## Saint Ann Maronite Catholic Church

Season of the Glorious Resurrection 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Resurrection



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#### **MARONITE HISTORY**

### The Period before St. Maron

The roots of Christianity in Lebanon go back to Jesus Christ. The Gospels tell us of His travels to Tyre and Sidon, and His dialogue with the Phoenician woman. There is even the legend that the Transfiguration of Christ took place in the region of the Cedars. After the ascension of Christ, the Apostles went out to preach the Gospel to the whole world. We presume that St. Peter and the Apostles used the Lebanese coastal road to go to Antioch.

The Acts of the Apostles (cf. Acts 11:19) tell us that, due to the persecution that ensued after the martyrdom of St. Stephen, the Christian community was dispersed and some carried the message to Phoenicia. Describing the journey of St. Paul, chapter 21 of Acts informs us that when Paul came to Tyre he "looked for the disciples there and stayed with them for a week". It goes on to describe that at the time of Paul's departure from Tyre, the whole community including the women and children came to bid him farewell and knelt and prayed on the beach.

Chapter 27 of Acts, in narrating St. Paul's departure for Rome, mentioned that the entourage stopped at Sidon where Paul was allowed to visit "friends who cared for his needs".

These references indicate to us that Christianity was established in Lebanon from its earliest days. Very soon, Tyre, Sidon, and Beirut became dioceses with their own bishops.

In their prayer and worship these early Christians of Lebanon and Syria would have been influenced by the liturgical practice of Jerusalem and Antioch. Further to the east and in the small towns and villages of the countryside, the Syriac culture developed by the early Christian communities of Nisibis and Edessa and crystallized in the writings of St. Ephrem and James of Saroug had the greater impact. Thus, the theological and liturgical matrix, out of which the Maronite Church would arise, was already in development.

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Liturgical Schedule & Intentions				Readers & Greeter	Readings	Feast day
Sat	Sat 13 4:30 PM For the Jabour, Sacala, Ernest and Joseph Families, requested by their Families				E: 1 Thes 5:12-28 G: Mt 14:22-33	Our Lady of Fatima St. Adai, Ap
Sun	14 May	10:00 AM	In loving memory of Mary Rose Frangie Sadak by her sister Nazha Frangie Kaddo and family	Greeter: Subdeacon En: Anthony Kaddo Ar: Peter Frangie	E: Eph 2:1-10 G: Jn 21:15-19	
Thu	18 May	12:00 PM	No Divine Liturgy		E: Phil 2:1-11 G: Mt 16:11-20	
Fri	19 May	12:00 PM	No Divine Liturgy		E: Phil 2:12-18 G: Mt 18:18-22	

Please remember to submit your intentions for Divine Liturgies as early as possible.

FINACIAL CORNER		
May 06 & 07 / 2017	638.00	
National Shrine of OLL	111.00	
Bishop's Appeal	30.00	
Catholic Charities	10.00	
Bulletin Income	100.00	
TOTAL	\$889.00	

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS			
Sun	21 May	10:00 AM	First Holy Communion
Sat & Fri	19May 20 May	6-10 PM 5- 10 PM	Immaculate Heart of Mary Bazaar
Sat	10 Jun		Annual Food Festival





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Sun	14 May	Kaddo Family
Sun	21 May	Available
Sun	28 May	Available
Sun	04 Jun	Available

If unable to show up on the day assigned, it is your responsibility to switch with someone else.

# UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS 14 May Support for Assessment 21 May Air Conditioning 28 May Catholic Communication Campaign 04 Jun Spiritual Bouquet for Fathers

"Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap." (Luke 6: 38)

"I give thanks to my God always on your account for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus, that in him you were enriched in every way, with all discourse and all knowledge." (1 Corinthians 1:4-5).

If you are traveling or unable to come to church, please consider sending a check or donating online. Your support helps us to continue our mission.

### MEMORIALS for the month of May

Altar Bread, Wine & Sanctuary Lamp

In loving memory of Jim Traa by Beverly Traa





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Customary offering is \$60 per month.

"Prepare a path for God so that He can enter into your heart."

St. John de la Salle

### Points of Interest

**May Rosary:** Saturday evenings, throughout the month of May, we will gather at the home of a parishioner to pray the rosary before the icon of Mary. The icon will remain at that home for the rest of the week. Should you be interested in hosting the icon and prayer service, please speak with Fr. Alaa.

**Save the Date**: Food Festival, June 10. Mark your calendar. Volunteers are needed for setup, food preparation, service and cleanup. Sign up sheet in the Parish Hall.

Parade & Bazaar: Immaculate heart of Mary bazaar

Friday May  $19^{\text{th}}$  5:30 (parade) at the elementary school to walk down to the church grounds. the hours are 6 to 10 pm Friday and 5 to 10 pm Saturday. Please come and join us.

**Religious Education registration:** Registration for the 2017-18 school year is now underway.

**NAM Convention:** June 29 – July 2, 2017, Greenville, SC. Mark your calendars for the 54<sup>th</sup> convention. For more information or to register, visit www.namnews.org.

**Eparchial Events**: Please consider attending the following events to be held at Our Lady of Lebanon Cathedral, as noted. For more information, see the posters on display in the entry hall.

- 1. Creighton Model Fertility Care Seminar Tuesday May 30 from 7 9 pm. The seminar will shed light on the great work being done in building a culture of life in women's healthcare.
- 2. Passion and Purpose for Marriage Friday September 8 from 7 10:30 pm. Discover the key ingredients to a healthy and happy marriage.
- + BAPTISM & CHRISMATION: Preparation is required. We encourage this to begin at least one month before the Baptism.
- + MARRIAGES: Arrangements six (6) months in advance.
- + NEW PARISHIONERS: Welcome to our parish family. May you find spiritual nourishment among our community. Please be sure to register with our parish by calling the Parish House.
- + HOSPITAL VISITS, SICK CALLS & SHUT-INS: If someone is hospitalized, sick, in rest homes or unable to leave home, please let us know by calling Father Alaa Issa at (561) 273-5867.
- + CONFESSIONS: By appointment.
- + DEVOTIONS: Rosary on every Sunday at 9:00 AM before the Divine Liturgy.

In Loving Memory of Abraham & Mary (Joseph) NACKLEY & daughters Mary, Catherine, Rose, Lena & Edith

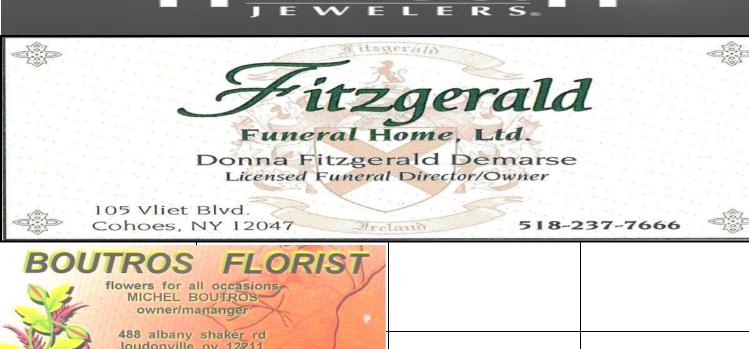
In Memory of the deceased members of The RICE & HEALY Families	In Memory of Michael-David HANNOUSH by his grandparents, Elias & Georgette
In Memory of	In Loving Memory of
the deceased members	Our parents Claramae
of the REZEY &	& Joseph KARAM
NACKLEY, SEE &	requested by the
CLOUGH Families	KARAM Family
In Loving Memory of	In Memory of the
Rose, Fr. Paul, Mike, Joe	deceased members of
& Peter	The TALARICO &
KORKEMAZ	DEEP Families
In Loving Memory of Dominic FARINA, Sr. requested by Edith FARINA & Family	
In Loving Memory of	In Memory of
Joseph & Helen YAMIN	the deceased
JABOUR	members of the
requested by Joe &	TAMER & THORNTON
Kathy JABOUR	Families
In Loving Memory of Walter & Mary GOLDEN & the deceased members of the VOLKOMER & GOLDEN Families	In Loving Memory of James TRAA Requested by his wife <i>Beverly Traa</i> and the Family



Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. (Luke 6: 36)

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