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Second Sunday of the Resurrection

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JESUS CAME AND STOOD AMONG THEM AND SAID, 'PEACE BE WITH YOU.'

JOHN 20:26

Second Sunday of the Resurrection

Sat. April 7 at 4:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+Joseph and Lorice Hashem, son Steven as requested by the family
+Peter G. Asiaf, Jr. as requested by Maryann Asiaf

Sun. April 8 at 10:30 AM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+All deceased members of the Lebanon American National Club and Auxiliary as requested by the Club
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Third Sunday of the Resurrection

Sat. April 14 at 4:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+Saleh Najib El Nar as requested by the Yazbeck family

Sun. April 15 at 10:30 AM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+Eveleyne Lahage as requested by Ms. Georgia Lahage-Bruce



For the Month of April

Bread & wine for the Holy Gifts are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
+Peter G. Asiaf, Jr. by *Maryann Asiaf*

Vigil candle for the Gospel Throne is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
+Mr. Antoine Nesseralla by *Mrs. Maryann Nesseralla*

Sanctuary candle for the Tabernacle is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
+Tofie and Theresa Samia, son John by *the family*

Vigil candle for Shrine of St. Theresa is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
+Geraldine George by *Mr. Manthala George, Jr. and family*



Lectors' Schedule

Saturday, April 7, 2018

Thomas

Sunday, April 8, 2018

English: Mirna

Arabic: Marina H.

The Holy Mysteries are celebrated: Saturdays at 4:00 PM; Sundays at 10:30 AM; 7:00 PM Holydays



Holy Mystery of Reconciliation: Please Note: The sacrament of Reconciliation is available one hour before each Liturgy. And, is available any time on request.

Ministry to the Sick: If a parishioner is seriously ill at home or in the hospital, please call the church office to arrange for Communion or the Anointing of the Sick.

Holy Mysteries of Baptism and Chrismation: Please make arrangements with the pastor at least one month in advance. Sponsors must meet particular requirements of church law; parents must consult with the pastor before inviting someone to serve as a sponsor.

Holy Mystery of Crowning: Please consult with the pastor to make arrangements at least 6 months in advance of proposed date in order to avoid any difficulty in scheduling.



Welcome New Parishioners: If you are new to our parish, please fill out a registration form, which may be found on the table in the lobby of the church, and return it to us, so you may be added to our mailing and email list. We extend a warm welcome to you and your family to our parish family.

Reading:2 Corinthians 5:11-21

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الثانية إلى أهل قورنثوس

يا إخواني، بما أننا نعرف مَخَافَةَ الرَّبِّ، نحاول أن نُفَعِّحَ النَّاسَ. وَنَحْنُ مَعْرُوفُونَ لَدَى اللَّهِ، وَلِكِنِّي أَمَلُ أَنْ تَكُونَ مَعْرُوفِينَ أَيْضًا فِي ضَمَائِرِكُمْ. وَأَسْنَا نَعُودُ فَنُوصِيكُمْ بِأَنْفُسِنَا، بَلْ نُعْطِيكُمْ فُرْصَةً لِلْإِفْتِخَارِ بِمَا تَجَاهُ الَّذِينَ يَفْتَخِرُونَ بِالْمَظْهَرِ لَا بِمَا فِي الْقَلْبِ. فَإِنْ كُنَّا مَجَانِينَ قَلِيلًا، وَإِنْ كُنَّا عَقْلَاءَ فَلْأَجْلِكُمْ؛ إِنَّ مَحَبَّةَ الْمَسِيحِ تَأَسَّرْنَا، لِأَنَّنا أَدْرَكْنَا هَذَا، وَهُوَ أَنَّ وَاحِدًا مَاتَ عَنِ الْجَمِيعِ، فَالْجَمِيعُ إِذَا مَاتُوا. لَقَدْ مَاتَ عَنِ الْجَمِيعِ، لِكِي لَا يَحْيَا الْأَحْيَاءُ مِنْ بَعْدِ لِأَنْفُسِهِمْ، بَلْ لِلَّذِي مَاتَ عَنْهُمْ وَقَامَ مِنْ أَجْلِهِمْ. إِذَا فَمُنْذُ الْآنَ نَحْنُ لَا نَعْرِفُ أَحَدًا مَعْرِفَةً بَشَرِيَّةً، وَإِنْ كُنَّا قَدْ عَرَفْنَا الْمَسِيحَ مَعْرِفَةً بَشَرِيَّةً، فَالآنَ مَا عُدْنَا نَعْرِفُهُ كَذَلِكَ. إِذَا، إِنْ كَانَ أَحَدٌ فِي الْمَسِيحِ فَهُوَ خَلْقٌ جَدِيدٌ: لَقَدْ زَالَ الْقَدِيمُ، وَصَارَ كُلُّ شَيْءٍ جَدِيدًا. وَكُلُّ شَيْءٍ هُوَ مِنْ اللَّهِ، الَّذِي صَالَحَنَا مَعَ نَفْسِهِ بِالْمَسِيحِ، وَأَعْطَانَا خِدْمَةَ الْمَصَالِحَةِ؛ لِأَنَّ اللَّهَ صَالِحَ الْعَالَمِ مَعَ نَفْسِهِ بِالْمَسِيحِ، وَلَمْ يُحَاسِبِ النَّاسَ عَلَى زَلَّاتِهِمْ، وَأَوْدَعَنَا كَلِمَةَ الْمَصَالِحَةِ. إِذَا فَتَحْنُ سُفْرَاءَ الْمَسِيحِ، وَكَأَنَّ اللَّهَ نَفْسَهُ يَدْعُوكُمْ بِوَاسِطَتِنَا. فَتَسْأَلُكُمْ بِاسْمِ الْمَسِيحِ: تَصَالِحُوا مَعَ اللَّهِ! إِنَّ الَّذِي مَا عَرَفَ الْخَطِيئَةَ، جَعَلَهُ اللَّهُ خَطِيئَةً مِنْ أَجْلِنَا، لِئَنصِيرَ نَحْنُ فِيهِ بِرَّ اللَّهِ.



Gospel: John 20:26-31

A week later his disciples were again in the house and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now, Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِيسِ يُوْحَنَّا

بَعْدَ ثَمَانِيَةِ أَيَّامٍ، كَانَ تَلَامِيذُ يَسُوعَ ثَانِيَةً فِي الْبَيْتِ، وَثُومًا مَعَهُمْ. جَاءَ يَسُوعُ، وَالْأَبْوَابُ مُعَلَّقَةٌ، فَوَقَّفَ فِي الْوَسْطِ وَقَالَ: "السَّلَامُ لَكُمْ!". ثُمَّ قَالَ لِثُومًا: "هَاتِ إِصْبَعَكَ إِلَى هُنَا، وَأَنْظُرْ يَدَيَّ. وَهَاتِ يَدَكَ، وَضَعْهَا فِي جَنْبِي. وَلَا تَكُنْ غَيْرَ مُؤْمِنٍ بَلْ كُنْ مُؤْمِنًا!". أَجَابَ ثُومًا وَقَالَ لَهُ: "رَبِّي وَالْهَيَّ!". قَالَ لَهُ يَسُوعُ: "لِأَنَّكَ رَأَيْتَنِي آمَنْتَ؟ طُوبَى لِمَنْ لَمْ يَرَوْا وَأَمَنُوا!". وَصَنَعَ يَسُوعُ أَمَامَ تَلَامِيذِهِ آيَاتٍ أُخْرَى كَثِيرَةً لَمْ تَدُونْ فِي هَذَا الْكِتَابِ. وَإِنَّمَا دُونْتُ هَذِهِ لِكِي تُؤْمِنُوا أَنَّ يَسُوعَ هُوَ الْمَسِيحُ ابْنُ اللَّهِ، وَلِكِي تَكُونَ لَكُمْ، إِذَا آمَنْتُمْ، الْحَيَاةَ بِاسْمِهِ.

TIME, TALENT & TREASURE
STEWARDSHIP: A WAY OF LIFE

Parish Support : Offertory needed each week \$ 2,000.00. Our offertory is needed for the following: Parish Assessment, paid monthly from Feb. thru Nov: \$750.00. Parish Building Insurance, paid monthly from Jan. thru Nov: \$970.00. **Offertory received:** 3/25/18 Palm Crosses \$925.00, Holy Thursday 3/29/18 \$622.00, Holy Land 3/30/18 \$561.00, Great Friday 3/30/18 \$680.00, Lenten Supper 3/30/18 \$1,471.00, Easter 4/1/18 \$2,157.00.

Eucharistic Adoration **Please Note:** Eucharistic Adoration will not take place on Friday, April 6, 2018 it will resume on Friday, April 13, 2018. Doors are opened at 6:00 pm.

Coffee Hour Volunteers: If you are able to lend a hand in sponsoring a Sunday morning Coffee Hour please see Abouna. We **NEED** your Help! Thank you.

Religious Education **Religious Education Calendar**
Saturday, April 21, 2018
Class 6 from 9:00AM-12:00 Noon

BIBLE STUDY

Please join Abouna Joseph for Bible Study on **Saturday, April 28, 2018** in the church hall following the 4:00PM Liturgy. Everyone is welcomed. Ahalan Wa Sahlan!

National Apostolate of Maronites: Proudly Announces their Scholarship Program for 2018. USA Scholarships / Lebanon Scholarships-Semester Abroad. For more information and applications visit, www.namnews.org, or email: nam@namnews.org, or call NAM at 1-914-964-3070. **Application Deadline: May 15, 2018.**

DONATE YOUR OLD SNEAKERS
TO FUNDRAISE FOR SESOBEL



About SESOBEL

SESOBEL is a nonprofit organization based in Lebanon that serves the needs of children with severe mental and physical disabilities



How does collecting sneakers benefit Sesobel?

Got sneakers will donate \$1 to SESOBEL for every sneaker we collect. The more sneakers we collect the more SESOBEL receives. For every 300 pair of used sneakers we collect SESOBEL receives an additional \$50 --> (500=\$100, 1000=\$300, 2000=\$1000)

What happens with the sneakers?

Gotsneakers will distribute the sneakers we collect to the poor in developing countries around the world.

<http://www.Sesobel.us>

SESOBEL PROJECT

St. Theresa Parish will be taking part in a "SESOBEL" Project to assist children in Lebanon who are suffering from disabilities. Our Parish will be collecting used sneakers for this project that will give \$1.00 per pair for the children in Lebanon, while the sneakers you donated will be distributed in poor developing nations around the world.

Our Request Is Simple

Clean out your closets of all unwanted paired sneakers. Please bring them tied together in garbage bags to the church. There will be a box in the back of the church for you to place them in.

Beginning on
Saturday, April 14, 2018 to May 13, 2018.

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Christ is truly risen!!!



Ouzkourni Fi Malakoutika

**On the Occasion of the Feast of the Resurrection
of our Lord**

**It is the pleasure of the group "Remember Me in
Your Kingdom", to invite you to participate in
the annual Liturgy with all its
members of the Churches in Massachusetts
and Connecticut.**

Sunday April 22, 2018 at 11AM

@ Our Lady of the Cedars of Lebanon.

61 Rockwood Street - Jamaica Plain, MA 02130

**Please join us in prayers for the repose of the
souls of the deceased. Your participation
delights us.**

**Following 11 AM Liturgy a Lavish Brunch Buffet
will be served at Lahoud Center, a portion of the
proceeds will Benefit Father Majdi Alawi and his
ministry, and our Lady of the Cedars of Lebanon.**

Ticket Donation \$20 to be sold at the door.