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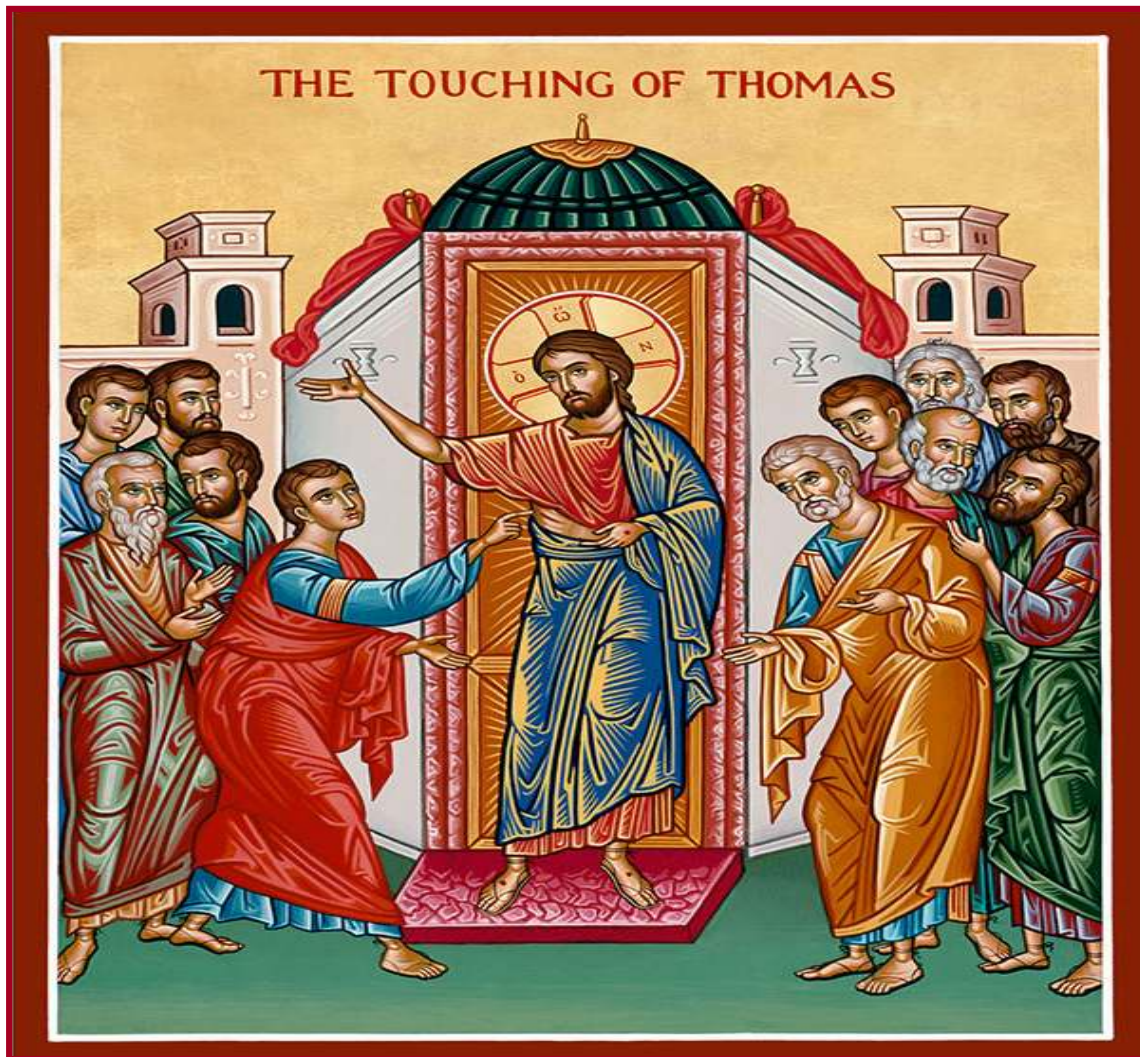
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Second Sunday of the Resurrection / Divine Mercy

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2023 NATIONAL MYO CONFERENCE
JUNE 27 - JULY 1

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\$400 AFTER APRIL 1

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Liturgy Schedule

The Holy Mysteries are celebrated:
Saturdays: 4:00 PM
Sunday: 10:30 AM

Holy Days: 7:00 PM

Daily Liturgy: To be announced
Arabic Liturgy : To be announced



*"My mission - to make God loved - will begin after my death.
I will spend my heaven doing good on earth.
I will let fall a shower of roses."
~Saint Theresa of Lisieux~*

Holy Mysteries of Baptism and Chrismation

Please make arrangements with the pastor at least one month in advance. Sponsors must meet particular requirement of church law; parents must consult with the pastor before inviting someone to serve as a sponsor. To schedule your baptism call the church office.

Holy Mystery of Reconciliation

The sacrament of Reconciliation is available by appointment.

Adoration

You are invited to spend some time before our Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament to grow in faith and love.

"Your heart is made to love Jesus, to love Him passionately; pray so that the beautiful years of your life may not pass by in chimerical fears."
Saint Therese of Lisieux

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
First Thursday of the month from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Ministry of 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.

Religious Education

Classes are held on Saturdays
September through April
For registration please see
Mirna Issa

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 difficulty in scheduling

MYO—MYA

MYO—MYA meet
September through April

Second Sunday of the Resurrection / Divine Mercy

Sat. April 15 @ 4:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+Margo Asack as requested by family and friends

Sun. April 16 @ 10:30 AM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+Margo Asack as requested by family and friends



Third Sunday of the Resurrection

Sat. April 22 @ 4:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+Intention available on request

Sun. April 23 @ 10:30 AM Liturgy Celebrated for:

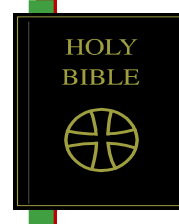
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☎ Father Joseph: 978-457-5889



Lectors' Schedule

Saturday, April 15, 2023

English: Cauna

Sunday, April 16, 2023

English: Diana Saab

Arabic: Randa



SAVE THE DATE OCTOBER 5, 2023

Eparchy of Saint Maron
14th Annual Benefit Dinner in New York
The Union League Club
38 East 37th Street, New York, NY
Details to follow

**TIME, TALENT & TREASURE
STEWARDSHIP: A WAY OF LIFE**

Parish Support

Offertory needed each week \$ 2,500.00. Our offertory is needed for the following: Parish Assessment, paid monthly from Feb. thru Nov: \$900.00. Building Insurance, paid monthly from Jan. thru Nov: \$1,320.00: 4/9/23 \$2,608.00, Sale of the Flowers \$1,004.00, Holy Land \$395.00, Wednesday of the Lamp \$370.00, Holy Thursday \$358.00, Candles \$9.00, Good Friday \$1026.00.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

O Divine Ocean of Mercy and Compassion, be with us in our time of trial and difficulties. Today I make an act of spiritual communion with you, the Life-Giving Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. At this time I am not able to receive the sacred body and blood of my Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ, but I choose to live in union with him and in the unity of the Holy Spirit. I offer my day, my daily life, my joys and sorrows to you, for those around me, and for the whole world. Be with us O life-giving Triune God, for we know that nothing in this world has power over us. O Lover of all people, have mercy on us and on the whole world. Amen.

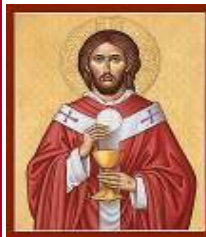
Second Collection

There will be a second collection taken **the weekend of April 22-23, 2023**. For the **Catholic Home Missions Appeal**. This collection is used for Missions in the USA. Our Eparchy has received large grants from the USCCB from this collection. This collection is sent directly to the Eparchy for its proper distribution. We thank you in advance for your contribution.



For the Month of April

Bread and Wine



Bread & wine for the Holy Gifts

are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:

+Geraldine George

by Mr. Manthala George, Jr. and family

Vigil Candle for the Blessed Mother



Vigil candle for the Blessed Mother

is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:

+Elias Abourjaily

by the family

Vigil Candle for the Shrine of St. Theresa



Vigil candle for Shrine of St. Theresa

is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of :

**+Mr. and Mrs. Manthala George, Sr.,
Dr. William, Abraham, Joseph,
Margaret, and Michael George and
Lee George Roukous**

Sanctuary candle for the Tabernacle



Sanctuary candle for the Tabernacle

is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of :

+Tofie and Theresa Samia

by the family

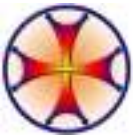
Vigil candles for the Gospel Throne



Vigil candle for the Gospel Throne

is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:

+ Mary George Davin, and daughter Deborah Sperre
by the family



Saint Theresa

Maronite Catholic Church



Second Sunday of the Resurrection / Divine Mercy

April 15-16, 2023

A Reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians 5:11-21

Brothers and Sisters: 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. **Praise be to God always.**

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



فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الثانية إلى أهل كورنثس

يا إِخْوَتِي، بِمَا أَنَّنَا نَعْرِفُ مَخَافَةَ الرَّبِّ، نَحَاوِلُ أَنْ نُفْنِعَ النَّاسَ. وَتَحْنُ مَعْرُوفُونَ لَدَى اللَّهِ، وَلِكِنِّي أَمَلُ أَنْ نَكُونَ مَعْرُوفِينَ أَيْضًا فِي ضَمَائِرِكُمْ. وَلَسْنَا نَعُودُ فَنُوصِيكُمْ بِأَنْفُسِنَا، بَلْ نُعْطِيكُمْ فُرْصَةً لِلْإِفْتِحَارِ بِنَا تَجَاهَ الَّذِينَ يَفْتَخِرُونَ بِالْمَظْهَرِ لَا بِمَا فِي الْقَلْبِ. فَإِنْ كُنَّا مَجَانِينَ فَلِلَّهِ، وَإِنْ كُنَّا عُقْلَاءَ فَلْأَجْلِكُمْ؛ إِنَّ مَحَبَّةَ الْمَسِيحِ تَأْسَرُنَا، 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 خَلَقٌ جَدِيدٌ: لَقَدْ زَالَ الْقَدِيمُ، وَصَارَ كُلُّ شَيْءٍ جَدِيدًا. وَكُلُّ شَيْءٍ هُوَ مِنْ اللَّهِ، الَّذِي صَالَحَنَا مَعَ نَفْسِهِ بِالْمَسِيحِ، وَأَعْطَانَا خِدْمَةَ الْمُصَالِحَةِ؛ لِأَنَّ اللَّهَ صَالِحَ الْعَالَمِ مَعَ نَفْسِهِ بِالْمَسِيحِ، وَلَمْ يُحَاسِبِ النَّاسَ عَلَى زَلَاتِهِمْ، وَأَوْدَعَنَا كَلِمَةَ الْمُصَالِحَةِ. إِذَا فَتَحْنُ سُفْرَاءَ الْمَسِيحِ، وَكَأَنَّ اللَّهَ نَفْسَهُ يَدْعُوكُمْ بِوَأَسْطِطْنَا. فَسَأَلْنَاكُمْ بِاسْمِ الْمَسِيحِ: تَصَالِحُوا مَعَ اللَّهِ! إِنَّ الَّذِي مَا عَرَفَ الْخَطِيئَةَ، جَعَلَهُ اللَّهُ خَطِيئَةً مِنْ أَجْلِنَا، لِئَنصِيرَ نَحْنُ فِيهِ بِرَّ اللَّهِ.

والتسبيح لله دائما

من إنجيل ربنا يسوع المسيح للقديس يوحنا

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



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Other Events



Christ is Truly Risen!

Please join us on the occasion of the Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord.

Sunday, April 30, 2023

Our Lady of the Cedars Church - The Laboud Center
61 Rockwood Street, Jamaica Plain, MA



Full Lavish Breakfast will be served
Foul Mdammas, Labneh, Cheese Baladeh,
Zaatar & Meat Pies, Boiled Eggs,
Veggies, Croissants, Deli Platter, Fruits,
Desserts, Coffee, Juice and More.

After the 9:00 am and 11:00 am Liturgy
Donation - Adults \$25 - Children under 12 - \$15

All proceeds to benefit the Ministry of
"Remember me in your kingdom"

For Tickets

Karen Tannous Njeim - 857 222 9777
Zeina Freiha - 781 789 0432



Saint George Celebrates 75th
Anniversary Hafli
Lebanese Dinner with
Middle Eastern Entertainment
Featuring George Malouf
& his band



Saturday, May 20, 2023

7:00pm to 11 pm
Cash Bar
Face painting for kids
(note: Music served at 7:30pm and
Dinner served at 8:30pm)

Hellenic Center
219 Long Hill Road, Dover, NH

Admission \$60.00 Adults
\$30.00 Kids under 12
No tickets sold at door
Call Chryl Butler for Tickets and to
Reserve a Table (603) 767-1416

WELCOME TO PROVIDENCE, RI

58TH NATIONAL MARONITE CONVENTION

JULY 5 - 9 2023

Headed by St. Anthony of the Desert Church
Sponsored by The National Apostolate of Maronites
namnews.org

OMNI HOTEL PROVIDENCE
\$189/night

The Omni Hotel is located in the heart of downtown at 1W Exchange St., Providence, RI 02903. For reservations, call 1-402-862-6646 and ask for the National Maronite Convention room. Work or stay www.omnihotels.com/hotels/providence/maronite www.national-convention-2023-07022023. Reservations must be made no later than Monday, June 12, 2023.

THURSDAY, JULY 6

ENTERTAINMENT

ABER NEHME
A SOCIAL COMMENTARIAN

EXCURSIONS

NEWPORT, RI

EXCURSIONS

BREAKER'S PASSAGE TOUR
A visit to the historical site's fascinating history in the United States, the Breakers is the highlight of the Newport Maronites.

WORK SHOPS

BOOKS OR SHOPPING
Browse and shop at the outdoor market stand at Zippori on Federal Avenue (St. and Federal) Cap Avenue.

- THE SYNOD
- EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (St. Mary's)

FRIDAY, JULY 7

ENTERTAINMENT

AMIN SULTAN
A SOCIAL COMMENTARIAN

EXCURSIONS

ROGER WILLIAMS PARK

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Enjoy the animals here around the globe!

WORK SHOPS

RECREATIONAL SERVICES
New England's largest wilderness center, offering over 1000 acres and over 1000 acres of outdoor recreational facilities to explore.

SPORTS
Enjoy family-friendly options after 10:00 AM. The service team works with you to ensure you have a great and enjoyable day!

- PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECTS ON OUR HEALTH TODAY
- HD SUMMER GARDENING
- HONEYBEE ACTIVITIES 7-12
- HOW TO GROW AND PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY (Specialty photography in Providence, RI, Rhode Island and New York)

SATURDAY, JULY 8

ENTERTAINMENT

GEORGE & ABER NEHME

EXCURSIONS

GRAND BANQUET FEATURING INTERNATIONAL LEBANESE SUPERSTARS

EXCURSIONS

AMAZEMENT ON TAP
Enjoy a night with Group Harour and Bishop Zekeriya al-Romer's Pub night next door for conversations, drinks and light fun.

WORK SHOPS

PROVIDENCE WALKING TOURS
Choose from five self-paced walking tours: Downtown Historic Tour, Early Black History Tour, East Side Historic Tour, Jewelry District Tour or the West Side Historic Tour. Maps will be provided at registration.

- CHURCH WORKSHOP
- CARL ANDERSON, former CEO & Chairman of the Board of the Hospital of Columbus and CHORUSHIP SEELY BEGGAN will speak on the Commission of Lebanon.
- HCP SUMMER CAMP K-6
- NYO YOUTH ACTIVITIES 7-12

SILENT AUCTION

Our Silent Auction is planned for **Thursday, July 6 and Friday, July 7th**. We will have wonderful items for you to bid on. We hope you will attend as this event supports NAM service programs and host parish, St. Anthony of the Desert Church.

For more information: Please visit the NAM website at www.namnews.org. We also recommend you visit our Convention Microsite at www.goprovidence.com/nam. Connect with us on both the NAM and St. Anthony of the Desert Maronite Catholic Church Facebook pages.

SUNDAY, JULY 9

CLOSING

CLOSE OUT THE CONVENTION by attending a beautiful, liturgical Mass with our bishops and receiving a wonderful brunch.

Safe travels home!

SEE YOU IN DETROIT IN 2024!

CLOSING

MONSIGNOR JAMES ROOT

St. Anthony of the Desert Maronite Catholic church in Fall River, Massachusetts is proud to host the 58th National Maronite Convention. Our theme this year is: "Eucharistic Amazement - The Maronite Way". We look forward to meeting you and offering an exceptional convention experience! Enjoy spiritual engagement, liturgies, educational workshops for all ages, sing-alongs, and New England hospitality.

Our dinner and entertainment festivities will begin on Thursday evening this year and we are proud to present fabulous talent to you!

Our raffish has four cash prizes: \$10,000 grand prize, followed by \$7,500, \$5,000, and \$2,500.

Thank you to all who are considering placing an ad in the Convention Ad Book. It is a tradition that we all look forward to and each family will receive the book at registration!

Come celebrate July 8th in Providence and thank you in advance for your support.

In Christ,
Monsignor James Root

ADDITIONAL HOTEL OPTIONS

The Graduate Providence, 11 Dorrance St., Providence, RI 02903
Group Registration Code: 2307APOMAR

BOOKING LINK:
<https://www.gpsaleshotels.com/providence/#/booking/step-1?group=2307APOMAR&date=20230702&depart=20230709>

Hotel Registrations: 401-421-0700

RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE NO LATER THAN JUNE 8, 2023

Providence Courtyard Downtown (Courtyard by Marriott)
23 Exchange St., Providence, RI 02903

BOOKING LINK:
<https://www.marriott.com/events/brand.mi?cid=60688336566&key=GRP>

RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE NO LATER THAN JUNE 2, 2023