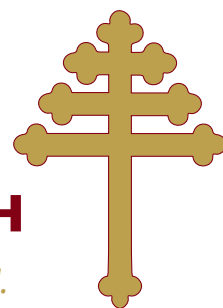




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SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION SEASON

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SATURDAY, MAY 24

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

SUNDAY, MAY 25

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

GOSPEL

LUKE 24:36-48



While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. Then he said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch

me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have." And as he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed, he asked them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them. He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds



JESUS APPEARS TO THE APOSTLES AT TABLE. Duccio di Buoninsegna, c. 1308-1311, Sienna: Museo dell'Opera del Duomo.
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The theme of this week's Gospel is: Today, Jesus still comes to me. He brings peace. He says: "Peace be with you." Let us open our hearts and share the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

Father will pray the
ANAPHORA OF SAINT SIXTUS
beginning on page 856

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 24 at 4:30 p.m.

For the repose of the soul of
William Joseph Oakley on the occasion of
the 50th anniversary of his death in Vietnam
Requested by his family

Sunday, May 25 at 10:00 a.m.

Available

Saturday, May 31 at 4:30 p.m.

For the repose of the soul of Thomas Allen Oakley
Requested by his family

Sunday, June 1

8:30 a.m. Available

10:00 a.m. Available

Saturday, June 7 at 4:30 p.m.

For the repose of the soul of Greg O'Brien
Requested by Ann Marie and Mark Garrison

Sunday, June 8

8:30 a.m. Available

10:00 a.m. Available

Saturday, June 7 at 4:30 p.m.

Available

Sunday, June 8

8:30 a.m. Available

10:00 a.m. Available

My Dear Friends: Please remember that starting next Sunday, June 1st, I will be celebrating two Liturgies so that you will be able to attend the one that fits best into your schedule. The first Liturgy will be at 8:30 a.m. and the second at 10:00. If this change of schedule works well, and people are happy having the two liturgies to choose from during the month of June, I will extend this throughout the summer. God bless you. Fr. Fady

ST. MARON PARISH RETREAT ON MAY 31

Saint Maron's will have a day retreat at Lourdes in Litchfield on May 31 from 10 AM to 3 PM. The retreat is all about the rosary and why we pray it. There is no cost to our parishioners and lunch will be provided. For questions, see Subdeacon Mike.

BREWFEST 2025

Brewfest 2025 takes place *June 14th from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at Ski Sun-down in New Hartford!* Tickets are available and can be purchased on line at litchfieldhillsbrewfest.com.

We still need volunteers to help with the many jobs required in putting on this huge parish fundraiser. If you can help, please contact Judy Theeb, Patty Zabbar, Laura Lemieux or Helen Piechocki or sign up online.

CHURCH SUPPORT

Due to a vacation production schedule, numbers for May 17/18 weren't available at press time. They will be reported next week.

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

On the weekend of June 1, the second collection is for the Catholic Communications Campaign.

(Fifty percent of this collection is sent to the USCCB for national Catholic television, radio, and other media and fifty percent is retained by our Eparchy for *The Maronite Voice* and other communication needs.)



A PRAYER FOR MEMORIAL DAY

Heavenly Father, we lift up in prayer today our brothers and sisters who have gone before us, sacrificing their own lives for the protection and safety of others. We are grateful for their service. May they inspire us to live selflessly in our own lives, as Christ calls us to do. In Jesus's name we pray. Amen.

WHAT IS MEMORIAL DAY?

Memorial Day is a day to honor those who have died while in military service for the United States. The holiday is not to be confused with Veterans Day, Nov. 11, which honors the service of all military veterans.

Memorial Day was started in 1868 by John A. Logan, the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, a patriotic organization of American Civil War veterans who served in the Union forces. According to the National Archives, Logan chose May 30, 1868, to decorate the graves of fallen Union soldiers. Known then as Decoration Day, the day eventually came to include those who had died in all US wars.

EPISTLE

ROMANS 10:1-13

Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God on their behalf is for salvation. I testify with regard to them that they have zeal for God, but it is not discerning. For, in their unawareness of the righteousness that comes from God and their attempt to establish their own (righteousness), they did not submit to the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for the justification of everyone who has faith. Moses writes about the righteousness that comes from (the) law, "The one who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will go up into heaven?' (that is, to bring Christ down) or 'Who will go down into the abyss?' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead)." But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we preach), for, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. For the scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, enriching all who call upon him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." Praise be to God always.



GOSPEL

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to understand the scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Messiah would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. This is the Truth. Peace be with you.

WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS

Every day, when your heart especially feels the loneliness of life, pray.

-- St Padre Pio



The Pastor's Corner

SHORT ARTICLES AND NOTES

My Dear Friends:

This week I am going to resume writing about our beautiful Divine Liturgy. The last time I wrote about our Liturgy, I wrote about how the Holy Spirit inspires us to change, but that he cannot transform us without our being willing to change. This week I am going to continue along that line of change and speak about the Prayers of Forgiveness that we pray. They reflect the need for healing, and the need of the passage from darkness to light, or for life over death. These prayers help to express a need for purifying our motives so that we may rediscover our freedom that allows us to choose God. Through these prayers, and through many other prayers of the liturgy, we are reminded of our sinfulness. The more we are reminded of our sinfulness, the more we desire to have our humanity renewed and transformed or transfigured.

I hope you have a happy Memorial Day weekend and a blessed week ahead.

Fr. Fadi

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PROVERBS CHAPTER 13 : 1 - 9

- 1 A wise child loves discipline, but a scoffer does not listen to rebuke.
- 2 From the fruit of their words good persons eat good things, but the desire of the treacherous is for wrongdoing.
- 3 Those who guard their mouths preserve their lives; those who open wide their lips come to ruin.
- 4 The appetite of the lazy craves, and gets nothing, while the appetite of the diligent is richly supplied.
- 5 The righteous hate falsehood, but the wicked act shamefully and disgracefully.
- 6 Righteousness guards one whose way is upright, but sin overthrows the wicked.
- 7 Some pretend to be rich, yet have nothing; others pretend to be poor, yet have great wealth.
- 8 Wealth is a ransom for a person's life, but the poor get no threats.
- 9 The light of the righteous rejoices, but the lamp of the wicked goes out.

Texts are taken from the New Revised Standard Bible.

Our parish prayer intention for the month of May is for all those who are living far from the Faith and far from the Church.

My Heavenly Father, with a heart full of love and compassion, we lift up to You today those who are currently distant from the Faith and the Church. We pray that your Light will open their hearts to the Truth and Beauty of Your Word. Then, by Your Graces, your lost lambs will be guided back to the community of believers. Amen.



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