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May 13-14, 2023



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Sixth Sunday of the Resurrection / Feast of the Ascension

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

"BEHOLD, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS,
UNTIL THE END OF THE AGE."



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High School and College Graduates: Please contact the Church Office with your name, school, degree, and where you will be attending etc., so that you may be included in our **Baccalaureate (Graduation) Liturgy on Sunday, May 28, 2023**



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

Holy Mystery of Reconciliation

The sacrament of Reconciliation is available by appointment.

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.

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



*"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~*

Religious Education

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

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.

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.

MYO—MYA

MYO- MYA meet
 September through April



Sixth Sunday of the Resurrection

Sat. May 13 @ 4:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+Samira Daiif, Mother of Abouna Joseph Daiif

+Bolus and Rose Saba and all deceased members of the family as requested by the family

+All Living and Deceased Mothers of the Parish

Sun. May 14 @ 10:30 AM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+Samira Daiif, Mother of Abouna Joseph Daiif

+All Living and Deceased Mothers of the Parish



The Ascension of Our Lord

Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday, May 18, 2023

Liturgy will be celebrated at 7:00 PM

Seventh Sunday of the Resurrection

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

+Intention available on request

Sat. May 20 @ 6:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:

Memorial for + Cynthia Sfeir (mother-in-law of Ziad Rouhana) as requested by the family

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

2 Anniversary for +Malek El Hayek as requested by the family

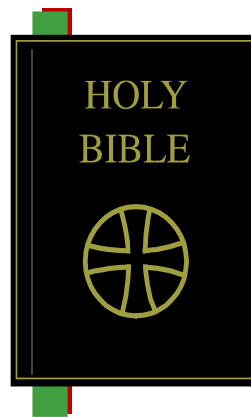
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Lectors' Schedule

Saturday, May 13, 2023

English: Cauna

Sunday, May 14, 2023

English: Mirna Issa

Arabic: Elias El Sayah

Weekly Collections

	Amount
Saturday 5/6/23	\$ 355.00
Sunday 5/7/23	\$ 521.00
Total	\$ 876.00
Operational Expenses Needed weekly	\$ 3,400.00
Deficit	-(\$ 2,524.00)
Second Collection Forwarded	\$ 121.00

Second Collection

May 20-21, 2023

Catholic Communication Campaign

This collection was established by the USCCB, and 50% of this collection is sent to them for national Catholic television, radio and other media, and 50% is retained by our Eparchy for the Maronite Voice and any other communication needs they may have. This collection does not stay in the parish it is sent to the Eparchy for its proper distribution.

Members of St. Theresa Church Stewardship -Building Committee

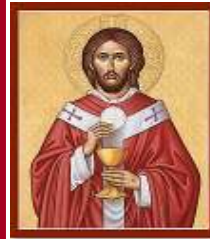
George Lattouf
Joyce Nesseralla
Shirley Asack Younes

Members of St. Theresa Church Parish Council

Copal Awad
Solange Badran
Randa El Hayek
Salma Haikal
Mirna Issa
Hanne Nesseralla
Diana Saab
Alison Farah Saade
George Matta

For the Month of May

Bread and Wine



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 Blessed Mother



Vigil candle for the Blessed Mother

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

+*Paulette 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 :

+*Bolus and Rose Saba*

by the family

Sanctuary candle for the Tabernacle



Sanctuary candle for the Tabernacle

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

+*Malek El Hayek*

Vigil candles for the Gospel Throne



Vigil candle for the Gospel Throne

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

+ *Private Intention*



Saint Theresa

Maronite Catholic Church



Sixth Sunday of the Resurrection

May 13-14, 2023

A Reading from the Letter Saint Paul to the 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.'" **Praise be to God always.**

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.



فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الرسول إلى أهل روما

يا إخواني، إِنَّ بُعْيَةَ قَلْبِي وَتَضَرُّعِي إِلَى اللَّهِ مِنْ أَجْلِ بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ لِيَخْلُصُوا. فَأَنَا أَشْهَدُ لَهُمْ أَنَّ فِيهِمْ غَيْرَةَ اللَّهِ، وَلَكِنْ بِدُونِ مَعْرِفَةٍ صَاحِبَةٍ. فَقَدْ جَهِلُوا بِرَّ اللَّهِ، وَحَاوَلُوا أَنْ يُنْبِئُوا بِرَّ أَنْفُسِهِمْ، فَلَمْ يَخْضَعُوا لِبرِّ اللَّهِ؛ لِأَنَّ غَايَةَ الشَّرِيعَةِ إِنَّمَا هِيَ الْمَسِيحُ، لِكَيْ يَتَّبَرَّرَ بِهِ كُلُّ مُؤْمِنٍ. وَقَدْ كَتَبَ مُوسَى عَنِ البرِّ الَّذِي هُوَ مِنَ الشَّرِيعَةِ فَقَالَ: «مَنْ يَعْمَلُ بِأَحْكَامِ الشَّرِيعَةِ يَحْيَا بِهَا». أَمَّا عَنِ البرِّ الَّذِي هُوَ مِنَ الْإِيمَانِ فَيَقُولُ: «لَا تَقُلْ فِي قَلْبِكَ: مَنْ يَصْعَدُ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ؟»، أَيْ لِيُنْزَلَ الْمَسِيحُ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ. وَلَا تَقُلْ: «مَنْ يَهْبِطُ إِلَى الْهَوَايَةِ؟»، أَيْ لِيُصْعِدَ الْمَسِيحُ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ. بَلْ مَاذَا يَقُولُ؟ «الْكَلِمَةُ قَرِيبَةٌ مِنْكَ، فِي فَمِكَ وَقَلْبِكَ»، أَيْ كَلِمَةُ الْإِيمَانِ، الَّتِي تُنَادِي بِهَا. فَإِنْ أَعْتَرَفْتَ بِفَمِكَ أَنَّ يَسُوعَ هُوَ الرَّبُّ، وَأَمَنْتَ بِقَلْبِكَ أَنَّ اللَّهَ أَقَامَهُ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، تَخَلَّصَ. فَالْإِيمَانُ بِالْقَلْبِ يَقُودُ إِلَى البرِّ، وَالْأَعْتِرَافُ بِالْفَمِ يَقُودُ إِلَى الْخَلَاصِ؛ لِأَنَّ الْكِتَابَ يَقُولُ: «كُلُّ مَنْ يُؤْمِنُ بِهِ لَا يُخْزَى». فَلَا فَرْقَ بَيْنَ يَهُودِيٍّ وَيُونَانِيٍّ، لِأَنَّ الرَّبَّ هُوَ نَفْسُهُ لَجَمِيعِهِمْ، يُفِيضُ غِنَاهُ عَلَى جَمِيعِ الَّذِينَ يَدْعُونَهُ. فَكُلُّ مَنْ يَدْعُو اسْمَ الرَّبِّ يَخْلُصَ. **والتسبيح لله دائما**

من إنجيل ربنا يسوع المسيح للقديس لوقا

فِيمَا الرُّسُلُ يَتَكَلَّمُونَ بِهَذَا، وَقَفَ يَسُوعُ فِي وَسْطِهِمْ، وَقَالَ لَهُمْ: «السَّلَامُ لَكُمْ!». فَارْتَاعُوا، وَأَسْتَوْلَى عَلَيْهِمُ الْخَوْفُ، وَكَانُوا يَظُنُّونَ أَنَّهُمْ يُشَاهِدُونَ رُوحًا. فَقَالَ لَهُمْ يَسُوعُ: «مَا بَالُكُمْ مُضْطَرِبِينَ؟ وَلِمَاذَا تُخَالِجُ هَذِهِ الْأَفْكَارُ قُلُوبَكُمْ؟ أَنْظِرُوا إِلَى يَدَيَّ وَرِجْلَيَّ، فَإِنِّي أَنَا هُوَ. جُسُونِي، وَأَنْظِرُوا، فَإِنَّ الرُّوحَ لَا لَحْمَ لَهُ وَلَا عِظَامَ كَمَا تَرَوْنَ لِي!». قَالَ هَذَا وَرَأَاهُمْ يَدَيْهِ وَرِجْلَيْهِ. وَإِذْ كَانُوا بَعْدَ غَيْرِ مُصَدِّقِينَ مِنَ الْفَرَحِ، وَمَتَّعَجِبِينَ، قَالَ لَهُمْ: «هَلْ عِنْدَكُمْ هُنَا طَعَامٌ؟». فَقَدَّمُوا لَهُ قِطْعَةً مِنْ سَمَكٍ مَشْوِيٍّ، وَمِنْ شَهْدِ 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 يَتَّأَلَمُ، وَيَقُومُ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ فِي الْيَوْمِ الثَّلَاثِ. وَيَأْسُمُهُ يُكْرَزُ بِالنُّبُوَّةِ لِمَغْفِرَةِ الْخَطَايَا، فِي جَمِيعِ الْأُمَمِ، إِبْتِدَاءً مِنْ أُورُشَلِيمَ. وَأَنْتُمْ شُهُودٌ عَلَى ذَلِكَ.



58TH NATIONAL MARONITE CONVENTION

Sponsored by the National Apostolate of Maronites

REGISTRATION FORM

Pre-registration Deadline: **Monday, June 5, 2023**

Please complete all information or register online: www.namnews.org

Incomplete forms will not be processed. Please PRINT legibly. You will receive a confirmation via email or mail.

Primary Registrant: *(Please add additional family members on reverse side)*

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Parish: _____

Check all that apply:

- NAM Member NAM Delegate
 NAM Board Order of St. Sharbel
 Conv. Comm. Child (5-11)
 Youth (12-18) Young Adult (18-35)

Allergies: _____

PACKAGES ONLY - Enter number of packages desired and make sure to fill in Grand Total. Daily Workshops are included with any purchase. NAM members whose 2023 dues have been paid will receive \$15 off of the full adult package and \$10 off all other packages. This discount is void after the pre-registration deadline of June 5, 2023. If you wish to pay for your membership with this registration: send a check payable to NAM.

Excursions are additional and not included in packages. Saturday Banquet seating is available on-line or please contact NAM office at 914-964-3070. The "Covenant of Behavior" MUST be completed for all Child and Youth registrants- if not accompanied by parent. See forms on-line. ****YOUTH:** If you are 18 and did not graduate from high school by summer; **YOUNG ADULT:** If you are over 18 and a high school graduate and younger than 35.

PACKAGE OPTIONS AND PRICING

Package Options	Adult and Young Adult 18+ years		Youth 12 - 18 years		Child 5 - 11 years		
	Before 6/5/2023	After 6/5/2023	Before 6/5/2023	After 6/5/2023	Before 6/5/2023	After 6/5/2023	
DOES NOT INCLUDE HOTEL ROOMS							
Full: Thursday-Sunday	#____@ \$390	#____@ \$410	#____@ \$380	#____@ \$400	#____@ \$170	#____@ \$190	
Weekend: Friday-Sunday	#____@ \$350	#____@ \$370	#____@ \$340	#____@ \$360	#____@ \$150	#____@ \$170	
Saturday-Sunday: Entertainment & Dinner (Sunday Brunch included)	#____@ \$250	#____@ \$270	#____@ \$240	#____@ \$260	#____@ \$140	#____@ \$160	
Saturday Entertainment Only at 10 PM							#____@ \$175

EXCURSIONS AND PRICING

Date	Excursions - transportation is included in pricing below where applicable	Time	# of Attendees	Price
Thursday, July 6	Newport, RI — Explore beaches or shopping on famous Thames St. and America's Cup Avenue <i>All ages welcome, cold beverages and snacks provided</i>	11 AM - 6 PM		#____@ \$25
	Newport, RI — Explore the historic Breakers mansion and more <i>All ages welcome, cold beverages and snacks provided</i>	11 AM - 6 PM		#____@ \$45
Friday, July 7	Roger Williams Park — Zoo: Admission <i>Toddlers 1 year and younger are free</i>	12:30 PM - 4:30 PM		#____@ \$45
	Roger Williams Park — Boating: Swan boats, Electric boats, Kayaks, and Pirate Boat *BUS ONLY; All boat rental tickets purchased on site (Avg. Price \$5-\$15 p/p)	12:30 PM - 4:30 PM		#____@ \$25*
	Roger Williams Park — Botanical Center *BUS ONLY; All admission tickets purchased on site (Avg. Price \$2-\$5 p/p)	12:30 PM - 4:30 PM		#____@ \$25*
Saturday, July 8	"Amazement on Tap" with the Bishops at Reiner's Pub with light fare <i>(MYA Only)</i>	2 PM - 4 PM		#____@ \$25
	Providence Walking Tours — Self guided, maps provided	1 PM - 5 PM		FREE

GRAND TOTAL \$ _____

Please make checks payable to "NAM Convention" and mail to NAM 2110 Redwood Pl, Canfield, OH 44406
Do not send cash. If using a Credit Card register online or call 914-964-3070

Omni Hotel Rate is \$189.00 + tax. For Reservations please call 1-402-952-6646 and ask for the National Maronite Convention room block or visit www.omnihotels.com/hotels/providence/meetings/nam-national-convention-2023-07022023

Reservations must be made no later than **Monday, June 12, 2023**

Please note the nearest airport is TF Green Airport in Warwick, RI.