

Message from the Bishop

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

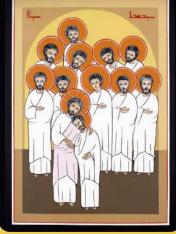
In the Maronite Church, we call this Sunday "New Sunday," because it is the first Sunday of the Season of the Resurrection, when sin and death have been overcome, and a new life begins: a life in God, for God, and journeying to God, like pilgrims on the road.

The Gospel for today is from St John. At the beginning of the passage, we are told that Christ appeared to His disciples, and standing in the middle of them, said: "Peace to you!" The final words of the passage are St John's own statement that this was "written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name."

So the beginning of this reading is the Lord's message of peace, and the conclusion of it is the evangelist's declaration of salvation for those who have faith in Christ. In between these two comes the testing of St Thomas the Apostle, a story we all know.

Christ's first words to Thomas were words of peace. If we could remember that when we are speaking to those who are doubting the faith, perhaps we could touch their hearts with something of the peace of God.

It was for us that all this took place, so that we would know that we would inherit the blessing which Our Lord promised to those who had not seen and yet believed. And really, are we not in a similar position to Thomas? We know a great deal about Our Lord. We have the accounts of the Gospels, and we know how the early Christians taught and spread the word,



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facing martyrdom without a second thought. And we see Him at work in our own lives.

This is why our witness is so important – because other people are looking at us, the Christians, to find the evidence of Christ in our lives. Any sign of holiness and faith can touch someone, we never know how.

So on this New Sunday, a question arises for us: where do we see Christ? He is all around us if we have the eyes to see, and the ears to hear. But have we opened them? And then, the next question is can other people see Christ in us? And if not, then why not? Finally, when our days are done and we come to the end of our lives, will we see Christ? Let us live our lives with this hope, looking and listening for Him, believing with the Apostles, that He has risen.

Al Maseeh qam!

+ Antoine-Charbel Tarabay

SUNDAY HOLY LITURGIES
OLOL Co-Cathedral, Harris Parl

8 a.m (Arabic)
9:30 a.m (English)
11 a.m (Ar/Eng)
5 p.m (Ar/Eng)
7 p.m (English)
Live Streaming
Through Social Media

WEEKLY HOLY LITURGIES

Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 7 a.m, 9 a.m & 6 p.m

Wed 7 a.m, 9 a.m & 5:30 p.m (Arabic) 7 p.m (English Youth) **Sat** 7:30 a.m & 6 p.m (Ar/Eng)

CONFESSIONS

Before and during Saturday 6p.m and Sunday Masses or by appointment on weekdays

WEEKDAY DEVOTIONS

Rosary: Mon - Sat 8:30am (Arabic) | 7 p.m (English) Divine Mercy followed by Rosary

Adoration Hour Thur 8 pm - 9 pm

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

CONTAC

Fr Tony Sarkis (Dean): 0433 211 248 Fr Youwakim Noujaim: 0406 060 445 Fr Charbel Dib: 0410 759 795 Fr John-Paul Bassil: 0401 545 454 Fr Youssef Matta: 0427 922 092 Fr Yuhanna Azize: 0435 764 824 Fr Bernard Assi: 0411 811 807 Fr Pierre Khoury: 0411 735 258 Fr Paul Joubeir: 0414 900 016 Parish Office: 9689 2899

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Dear brothers and sisters,

This Sunday we arrive at what is known in our Maronite Church as the New Sunday. Many may ask why do we call it by such a title. Firstly, it is new because Jesus who rose on a Sunday makes Sunday the important day of the week. It transfers the new followers from worship on the Sabbath or Saturday to Sunday. Secondly, it is called "new" because there is no longer a commandment nor a decree for worship on a Sunday, all that is decreed is that Christ rose on this day and every Sunday thereafter we see Jesus appearing to His disciples and others. Therefore, in the early Church, every Sunday became a meeting with the Risen Christ and His faithful people through the breaking of bread and drinking of the cup, done in memory of Christ. Keeping with this Sacred Tradition, the Church today celebrates its holy day of worship on a Sunday, where Christ appears to the faithful people through His Body and Blood.

The Resurrection of our Lord is the pillar on which our faith is built. If it was not for the Resurrection, then our faith would be futile. Saint Paul teaches us that "if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain" (1 Cor 15:14). The Resurrection is the most important event in the history of humanity. However, it is an event that challenges us personally because it is beyond our human understanding. Jesus dislikes those who look for signs and miracles to believe and this week he puts Thomas (and us) to the test. The gift of our faith is a gift of love and trust. Although we have not seen with our own eyes, this gift of love and trust drives us to believe and to be witnesses to the truth of the Resurrection of Jesus. This is what our Christian world needs today, a true testimony to faith through deeds and words. Our daily challenge is to profess this truth with love and trust!

During this Season of the Glorious Resurrection, you will notice that the Clergy do not bow at the time of the Epiclesis or calling down of the Holy Spirit. This is because the Church with its Priests continues to celebrate the Rising of Christ from the dead. This will conclude at the Feast of Pentecost, celebrated 50 days after the Resurrection.

The Divine Mercy Novena began on Great Friday and will conclude with prayers, confession and a Mass today beginning at 3pm. Thank you to Deacon Robert Albayeh and the Divine Mercy team for organising the prayers and celebrations. Speaking of Divine Mercy, I would like to encourage you all to participate in our upcoming events and celebrations. These include the commemoration of the Australian and New Zealand martyrs on ANZAC Day. Let us honour our martyrs, offering them an act of fidelity and gratitude through a thanksgiving Mass at dawn on Monday 25 April, at 5.30 am. As one family, let us profess the faith of the martyrs and honour their sacrifice with gratitude. Also, in the month of May, I encourage you to participate in the home visit rosary nights. There are still a few spots available if you would like to book them.

Let us all work together as active members of the Body of Christ so that through all these events and celebrations we can truly glorify God and serve His people.

Father Tony Sarkis

QUESTION

What does the Spirit do in the Church ?

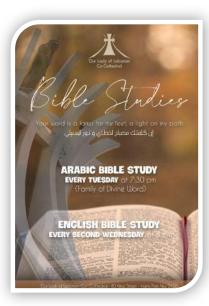
The Spirit builds,
animates & sanctifies
the Church. As the Spirit of Love,
he restores to the baptised the
divine likeness that was lost
through sin and causes them to
live in Christ the very life of the
Holy Trinity. He sends them forth
to bear witness to the Truth of
Christ and he organises them in
their respective functions
so that all might bear
"the fruit of the Spirit"
(Galatians 5:22)

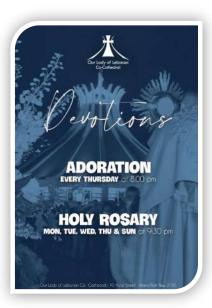
ANSWER



UPCOMING EVENTS







PARISH NOTICE BOARD

Sunday 24 April:

New Sunday - Divine Mercy

9:30am 40 Ďay Mass for thé late Hawa Esmayin Frangieh widow of the late Lotfallah Geaitani from Zgharta

11:00am 40 Day Mass for the late George Phillip Moubarak from Deir Al Kamar

5:00pm Divine Mercy Mass

7:00pm 40 Day Mass for the late Mary Boulos wife of Patrick Essey from Kfarsghab

Monday 25 April:

Anzac Dav

5:30am Anzac Day Mass

6:00pm The late Saide Tannous Youssef wife of Daas Sarkis from Memneh-Akkar (died in Lebanon)

Tuesday 26 April:

11:30am Funeral for the late Therese Mehsen Farah from Byaireh wife of Semaan Elias Bou Semaan from Blouza **6:00pm** The late Auror Ghaleb Frangieh widow of the late Maurice Youssef Jittany from Zgharta

Friday 29 April:

6:00pm40 Day Mass for the late Tony Selman Ters from Hraykes

Saturday 30 April:

6:00pm Áll livings and departed of Zgharteghrine for the Feast of St George

Sunday 1 May:

3rd Sunday of Resurrection – St Joseph the Worker

8:00am Sodality Mass

9:30am 40 Day Mass for the late Yvette Mikhael Doueihi from Zgharta widow of the late Habib Badwi Zeaiter from Bane **11:00am** 40 Day Mass for the late Vivianne Ramez Harbieh wife of Joseph Asaad Dahdah from Zgharta

5:00pm 40 Day Mass for the late Zara Said Gebrael widow of the late Joseph Ronald Coorey from Kfarsghab

PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION & LOANS REPAYMENTS

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS For week ending: 17/04/2022
Plates: \$57,298.9 | Donations: \$600 | Candles: \$3,569.2
PARISH LOANS MONTHLY LOAN REPAYMENTS

CYPC: \$3,740,247.98 **CYPC:** \$31,673 POST-COVID INTEREST + PRINCIPAL UNITS: \$1,218,907.97 **UNITS:** \$10,054 POST-COVID INTEREST + PRINCIPAL





What's happening in your parish? Well, it only takes a few small steps into our doors (& social media pages) to find out!

Last Saturday evening

His Excellency Bishop
Antoine-Charbel Tarabay
celebrated the Rite of
Peace and Solemn Liturgy
of the Resurrection along
with all the clergy of OLOL.
It was beautiful to see our
parish overflowing with
many parishioners to
celebrate Christ's
Resurrection.
Christ is Risen, He is truly
Risen and we are
witnesses to that!

On Wednesday

The Sodality committee along with Fr Youwakim organised a parish bus trip to experience chestnut picking. Mass was celebrated at Berima and the journey continued to our chestnut picking experience.

The committee members prepared lunch which was well enjoyed by all.

At night Fr Danny Nouh led this week's Faith on Fire (English

week's Faith on Fire (English Faith talk), with the topic "The Resurrection: Christ is Risen". It was great to explore such a beautiful topic as we celebrate Christ's Resurrection.

Last Sunday

Many parishioners
attended the many
Masses offered to
celebrate The
Resurrection of Our Lord.
May the light of Christ
shine within all your
hearts and homes.

On Easter Monday

the MYDC held their annual Maronite Sports Day for all the parishes. It was a fun, interactive and competitive day. Team OLOL came third place, well done to all our team members!

On Thursday evening

we came together to adore our Lord with Adoration. It was a prayerful and reflective night as we spent time with Jesus. Come and spend some time with Jesus next Thursday at 8pm.

Life is Colorful With Jesus 1 - Red is for the blood He gave 2 - Green is for the grass He made 3 - Yellow is for the sun so bright 4 - Orange is for the edge of night 5 - Black is for the sins we made 6 - White is for the grace He gave - Purple is for His hour of sorrow 8 - Pink is for our new tomorrow

Keep up to date with all spiritual and social initiatives of your parish by checking our social media platforms, keeping your ears peeled to the latest parish announcements and being subscribed to our newsletter.





























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لوحة إعلانات الرعية

الأحد ٢٤ نيسان

الأحد الجديد - عيد الرحمة الإلهية

- ٩٠٣٠ أربعون المرحومة حواً إسماعين فرنجية أرملة المرحوم لطف الله إلجعيتاني من زغرتا
 - اأربعون المرحوم جورج فيليب مبارك من دير القمر
 - **٠:٠٠** قِداس الرحمة الْإلهَية
 - اربعون المرحومة Mary بولس زوجة باتريك Essey من كفرصغاب

الإثنين ٢٥ نيسان Anzac Day

ە.۳۰ صباحاً قداس على نية شهداء أوستراليا بمناسبة Anzac Day ٠٠٠٠ مساءً المرحومة سيدة طنُّوس يوسف زوجة دعَّاس سركيس من ممنع – عكار (متوفاة في لبنان)

الثلاثاء ٢٦ نيسان

- ٣٠٠ دفن المرحومة تريز محسن فرح من البحيرة زوجة سمعان الياس بو سمعان من بلوزا
 - ··· الْمَرِحُومة أُورُور غَالَبٌ فَرنجية أَرملة المرحوم موريس يوسف ··· ا الجعيتاني من زغرتًا (متوفاة في لبنان)

الجمعة ٢٩ نيسان

···**· أ**ربعون المرحوم طوني سلمان الترس من حريقص

السبت ۳۰ نیسان ۲۰۰۰ قداس علی نیة أحیاء وأموات زغرتغرین بمناسبة عید القدیس

الأحد ا أيار

الأحد الثالث من زمن القيامة – عيد ماريوسف العامل

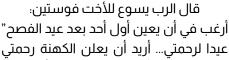
- **٨:٠٠** قداس على نيّة أَبناء الأخوية أحياء، أموات ومرضى
- ٩.٣٠ أربعون المرحومة إيفات مخايل الدويهي من زغرتا أرملة المرحوم حبيب البدوى زعيتر من بان
- البعون المرحومة فيفيان رامز الحربية زوجة جوزيف أسعد دحدح. من إهدن زغرتا
- **٠:٠٠** أربعون المرحومة زارا سعيد جبرايل أرملة المرحوم جوزيف رونالد خوری من کفرصغاب



تقعم ونعرف ونؤمن ونتارك في القداس الإلهي

في كتاب اعمال الرسل نرى المؤمنون يلقون بكل ما لديهم على اقدام الرسل. وفي تاريخ الكنيسة نرى المؤمنين يحملون ما يتوفّر لديهم الى الكنيسة: خبز وخمر، طحين وزيت، اثواب ومال... وما تجود عليهم المواسم والخيرات، فيقبلها الشمامسة والكهنة وينتقون من الخبز والخمر ما يكفى الجماعة المشتركة في الافخارستيا، وما تبقَّى من تقادم كان يوزَّع على المحتاجين. ثم تطوِّر عمل تحضير القرابين واصبح قسما طقسيا واحتلّ مكانا خاصا في الكنيسة، فأفردت مذبحا خاصا باعداد القرابين، وفرضت نقلها في زياح الى المذبح الكبير، فيتقبّلها المحتفل ويذكر عليها النيّة التي تُقَدّم من اجلها. ومنذ ان توقّف المؤمنون عن حمل تقادمهم، باركت الكنيسة وشجّعت التعويض بالمساهمة في لمّة الصينية بغية انماء الرعايا وإعالة المعوزين فيها، وبتقدمة حسنات القداديس عن نفوس اموات ابناء الرعية.

عد الرحمة الالحية



العظيمة. وأود أن يقترب منى الخطأة دون أى خوف أو وجل. حتى لو كانت الروح جيفة نتنة وليس لها علاج في عيون البشر,فنظرة الله إليها شديدة الإختلاف. إن نيران رحمتى عظيمة, وعلى أن أفيض بها على الأنفس... لا تنقطعي عن التبشير يا ابنتي. عزى قلبي الذي يحترق شفقة على الخطأة. قولي للكهنة أن الخطأة الأكثر قساوة سيخلصون إذا بشروا برحمتي التي لا تنضب... إن قلبي هو الرحمة عينها. من محيط الرحمة هذا, تندفق نعم خلاصية ومقدسة على العالم كله. لم تبق نفس أتت إلى إلا ولاقت عزاء."



صلاة

أيّها الربّ يسوع، القائم من بين الأموات، يا من ظهرت على تلاميذك ونزعت الشكّ من قلب توما، إنزع الشكّ من قلوبنا ونفوسنا فنقبل إلى.. محبتك وحنانك وغفرانك بتجرّدٍ وأمانة، فتسقط الغشاوة عن عيوننا و قلوبنا فننظر بحبّ إلى كلّ مجروح ومتألّم، ونساهم بذلك في زرع بذور حبّك في العالم، يا من تحيا وتملك مع الآب والروح القدس، إلى الأبد، آمّين



كلمة الفارم

صِبَحُ إِيمَانًا صِبَحُ الحَبِّ والنَّقِي

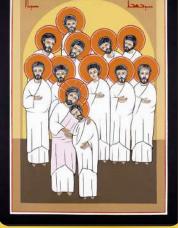
إخوتي وأخواتي الأحبّاء

نصل هذا الأحد إلى ما يُعرف في كنيستنا المارونية بالأحد الجديد. قد يسأل كثيرون لماذا نُطلق عليه هذا الاسم. أولاً، إنه جديد لأن يسوع الذي قام من الموت في يوم أحد يجعل من الأحد اليوم المهم في الأسبوع، بحيث يحوِّل الأتباع الجدد من العبادة في السبت إلى الأحد. ثانياً، يُسمى "جديداً" لأنه لم تعد هناك وصية أو أمر للعبادة يوم الأحد، بل أن كل ما أوصي به هو أن المسيح قام من الموت في هذا اليوم، وكل أحد بعده نرى يسوع يظهر لتلاميذه ولآخرين. وبالتالي، أصبح كل يوم أحد في الكنيسة الأولى يوماً للقاء بين المسيح القائم من الموت وشعبه المؤمن من خلال كسر الخبز وشرب الكأس، إحياءً لذكرى المسيح. التزاماً بهذا التقليد، تحتفل الكنيسة اليوم بيومها المقدس للعبادة يوم الأحد، بحيث يظهر المسيح لشعبه المؤمن من خلال جسده ودمه

قيامة ربنا من الموت هي الركن الذي بُني عليه إيماننا. لولا القيامة، لكان ،إيماننا باطلاً. يعلّمنا القديس بولس قائلاً: "إن لم يكن المسيح قد قام فتبشيرنا باطل وإيمانكم باطل".(ا كورنثوس ١٥: ١٤)

القيامةُ هي أهم ُحدث في تاريخ البشرية. مع ذلك، فهي حدث بشكل تحدياً شخصياً لكل فردٍ منا لأنه أبعد من فهمنا البشري. لا يحبّذ ربنا أولئك الذين شخصياً لكل فردٍ منا لأنه أبعد من فهمنا البشري. لا يحبّذ ربنا أولئك الذين يبحثون عن علامات ومعجزات لكي يؤمنوا، وهو يضع هذا الأسبوع توما (ونحن معه) أمام اختبار. هِبَةُ إيماننا هي هِبَةُ الحبّ والثقة، فعلى رغم أثنا لم نرّ بأعيننا، فإن هِبَةَ الحبّ والثقة تدفعنا لكي نؤمن ولنكون شهوداً على حقيقة قيامة يسوع. وهذا ما يحتاجه عالمنا المسيحي اليوم، شهادة حق للإيمان بالإعمال والمجاهرة بالقول. التحدي الذي يواجهنا كل يوم هو أن نجاهر بهذه الحقيقة بحبّ وثقة!

خلال زمن القيامة المجيدة سوف تلاحظون أن الكهنة لا ينحنون في لحظة حلول الروح القدس، والسبب أن الكنيسة مع كهنتها تواصل الاحتفال بالمسيح القائم من الموت. ينتهي هذا الأمر بحلول عيد العنصرة الذي يتم الاحتفال به بعد ٥٠ بوماً من القيامة.



الاُحد الجديد و عيد الرحمۂ الالھيّۂ يو۲۶،۲۰-۳۱ عقرہ اُ۱۱-۱۱

مسبحة الرحمة الإلهية بدأت يوم الجمعة العظيمة وسوف تُختتم اليوم بصلوات واعترافات وقداس عند الساعة ٣ بعد الظهر. شكراً للشماس روبير-بيو البايع وفريق الرحمة الإلهية لتنظيم الصلوات والاحتفالات. وبما أننا نتحدث عن الرحمة الإلهية، أود أن أشجعكم جميعاً على المشاركة في فعالياتنا واحتفالاتنا المقبلة، وهي تشمل الاحتفال بذكرى شهداء أستراليا فلنكرم شهداءنا ولنقم بفعل وفاء وعرفان ANZC Day. ونيوزيلندا بالجميل تجاههم من خلال رفع ذبيحة رحمة وشكر فجر الإثنين ٢٥ نيسان عند الساعة ٣٠٠٥ صباحاً. فلنكن عائلة واحدة نجاهر بإيمان الشهداء وعرفان الجميل لتضحياتهم. وخلال شهر أيار، أدعوكم للمشاركة بزيارات المنازل حيث لا تزال بعض الليالي متوفرة إذا أراد أحد منكم حجزها.

فلنعمل معاً كأعضاء ناشطين في جسد المسيح السري لكي نمجّد الله حقاً عبر كل هذه الفعاليات والاحتفالات ونخدم شعبه.

النورى طونى سركيس

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, Estephan Aboud & Dibe Aboud, Raymond Anjoul, Tannous Abboud & his wife Lulu, Youssef Said Ayoub (B) Milia Bou Raidan, Youssef Boutros (C) (D) (E) Matthew Essey, Tanos Elias Elkazzi and all his faithful departed, Hanane Wahibe Mounir El-Bazouni (F) (G) Colleen George, Yousef & Leila Gittany (H) Maurice & Martha Jamil Haddad, Paul & Madeline Haddad and their son Joseph, Chafika & Sara & George Hawi, Diab & Diby Hawi, Wadiaa Youssef Hady (I) (J) Youssef & Ghanajeh Joseph (K) Late Genevieve Khoury & all departed souls of Elzahoul & Khoury Families, Genevieve Badoui Khoury & her children, Mkhael Badoui Khoury & his wife Hanneh & his sister Afifeh, Salim & Jamal Khaicy (L) (M) Youssef Maroon & his wife Ghsoun, Nabih Massaad & family (N) (O) (P) (Q) (R) Jamil & Labibe Roumanus, Peter Chehade Roumanos, Badaoui Reaiche & Phelomena Reaiche, Rouhan Rahme, Elaine Rahme, Esber Rizk, Rizk Family (S) Boutros & Therese Sassine and their son Kenny Sassine, Youssef Mikhael Shaheen, Louie Sukary, Saba Family, Nabih Saad & his sons Kevin & Emille (T) Rahib Saad Tannous & his family, Tanna Family, Kemil & his wife Ghorra Tanna & their son Jamil Tanna (U) (V) (W) (X) (Y) Karma Yammine & Sayed Yammine (Z)