

**OUR LADY OF MERCY
MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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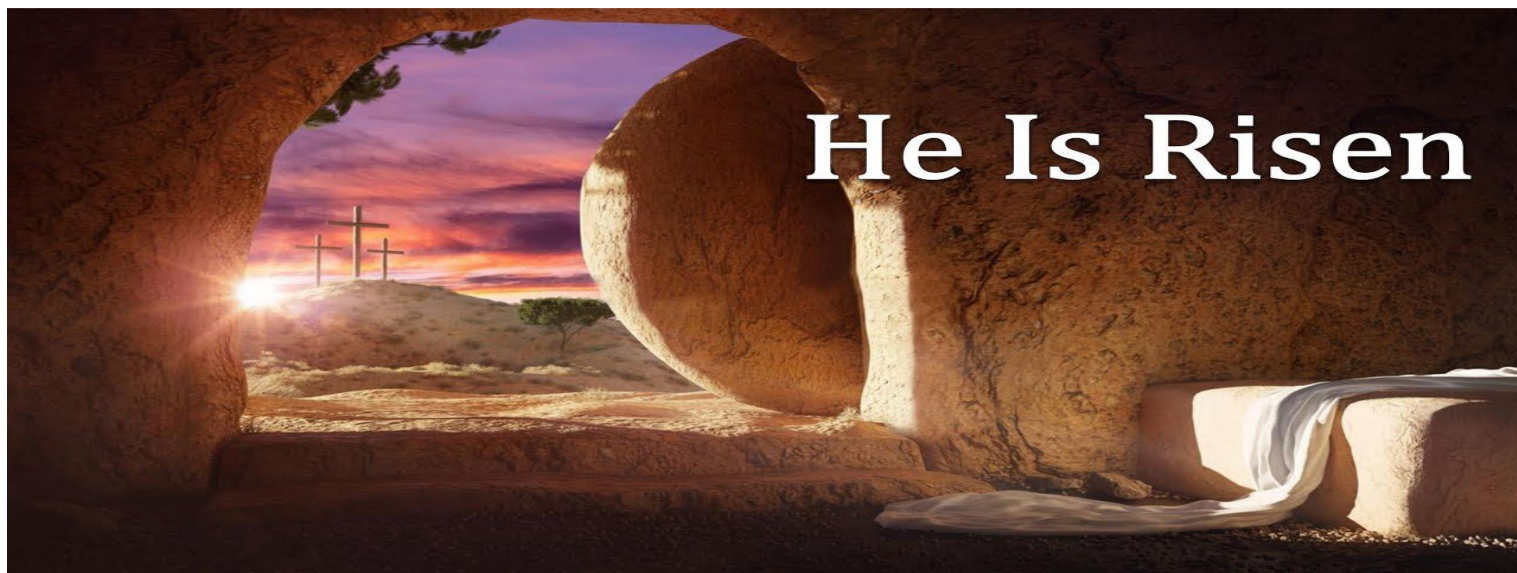
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The Glorious Sunday: Easter Sunday

April 20th, 2025



Reconciliation (Confessions)

Saturday – 2:30pm to 3:30pm

Sunday – 8:30am to 9:30am

By appointment

Divine Liturgy/Mass Schedule

Tuesday through Friday 9am
in the Chapel.

Saturday – 4pm/Sunday – 10am

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursdays - 9:30am to 10:30am

Fridays - 9:30am- 10:30am

Saturdays – 2pm to 3:45pm

First Saturday Devotion

Every 1st Saturday

2:00pm – Eucharistic Exposition

3:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

3:10pm Holy Rosary

4:00 pm Divine Liturgy

Baptism and Chrismation

Contact the priest at least
three (3) months prior to the
requested date.

Matrimony /Crowning

Contact the priest at least
one (1) year prior to
requested date.

If you are new to the parish, please know that you are dearly loved and welcomed to be a member of our community of faith. To ensure receiving communication from the parish as a parishioner, please see the priest or one of the ushers.

“YOU ARE PRECIOUS AND HONORED IN MY SIGHT AND I LOVE YOU” ISAIAH 43:4

Divine Liturgy Intentions – Hosanna Sunday: Palm Sunday

Easter Vigil, Saturday April 19th @6PM– For the intentions and donors of Catholic Extension

Sunday of the Great Resurrection Liturgy & the Rite of Peace April 20th @ 10:00 AM- For the Intentions of the Parishioners

Jon 2:1b-3,4b,5,7-11; 1Cor 15:12-26; Mark 16:1-8

Monday April 21st @9:00 AM- For the intentions and donors of Catholic Extension

Tuesday April 22nd @9:00 AM – For the intentions and donors of Catholic Extension

Wednesday April 23rd @9:00 AM – For the intentions of Paul Flammia

Thursday April 24th @ 9:00 AM– For the intentions and donors of Catholic Extension

Friday April 25th 9:00 AM– For the intentions and donors of Catholic Extension

Saturday April 26th @ 4:00 PM – For the intentions and donors of Catholic Extension

2nd Sunday of the Resurrection; New Sunday(Divine Mercy Sunday) April 27th @ 10:00 AM- For the intentions and donors of Catholic Extension

Stewardship of God's Blessings for the Week of 04/07/2025-04/13/2025

Saturday/Sunday collection - \$2812.00; Online Giving - \$263.11; Bishop Appeal: \$595.00; Total –\$3670.11

Easter flowers: \$ 85.00; Bake Sales: \$1572.00

Thank you for your continuous support of our parish and its many needs. May God bless your generosity to Our Lady of Mercy. To make a tax-deductible online offering especially when you are not here, please go [to our Church's website](#) and scroll down to donate.

“Whatever you do, do from the heart, as for the Lord and not for others, knowing that you will receive from the Lord the due payment of the inheritance” (Colossians 3:23-24) and remember that “God loves a

Please remember Our Lady of Mercy Church in your will.

UPCOMING EVENT:

**MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS ASAP–BBQ SUNDAY TO SUPPORT OUR MYO MAY 18, 2025
CHECK THE FLYER FOR MORE INFORMATION**

Gifts of the Heart for the Month of April

Altar Candles in the church - In memory of Louis Iovieno offered by Louise Iovieno.

Altar Bread and Wine, Sanctuary Lamp and Adoration candles in the Church – For the intentions of Don & Pat Quintiliani and their family

Altar Candles, Sanctuary Lamp, Altar Bread and Wine in the chapel – For the intentions of Don & Pat Quintiliani and their family

Promoting Vocations - The Eparchy is trying to bring more awareness to the different vocations in life. For this reason, an icon of the Holy Family along with a prayer will be given to a different family each week for prayer every night so God may guide us to discern and promote the various vocations. See Fr. Peter for more information. To register, please click [here](#).

Scripture Verse for the week- **BUT NOW, THUS SAYS THE LORD, WHO CREATED YOU, AND FORMED YOU: DO NOT FEAR, FOR I HAVE REDEEMED YOU; I HAVE CALLED YOU BY NAME: YOU ARE MINE.**

- Isaiah 43:1



HOLY WEEK & RESURRECTION SUNDAY
AT OUR LADY OF MERCY Maronite Catholic Church
341 June Street Worcester MA 01602

Saturday April 12: *Vigil Palm Sunday - 04:00 pm*

• **Sunday April 13:** *Palm Sunday with Solemn procession - 10:00 am*

• **Monday April 14:** *Coming to the Harbor - 07:00 pm*

• **Tuesday April 15:** *Coming to the Harbor - 07:00 pm*

• **Wednesday April 16:** *Healing Service / Rite of the Lamp - 7:00 pm*

• **Thursday April 17:** *Washing of the Feet - 07:00 pm*

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament - 09:00 pm to Midnight

• **Friday April 17:** *Signing of the Chalice / Pre-sanctified Gifts - 09:00 am*

Burial of the Lord - 07:00 pm

• **Saturday April 19:** *Awaited Light / Prayer of Forgiveness - 11:00 am*

Vigil Liturgy of Easter Sunday - 06:00 pm

• **Sunday April 20:** *Easter - 10:00 am*

Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered daily from 06:00 pm to 06:45 pm
Except Holy Thursday and Saturday of the Light from 10:00 am to 10:45 am

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ALL OUR LITURGIES.

** May you experience on a deeper level the merciful love of Christ
through the Sacrament of Reconciliation & an appreciation
for the redemptive work of Christ on the cross **

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2025 Jubilee Year of “Pilgrims of Hope”

The Jubilee Year is a time of grace, mercy, and renewal. It is a time to open wide the doors of our hearts to Christ, to draw closer to him in every way, and to let the Holy Spirit transform us into faithful disciples.

Live in the Hope of Christ and be a shining hope for others.

Please share with your friends that our parish is designated as a Pilgrimage Site for this year until January 6, 2026.

<https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2024/05/13/240513f.html>

Lent Guideline

Our Lent begins this year with

Ash Monday, March 3rd

and concludes on

Easter Sunday, April 20th

Below are the Lent Regulations

All those who have reached their 14th birthday are to abstain from eating meat on Ash Monday and on all Fridays of Lent. Fasting should be from midnight until noon. Of course you are all encouraged to also fast and do other acts of penance on the other days during Lent, especially Fridays. There are plenty works of charity and you can help by doing your share of compassion and mercy. Most importantly do good things instead of just giving up some food.

Have a blessed Lent.

Confessions during Lent

You are encouraged to approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation during this season of Lent. Catholics must go to confession at least once a year and as often as they need it in order to cleanse themselves of sins and be in a state of grace.



Holy Door

The practice was reestablished in the year 1300 by Pope Boniface VIII. Issued a bill of indulgence proclaiming that Christians who confessed their sins, received the Eucharist, and made a pilgrimage to Rome could receive a plenary indulgence — a grace granted by the Church through the merits of Jesus Christ to remove the temporal punishment due to sin. Let us rejoice, our Parish is designated as a pilgrimage site.

To live the Holy Year fully and fruitfully, the faithful are encouraged to embrace the following:

1. Prayer: Personal and communal, frequent participation in the Holy Eucharist and Mystery of Reconciliation
2. Pilgrimage and Indulgences: Visit a pilgrimage site, meet the requirements for plenary indulgency and prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father
3. Acts of Charity and Mercy: Practice other corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

<https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2024/05/13/240513f.html>

Join the Order of St. Sharbel

The order of St. Sharbel supports the education of Maronite seminarians and our retired priests who deserve a decent retirement.

Please consider joining the Order as an
Annual Member for \$500 a year, or
Perpetual Member for \$5,000 for life.

Information about the Order can be found
at www.orderstsharbel.org

Thank you for considering this invitation.



بِالصَّوْمِ يُفْتَحُ بَابُ السَّمَاءِ

The gates of heaven are opened through prayer and fasting.

BARBECUE

Family Fun Day

Sunday May 18th
at 11:30 am

\$30 Adult
\$10 Kids 12 YO and under



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St. Therese *The Little Flower,*
Please pick me a Rose from the Heavenly
Garden and send it to me with a Message of
Love. Ask God to grant me the Favor I Thee
implore and tell Him I will Love Him each day
More and More.

(The above prayer, plus 5 Our Fathers, 5 Hail Mary's, 5 Glory Be's, must be said on 5 successive days, before 11 a.m. On the 5th day, the 5th set of prayers having been completed, offer one more set — 5 Our Father's, 5 Hail Mary's, 5 Glory Be's.)

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Great Sunday of the Resurrection

أحد القيامة الكبير

First Letter to the Corinthians 15: 12-26

If Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead?

If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain.

We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.

Then those also who have died in Christ have perished.

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.

Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

The Gospel according to Saint Mark 16: 1-8

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb.

They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?'

When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed.

But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.' So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

رسالة بولس الأولى إلى أهل كورنثس 12:26-15

يا إخواني، إن كان المسيح يُبشَّرُ به أَنَّهُ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، فَكَيْفَ يَقُولُ بَعْضُ مِنْكُمْ أَنْ لَا قِيَامَةَ لِلْأَمْوَاتِ؟ فَإِنْ كَانَ لَا قِيَامَةَ لِلْأَمْوَاتِ، فَالْمَسِيحُ أَيْضًا لَمْ يَقُمْ! وَإِنْ كَانَ الْمَسِيحُ لَمْ يَقُمْ، فَباطِلٌ تَبَشِيرُنَا وَباطِلٌ إِيْمَانُكُمْ، وَتَكُونُ نَحْنُ شُهُودَ زُورٍ عَلَى اللَّهِ، لِأَنَّنَا شَهِدْنَا عَلَى اللَّهِ أَنَّهُ أَقَامَ الْمَسِيحَ، وَهُوَ مَا أَقَامَهُ، إِنْ صَحَّ أَنَّ الْأَمْوَاتَ لَا يَقُومُونَ. فَإِنْ كَانَ الْأَمْوَاتُ لَا يَقُومُونَ، فَالْمَسِيحُ أَيْضًا لَمْ يَقُمْ! وَإِنْ كَانَ الْمَسِيحُ لَمْ يَقُمْ، فَباطِلٌ إِيْمَانُكُمْ، وَتَكُونُونَ بَعْدَ فِي خَطَايَاكُمْ.

إِذَا فَالَّذِينَ رَفَعُوا فِي الْمَسِيحِ قَدْ هَلَكُوا. إِنْ كُنَّا نَرْجُو الْمَسِيحَ فِي هَذِهِ الْحَيَاةِ وَحَسَبُ، فَنَحْنُ أَشَقَى النَّاسِ أَجْمَعِينَ! وَالْحَالُ أَنَّ الْمَسِيحَ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، وَهُوَ بَأَكُورَةَ الرَّاقِدِينَ. فَبِمَا أَنَّ الْمَوْتَ كَانَ بَوَاسِطَةِ إِنْسَانٍ، فَبَوَاسِطَةِ إِنْسَانٍ أَيْضًا تَكُونُ قِيَامَةُ الْأَمْوَاتِ. فَكَمَا أَنَّهُ فِي آدَمَ يَمُوتُ الْجَمِيعُ، كَذَلِكَ فِي الْمَسِيحِ سَيَحْيَا الْجَمِيعُ، كُلُّ وَاحِدٍ فِي رُتَبَتِهِ: الْمَسِيحُ أَوَّلًا، لِأَنَّهُ الْبَأَكُورَةُ، ثُمَّ الَّذِينَ هُمْ لِلْمَسِيحِ، عِنْدَ مَجِيئِهِ. وَبَعْدَ ذَلِكَ تَكُونُ التَّهْلَايَةُ، حِينَ يُسَلِّمُ الْمَسِيحُ الْمُلْكَ إِلَى اللَّهِ الْآبِ، بَعْدَ أَنْ يَكُونَ قَدْ أَبْطَلَ كُلَّ رِئَاسَةٍ وَكُلَّ سُلْطَانٍ وَقُوَّةٍ، لِأَنَّهُ لَا بُدَّ لِلْمَسِيحِ أَنْ يَمْلِكَ، إِلَى أَنْ يَجْعَلَ اللَّهُ جَمِيعَ أَعْزَانِهِ تَحْتَ قَدَمَيْهِ. وَآخِرُ عَدُوٍّ يُبْطَلُ هُوَ الْمَوْتُ.

إنجيل القديس مرقس 1:16-8

لَمَّا أَنْقَضَى السَّبْتُ، اشْتَرَتْ مَرْيَمُ الْمَجْدَلِيَّةُ، وَمَرْيَمُ أُمُّ يَعْقُوبَ، وَسَالُومَةُ، طَيُوبًا لِيَأْتِيَنَّ وَيُطَيِّبَنَّ جَسَدَ يَسُوعَ. وَفِي يَوْمِ الْأَحَدِ بَاكِرًا جَدًّا، أَتَيْنَ إِلَى الْقَبْرِ مَعَ طُلُوعِ الشَّمْسِ. وَكُنَّ يَقُلْنَ فِيمَا بَيْنَهُنَّ: «مَنْ يُدْخِرُ لَنَا الْحَجَرَ عَنْ بَابِ الْقَبْرِ؟»

وَتَفَرَّسْنَ فَشَاهَدْنَ الْحَجَرَ قَدْ دُحِرَ، وَكَانَ كَبِيرًا جَدًّا. وَدَخَلْنَ الْقَبْرَ، فَرَأَيْنَ شَابًّا جَالِسًا عَنِ الْيَمِينِ، مُتَوَشِّحًا حُلَّةً بَيْضَاءَ، فَأَنْدَهَلْنَ. فَقَالَ لَهُنَّ: «لَا تَنْدَهَلْنَ! أَنْتُنَّ تَطْلُبْنَ يَسُوعَ النَّاصِرِيَّ الْمَصْلُوبَ. إِنَّهُ قَامَ، وَهُوَ لَيْسَ هُنَا. وَهَا هُوَ الْمَكَانُ الَّذِي وَضَعُوهُ فِيهِ. أَلَا أَذْهَبُنَّ وَقُلْنَ لِتَلَامِيذِهِ وَلِيُطْرُسَ: إِنَّهُ يَسْبِقُكُمْ إِلَى الْجَلِيلِ. وَهُنَاكَ تَرَوْنَهُ، كَمَا قَالَ لَكُمْ.»

فَخَرَجْنَ مِنَ الْقَبْرِ وَهَرَبْنَ مِنْ شِدَّةِ الرِّعْدَةِ وَالذُّهُولِ. وَمِنْ خَوْفِهِنَّ لَمْ يَقُلْنَ لِأَحَدٍ شَيْئًا..