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Appearance to the Apostles by the Sea (Miraculous Catch of Fish) April 17, 2016



إنجيل القديس يوحنا 21

وَلَمَّا طَلَعَ الْفَجْرُ، وَقَفَ يَسُوعُ عَلَى الشَّاطِئِ، وَلَكِنَّ التَّلَامِيذَ لَمْ يَعْلَمُوا أَنَّهُ يَسُوعُ. فَقَالَ لَهُمْ يَسُوعُ: «يَا فِتْيَانِ، أَمَّا عِنْدَكُمْ قَلِيلٌ مِنَ السَّمَكِ؟». أَجَابُوهُ: «لَا!». فَقَالَ لَهُمْ: «أَلْقُوا الشَّبَكَةَ إِلَى يَمِينِ السَّفِينَةِ تَجِدُوا». وَأَلْقَوْهَا، فَمَا قَدَرُوا عَلَى أَجْتِدَابِهَا مِنْ كَثَرَةِ السَّمَكِ. فَقَالَ ذَلِكَ التَّلَامِيذُ الَّذِي كَانَ يَسُوعُ يُحِبُّهُ لِبَطْرُسَ: «إِنَّهُ الرَّبُّ». فَلَمَّا سَمِعَ سِمْعَانُ بَطْرُسُ أَنَّهُ الرَّبُّ، إِتَزَرَ بِثَوْبِهِ، لِأَنَّهُ كَانَ عُرْيَانًا، وَأَلْقَى بِنَفْسِهِ فِي الْبُحِيرَةِ. أَمَّا التَّلَامِيذُ الْآخَرُونَ فَجَاؤُوا بِالسَّفِينَةِ، وَهُمْ يَسْحَبُونَ الشَّبَكَةَ الْمَمْلُوءَةَ سَمَكًا، وَمَا كَانُوا بَعِيدِينَ عَنِ الْبَرِّ إِلَّا نَحْوَ مِئَتِي ذِرَاعٍ.

Gospel of John 21:1-14

When it was already dawn, Jesus was standing on the shore; but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, “Children, have you caught anything to eat?” They answered him, “No.” So he said to them, “Cast the net over the right side of the boat and you will find something.” So they cast it, and were not able to pull it in because of the number of fish. So the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord.” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he tucked in his garment, for he was lightly clad, and jumped into the sea. The other disciples came in the boat, for they were not far from shore, only about a hundred yards, dragging the net with the fish.

Fishing and Eating with the Risen Lord

Today we have a resurrection story which is very unique. It is a story full of symbolism. We see seven disciples, seemingly at a loose end with nothing to do. Peter, the leader, decides to make a move. “I’m going fishing.” It is what he knows best. The others go along with him. Is there an implication that they return to their old way of living? After a whole night on the lake they get nothing. Is there also an echo of Jesus words, “without me you can do nothing” (John 15:5)?

As the light of dawn breaks Jesus is standing on the shore but, they do not recognize him. He asks the question fishermen do not like to be asked, “Have you caught anything?” Reluctantly they have to admit: No. He then gives them some suggestions. And he leads the fish to them as he will lead people to them later on.

Fishers of people is a work whose success will originate in the power of Jesus behind them and in their following what he tells them to do. The “disciple Jesus loved” immediately saw the connection: “It is the Lord!” he exclaims.

Peter, the leader, brings in the huge catch from the boat by the water’s edge. Peter alone dragging the net in is an image of the Kingdom coming. It also signifies the special position of Peter in the mission of the Apostles.

This friendly stranger invites them to come and eat with him the meal he has prepared for them. Again we are being taught to find the presence of the Lord in all those who are kind to us, who do good to us in any way and especially in those who share the Eucharistic meal with us.

His identity in a way is now confirmed by his taking the bread and the fish and giving it to them to eat. He broke bread, he celebrated a Eucharist with them.

REMEMBER IT

Jesus said to them, "Cast the net over the right side of the boat and you will find something."

John 21:1-14

Deacon's Corner

How well do we manage our time? And how much time do we give to God? This, I believe, is the crux of the story, the main point in our lives that perhaps we all need to work on.

We don't need to change our daily schedules, but modify or expand what we include in our lives. Let's allow Christ in our lives each and every day. What I am referring to is never be satisfied with what we have been doing. Never be satisfied with yesterday. Use yesterday as the basis of doing better today and today for the basis of doing better tomorrow.

Remember, we are all Disciples of Christ. We are all on this earth to spread the Word of God to those around us, be it family, friends, workmates and even strangers. And every thought, word and deed we have on a daily basis should be with that idea in mind.

When Jesus walked on this earth, He had only a few years to teach His disciples His way and word. Teach them how to "go out and preach to all nations". And His disciples were uneducated, simple men. That is why Jesus called down the Holy Spirit to empower His disciples to spread His Word, the Word of God. So how we should best "manage our time": It is by keeping Christ at the forefront of our thoughts and actions.

Mass Intentions for Next Sunday April 24, 2016

9:30 Mass: 40 days Memorial for Stasia Abraham (Req. by the Shaker Family)

11:30 Mass: Lucille and Victor Wertz – Tammer and Mary Caleel –
Marie Louise Caleel (Req. by Annette Caleel)

Mass Celebration



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Sunday Readings



Reading: Hebrews 13:18-25
Holy Gospel: John 21: 1-14

Mass Intentions



9:30 AM

For Joseph Allen
(Req. by the Allen Family)

11:30 AM

For Joseph Allen (Req. by the Allen Family)
Simaan Merheb & Victoria Nasar (Req. by the Merheb Family)

Schedules	9:30 A.M. Mass	11:30 A.M. Mass
Altar Servers	Joseph and George Estephan, Andres Ballines, Leila Nehra	Estifan Azzo, Cassandra Chahoud, Yasmina Mulcahey, Ramez Sayegh
Readers	Robert Antoon	Richard Allen (English) Sami Daniel (Arabic)
Ushers	Robert Antoon Frank Kermend	Henry Abboud, Ed Kneip, George Zakhem, Marc Cortbawi

Announcements

✳ Mother's Day Celebration

The ladies of Our Lady of Lebanon parish are cordially invited to a Mother's Day Celebration on **Saturday May 7th at 7 pm** in the Shaker Hall. We promise an enjoyable evening including dinner, music, and many other perks. We only ask for one thing, your creativity in decorating the tables: we are looking for 10 volunteers who will each take on the decoration of a table: bring a centerpiece of your choice and come see how it will all come together in a beautiful evening filled with fun and laughter! For more information or to sign up for the centerpieces, please contact **Mirna Abboud (847-219-3082)**.

P.S: The evening will be attended to by a group of gentlemen, so for anyone who would like to help, please contact **Henry Abboud (847-219-3028)**.

✳ Christian Formation Study and Discussion

St John the Baptist Melkite church is hosting a talk and discussion on Tuesday April 24 at 7:30 PM. The speaker is father Pierre El Khoury and the theme is about the East–West Schism: The Split and separation between Western Catholic and Eastern Orthodox. Looking forward to see you.

✳ Lebanese Festival

Our Lady of Lebanon Church will host the Lebanese Festival September 9 through September 11, 2016. The three-day festival features live entertainment and includes activities for children and extensive homemade food offerings. This Lebanese Festival is a major parish fundraiser. As such, we need a coordinated community effort to be successful. We ask our fellow community members to get involved. Volunteers are needed and are welcome on all committees. Your support through monetary donations, volunteering your time, spreading the word and festival attendance will contribute to the greater good of Our Lady of Lebanon Church. To get involved or donate, contact the office at Our Lady of Lebanon Church. Donations can be made directly to Our Lady of Lebanon.

Let us remember

and pray for our Beloved Ones who died during the month of April

✠ Joseph Shaker Sr.	✠ Joseph Basil	✠ Mary Ann Sirbeck
✠ Joseph Allen	✠ Julia A. Saad	✠ Atena Hanna
✠ Minnie Bohakel	✠ Dr. Issam Kaddourah	✠ Gurken Israelian
✠ Charles Jage	✠ Jack Markwell	✠ Anice Anthony Shababy
		✠ John Deeham

COLLECTION

Sunday April 10, 2016: \$ 2,220.00.00

May our gracious Lord bless each of you a hundredfold
for your love and care and generosity.