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FOURTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST
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The liturgy this week is offered for
FOR WAHIB SAWAYA, A 40 DAY MEMORIAL
REQUESTED BY HIS DAUGHTER SAMIA RIZK

FOR JEANNETTE, NEJMI, & MIKHAEL KHAIRALLA
REQUESTED BY THEIR DAUGHTER NEILLA SALIBI

FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE MAKHOUL, SHEDREWI AND ISKANDAR FAMILIES
REQUESTED BY MARK SHEDREWI

MARONITE DIVINE LITURGY

SUNDAY, 9:30 A.M.
St. Agnes Chapel
7775 Vanderbilt Beach Road
Naples, Florida

WEDNESDAY, 12:00 NOON
Saint Peter the Apostle Catholic Church
5130 Rattlesnake Hammock Road
Naples, Florida

CONFESSION
Fr. Paul is always available
before Divine Liturgy or by appointment

MASS REQUESTS
To request a Mass for someone
or some special intention,
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Fr. Paul Tarabay at 734-578-6952

EPISTLE

1 CORINTHIANS 2:11-16

Among human beings, who knows what pertains to a person except the spirit of the person that is within? Similarly, no one knows what pertains to God except the Spirit of God. We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the things freely given us by God. And we speak about them not with words taught by human wisdom, but with words taught by the Spirit, describing spiritual realities in spiritual terms. Now the natural person does not accept what pertains to the Spirit of God, for to him it is foolishness, and he cannot understand it, because it is judged spiritually. The spiritual person, however, can judge everything but is not subject to judgment by anyone. For "who has known the mind of the Lord, so as to counsel him?" But we have the mind of Christ.



ELIAS HOYEK, A 'FOUNDING FATHER' OF LEBANON

On Friday, May 22, Pope Leo XIV authorized the promulgation of six decrees from the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints, paving the way for the beatification of the Lebanese Maronite Patriarch Elias Hoyek and 80 martyrs of the Spanish Civil War.



The miracle recognized for the beatification of Patriarch Elias Hoyek dates back to 1965 and concerns the healing of Nayef Abou Assi, a Druze officer in the Lebanese army who suffered from chronic bilateral spondylolysis. According to reports, he awoke completely healed after dreaming of the patriarch.

Elias Hoyek was born in Helta, Lebanon, on Dec. 4, 1843, and entered the seminary at 16. He later traveled to Rome to study theology, where he was ordained a priest in 1870. Returning to Lebanon, he co-founded the Congregation of the Maronite Sisters of the Holy Family with Mother Rosalie Nasr, the first female apostolic religious institute in the Maronite Church.

He was elected Maronite Patriarch of Antioch in 1899, and dedicated three decades to clerical formation and catechesis while also becoming a leading voice for Lebanese independence from the Ottoman Empire. During World War I, he opened monasteries and convents to the hungry and displaced, regardless of their religion. For this, Ottoman authorities sentenced him to deportation, but the intervention of both the Pope and Austro-Hungarian diplomacy prevented this from happening.

GOSPEL

LUKE 10:21-24



At that very moment he rejoiced (in) the holy Spirit and said, "I give you praise, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the

learned you have revealed them to the childlike. Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows who the Son is except the Father, and who the Father is except the Son and anyone to

whom the Son wishes to reveal him." Turning to the disciples in private he said, "Blessed are the eyes that see what you see. For I say to you, many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, but did not see it, and to hear what you hear, but did not hear it."



Patriarch Hoyek played a key role in negotiations that led to the establishment of the state of Lebanon in 1920. He died in Bkerké in 1931, and is remembered as a man of dialogue, pastoral charity and evangelical poverty, and widely revered as a Lebanese 'founding father'.



Patriarch Elias Hoyek Pray for Us!

Portions of this article first appeared on the Vatican News website on May 22. Images are courtesy of Wikipedia



THE HOLY TRINITY. Between 1550 -1593. Athens: The Benaki Museum via Wikimedia Commons

LAST SUNDAY'S NUMBERS

Attendance: 35
Collection: \$1,230.00

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We are grateful for all your generous financial support. The bank has requested that all checks must be made out to Naples Maronite Catholic Community, Inc.

SAINTS FOR THIS WEEK

- 14 Elisha the Prophet
- 15 St. Basil the Great, Doctor of the Church, C
- 16 Hosea the Prophet
- 17 Amos the Prophet
- 18 St. Leontius of Tripoli, M
- 19 St. Jude Thaddeus (Laba), Ap
- 20 Pope St. Silverius (+537), C

Blessed Miguel Pro, S.J. wrote this prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Even though it is after the Feast, the whole month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and this prayer is a nice way to continue to recognize this.

I believe, O Lord, but strengthen my faith.

Heart of Jesus, I love You; but increase my love.

Heart of Jesus, I trust in You; but give greater vigor to my confidence.

Heart of Jesus, I give my heart to You; but so enclose it in Your Heart that it may never be separated from You.

Heart of Jesus, I am all Yours; but take care of my promise so that I may be able to put it into practice, even unto the complete sacrifice of my life. Amen.

TREASURER'S REPORT - MAY 31, 2026 FROM STEPHEN MAROON

We have successfully completed our transition from Bank of America (Heart of Jesus) and now have our own mission account at Truist Bank. Going forward, all checks should be made payable to Naples Maronite Catholic Community.

Thanks to your generous support and faithful stewardship, our mission remains in a strong financial position. As of May 2026, we have \$96,000 in assets and no debt. We are grateful for your continued prayers, participation, and financial contributions, which make it possible for our community to grow and serve the faithful of Southwest Florida.

MAY 2026 CASH FLOW

Collections	\$5,384
	[includes \$1,738 online]
Expenses	(\$1,039) supplies [\$965 for new books]
	(\$750) services [priest and graphic design]
Net	\$3,595 .00

WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS

A tree is known by its fruit; a man by his deeds. A good deed is never lost; he who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness gathers love.

When someone strips another of his clothes, he is called a thief. Should not someone who has the power to clothe the naked but does not do so be called the same? The bread in your larder belongs to the hungry. The cloak in your wardrobe belongs to the naked. The shoes you allow to rot belong to the barefoot. The money in your vaults belongs to the destitute. You do injustice to everyone who you could help but do not.

St. Basil the Great (feast day June 15)



ST. JUDE THADDEUS. Icon written by Father Abdo Badawi. Courtesy of St. Joseph Maronite Catholic Church, Waterville, ME

St. Jude Thaddaeus (feast day June 19) was a brother of St. James the Less, and a relative of Our Saviour. He was one of the 12 Apostles of Jesus and his attribute is a club. Sometimes he is depicted with a scroll or book, representing the Epistle of Jude.

Biblical scholars agree St. Jude was a son of Clopas and his mother Mary was the Virgin Mary's cousin. Ancient writers tell us that he preached the Gospel in Judea, Samaria, Idumaea, Syria, and Mesopotamia. According to Eusebius, he returned to Jerusalem in the year 62, and assisted at the election of his brother, St. Simeon, as Bishop of Jerusalem.

Saint Jude is not the same person as Judas Iscariot, who betrayed Our Lord and despaired because of his great sin and lack of trust in God's mercy. Jude was the one who asked Jesus why He would not manifest

Himself to the whole world after His resurrection. He is an author of an epistle (letter) to the Churches of the East, particularly the Jewish converts, directed against the heresies of the Simonians, Nicolaites, and Gnostics.

St. Jude died a martyrs' death, murdered by an angry pagan mob in Beirut, Lebanon in 65 A.D. Many years after his death, his body was brought to Rome and placed in a crypt under St. Peters' Basilica.