



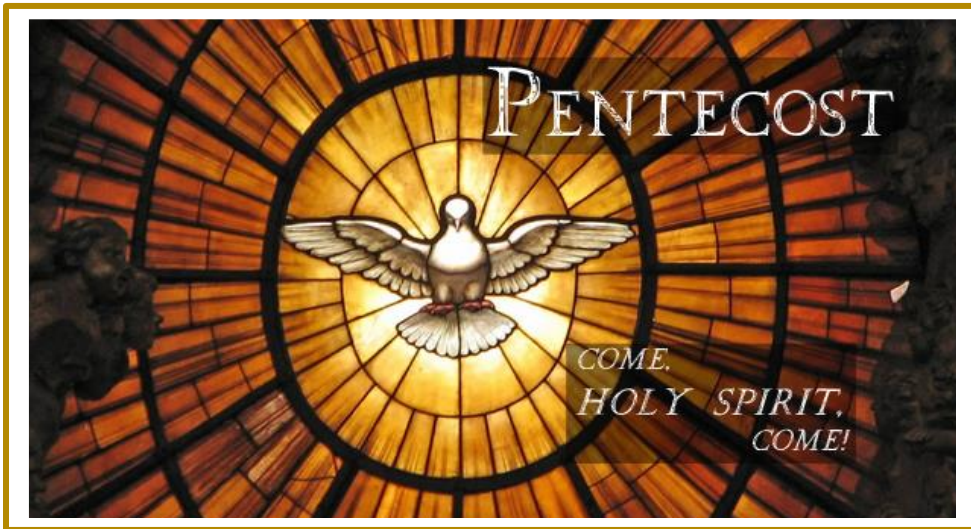
Our Lady of Purgatory

Maronite Catholic Church



May 18-19, 2024

SEASON OF GLORIOUS PENTECOST



choices, deeds, witness. In substance, the Holy Spirit reminds us of the commandment of love and calls us to live it.

A Christian without memory is not a true Christian. He is only half Christian, he is a man or a woman who is a prisoner of the moment, who does not see his or her history as a treasure, does not know how to read it or live it as history of salvation. But with the help of the Holy Spirit, we can interpret the interior inspirations and events of life in the light of Jesus' words. And, thus, there grows in us the wisdom of memory, the wisdom of the heart, which is a gift of the Spirit. May the Spirit revive the Christian memory in each of us! And that day, with the Apostles, was the Woman of memory, she who from the beginning meditated on all those things in her heart. It was Mary, our Mother. May she help us along this road of memory.

PENTECOST SUNDAY REFLECTION FROM POPE FRANCIS

Speaking to the Apostles at the Last Supper, Jesus said that, after his departure from this world, that he would send them the gift of the Father, that is, the Holy Spirit (cf. John 15:26). This promise is fulfilled with power on the day of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit descends upon the disciples gathered in the cenacle. That outpouring, while extraordinary, did not remain unique and limited to that moment, but is an event that is renewed and continues to be renewed. Christ glorified at the right hand of the Father continues to realize his promise, sending the Church the vivifying Spirit, who teaches us and reminds us and makes us speak.

The Holy Spirit teaches us: he is the interior Teacher. He guides us along the right path, through the situations of life. He teaches us the path, the way. In the early Church, Christianity was called "the Way" (Cf. Acts 9:2), and Jesus himself is the way. The Holy Spirit teaches us to

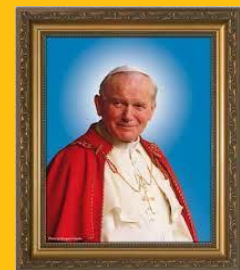
the way. The Holy Spirit teaches us to follow him, to walk in his footsteps. More than a teacher of doctrine, the Holy Spirit is a teacher of life. Certainly knowing is a part of life but within the wider and harmonious horizon of Christian existence.

The Holy Spirit reminds us, he reminds us of everything that Jesus said. He is the living memory of the Church. And while he helps us to remember, he helps us understand the Lord's words.

This remembering in the Spirit and thanks to the Spirit is not simply a mnemonic but an essential aspect of the presence of Christ in us and in his Church. The Spirit of truth and charity reminds us of everything that Christ said, he makes us enter ever more deeply into the meaning of his words. We all have this experience: one moment, in any situation, there is an idea and then another links it with a passage of Scripture... It is the Holy Spirit that leads us down this road, the road of the living memory of the Church. And this solicits a response from us. The more generous our response, the more Jesus' words become life in us, become attitudes,

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The Church of Christ is always, so to speak, in a situation of Pentecost: she is always gathered in the Upper Room in prayer, and at the same time, driven by the powerful wind of the Spirit, she is always on the streets preaching"
Saint John Paul II



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The Holy Spirit teaches us, reminds us, and – another thing – he makes us speak, with God and with men. We are not mute Christians, mute of soul; no, there is no room for this.

He makes us speak with God in prayer. Prayer is a gift that we gratuitously receive; it is a dialogue with God in the Holy Spirit, who prays in us and permits us to turn to God and call him Father, Papa, Abba (cf. Romans 8:15; Galatians 4:4); and this is not only a “manner of speaking,” but is reality, we really are sons of God. “In fact, all those who are guided by the Holy Spirit of God, they are the sons of God” (Romans 8:14).

He makes us speak in the act of faith. None of us can say “Jesus is Lord” – we hear this today – without the Holy Spirit. And the Spirit makes us speak with men in fraternal dialogue. He helps us to speak with others, recognizing them as brothers and sisters; to speak in a friendly, tender way, understanding the anxieties and hopes, the sadness and joys of others.

But there is more: the Holy Spirit even makes us speak to men in prophecy, that is, he makes us humble and docile “channels” of the Word of God. Prophecy is made in boldness, to show the contradictions and injustices openly, but always with meekness and constructive intent. Penetrated by the Spirit of love, we can be signs and instruments of God who love, serve, and give our lives.

Summing up: the Holy Spirit teaches us life; he reminds us of the words of Jesus; he makes us pray and say “Father” to God, he makes us speak to men in fraternal dialogue and makes us speak in prophecy.

The day of Pentecost, when the disciples “were filled with the Holy Spirit,” was the baptism of the Church, which was born and “went out,” “departed” to proclaim to everyone the Good News. Mother Church who goes off to serve. Let us remember the other Mother, our Mother who departed promptly in order to serve. Mother Church and Mother Mary: both are virgins, both are mothers, both are women. Jesus was preemptory with the Apostles: they must not leave Jerusalem before receiving the power of the Holy Spirit from above (cf. Acts 1:4, 8). Without him there is no mission, there is no evangelization. For this reason, with the whole Church, our Mother the Catholic Church we call out: Come, Holy Spirit!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



**Monday, May 20,
from 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM.**

**Tuesday, May 21,
from 6:00 PM -7:00 PM
CONGRATULATIONS
MR. AND MRS. JACOB**

BARBOUR

Congratulations to the newlyweds Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Barbour, who were married May 10, 2024. This also marks the first wedding at our new Church. May Almighty God bless you marriage with love and joy. We also congratulate the Barbour and Faria families. God bless of you.

WELCOME

MSGR. JOHN OLIVEIRA

We welcome Msgr. John to our parish as he will be celebrating Divine Liturgy on Saturday, May 18. He is no stranger to our community and has offered his assistance to our parish. Thank you Msgr. John and please know you are always welcome to our humble community.

SAINT JOSEPH SODALITY

On Sunday, June 9, 2024, the Sodality will be sponsoring a gourmet breakfast at the Church Hall as a fundraiser for the St. Joseph Sodality. This is open to everyone in the parish. The Tickets are \$20 each for adults and \$10 for children under 10. You can see any members of the board for tickets or contact the church office.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2024 EDUCATION FOUNDATION RECIPIENTS

The Education Foundation Committee has chosen three recipients for the 2024 scholarships. We congratulate Molly Dupre, Christina Chedid, and Gigi Chedid. I would also like to thank the committee members: Lorraine David, Leilah Moses Silveira, Sarah Hitchings, Annemarie Espindola, and Matthew Thomas. Their vision and dedication in raising money for this program is so greatly appreciated. Mabrook to all the recipients for 2024.

SECOND COLLECTION

Per the directive of the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn, there will be a second collection this weekend. This collection is taken up for the Catholic Communications Campaign. Following the norms established by the USCCB, 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 communications needs we may have. Thank you for your generosity and help.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Stephen Dacosta, Abouna Tanios Abi Ramia, Kenneth Macedo, Muriel Moline, Patricia Farhat, Ghada Karam, Beverly Parlapiano, Michael Bruce, Magda Moosa, Sharon Conti, David Techlin, Debbie Freedenberg, Josephine Chedid, Efrangieh Daou, Reggie Thomas, Peter Helmer, Renee Helmer, Octavia David, Jacob Rego, Amal Assaf, Denise Magaletta, Fernanda Thomas, Angela Scorza-Anderson, Theresa John, Laurette Bou Ramia, Annie Peter, Mariam David, Norma Thomas, Zita Drouin, Lucienne Rodrigues, Ed Da Rocha, and Edmond Salameh. If anyone is missing from this list, please contact the Church office.



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LITURGY INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 18, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Theodotos and the 7 Martyrs). Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Joseph and Marie Kenyon requested by Family. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Olivia and Harold Smith and Alfred LeBeau requested by Lou and Smitty Cabral. May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, May 19, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint Philoterus, Feast of Saint Cyriaca and Her Companions). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Semaan Semaan requested by family (40-Day Mass). May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Anthony and Margaret Abraham Thomas requested by family. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Shirley Azar Roy requested by family. May her soul rest in peace.

Monday, May 20, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Thalaleus of Lebanon). Maronite Sisters of Christ the Light convent.

Tuesday, May 21, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Constantine the Emperor and His Mother Saint Helen).

Wednesday, May 22, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Rita of Cascia).

Thursday, May 23, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Tobit the Righteous).

Saturday, May 25, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Eleutherius and His Mother Saint Basilla). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Dorothy McCuen requested by Smitty and Lou Cabral. May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of August and Marion Barber requested by Norma Barbour and family. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for all the soul in Purgatory requested by Sean, Marie and Keira McLaughlin. May they rest in peace.

Sunday, May 26, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint Carpus, Disciple of Saint Paul). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Abouna Boutros Nasr requested by family. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of David Dickinson requested by Mae Dickinson and family. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Margueritte Chedid requested by Tony and Elaine Barbour. May her soul rest in peace.

CONFESSION

Please know that confession is available before liturgies. You may also call to set up an appointment.

WINE AND HOST OFFERING

The altar bread and wine for the month of May is offered for Anthony and Margaret Thomas requested by Family.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR....

This week the sanctuary candle burns for a special intention by John and Claire Barbour. Anyone who would like to offer the sanctuary candle for a loved one or special intention, this will be offered each week. An offering of a \$10.00 donation is appreciated.

LECTORS FOR MAY 2024

Saturday, May 18,
Smitty Cabral

Intercessions: Eric Tavares

Sunday, May 19,

Mae Dickinson / Jano Baroody

Saturday, May 25,

Eric Tavares

Intercessions: Annemarie Espindola

Sunday, May 26,

Ann Dupre / Elie AbouKheir

FINANCE COUNCIL

MEMBERS:

Jimmy Kalife, Wassim Chedid, Rose Dupre, Rana Choubah, Nigel Hitchings, and Joseph Barckett.

PARISH COUNCIL

MEMBERS:

Fadi Bark, Johnny Kalife, Vicki Thomas Marini, Jacques Barbour, and Smitty Cabral.

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 05/20-05/25/24

Monday:

Acts of the Apostles 2: 22-28

John 3: 5-8

Tuesday:

Acts of the Apostles 2: 29-39

John 4: 21-24

Wednesday:

Acts of the Apostles 2: 40-47

John 7: 37-39

Thursday:

Acts of The Apostles 3: 1-10

John 14:1-7

Friday:

Acts of the Apostles 3: 11-21

John 14: 8-14

Saturday:

Acts of the Apostles 4: 15-23

John 14: 1-6

WEEK OF May 11-12, 2024

Sunday Collection	\$ 1,821.00
Second Collection	\$ 20.00
Donations	\$ 490.00
Educ. Found. Donations	\$ 450.00
Educ. Found. Tickets Sales	\$ 160.00
Sanctuary Candle	\$ 40.00
Candles	\$ 64.00
Total	\$ 3,045.00

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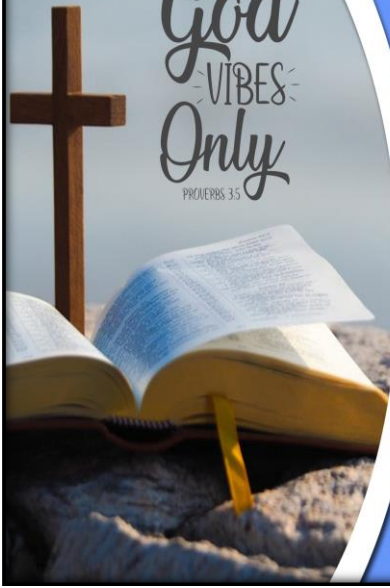
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