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**Sixth Sunday of Pentecost Season
Sending out the Apostles
June 19, 2016**



From the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians 12:12-30

Brothers and Sisters,

As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.

Now the body is not a single part, but many: If a foot should say, "Because I am not a hand I do not belong to the body," it does not for this reason belong any less to the body. Or if an ear should say, "Because I am not an eye I do not belong to the body," it does not for this reason belong any less to the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God placed the parts, each one of them, in the body as he intended. If they were all one part, where would the body be? But as it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

Now you are Christ's body, and individually parts of it. Some people God has designated in the church to be, first, apostles; second, prophets; third, teachers; then, mighty deeds; then, gifts of healing, assistance, administration, and varieties of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work mighty deeds? Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? Strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts.

Praise be to God always!

From the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew 10:16-25

"Behold, I am sending you like sheep in the midst of wolves; So be wise as serpents and harmless as doves. But beware of people, for they will hand you over to courts and scourge you in their synagogues, and you will be led before governors and kings for my sake as a witness before them and the pagans.

When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say. You will be given at that moment what you are to say. For it will not be you who speak but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

Brother will hand over brother to death, and the father his child; children will rise up against parents and have them put to death. You will be hated by all because of my name, but whoever endures to the end will be saved.

When they persecute you in one town, flee to another. Amen, I say to you, you will not finish the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes. No disciple is above his teacher, no slave above his master. It is enough for the disciple that he become like his teacher, for the slave that he become like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more those of his household!

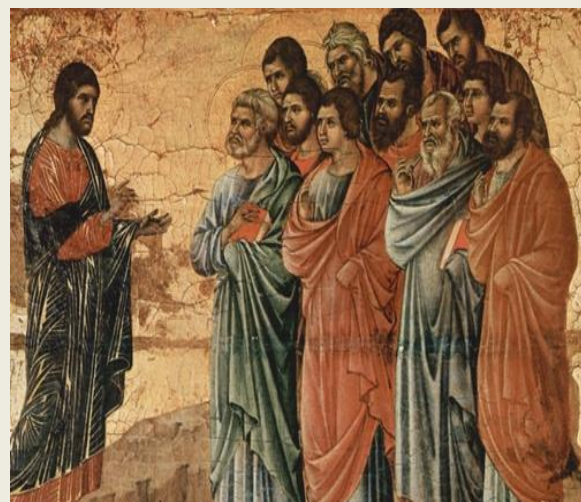
This is The Truth, Peace be with you.

Be Wise and Be Aware

Last week, we saw how Jesus sent His disciples out, and they transitioned from being just disciples to being Apostles. They transitioned from being just spectators to being participants in the work Jesus was doing to bring His Kingdom to earth.

In today's Gospel, Jesus was preparing His disciples for what lay ahead for them. So He called his disciples to be wise and to be aware:

Sheep in the mist of wolves: First of all, it shows how different we are to be from the world as Disciples of Christ. Sheep are gentle and non-aggressive; wolves are predators, aggressive, destructive.



In order to reach this lost world, God sent His Son as the Lamb of God. The world was so hostile to Him that it killed Him, but He deliberately went to His death as a sacrifice for our sins. If we're going to be like Him, if we're going to carry His message to the people, we will endure persecution--not maybe, or what if--but a real and present danger. Jesus didn't let fear stop Him. He is our fearless leader! He showed us how to plunder Hell to populate Heaven!

Be wise as serpents and harmless as doves: We are called to be prudent in action, and in discernment. The Christian life is an impossible task; we cannot successfully accomplish it on our own. The great news is we are not on this journey alone. Christ equips us, and even tells us what is ahead so we can be forewarned and prepared. With His guidance, and with the power of the Holy Spirit, the Christian life becomes a doable deal, a life worth living, and a life worth spreading to others. It is a life that has no equal!

Beware of men: Our greatest enemy is our fellow man under the influence of pride. Our Christian life is not just about the "me." It is rather who we are in Christ. So, today let us take seriously Christ who is calling us and sending us into the world. And this is policy of your warfare: Be wise but be innocent and be aware.

REMEMBER IT

**“Behold, I am sending you like sheep in the midst of wolves;
so be wise as serpents and harmless as doves.**

Matthew 10:16

Father's Day Quotes

My father gave me the greatest gift anyone could give another person,
He loved me and believed in me. **Jim Valvano**

"The most important thing a father can do for his children
is to love their mother." **Unknown**

It is easier for a father to have children

than for children to have a real father. **Pope John XXIII**

Anyone can be a father, but it takes someone special to be a dad. **Wade Boggs**

It is not flesh and blood but the heart which makes us fathers and sons.
Johann Schiller

One father is more than a hundred schoolmasters. **George Herbert**
One of the greatest titles in the world is parent, and one of the biggest

blessings in the world is to have parents to call mom and dad. **Jim DeMint**

Nothing has brought me more peace and content in life than simply

being a good husband and father. **Frank Abagnale**
To me, having kids is the ultimate job in life.

I want to be most successful at being a good father. **Nick Lachey**

Being a good father is the thing that make me feel successful. **William Hurt**

When a father gives to his son, both laugh;
When a son gives to his father, both cry. **William Shakespeare**

I hope I am remembered by my children as a good father. **Orson Scott Card**

I have a Father's Day every day. **Dennis Banks**

Happy Father's Day

Deacon's Corner

Spirituality is something that we don't give enough time in our lives to consider. It is almost something that we take for granted just because we are doing the things that we have been taught to do some years ago. Are we "keeping up", in a changing world, the growing of our own spiritual nature? It is a constant challenge. Is what we learned all that we need to enter heaven?

How difficult it must have been for the disciples to understand in quite a short period of time what Jesus was teaching before He died on the Cross. After his death, they were both afraid and confused. And yet amid all the fear and confusion, it all "came together" when they were alone in the upper room, when the Holy Spirit come upon them to guide them through the journey of their ministries. The Holy Spirit gave them the power to understand the Mission of Jesus and their role in spreading and preaching the Word of God.

In the same way, our own "spirituality" begins in seeing our life in the light of Jesus' Mission. We are conceived in our mother's womb. We are born and shortly thereafter we are baptized. Then at around seven years old, we receive the Sacraments of Penance and Holy Eucharist. Though we are quite young, we probably don't have much recollection of what took place. And now we are here, many years after having been taught the lessons of our faith at home, at school and at Church, I need to make a commitment for my faith. We don't have to be afraid. We don't have to be confused. I only have to focus on my own ways of loving God and serving my brothers and sisters. It is a journey where I seek a closer, an intimate relationship with my Lord and Savior in order to fulfill my life in the light of His life.

So as we take time to pray today, be attentive to the voice of God alive in our heart. What is God saying to you today? Can you hear His message? While each message may be a little different, the basis is always the same and that is LOVE in receiving and giving. So allow God's love to mingle with your life in an exchange of love that connects you with Him now and forever.

Mass Intentions for Next Sunday June 26, 2016

09:30 Mass: Edward J Jage *(Req. by Bill & Cheryl Blum)*

11:30 Mass: Mathilde Gergé Achkar-Ziadé *(Req by Tony and Maha Ziadé)*

53rd Annual NAM Convention

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Cardinal Mar Bechara Peter Rai,
NAM and the Community of
Our Lady of Lebanon Church
welcome you to the 53rd Annual
Maronite Convention**

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Hisham El Hajj

is an award winning Lebanese performer. In 1993, Hisham won the Golden Award in the Lebanese art program 'Studio Al Fan'. Hisham has performed in many concerts and festivals in Lebanon and abroad, and represented Lebanon at the 2004 Francophone in Burkina Faso, Africa. In 2008, Hisham was selected as the Best Arabic Young Singer at the Oscar Festival in Egypt. In 2010, Hisham released his world famous duet "Baladna" featuring the Egyptian singer Amina. The video tells the cultural heritage of both Lebanon and Egypt. This work was a turning point in Hisham's career and led him to win a "Murex d'Or" in 2011 for the Best Arabic Song.



Aline Lahood

studied singing and dramatic art. She acts in TV, plays and directs short films. She won the international prize at the Megahit festival in Turkey. In 2006 she starred in Elias Rahbani's musical "Jawharat Al Aalam" in Qatar. In 2009, she performed with the Caracalla dance group at Baalbeck International Festival. She won the Murex d'Or 2013 for best performance as an actress and singer at Casino du Liban. In 2014, she joined the third season of the French edition of *The Voice*. Aline impressed the judges during the blind audition with her superb rendition of "Khedni Maak" from the repertoire of her mother, the Lebanese singer Salwa Al Katrib.



Leila Milki

is a singer, songwriter, and pianist from the Bay Area. She is a dynamic and multilingual performer who integrates her classical piano training with her Middle Eastern roots to create thoughtful instrumentation, engaging melodies, and heartfelt harmony. She is a USC Renaissance Scholar who is pursuing her musical passion full-time, striving to translate her artistic expression into an accessible platform for emotional and social empowerment.

ENTERTAINMENT

Thursday, July 7

Evangelical & Classical Concert by
International Artist

Joumana Mdarwar,

Angelic Voices of OLL Children,
Young Lebanese American Singer
Leila Milki

Friday, July 8

Middle Eastern Night
Special performances by
OLL Children, Youth,
and Young Adults.

Tribute to Fairuz by **John Fayyad,**
Nada Khoury, Marc Homsy,
and Lebanese Super Star
Aline Lahood

Saturday, July 9

Entertainment by
Rony Barrak,
and famous Lebanese singer
Hisham El Hajj



Joumana Mdarwar

is one of Lebanon's most popular religious singers. She performs about 50 concerts annually in Lebanon and around the world. She was featured at the Beatification of St. Naamtallah El Hardini in Rome; and at the Canonization of St. Rafqa, the beatification of Abouna Yaaqoub and Brother Estephan in Lebanon. In 1997, Joumana had a special performance in the presence of Saint Pope John-Paul II in Lebanon. Her voice is particularly associated with the music of Joseph Khalifé who composed her best repertory.



Rony Barrak

is a famous Lebanese composer and musician renowned for his great talent with the darbuka. At the age of 17, Rony won the Gold Medal on LBCI in competition for talented young musicians. He has performed with some of the biggest names in Jazz, and has played with philharmonic orchestras all over the world. His style encompasses a broad range of music, mixing Latin music, jazz, funk, and percussion. He has a passion for developing new projects which has allowed him to play during live performances of video game music.



John Fayyad, Nada Khoury, Marc Homsy

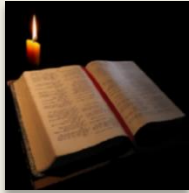
are devoted to singing for charities and humanitarian causes by performing Lebanese music. Nada and Marc are graduates of the Lebanese Academy of Fine Arts in interior design, and John is a Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist. They enjoy bringing happiness to the under-privileged by performing songs that evoke happy memories from Lebanon. John, Nada, and Marc will perform a Tribute to Fairuz at the NAM Convention.

Mass Celebration



Commemoration of the Resurrection: P. 428
Anaphora of the Twelve Apostles: P. 754

Sunday Readings



Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 12-30
Holy Gospel: Matthew 10:16-26

Mass Intentions



09:30 AM

For all Fathers, living and deceased
and for the gift of fatherhood

11:30 AM

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Schedules	9:30 A.M. Mass	11:30 A.M. Mass
Altar Servers	Joseph and George Estephan Andres Ballines, Leila Nehra	Youssif and Reem Hattar, Estifan Azzo, Cassandra chahoud, Ramez Sayegh
Readers	Maria Antoun	Mary Mulcahey (English)
Ushers	Robert Antoun Frank Kermend	Elie Massud, Albert Dakhoul Amir Geha, John Albani

Announcements

✳ Father's day

Happy father's day to all the fathers in our parish community. After 11:30 AM Mass, we invite you all to a luncheon in the Shaker Hall in honor of Father's Day.

✳ Lebanese Festival

The Lebanese Festival - September 9 -11, 2016 - is our major Parish Event and volunteers are needed and are welcome on all committees. If you are interested in getting involved please contact **Rima Antoon** (630-881-7536), **Jackie Tamer** (773-882-7105) or the Parish Office (630-932-9640). 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.

Let us remember

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

† Mansour Allen	† Genevieve Jage	† Sam Nasser	† Alphonse Salame
† Peter Guttas	† Raymond Kelly	† Edna Cecilia Neely	† George Thomas
† Libby Guttas	† Abe Kay	† Salameh Muhawi	† Bridget J. Toland
† Edward J. Jage			

COLLECTION

Sunday June 12, 2016: \$ 3,561.00

*"We make a living by what we get,
But we make a life by what we give."*

(Winston Churchill)