

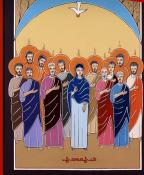
Our Lady of Lebanon Co-cathedral - Harris Park

Issue 29 | Sunday 19 May 2024 | Pentecost Sunday "On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you." Jn 14: 15-20



THE GOSPEL

Jesus said, "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 forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. Jn 14: 15-20



Pentecost Sunday Gen 11: 1-9 Acts 2: 1-21 In 14: 15-20



"O mother of God. wellspring of life, Pray for us!"

Blessings for the Month of May

Message from the Bishop

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As we celebrate the feast of Pentecost this Sunday, we are reminded of its inseparable connection with the glorious event of Easter. Pentecost is the fruit of Easter, the culmination of the Resurrection event that marks the pinnacle of our faith. Without the Lord's Resurrection from the dead, this feast would not exist in the life of the Church. It is through the Risen Christ who ascended to heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father, that the continuity of his salvific work is affirmed within the embrace of the Church through his accompanying and consoling Holy Spirit. The Resurrection, Ascension, and Pentecost are three events that integrate to bear the fruit of the Holy Spirit within the Church.

On Pentecost, let us consider how the Holy Spirit continues to lead and guide the Church today, just as He has since the beginning. It is the Holy Spirit who ensures that the Church remains a faithful witness to the presence of the Lord and proclaims His Gospel throughout the world. Through the grace of the Spirit, the Church bears the Gospel of Christ in the world today.

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of the Lord and the Spirit of the

Church, giving her life and the ability to continue as a witness to Jesus Christ. Just as the Spirit spoke through the prophets and inspired the writers of the sacred books. He now inspires the Church to discover more of Jesus' identity, presence, and work in the world today.

Let us also reflect on the significance of the Holy Spirit in our individual lives. He dwells within us, transforming us into temples of the Holy Spirit. Through the Spirit, we are enabled to pray and cry out to God as children, confident in our identity as sons and daughters of the Father. We seek to spread the word of God in the world, knowing that our true home is where the Lord Jesus stands at the right hand of the Father.

In this Marian month, let us look to Mary who experienced the Spirit in her unique Pentecost. Our Maronite iconography for this feast portray's her standing at the centre of the disciples in the upper room. In her example, let us strive to carry the Lord to others in the silence of faith and the holiness of life. May we make our lives a continuous hymn of praise to the Lord through the Spirit dwelling within us.

On this Pentecost, the birthday of the Church, may the Holy Spirit continue to guide us to draw ever closer to the heart of the Father. Amen.

+ Antoine-Charbel Tarabay

SUNDAY HOLY LITURGIES

OLOL Co-Cathedral, Harris Park 8am (Arabic) 9:30am (English) 11am (Ar/Eng) 5pm (Ar/Eng)

7pm (Eńglish) Live Streaming Through Social Media

WEEKLY HOLY LITURGIES

Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 7am, 9am & 6pm

Wed 7am, 9am & 5:30pm(Ar) 7pm (English Youth) Sat 7:30am & 6pm (Ar/Eng)

CONFESSIONS

Before and during Saturday 6pm and Sunday Masses or by appointment on weekdays

WEEKDAY DEVOTIONS

Mon - Sat 8:30am (Arabic)| 7pm(English)

Divine Mercy followed by Rosary Fri 7:30pm

Adoration Hour & Confessions Thur 8 pm - 9 pm

24 Hour Adoration Every first Friday of the month from 9:30 a.m - Saturday 7:30

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Reborn in the Spirit of God

The "Advocate" that Jesus sent to his disciples and to all the Church on earth, gave new life to all upon whom HE rested. Therefore, we could say that we have been "reborn" from above, or "born again" to a new life in Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit, a great change is made in the heart of a sinner, and this rebirth from heaven is quite different from the first, changing one's life from that which was known before

It means that something is done in us, and for us, which we cannot do for ourselves. We are renewed with a new nature, new affections, and new aims. This regenerating work of the Holy Spirit is compared to wind and water. Without that new birth, which is wrought by the Spirit, and signified by Baptism, we cannot see the kingdom of Heaven. God directs the Spirit who sends His influences where and when, on whom, and in what measure and degree, He pleases.

When our lives are consumed by the things of this world, we may sometimes feel hopeless and the temptations are too strong to resist. Isn't it wonderful that our God does not close the doors of salvation on our yearning hearts, even when we continue to fall? By virtue of our Baptism, we are already on the path to Heaven, but we must 'walk the walk' and not just 'talk the talk'. It is, by far, easier to preach the Word of God than to live it. If not for the power of the Holy Spirit at work in our lives and in our soul, we would rightly have little hope in our salvation. For it is the Spirit of God who knows the very depth of our being and every intention of our heart, and through His influence our lives are changed for the better - but only if we choose to make this change through our own free will.

Those who have been forgiven much, love much. It is the converted soul that is the most generous soul of all. The birth pains of change are as real as any other birth. There is struggle and there is difficulty in the process. Our consolation is in knowing that our rebirth is

initiated from above and we must cling to that hope and faith that also comes by that same power of the Holy Spirit. He came to bring fire to the earth, and it's up to us to allow that fire to be blazing in our hearts. But do not leave that flame of love in your hearts alone...be the fire that sparks other hearts and inflames them with the Holy Spirit. How? By loving as Christ loved us and by giving without counting the cost. By allowing our hearts and minds to be connected with the Will of the Father. Each day I pray: Lord, incline my heart unto Your Will. The Blessed Trinity does the rest! May the Holy Spirit continue to fill the hearts of the faithful with His gifts and power.

Salwa Elias

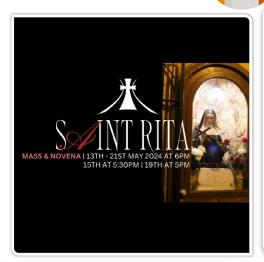
QUESTION

is meant by the term "heaven'

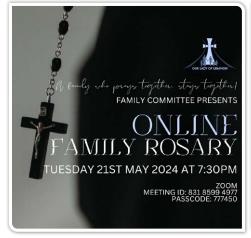
By "heaven" is meant the state of supreme and definitive happiness. Those who die in the grace of God and have no need of further purification are gathered around Jesus and Mary, the angels and the saints. They thus form the Church of heaven, where they see God "face to face" (1 Corinthians 13:12) They live in a communion of love with the Most Blessed Trinity and they intercede for us.
"True and subsistent life consists in this: the Father, through the Son and in the Holy Spirit, pouring out his heavenly gifts on all things without exception. Thanks to his mercy, we too, men that we are, have received the inalienable promise of eternal life. (Saint Cyril of Jerusalem)

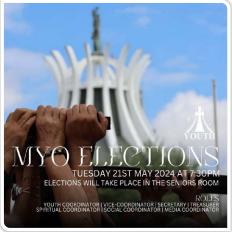
ANSWER













PARISH NOTICE BOARD

Sunday 19 May:

Pentecost Sunday – Rite of Adoration and Blessing of the Water

Masses 8:00am, 9.30am, 11:00am, 5:00pm and 7:00pm

11:00am One Year Mass for the late Saba Elias Rizkallah Bechara from Blouza

5:00pm One Year Mass for the late Jamil Kosseifi from Baabda

Wednesday 22 May:

Feast of St Rita

7:00pm Mass for the Feast of St Rita with the presence of Her Relics with the Blessing of the Roses, oil and bread, followed by Hrissi

Friday 24 May:

6:00pm 40 Day Mass for the late Hanna Nehmtallah Roumanous from Blouza

Saturday 25 May:

6:00pm One Year Mass for the late Jamile Boutros Youssef Bou Antoun from Imar wife of Rameh Bakhos Elkhoury from Kahef Al Malloul

Sunday 26 May: Trinity Sunday

11:00am 40 Day Mass for the late Saide Massoud Eid Boughosn from Darebaachtar widow of the late Boutros Nasser from Tannourine

5:00pm 40 Day Mass for the late Najla Nayef Younan from Wadi Qannoubine widow of the late Chafic Assad Wehbe from Blouza

PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION & LOANS REPAYMENTS

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS For week ending: 12/05/2024

Plates: \$13,324 | Donations: \$1,840 | Candles: \$315

PARISH LOANS | MONTHLY LOAN REPAYMENTS

CYPC: \$3,286,614 **CYPC:** \$38,152 INTEREST + PRINCIPAL **UNITS:** \$1,072,764 **UNITS:** \$12,652 INTEREST + PRINCIPAL



THE STORY OF SAINT RITA

Rita always wanted to be a from when she was a young girl. Her parents howe plans. Rita was their only child and they wanted her to get married, so being a nun was not an	ver, had other
This made Rita and she spent much time about it and asking f	or guidance.
Rita chose to obey her parents and follow their wishes. Unfortunately, the man that Rita's pare was not a kind man. Rita was married to Paolo Mancini, he had a bad temper and often got She remained loving towards her husband and his att he became a, caring and faithful man. They had two children.	Rita
One day, Paolo was murdered, and her sons and their uncle were angry. They wanted revenge committing murder was a and she begged them not to, but they wouldn't lister God and Rita's sons died before they were able to carry out this terrible sin.	, Rita knew that
Rita was free from her family and responsibilities. She entered a convent to be a nun, con just like she wanted. Rita forgave whoever murdered her husband, but the conworried about the safety of the other nuns. She needed to bring between the involved first.	nvent was still
With great courage and the families became friends and with God's help Rita vere-enter the Augustinian She served her life as a nun and lived her days engaging is celebrated on her feast day May 22. Saint Rita is the saint of causes, she is of Cascia.	vas allowed to ng in prayer. She known as the
WORD BANK	

strength nun peace impossible angry praying God convent rose loving sad patience sin















Group 1			
Monday 20 May	Samira Elias	5/24 York Street, Fairfield 2165	
Tuesday 21 May	Tania Wehbe	149A Bettington Rd, Oatlands 2117	
Wednesday 22 May	Diane Bou Merhy	9 Princes street Guildford West 2161	
Thursday 23 May	Jessica Taouk	6A Chelsea Street, Merrylands 2160	
Friday 24 May	St Raymond Charity	13 Jamieson St, Granville 2142	

Group 2			
Laura Akoury	19 Vivienne St, Woodpark 2164		
Salim and Nina Zeait	70 Chetwynd Rd, Merrylands 2160		
Louie & Sue Boufrancis	227 Excelsior St, Guildford 2161		
Noura Yammine	62 Hiltop Road, Merrylands 2160		
Rhonda Wehbe	18 Ritchie Street, Granville 2142		

Group 3			
Monday 20 May	Guitta Elias	20 Dorothy St, Merrylands 2160	
Tuesday 21 May	Sylvia Aslanian	9 Lena Place, Merrylands 2160	
Wednesday 22 May	Jamie Rahme	18 b Fowler Rd, Merrylands 2160	
Thursday 23 May	Rita Francis	58 Hanbury St, Greystanes 2145	
Friday 24 May	Denise Toubia	4 Mason St, Merrylands 2160	































لوحة إعلانات الرعية

الأحد ١٩ أيار:

أحد العنصرة، رتبة سجدة العنصرة وتبريك المياه

القداسات ۴۰۰۰، ۹۰۳۰ و ۱۱۰۰۰ صباحاً ، ۵۰۰۰ و۷۰۰۰ مساءً

السنة للمرحوم سابا الياس رزق الله بشارة من بلوزاالسنة للمرحوم جميل قصيفى من بعبدا

الأربعاء ١٢ أيار: عبد القديسة بيتا

عيد القديسة ريتا

 ۷:۰۰ قداس إحتفالي بمناسبة عيد القديسة ريتا بحضور ذخائر القديسة مع تبريك الورد، الزيت والخبز يليه هريسة العيد

الجمعة ٢٤ أيار:

السبت ٢٥ أيار:

السنة للمُرحومة جميلة بطرس يوسف بو أنطون من عيمار زوجة رامح باخوس الخوري من كهف الملّول

الأحد ٢٦ أيار: أ

أحد الثالوث الأقدس

الله المرحومة سيدة مسعود عيد بو غصن من دربعشتار أرملة المرحوم بطرس نصر من تنورين ويترين المرادوم بطرس نصر من تنورين المرادوم بطرس نصر من تنورين المرادوم بطرس نصر من تنورين المرادوم ا

در بعد المرحومة نجلا نايف يونان من وادي قنوبين أرملة المرحوم شفيق أسعد وهبه من بلوزا

التمثّل بهم؟ مواهب الروح فائقة الطبيعة وهي موجودة في كل إنسان معمّد. جميعنا معمّدون، أين عجائبنا؟

والعجيبة الأولى أن يكتشف كل شخص منا ذاته لكي يكتشف الآخرين ويحبِّهم، فنتحد حقاً في جسد المسيح السري من خلال مواهب الروح القدس.

صلاة الى الروح القدس

هلمٌ أيها الرّوح القدس وأرسل من السماء شعاع نورك. هلمٌ يا أبا المساكين، هلمٌ يا معطي المواهب، هلمٌ يا ضياء القلوب.

أيّها المعزّي الجليل، يا ساكن القلوب العذب، أيتها الاستراحة اللذيذة.

أنت في التعب راحة وفي الحرّ اعتدال وفي البكاء تعزية.

أيّها النور الطوباوي، إملأ باطن قلوب مؤمنيك، لأنّه بدون قدرتك لا شيء في الإنسان ولا شيء طاهر. طهّر ما كان دنساً، أسقٍ ما كان يابساً، إشفِ ما كان معلولاً.

ليّن ما كان صلباً، أضرم ما كان بارداً، دبّر ما كان حائداً. أعطِ مؤمنيك المتّكلين عليك المواهب السبع، إمنحهم ثواب الفضيلة، هب لهم غاية الخلاص، أعطهم السرور الأبدي، آمين.





العذراء مريم أوّل مَن امتلأ من الروح القدس ومواهبه، فهي القوية التقية التي تخاف

الله، عاشت بروح المعرفة وشاورت الحكمة الإلهية قبل أن تقول "نعم" للملاك، وبـ "نَعَمها" نشرت الفرح، إذ بشّرت السماء عبر هذه الـ "نَعَم" بأنه أصبح عندها أم، وبشّرت الأرض بأنه صار عندها أب.

ومشاورة الحكمة الإلهية تتم بالصلاة، لأن الصلاة مشورة للروح القدس، ومن خلال هذه المشورة ننتصر على الخطيئة ونفهم الله وذواتنا. حتى الرب يسوع كان يصلّي قبل أن يقوم بأيّ عمل، كان يشاور الروح، فهل نحن أفضل منه لكي لا نفعل مثله؟ وفهْمُ الله لا يعني بالضرورة أنه علينا أن نفهم الثالوث! لم يأتِ يسوع ليعلّمنا اللاهوت، بل كيف نلبسه بناسوتنا فنعيش الكلمة لنصل إليه فنندمج بقلب الله. الكلمة وصلت إلينا من السماء، والرب يسوع زوّدنا بالروح القدس لكي نصير بقوة مواهبه أنبياء العهد الجديد، بحيث نحمل الكلمة، نفهمها، نعيشها ونعطيها. الكلمة لبست كلّ نحمل الكلمة الله.

بعيشنا الكلمة نتلقى مواهب الروح القدس فلا يأكل القوي الضعيف، ولا يحتقر الغني الفقير، بل نصبح واحداً، ميزتنا الروح الذي يطلقنا في مسيرة نتعرّف من خلالها على أنفسنا، فنبني ذواتنا ونبني الجماعة. هذا جمال جسد المسيح السري، من خلاله تتفاعل المواهب وتتعاون لتبني بعضها البعض. ومواهب الروح تقدّس أيضاً العلاقة الجسدية بين الزوجين، لأن روح الله تقودها، فلا تعود مبنية على الشهوة التي تلد الخطيئة والموت، بل على الحتّ الذي يلد النعمة والحياة.

مواهب الروح القدس وُهبت لنا مجاناً، لماذا لا نستعملها؟ لدينا المواهب ذاتها التي لدى شربل ورفقا وسائر القديسين! هم يجترحون المعجزات، فما الذى يمنعنا من

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اتدرائيّة سـيدة لـبـنـان - هاريـس بارك

عدد ٢٩ | الأحد ١٩ أيار ٢٠٢٤ | أحد العنصرة" في ذلك اليوم، تعرفون أنّي أنا في أبي، وأنتم فيَّ، وأني فيكم. "يو ١٥:١٤ عدد ٢٩ | الأحد ١٩ أيار ٢٠٤٤ |



قال الرب يسوع لتلاميذه: "إن تحبّوني، تُحفظوا وصاياي. وأنا أسأل الآب فيعطيكم بارقليطًا آخر مؤيّدًا يكون معكم إلى الأبد. هو روح الحقّ الذي لا يقدر العالم أن يقبله، لأنه لا يراه ولا يعرفه. أما أنتم فتعرفونه، لأنه مقيمٌ عندكم، وهو فيكم. لن أترككم يتامى. إني أتي إليكم. عمًّا قليلٍ لن يراني العالم، أما أنتم فترونني، لأني أنا حيٍّ، وأنتم ستحيون. في ذلك اليوم، تعرفون أنّى أنا في أبي، وأنتم فيَّ، وأنى فيكم. " يو ١١٥١٤-٢٠



اُنتِ النَّهِ الْأَكْرِهُ عند ابناک یا مریه " شهر مریمی مبارك

"لن أترككم يتامحو"

بعد خمسين يومًا من قيامة الربّ يسوع من بين الأموات، حلّ الروح القدس على الرسل الإثني عشر وعلى مريم أمّ يسوع وبعض النسوة وهم مجتمعون في العليّة. "وكان صوت رياح شديدة، وظهرت ألسنةً من نار استقرّت على كل واحد منهم، فإمتلأوا من الروح القدس، وأخذوا يتكلّمون بلغات غير لغتهم، كما كان الروح يؤتيهم أن ينطقوا". لقد أدخلهم الروح القدس في سر موت الرب يسوع وقيامته، ففهموا وتغيّروا وتبدّلوا وتشجّعوا. وبعد ان كانوا جُهّالاً خائفين ومجتمعين في غرفة مغلقة، شرَّعوا الابواب، ونزلوا الى الساحات، وأخذوا يبشّرون بيسوع المسيح، ولا يخافون الرضطهاد والموت.

ويواصل الربّ يسوع هبة الروح القدس للكنيسة ولكلّ مؤمن ومؤمنة يحبّه ويلتزم بحفظ وصاياه. لقد وعد: "لن أترككم يتامى"، لأنّ الروح القدس البارقليط سيكمّل دور يسوع مع التلاميذ ومع الكنيسة ومع المؤمنين وسيكون لهم بمثابة الأخ والصديق والرفيق والمعلّم...هذا الروح البارقليط المعزّى يعمل في داخل



أمر العنصرة تكوين ۱۱:۱-۹ أعمال الرسل ۲:۱-۱۲ يو ۱۵:۱۵-۲۰

كل إنسان معمّد من خلال مواهبه السبع. بعضها يُنير عقلنا والإيمان، وهي الحكمة والمعرفة والفهم، وبعضها يشدّد الإرادة والرجاء وهما المشورة والقوّة، وبعضها يملأ القلب ويذكي المحبّة وهما التقوى ومخافة الله. فبدون مواهب الروح لا ندخل في سرّ الله.

إن زمن العنصرة هو زمن إعلان قيامة الرّب للكون بأسره. هو إعلان بدأته جماعة الرّسل بعد حلول الرّوح، ولا يزال مستمرّاً حتى اليوم ويستمرّ الى نهاية الأزمنة، يوم تسجد كلّ ركبة، وتعلن كلّ شفة أن المسيح هو الرّب، وهو الرّب القائم من بين الأموات. فزمن العنصرة هو زمن الكنيسة المبشّرة التي تكمَّل في التاريخ عمل سيّدها الخلاصيّ، زمن الرُسل المرسَلين ليعلنوا إنجيل الرّب القائم، ويدعوا الكون للتوبة والعودة الى الرّب، لأنّ الساعة قد اقتربت. فلننفتح على عمل الروح لنحيا، نفك القيود، نتحرَّر، نحب يسوع نعمل بحسب وصاياه، نبني الشركة بيننا وبين إخوتنا. نتحرر من الخطيئة، نكسر الحواجز، نحب فنكون حقّاً رسل المسيح في هذا العالم.

IN OUR PRAYERS



Lord, may all the faithful departed whom we entrust to Your care, be held securely in Your Loving embrace for all eternity especially those we Pray for: (A) All the departed souls, All the lost souls, All the faithful departed, All the souls in Purgatory, All souls who have no one to pray for them (B) Milia Bou Raidan (C) (D) (E) Matthew Essey (F) (G) (H) Maurice & Martha Jamil Haddad, Paul & Madeline Haddad & Son Joseph & daughter Colleen George (I) (J) Jamil Kamel Mtanios Jabbour (K) Baraban Georges Karam, Sarkis Chucri Khoudair, Tanious Elias Kassi and the deceased of his family, Genevieve Khoury and all the departed of Khoury & Elzahoul families (L) (M) Youssef Maroon & his wife Ghsoun, Betty Merhi, Bechara Boutrous Moussa, Robert Bechara Moussa, Nancy Malkoun (N) (O) (P) (Q) (R) Jamil & Labibi Roumanus and all their deceased family & friends, Raymond & Etour Romanos & their son Joe Romanos, Rizk Family (S) Youssef Mikhael Shaheen, Nabih Nassim Saad & his children Kevin & Emile, Saba Family (T) Tanna Family (U) (V) (W) (X) (Y) (Z)