

**OUR LADY OF MERCY
MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**3rd Sunday of the Resurrection: Our Lady of Lebanon
May 4th, 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 for the 3rd Week of the Resurrection Season

Saturday May 3rd @ 4:00 PM – For the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the intentions of Our Lady

3rd Sunday of the Resurrection- Our Lady of Lebanon May 4th @ 10:00 AM- For the intentions of our first communicants **Kyson Isaiah Ryan & Charbel Salloum, their families and their teacher Tarek Zoghbi**

Job 42:1-6, 12; 2Tim 2:8-13; Luke 24:13-35

Monday May 5th @9:00 AM- For the intentions and donors of Catholic Extension

Tuesday May 6th @9:00 AM – For the intentions and donors of Catholic Extension

Wednesday May 7th @9:00 AM – For the intentions and donors of Catholic Extension

Thursday May 8th @ 9:00 AM– For the intentions and donors of Catholic Extension

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

Saturday May 10th @ 4:00 PM – For the intentions and donors of Catholic Extension

4th Sunday of the Resurrection- May 11th @ 10:00 AM- For the intentions and donors of Catholic Extension

Stewardship of God's Blessings for the Week of 04/21/2025-04/27/2025

Saturday/Sunday collection - \$803.00; **Online Giving** - \$211.99; **Total –\$1014.99**; Catholic home mission \$138.00; **Hall Rentals: \$1200.00**

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 cheerful giver” (2 Corinthians 9:7)

Please remember Our Lady of Mercy Church in your will.

UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS

Women's Committee Meeting – Sunday May 4th after Divine Liturgy

Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday May 6th at 7pm

Maintenance Committee Meeting – Wednesday May 7th at 7:pm

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament and Rosary – Thursday May 8th at 7pm

Family BBQ Sunday on May 18, 2025 – check the flyer for more information

Gifts of the Heart for the Month of May

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, Altar Candles, Sanctuary Lamp,

Altar Bread and Wine in the chapel – For the intentions of Dwight and Teddy Flammia 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- MARY SAID, “BEHOLD, I AM THE HANDMAID OF THE LORD. MAY IT BE DONE TO ME ACCORDING TO YOUR WORD.” THEN THE ANGEL DEPARTED FROM HER. LUKE 1:38

قربانة اولى مباركة Happy First Holy Communion

Our congratulations and best wishes go out to our children who are receiving their First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 4th: Our sincerest appreciation goes out to their wonderful teacher Tarek Zoghbi for teaching and instructing them.

Kyson Isaiah Ryan

Charbel Salloum

May Jesus the Eucharistic Lord bless them and give them joy and peace in their life.

Church Dress Code

Please Dress Modestly. Modesty is a Christian virtue that refers to dressing and acting in a way that shows reverence for God. Please, dress your best when you come to Church. It is a holy ground and we should dress modestly in respect for God's house. **Ask yourself this question and be honest. How should you dress in the house of the King of Kings? If you went to Buckingham Palace or the White House, what would you wear? Why should you dress with any less respect for the only King that matters?**

Please, if possible no shorts, sleeveless dresses, miniskirts or T-shirts, tight dresses or tight skirts, short dresses or skirts (knee length skirts and dresses are acceptable)

Thank you for your consideration to this friendly reminder.

الثياب المحتشمة

لطفاً الرجاء ارتداء الثياب المحتشمة في بيت الله.

يرجى عدم ارتداء "الشورت" او التنانير القصيرة , او الثياب بلا اكمام.

مع الف شكر!

Mass etiquette from St John Bosco (compiled by Fr Augustine Opara Ikechukwu)

1. **Try to be early to Mass always. A few minutes spent in before Mass can open your soul to wonderful graces**
 2. When you enter or leave the church, take holy water and sign yourself with the sign of the cross.
 3. Always genuflect (or bow according to our Maronite tradition) when you enter or leave your seat. This is an act of adoration to Almighty God, present in the tabernacle. Take time to genuflect reverently, facing the altar and saying "My Lord and My God" as your right knee touches the floor
 4. **Don't talk in church unless absolutely necessary. Talk only to Jesus - it is Him you have come to visit. Don't talk as you leave either. Some people may still be praying.**
 5. Listen to the homily it is from God which could bear much fruit for you.
 6. Don't start to leave the church until the priest has returned to the sacristy. Stay to thank God for the graces you received from Him in the Mass.
- Every day we take a step closer to Heaven. Every act should be for the greater glory of God and every morning we should renew our resolve to work for the salvation of souls.



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>

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>



To create the Culture of Life in our society

You formed my inmost being; you knit me in my mother's womb.

I praise you, because I am wonderfully made; wonderful are your works!

My very self you know. My bones are not hidden from you. When I was being made in secret, fashioned in the depths of the earth, Your eyes saw me unformed; in your book all are written down; my days were shaped, before one came to be.

How precious to me are your designs, O God. Psalms 139:13-17

Beliefs about the sanctity of life lie at the heart of all the ethical debates on embryo experiments, abortion and euthanasia. Learn what you can about what is being done to protect life and create a Culture of Life in Minnesota.

May is often referred to as the Month of Mary. It's a time when Catholics, and many others, are encouraged to pay special attention to the Blessed Virgin Mary through prayers, devotions, and reflection on her life and role in salvation history. It is the perfect time to focus your actions on promoting this Culture of Life.

For more information, check out these websites:

Prolife Action Ministries www.plam.org/events (40 Days for Life, Prayers at local abortion sites.)

Prolife Across America www.prolifeacrossamerica.org (The billboard people and crisis resources information)

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BARBECUE

Family Fun Day

Sunday May 18th
at 11:30 am

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



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Maronite Catholic Church

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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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Third Sunday of the Resurrection

Second Letter to Timothy 2: 8-13.

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore, I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful for he cannot deny himself.

The Gospel according to Saint Luke 24: 13-35.

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

الأحد الثالث من زمن القيامة

رسالة القديس بولس الثانية إلى تيموثاوس 2: 8-13
يا إخوتي، وأنت يا ابني، تذكّر يسوع المسيح الذي قام من بين الأموات، وهو من نسل داود، بحسب إنجيلي، الذي فيه أحتمل المشقات حتى القيود كمجرم، لكن كلمة الله لا تقيد. لذلك أصبر على كل شيء من أجل المختارين، ليخلصوا هم أيضًا على الخلاص في المسيح يسوع مع المجد الأبدي. صديقة هي الكلمة: إن متنا معه نحيا معه، وإن صبرنا نملك معه، وإن أنكرناه ينكرنا، وإن كنا غير أمناء فهو يبقينا أمينًا، لأنه لا يقدر أن ينكر نفسه!

إنجيل القديس لوقا 24: 13-35

في اليوم عينه، كان اثنان من التلاميذ ذاهبين إلى قرية تدعى عماؤس، تبعد نحو سبعة أميال عن اورشليم. وكانا يتحادثان بكل تلك الأمور التي حدثت. وفيما هما يتحادثان ويتساءلان، إذا يسوع نفسه قد اقترب منهما، وراح يسيّر معهما. ولكن أعينهما أمسكت عن معرفته. أما هو فقال لهما: «ما هذا الكلام الذي تتحادثان به، وأنتما تسيران؟». فوقفا عابسين. وأجاب أحدهما، واسمه كليوباس، فقال له: «هل أنت وحدك غريب عن اورشليم، فلا تعلم ما حدث فيها هذه الأيام؟». فقال لهما: «وما هي؟». فقال له: «ما يتعلق بيسوع الناصري، الذي كان رجلاً نبياً قوياً بالقول والفعل، فدّام الله والشعب كله. وكيف أسلمه أخبارنا ورؤساؤنا ليحكم عليه بالموت، وكيف صلبوه! وكنا نحن نرجو أن يكون هو الذي سيؤدي إسرائيل. ولكن مع هذا كله، فهذا هو اليوم الثالث بعد تلك الأحداث. لكن بعض النساء من جماعتنا أدهشنا، لأنهن ذهبن إلى القبر عند الفجر، ولم يجدن جسد يسوع، فرجعن وقلن إنهن شاهدن ملائكة ترأوا لهن وقالوا إنه حي! ومضى قوم من الذين معنا إلى القبر، فوجدوه هكذا كما قالت النساء، وأما يسوع فلم يروه. فقال لهما يسوع: «يا عديمي الفهم، وبطيئي القلب في الإيمان بكل ما تكلم به الأنبياء! أما كان يجب على المسيح أن يعاني تلك الآلام، ثم يدخل في مجده؟». وقسر لهما ما يتعلق به في كل الكتب المقدسة، مبيناً بموسى وجميع الأنبياء. واقتربا من القرية التي كانا ذاهبين إليها، فتظاهر يسوع بأنه ذاهب إلى مكان أبعد. فتمسكا به قائلين: «أمكنث معنا، فقد حان المساء، ومال النهار». فدخل ليمكث معهما. وفيما كان متكئا معهما، أخذ الخبز، وبارك، وكسر، وناولهما. فانفتحت أعينهما، وعرفاه، فإذا هو قد توارى عنهما. فقال أحدهما للآخر: «أما كان قلبنا مضطرباً فيما، حين كان يكلمنا في الطريق، وبشرح لنا الكتب؟». ووقاما في تلك الساعة عنيهما، ورجعا إلى اورشليم، فوجدا الأحد عشر والذين معهم مجتمعين، وهم يقولون: «حقاً إن الرب قام، وترأى لسمعان!». أما هما فكانا يخبران بما حدث في الطريق، وكيف عرفا يسوع عند كسر الخبز.