



Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Seventh Sunday of Resurrection Season Feast of our Lady of Lebanon and Mother's Day May 08, 2016



The Letter of Saint Paul to the Galatians 4:3-7 & 5:7-13

Brothers and Sisters,

We were all enslaved to the powers of the world. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born in the flesh, to redeem those who are in the flesh, so that we might receive adoption.

As proof that you are children, God sent the spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" so you are no longer a slave but children, and if children then also heirs, through God.

You were called for freedom, brethren. But do not use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh; rather, serve one another through love. For the whole law is fulfilled in one statement, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you go on biting and devouring one another, beware that you are not consumed by one another.

I say, then: Live by the Spirit and you will certainly not please the desire of the flesh.

Praise be to God always!

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke 1:46-55

And Mary said:

"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;

My spirit rejoices in God my savior.

For he has looked upon his handmaid's lowliness;

Behold, from now on will all ages call me blessed.

The Mighty One has done great things for me,

And holy is his name.

His mercy is from age to age

To those who fear him.

He has shown might with his arm,

He dispersed the arrogant of mind and heart.

He has thrown down the rulers from their thrones

But lifted up the lowly.

The hungry he has filled with good things;

The rich he has sent away empty.

He has helped Israel his servant,

Remembering his mercy,

According to his promise to our fathers,

To Abraham and to his descendants forever."

This is The Truth, Peace be with you.

Our Lady of Lebanon

During the Month of May, and throughout the world, Maronites celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Lebanon. This feast was begun in 1904, when then, Maronite Patriarch Elias Hoyek, on the 50th anniversary of the proclamation of the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception, announced the foundation of the building of Our Lady of Lebanon - Harissa. When it was dedicated in 1908, the Patriarch dedicated Lebanon to the Virgin Mary: **"Oh Mary, Queen of mountains and seas and Queen of our beloved Lebanon..."**

The patriarch Hoyek designated the first Sunday in the month of May as the Feast of Our Lady of Lebanon. Traditionally on this day the Patriarch and all Maronite Bishops; along with the religious superiors of the various orders, with many clergy and laity celebrate the Feast of Our Lady at the Shrine in Harissa.

Our Lady of Lebanon is the Patron Saint of Lebanon. The Basilica of Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church is located in Harissa, a mountain village about thirty minutes north of Beirut, the capital city. The statue of the Virgin was crafted in Lyons, France. The Harissa Shrine, sometimes called Notre Dame du Liban, was visited by Pope John Paul II on May 10, 1997 in his effort to support Eastern Catholicism and to evangelize the youth. Located about 1900 feet above sea level, the view from the Shrine is breathtaking. Some pilgrims take the aerial gondola lift known as the Téléphérique from Jounieh on the coast up to the Harissa Shrine.

Lebanon has a special devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and she has become known there as Our Lady of Lebanon. For, while she was living, she visited there with her Son! There is a Sanctuary in southern Lebanon near Sidon dedicated to the Virgin of Mantara (Our Lady of Waiting), a place where Mary stayed awaiting her Son when Jesus went to Tyre and Sidon. The Sanctuary of Our Lady of Mantara was a place of pilgrimage for early Christians. St. Helena of Constantinople, the mother of Constantine, donated an icon of the Virgin to the Sanctuary in 326 AD, and it remains there to this day. Melkite Catholics live in the village today and preserve the heritage of Mantara.

Our Lady of Lebanon, Mother of God, intercede with your Son for peace, peace in our hearts, peace in our family, peace in our land, and peace throughout the world. Amen

REMEMBER IT

**The just man shall flourish like a palm tree,
Like a Cedar of Lebanon shall he grow.**

Psalm 92:12

Quotes About Mother

Your mother's love is so powerful, for it leaves its own mark.”

J.K. Rowling

“Being a mother is an attitude, not a biological relation.”

Robert A. Heinlein

“In a child's eyes, a mother is a goddess. She is the greatest power in the universe.”

N.K. Jemisin

Mothers hold their children's hands for a short while, but their hearts forever.

Unknown

I remember my mother's prayers and they have always followed me. They have clung to me all my life. No man is poor who has a Godly mother.”

Abraham Lincoln

“My mother was the most beautiful woman I ever saw. All I am I owe to my mother. I attribute my success in life to the moral, intellectual and physical education I received from her.”

George Washington

“There's a story behind everything. And behind all your stories is always your mother's story, because hers is where yours begin.”

Mitch Albom

Prayer is Faith... Faith is Love... Love is Service... Service is Motherhood.

Mother Therese

“I like it when my mother smiles. And I especially like it when I make her smile.”

Adriana Trigiani

“The greatest heroes in life are those that never give up on someone. They stick it out and make it work. They sacrifice things in their life, in order to help others grow. They give up what they want because someone needs it more. They work hard and overcome adversity. They fail for a moment, but get back up on their feet to show others they don't have to stay down. They are fearless and will do whatever it takes to bring about the greatness in the ones they love. Their name is---MOM.”

Shannon L. Alder

Happy Mother's Day

Deacon's Corner

What do we really mean when we use the term "I am blessed"? While we might be referring to many things in our lives like having a good job, living in a nice home, driving a new car, having children who are both respectful and responsible, these are the physical things that God has given to us. How much time do we say "I am blessed" with the blessings of our spiritual life?

I believe that everything that goes on in our life has a purpose, has a reason that God knows and understands much better than we do on a human level. So I do the best I possibly can to be ready every day! How about you?

Don't hide your faith, don't be afraid of scrutiny by others for saying "I believe in God". Don't practice your faith once a week for an hour in Church. If we truly love God, and I believe we all do, for all the blessings he has given each of us, then be the "light" for others every minute of every day. Don't be a sometime Christian. Don't profess your faith only when you feel safe in doing so. In John 8:12, Jesus said; "I am the light of the world". We too can be a "light" by hearing and living His Word each and every day. Remember, coming to Church on Sunday doesn't make you a better person, what you leave with after being there does.

In conclusion today, I suggest that each of us look deeply into our spiritual journey and never be happy with the "status quo". Let us work every day to better our love and understanding of all the "blessings" God has given us over the term of our lives. Believe me, all the good Lord wants is for us to say "thank you, God" because in saying this, He knows we are better hearing His Word and applying it to our daily lives. The good thing is that we don't need hearing aids to hear His Word, He speaks directly to our hearts with no outside noise or interference, so listen and hear Him every day.

Mass Intentions for Next Sunday May 15, 2016

09:30 Mass: The deceased of the Doumit Family

11:30 Mass: Alice Balesh Rogers (*Req. by Salem Rogers*)

Mass Celebration



Mary, Mother of God: Page 456
Anaphora of Saint John: 815

Sunday Readings



Reading: Galatians 4:3-7 & 5:7-13
Holy Gospel: Luke 1:46-55

Mass Intentions



9:30 AM

Honoring Blessed Mary, our Mother, and all Mothers

11:30 AM

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Seriee and Ibrahim Bou Mansour and Hanna Yawanis

(Req. by Shiraz Bou Mansour)

Pierre Malek and Roger Khoury (Req. by Madelaine Malek)

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, Crystal Masud, Ramez Sayegh
Readers	Bobi Sfire	Sara Masud (English)
Ushers	Nabil Zahra Frank Kermend	Tony Boumitri, John Albani Henry Abboud, Naji Abiad

Announcements

✳ Mother's Day

We wish all Mothers, Grandmothers, and Godmothers a happy Mother's Day. And we would like to thank all who helped organizing, preparing, and serving the Mother's day event.

✳ MYO Dinner and Movie

On Friday May 20th from 7pm to 9pm, all teens ages 12 to 18, are invited to attend a dinner and movie night here in Shaker Hall. Food, and beverages will be provided. It is important that all those wishing to attend sign up by May 15th. A sign-up sheet is located outside in the foyer. For more information see Tim Mulcahey.

✳ Graduation Mass

To all people who have graduated this year or are about to graduate from high school, or college, we would like to invite you to a celebration on May 29th at 11:30 Mass. After Mass, we will cut the cake, and enjoy some refreshments in the Shaker Hall (a small gift from the church to congratulate all the newly graduated.) Please contact the office to let us know if you are graduating this year, or fill out the sign-up sheet outside in the foyer, after church. Names must be listed by no later than May 22.

✳ Lebanese Festival

Our Lady of Lebanon Church will host the Lebanese Festival September 9 through September 11, 2016. In preparation of this Major Event, a general Meeting will be held at our Lady of Lebanon **Tuesday May 10, at 7:30 P.M.** All are invited. All are welcome.

Let us remember

And pray for our Beloved Ones who died during the month of May

† Sophie Nahra	† Barcha E. Lebbos	† Agnes Dumit	† Alexander Rash
† John Bomrad	† Rocco Pietrandoomo	† Fouad Amawis	† Eli Joe Jage
† Amelia Lutfy	† J. Herbert Flagh, Sr.	† Fred Guttas	† John Jage
† Naseem Tahel	† Fred A. Malouf	† Reine Charto	† Colette Woods
† Dixie Haddad	† Frances Zamito		

COLLECTION

Sunday May 01, 2016: \$ 4,718.00

"Generosity is giving more than you can,
and pride is taking less than you need."

(Kahlil Gibran, Sand and Foam)