevens** by children & grandchildren
 Sun., May 17 – 10:00 A.M. – **TERESE NEHME** by daughter Charlotte Elias.

WEEKDAY LITURGIES

Monday	May 18	6:30 P.M	Anna John by Craig & Nancy Pijut
Tuesday	May 19	6:30 P.M	Clarence Stahl by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Jabeir
Wednesday	May 20	* * * *	No Daily Mass (day-off)
Thursday	May 21	6:30 P.M	ASCENSION THURSDAY - (Holy Day of obligation)
Friday	May 22	6:30 P.M	Helen Melhem by Mr. & Mrs. Alex Nagurney

NEXT WEEKEND * 7TH SUNDAY OF RESURRECTION -*****

Sat., May 23 – 5:00 P.M. – **Amira Moussa** (anniversary) by family
 Sun., May 24 – 10:00 A.M. – **Adeline karam** (2 years anniversary) by family



REPORT	INCOME	EXPENSES
JANUARY	23,623.56	26,722.96
FEBRUARY	20,340.63	17,410.61
MARCH	18,553.73	14,298.12
APRIL	20,769.50	25,907.56

HERITAGE DAY

AUGUST 1st and AUGUST 2nd

All are welcomed to join our Heritage Day team. Meetings and dates will be soon published.



BINGO	CALLER	KITCHEN	PAYOUT
May 19	Mike Boulos	Aziz Koury, Susie karam Louise Jacob	Antonios Jabbour Muncy Farhat
May 26	George Koorie	Aziz Koury Naomi Shiner	Antonios Jabbour

Readers

Saturday, May 16	Tony Lynn Melhem
Sunday, May 17	Marta Gabriel.
Saturday, May 23	Mona Melan
Sunday, May 24	Antoinette Elias
Saturday, May 30	Claire Willard
Sunday, May 31	Joe Jacob

Scripture Readings

6th Sunday after Resurrection

Rom 10: 1-13
 LK 24: 36- 48



DAY OFF Please be advised that Father Paul ' day off is Wednesday. On that day the Rectory's office will be closed. phone calls will go to an answering machine . For emergencies - Hospital calls- please call Abouna on his cellular or Deacon Anthony Koury.



MEETING

The Holy Name Society will be holding its monthly meeting directly after the mass on Sunday, May 17, 2009, in the church hall. All members, as well as new members are urged to attend. Main topic of discussion will be preparation of the parish breakfast to be held on Sunday, May 31.



We take a special moment in our day as we pray for all the sick in our parish, the shut-ins, and those recovering from any illness, surgery, or treatments. May the Good Lord touch them with His healing and restore them to a good health of body and soul.

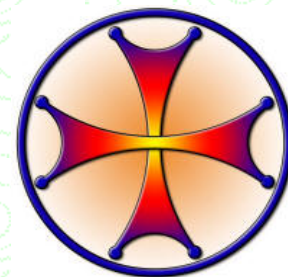
Please remember in your prayers this week: Yasmaine Shortell, karam Simon (Skimo), J.K & C.J.

PARISH



BREAKFAST

The Holy Name Society is sponsoring a parish breakfast in our church hall on Sunday, May 31, 2009, immediately following the Liturgy. Tickets are \$ 10.00 per family and \$ 3.00 per individual. Breakfast will be continental style. Please respond by May 28th. Tickets may be purchased from any Holy Name Society member after the weekend liturgies.



CAMEL BEACH WATER PARK

Date: June 25, 2009

RAIN DATE: June 26, 2009

Cost: \$ 18.99 OVER 21 / \$ 13.99 UNDER 21

The MYO is sponsoring a bus trip to Camel beach Water Park in Tannersville, PA. The buses will depart from the Kohl's parking lot on Route 248 at 9:00 a.m. The MYO will provide snacks and beverages. A tee shirt will be distributed to everyone prior to the trip. The MYO requests everyone to wear the tee shirt the day of the trip. The MYO requests payment at the time of reservation. The deadline for reservations is Wednesday, May 27, 2008.

Please contact Rhonda Elias at 610-905-0050 or Peter Koorie at 610-258-5798.

2nd Collection

MAY 17th

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Campaign

(Following the norms established by the USCCB, 50% of this collection is sent to them 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.)

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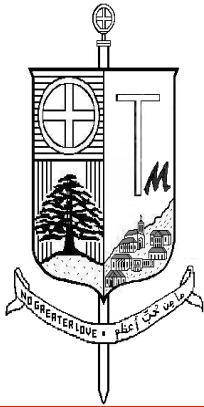


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www.mountlebanon.org

You can find us also at:

www.catholicweb.com church ID : 55071



Upon request of His Excellency Gregory Mansour Bishop of the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn, all parishioners can have access to a copy of the 2008 financial report of the Eparchy. Copies are available at the doors of the church. Please do not hesitate to request extra copies at any time from the rectory office.

New Financial Officer

Chorbishop Michael's term as Financial Officer of the Eparchy of Saint Maron recently expired on April 28, 2009. In accord with his wishes to be relieved of this assignment, I have appointed Mr. Anthony Budway to a five year term. Before his appointment, I consulted with the Eparchial Finance Council and College of Consultors (CCEO c. 262, §1). The members of both Councils assented unanimously.

Under Chorbishop Michael we have made tremendous progress. I am proud of the transparency, accountability and careful accounting of all aspects of Eparchial Stewardship. Chorbishop Michael will continue as Vicar General and Chancellor and will serve *ex officio* on the Finance Council.

I look forward to working with Mr. Anthony Budway to continue this careful stewardship. Anthony has served on the Eparchial Finance Council for many years, as accountant for his parish, President of the National Apostolate of Maronites, President of the Order of Sharbel and as an active and committed Maronite Catholic along with his wife and sons. He brings much experience and dedication to this office. You are asked to give him your full cooperation as his duty is "to supervise the administration of ecclesiastical goods in the whole Eparchy" (CCEO c. 262 §3).

With gratitude and appreciation for Chorbishop Michael, gratitude to Anthony for accepting this position, and with esteem to all of you who steward God's gifts so very carefully, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Gregory J. Mansour