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Sixth Sunday of the Resurrection

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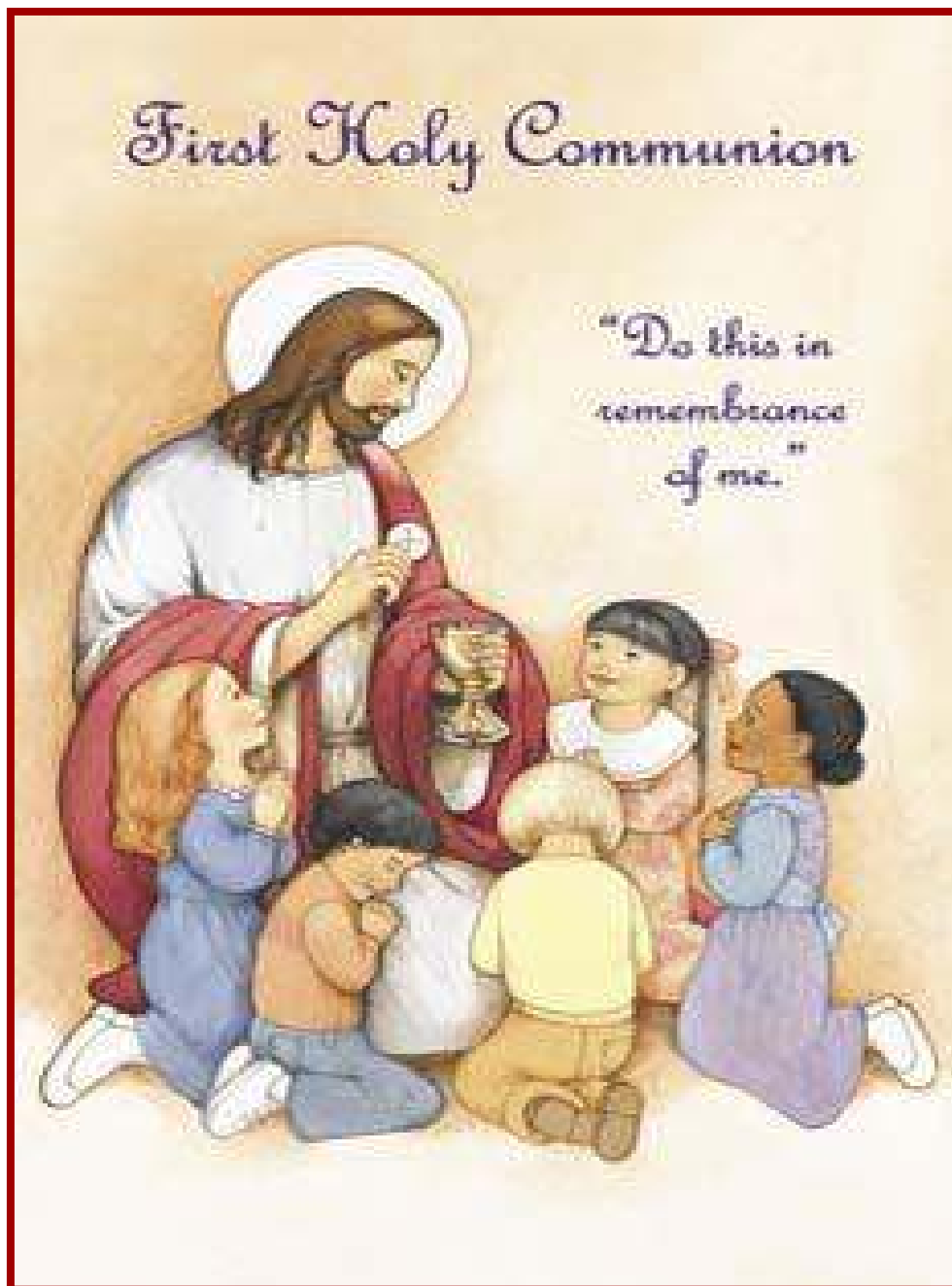
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First Holy Communion

*"Do this in
remembrance
of me."*



Sixth Sunday of the Resurrection

Sat. May 20 @ 4:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:

40 Day Memorial for + Mary Akeke as requested by the family

+Louis and Josephine Akeke, son Albert, daughters Bahea, Sarah and Anna Kay as requested by the family

Sun. May 21 @ 10:30 AM Liturgy Celebrated for:

For the First Holy Communicants



Seventh Sunday of the Resurrection

Sat. May 27 @ 4:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+ Nadeeme Said Saade and +Tanios Mansour Saade as requested by the family

Sun. May 28 @ 10:30 AM Liturgy Celebrated for:

40 Day Memorial for + Roukos El Khoury as requested by Mr. and Mrs. George Ayoub



For the Month of May

Bread & wine for the Holy Gifts are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
+Rita El Msann by Mr. and Mrs. George Ayoub

Vigil candle for the Gospel Throne is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
All deceased members of the +Bolus and Rose Saba family by the family

Sanctuary candle for the Tabernacle is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
+Louis and Josephine Akeke, son Albert, daughters Bahea, Sarah, Mary and Anna Kay by the family

Vigil candle for Shrine of St. Theresa is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
+Peter G. Asiaf, Jr., by Mary Ann Asiaf



Lectors' Schedule

Saturday, May 20, 2017

English: Kevin

Sunday, May 21, 2017

English: First Holy Communicants

The Holy Mysteries are celebrated:

Saturdays at 4:00 PM; Sundays at 10:30 AM; 7:00 PM Holydays

Holy Mystery of Reconciliation: 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



Reading: Romans 10:1-13

Brothers and sisters, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. I can testify that they have a zeal for God, but it is not enlightened. For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they have not submitted to God's righteousness. For Christ, is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes. Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law that 'the person who does these things will live by them.' But the righteousness that comes from faith says, 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?"' (that is, to bring Christ down) 'or "Who will descend into the abyss?"' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips 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. 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 and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل رومة

يا إخوتي، إنَّ بُعِيَّةَ قَلْبِي وَتَضَرُّعِي إِلَى اللَّهِ مِنْ أَجْلِ بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ لِيَخْلُصُوا. فَإِنَّا أَشْهَدُ لَهُمْ أَنَّ فِيهِمْ غَيْرَةَ لِلَّهِ، وَلَكِنْ بِدُونِ مَعْرِفَةِ صَاحِبَةِ. فَقَدْ جَهِلُوا بِرَّ اللَّهِ، وَحَافِلُوا أَنْ يُثْبِتُوا بِرَّ أَنْفُسِهِمْ، فَلَمْ يَخْضَعُوا لِإِيرَ اللَّهِ؛ لِأَنَّ غَايَةَ الشَّرِيعَةِ إِنَّمَا هِيَ الْمَسِيحُ، لِكَيْ يَتَّبِعَ بِهِ كُلُّ مُؤْمِنٍ. وَقَدْ كَتَبَ مُوسَى عَنِ الْبِرِّ الَّذِي هُوَ مِنَ الشَّرِيعَةِ فَقَالَ: «مَنْ يَعْمَلُ بِأَحْكَامِ الشَّرِيعَةِ يَحْيَا بِهَا». أَمَّا عَنِ الْبِرِّ الَّذِي هُوَ مِنَ الْإِيمَانِ فَيَقُولُ: «لَا تَقُلْ فِي قَلْبِكَ: مَنْ يَصْعَدُ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ؟»، أَيْ لِيُنزَلَ الْمَسِيحُ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ. وَلَا تَقُلْ: «مَنْ يَهْبِطُ إِلَى الْهَوَايَةِ؟»، أَيْ لِيُصْعِدَ الْمَسِيحُ مِنَ الْآمُوتِ. بَلْ مَاذَا يَقُولُ؟ «الْكَلِمَةُ قَرِيبَةٌ مِنْكَ، فِي فَمِكَ وَقَلْبِكَ»، أَيْ كَلِمَةُ الْإِيمَانِ، الَّتِي تُنَادِي بِهَا. فَإِنْ اعْتَرَفْتَ بِفَمِكَ أَنَّ يَسُوعَ هُوَ الرَّبُّ، وَأَمَنْتَ بِقَلْبِكَ أَنَّ اللَّهَ أَقَامَهُ مِنَ بَيْنِ الْآمُوتِ، تَخَلَّصَ. فَالْإِيمَانُ بِالْقَلْبِ يَقُودُ إِلَى الْبِرِّ، وَالْاعْتِرَافُ بِالْفَمِ يَقُودُ إِلَى الْخَلَاصِ؛ لِأَنَّ الْكِتَابَ يَقُولُ: «كُلُّ مَنْ يُؤْمِنُ بِهِ لَا يُخْزَى». فَلَا فَرْقَ بَيْنَ يَهُودِيٍّ وَبُيُونَانِيٍّ، لِأَنَّ الرَّبَّ هُوَ نَفْسُهُ لِجَمِيعِهِمْ، يُبَيِّضُ غِنَاهُ عَلَى جَمِيعِ الَّذِينَ يَدْعُوْنَهُ. فَكُلُّ مَنْ يَدْعُو أَسْمَ الرَّبِّ يَخْلُصَ.

Gospel: Luke 24:36-48

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then 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, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled. 'Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem You are witnesses of these things.

من إنجيل القديس لوقا

فِيمَا الرُّسُلُ يَتَكَلَّمُونَ بِهَذَا، وَقَفَّ يَسُوعُ فِي وَسَطِهِمْ، وَقَالَ لَهُمْ: «السَّلَامُ لَكُمْ!». فَارْتَاعُوا، وَأَسْتَوْلَى عَلَيْهِمُ الْخَوْفُ، وَكَانُوا يَظُنُّونَ أَنَّهُمْ يُشَاهِدُونَ رُوحًا. فَقَالَ لَهُمْ يَسُوعُ: «مَا بَالُكُمْ مُضْطَرِّبِينَ؟ وَلِمَاذَا تُخَالِجُ هَذِهِ الْأَفْكَارُ قُلُوبَكُمْ؟ أَنْظَرُوا إِلَى يَدَيَّ وَرِجْلَيَّ، فَإِنِّي أَنَا هُوَ. جُسُونِي، وَأَنْظَرُوا، فَإِنَّ الرُّوحَ لَا لَحْمَ لَهُ وَلَا عِظَامَ كَمَا تَرَوْنَ لِي!». قَالَ هَذَا وَأَرَاهُمْ يَدَيْهِ وَرِجْلَيْهِ وَإِذْ كَانُوا بَعْدُ غَيْرَ مُصَدِّقِينَ مِنَ الْفَرَحِ، وَمُتَعَجِّبِينَ، قَالَ لَهُمْ: «هَلْ عِنْدَكُمْ هُنَا طَعَامٌ؟». فَقَدَّمُوا لَهُ قِطْعَةً مِنْ سَمَكٍ مَشْوِيٍّ، وَمِنْ شَهْدٍ عَسَلٍ فَأَخَذَهَا وَأَكَلَهَا بِمَرَأَى مِنْهُمْ، وَقَالَ لَهُمْ: «هَذَا هُوَ كَلَامِي الَّذِي كَلَّمْتُكُمْ بِهِ، وَأَنَا بَعْدُ مَعَكُمْ. كَانَ يَنْبَغِي أَنْ يَتِمَّ كُلُّ مَا كُتِبَ عَنِّي فِي تَوْرَةِ مُوسَى، وَالْأَنْبِيَاءِ وَالْمَزَامِيرِ». حِينَئِذٍ فَتَحَ أَذْهَانَهُمْ لِيَفْهَمُوا الْكُتُبَ. ثُمَّ قَالَ لَهُمْ: «هَكَذَا مَكْتُوبٌ أَنَّ الْمَسِيحَ يَتَأَلَّمُ، وَيَقُومُ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْآمُوتِ فِي الْيَوْمِ الثَّلَاثِ. وَبِاسْمِهِ يُكْرَزُ بِالنُّبُوَّةِ لِمَغْفِرَةِ الْخَطَايَا، فِي جَمِيعِ الْأُمَمِ، إِبْتِدَاءً مِنْ أُورُشَلِيمَ. وَأَنْتُمْ سُهُودٌ عَلَى ذَلِكَ.

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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:** 5/14/17, \$951.00, 5/14/17 Second Collection Forwarded National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon \$133.00



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



Invitation to Adore Jesus in the Blessed Eucharist.

You are invited to spend sometime before our Lord Jesus in the Blessed Eucharist to grow in faith and love of our Lord. How awesome is this gift in which Jesus our Lord and God is present here in the Eucharist. How awesome our Lord is to give us this way to approach our living God. What will keep you away from the gift of our Lord who awaits you to spend a little time adoring him in the Eucharist. **Liturgy will take place at 8:00 PM followed by Eucharistic Adoration at 8:30 PM on Fridays.**

BIBLE STUDY

Please join Abouna Joseph for Bible Study on **Saturday, May 20, 2017** in the church hall following the 4:00PM Liturgy. Everyone is welcomed. Ahalan Wa Sahlan!



Religious Education Calendar

*Saturday, May 20 from 11:00AM-12:00Noon
Rehearsal for First communicants*
Sun. May 21 Celebration of First Eucharist

Upcoming Second Collection: Per Directive of the Eparchy, there will be a second collection taken on the **weekend of May 27-28, for Catholic Communication Campaign.** This collection was established by the USCCB, 50% of this collection is sent to them for national Catholic television, radio and media, and 50% is retained by our Eparchy for the Maronite Voice and any other communication needs they may have. This collection is sent to the Eparchy for its proper distribution.



Devotion to Our Blessed Mother:

During the Month of **May** in honor of Our Blessed Mother you are most welcome to join in prayer and pray the rosary as the Blessed Mother will travel from homes of parishioners that will host the evening of prayer **Mondays through Thursdays** and on **Fridays at the Church at 7:00 PM.** If you would like more information to join the prayer group for the month of **May**, please see **Flavia Saade**



WE NEED YOUR HELP !

Coffee Hour Volunteers

If you are able to lend a hand on sponsoring a Sunday Morning Coffee Hour, Please see Abouna.



High School and College Graduates:

Please contact the Church Office with your name, school, degree, etc., so that you may be included in our **Baccalaureate Liturgy on Sunday, June 4, 2017.**

OUR LADY-OF-THE CEDARS Lebanese Festival
61 Rockwood Street - Jamaica Plain, MA • 617-522-0223

Three Days of Entertainment

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| Friday May 26, from 6 - 11 | Saturday May 27, from 3 - 11 Live band & DJ | Sunday May 28, from 12 - 6 |
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Mitchell Kaltsounas **Marwan Zghaib and Roy Ghahwan**

Chicken, Kebab, Shawarma, Falafel, Hummus, Kofta, Labneh, Pita, Tabbouleh, Full Bar, Lebanese Coffee, Arabi, Kibby, Hayyeh, Poppo, Halaq

Raffle: (1) \$1000 in CASH - (2) More than \$2000 in Value Prizes Gift Certificates and Gift Baskets

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~ You cannot bring food or drink ~