

Parish Bulletin

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"The Just Man shall flourish like a palm tree and like a Cedar of Lebanon shall he grow"

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From the Desk of Father Ghattas:

This month is consecrated to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is part of the resurrection Season that we salute one another because Jesus has risen, truly risen. It is not just a traditional salute, but one that comes from within of us. The new man in us is familiar with the resurrection of the Lord. It is through the power of the Holy Spirit that we are proclaiming for our faith. This proclamation is hope for human suffering that is living hopeless. With the devotion of Mary, those who were baptized by the blood and water running from the side of the Lord, they are the children of the new eve. Mary persevered until the end and was obedient to the will of the Father. As her children, we are running under her wings to be protected and to be ready to listen to the Word. This month, we also have a few of our kids who will receive first communion by becoming witnesses to the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Also, we celebrate the Pentecost, in the presence of Mary; the Apostles experienced the power of the Holy Spirit. They opened the doors and proclaimed publicly that Jesus rose from the dead and that they are his witnesses through the power of the Holy Spirit. Here in Saint Joseph, we hope one day we will have the same experience.

Announcements

Divine Liturgy: Saturdays 6:00 PM, Sundays 11:00 AM **AND** Daily 7:00 AM

- **Sunday May 2nd 5th** Sunday of Resurrection; Our Lady of Lebanon; Louis John (wheeling WV) by Chamse Rahi
- **Sunday May 9th 6th** Sunday of Resurrection; Mothers Day
 - **Wednesday May 12th 7:00 PM** Ascension of the Lord; Lord of Fatima
 - **Thursday May 13th 9:00 AM** Feast of Ascension
 - **Saturday May 15th** Our Lady of the Harvest
- **Sunday May 16th 7th** Sunday of Resurrection; First Communion
 - **Saturday May 22nd** St. Rita
- **Sunday May 23rd** Pentecost; Season of Glorious Pentecost
- **Sunday May 30th** Most Holy Trinity

Activities:

- **Sunday School:** There will be school on Sunday May 9th from **9:00 AM to 11:00 AM**
- **Holiday:** Mothers Day is May 9th and we would like to thank all the mothers for everything they do
- **First Communion:** The First Communion will be on May 16th
- **Thank You:** I would like to thank all of you for your generous donations to me and to the Church. I will be using my personal donations for Church needs. Also I would like to thank you on behalf of his Excellency Robert J. Shaheen for your generosity to the charity appease (\$1206.00).
- **Marriage:** Joseph Elie George from our Parish and Jacqueline Chedid will join in Holy Matrimony. If there are any objections to this sacrament please call the Parish Priest.

Happy 75th Birthday to Adele Eid

Saints of the Month

St. Theodosia of Tyre, Virgin Martyr Commemorated on April 3

During the persecution against Christians, which had already lasted for five years, seventeen-year-old Theodosia visited the condemned Christian prisoners in the Praetorium in Caesarea, Palestine. It was the day of Holy Pascha, and the martyrs spoke of the Kingdom of God. St. Theodosia asked them to remember her before the Lord, when they should come to stand before Him. Soldiers seized her and led her before the governor Urban after seeing the maiden bow to the prisoners. The governor ordered that she offer sacrifice to the idols but she refused, confessing her faith in Christ. They then subjected the saint to cruel tortures, raking her body with iron claws until her bones were exposed. The martyr was silent and endured her sufferings with a happy face. When the governor ordered her again to offer sacrifice to the idols she answered, "You fool! I have been granted to join the martyrs!" They threw the maiden with a stone about her neck into the sea, but angels rescued her. They then threw her to the wild beasts to be eaten. Seeing that the beasts would not touch her, they cut off her head. That night St. Theodosia appeared to her parents, who had tried to talk their daughter out of her intention to suffer for Christ. In a bright garb with a crown upon her head and a luminous gold cross in her hand, she said, "Behold the great glory of which you wanted to deprive me!" The Holy Martyr Theodosia of Tyre suffered in the year 307. She is also commemorated on May 29 (the transfer of her relics to Constantinople, and later to Venice).

Our Lady of Fatima (pronounced [ˈfatim]) is the title given to the Blessed Virgin Mary by those who believe that she appeared to three shepherd children at Fátima, Portugal on the 13th day of six consecutive months in 1917, starting on 13 May, the Fatima holiday. The three children were Lucia dos Santos and siblings Francisco and Jacinta Marto. The title of *Our Lady of the Rosary* is also sometimes used in reference to the same apparition (although it was first used in 1208 for the reported apparition in the church of Prouille); because the children related that the Lady in the apparition specifically identified Herself as "the Lady of the Rosary." It is also common to see a combination of these titles, i.e., **Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima** (Portuguese: "*Nossa Senhora do Rosário de Fátima*")

St. Rita of Cascia

Born at Rocca Porena in the Diocese of Spoleto, 1386; died at the Augustinian convent of Cascia, 1456. Feast, 22 May. Represented as holding roses, or roses and figs, and sometimes with a wound in her forehead. According to the "Life" (Acta SS., May, V, 224) written at the time of her beatification by the Augustinian, Jacob Carelicci, from two older biographies, she was the daughter of parents advanced in years and distinguished for charity which merited them the surname of "Peacemakers of Jesus Christ". Rita's great desire was to become a nun, but, in obedience to the will of her parents, she, at the age of twelve, married a man extremely cruel and ill-tempered. For eighteen years she was a model wife and mother. When her husband was murdered she tried in vain to dissuade her twin sons from attempting to take revenge; she appealed to Heaven to prevent such a crime on their part, and they were taken away by death, reconciled to God. She applied for admission to the Augustinian convent at Cascia, but, being a widow, was refused. By continued entreaties, and, as is related, by Divine intervention, she gained admission, received the habit of the order and in due time her profession. As a religious she was an example for all, excelled in mortifications, and was widely known for the efficacy of her prayers. Urban VIII, in 1637, permitted her Mass and Office. On account of the many miracles reported to have been wrought at her intercession she received in Spain the title of *La Santa de los impossibles*. She was solemnly canonized 24 May, 1900.

Miscellaneous

By Maggy Makhoul Eid

The Maronite Youth Organization held the 5th annual talent show at Saint Joseph Church on Sunday April 18th. This activity is one of the many activities organized by our church members. This talent show showcased the talents of the children and adults by singing, dancing, playing musical instruments or telling jokes. While most of the participant's ages ranged from 3 to 18 years of age, this year the age was extended to 65. This show started right after the Divine Liturgy and featured our favorite food: hot dogs and hamburgers. The set up and management of the program was carried out by the MYO, directed by Marlene Boulos. Yara Boulos and Joe El Ashkar were MC's for the event. The talent show started with the American and Lebanese national anthems and Father Khoury welcoming everybody with an opening poem. The talent show went on with American and Lebanese songs and dances. We also were able to listen to musical instruments of all different styles. Near the end, the poet Jim Salem, 65, sang to us many of his wonderful poems. Despite the warm day, everybody was happy and the parents were proud of their children. The next talent show will be held next April, with more talents and hopes that our future participants may go on to compete in American Idol.

Inauguration of Peter

This Gospel is an explanation of the death of Peter after he became a shepherd in the image of the Good Shepherd. Peter has been transformed by the Grace of Jesus to love abundantly. As Jesus loves the Father, so Peter loves Jesus. Like him, Peter died on the cross. Always the topic is that "God so love the World, therefore, He sent his only begotten Son save those who believe in him. This love has realized by Jesus who shed his blood on behalf of his beloved ones." The act of love has been revealed through his Resurrection. This experience is not only to rescue his disciples, but also, is a confirmation of his effective presence among his people. Jesus Confirmed Simon Peter as a Shepherd of the Flock. The story started with the miraculous fishing and ended with the breaking the bread. This experience became a tradition in Syro Aramaic Church that after the communion of the celebrant, he starts the ordination of the orders in the Church. The Bishop carries out the Heavenly Fire, the Eucharist to put it on the head of the Candidate to receive the Holy Spirit. There are different meanings of this experience one of them is the condition to be a leader in the Church is having the love of God. The love of God that means trust God your life as Jesus did. This love is without condition. For Jesus from the beginning he loved his Father. For Peter, this love was failed before a handmaid who questioned him about Jesus. At that time, Simon had fear after they arrested Jesus. This personal love failed before first difficulty. After his Resurrection, Jesus surprised his disciples in their seclusion to give them his peace and he breathed his spirit. Immediately, the Lord expelled fear from their hearts and he gave them the Spirit of Love and fortitude. Therefore, Peter became sincere, when Jesus asked Simon do you love me more than these. After that moment, this love transformed Peter to become the image of God as a Good Shepherd, who will be in charge of the people of God without condition. He became similar to Jesus who was obedient to the Father. He accepted to be crucified. Accordingly, became a good shepherded and he became the head of the Church. As Jesus took care of the sinners the poor, the ill and the homeless so Peter imitated Jesus in everything. He accepted to be crucified as sign of love to Jesus and his Church. According to John, the love of God is a gift to those who believe any sign of that is their life is similar to the life of Jesus. This love is from God who forgave our humanity. First, it is not, we who loved God, but God loved us first and sent his son to expiate out sins. In our turn, we have to accept his invitation to live with him. According to John, love is first, the discipleship is second, and the result is the complete love that is expressed by obedience to the will of God like Jesus to lay down life on behalf of his people. This gospel is reflecting the ideal leadership that is a service to the household of the Lord. According to John, the requirements of the person are not human skills and the person is talented first. First is the complete love that is coming from God. In addition, sign of the perfection is the fortitude; this is a gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus gave it to the disciples after his resurrection. Wherever there is fear, the love is uncompleted. Vice versa, the completed love expels it. Most of the time, the leadership is struggling to be successful. For one reason, it failed because the uncompleted love. The Lord of resurrection came to rescue his disciples by expelling fear from their hearts and establish in their hearts the Love of God that is the Holy Spirit. Sunday Liturgy, Korbono, Alkedas is commemorating the death and the resurrection of the Lord. With his presence, he expels fear from our hearts and pours in them his complete love. With that in the bottom of our hearts, there is a voice saying, "you are my beloved one", or do you love me. It is necessary to spent few time to listen to this voice to renew our vows, to restore our relationship and our leaderships. The anxieties are enormous and the man would be exhausted, like the disciples of Jesus. Sunday Liturgy is living in the presence of Jesus who came to rescue his disciples and confirm Peter as a shepherd. In our turn, we renew our faith and our love to Jesus. It is necessary to renew our responsibility.

A cobbler sang from morning till night;
 It was wonderful to see,
 Wonders of my hearing, he made [passages](#),
 More happy that none of [Seven Sages](#).
 His neighbor on the other hand, being all sewn
 with gold,
 Sang little, slept less still.
 He was a man of finance.
 If on the break of day, sometimes dozing,
 The cobbler then awakened singing;
 And the financial complained
 That the care of Providence
 Would not sell the market is sleeping
 As eating and drinking.
 In his hotel he sent
 The singer, saying: "Come now, Sir Gregory,
 What do you earn per year? - Per year? Why, Sir,
 Said with a tone of Interior,
 The fellow cobbler, this is not my way
 To count this way, and I do not start stockpiling
 little
 One day on the other, just at the end
 I catch the end of the year;
 Each day brings its bread.
 - Well, as you win, tell me, by day?
 - Sometimes more, sometimes less, that evil is
 always
 (And without that, our earnings would be quite
 honest)
 The trouble is that in the year interspersed with
 days
 That must be idle; [we ruin Christmas](#);

One wronged the other, and the parish priest
 Some new saint always loads his sermon. "
 The financier, laughing at his naivete
 He said: "I want you to put on the throne today.
 Take these [hundred crowns](#); Keep them carefully,
 To use it as needed. "
 The cobbler thought he saw all the money that
 the earth
 Had over a hundred years
 Produced for use by people.
 He returned home and in his cellar he encloses
 Money and his joy at once.
 More singing: he lost his voice,
 From the moment he acquired what causes our
 pain.
 Sleep left her house:
 It was hosted by the cares
 Suspicions, alarms vain;
 All day he had a watchful eye, and at night,
 If some cat made a noise,
 The cat took the money. At the end the poor man
 It ran one he no longer woke up:
 "Give me," he said, my songs and my sleep,
 And resume your hundred crowns

وكم رطل جليب زيادي من بقرتنا غندوره

سكاف عندو خريوشة دكان
 مقضى الغمر قصص وغنائي
 فرحان والقلب هم في ما ناسي
 لا هم ولا بخل وكوخ صغير باتي

لا صندوق باسفل تحت الدار
 ولا دار كبير مال للدهر الفاني
 عندو هم واحد ما في غيره كار
 الا يتسلى مع القاسي والداني

ولاد عندو بس صاروا كبار
 بالفكر ما في هم وقلبات الدهر الجاني
 عندو قهوة مصروف مع قرشين صغار
 بتكفي معاشو بالاكل ماشي ما يعاني
 جارو الصايغ عقلو من الحرتقة طار
 من قلة النوم الهم كثير جاني
 العجب كيف هالفقير صار منو يغار
 بدي شوف شو سر ها الاغاني
 انا عرفتلو دوا بدي اوضع حد فاني
 بضحي بدرة تمنا ما بينعد
 بلكي العدوى بتروح بكم دينار رناني
 وهيك منحلص من الرنين ومن الغنائي
 وبكير الجار شرف وحمل معه صره
 مش عارف المسكين بين ديه معه دره
 قلو الجوهرجي قديش بطقبض يا مسكين
 بالكاد عايشين نشكر الله مستورا
 الرزقا مناكل كل يوم
 اوقات يحط اللوم عا القسيس
 يلي من وقت لوقت بيزيد كم قديس

هذا مصروف مش عا البال
 وغير شي بيظهر انو ماشي الحال
 وهيك بتفرغ لكم موال بغدادي
 وكم مطلع قرادي ومشق الزعوره

يا معتر يا مسكين
 شو هل العيشي بالتعير
 عيشة بخل وشح فلوس
 انا جايب لك هالكنز سعرو غالي كثير
 حقو بيقبر الفقر معاشك ما بيبقا تعير

الله سلم ها الديات يلي كان بركات
 هيدي دره سعرا كبير

ها الزلمي تغير للحل وبطل من تمو الموال
 انخظفت حنجرة صوتو ورجع هوي عا بيتو
 صار يراقب يلي فات ويرجف من كثر العتمات
 فكلو مشغول عا البيت باب مغلق بدون غال
 بالفرشى عم يتقلب لانو مشغول البال

رجع من الدكان بكير وخسر لسانو نغمي
 فرح جارو الجوهرجي هيدي من السما نعمي
 صار المسكين يتقلب بالسهرات
 وفلت من وجو البسمات
 والصدر يشوق اهات
 قولكن شو صار لي كنت الف بالعتمات
 الهيبة الله يكسر قوتو فات
 قلبي وعقلي موكرتو خطفلي هالنعيمات

ياالله عا بكرا بكير
 قبل طلوع الضو
 بدي اشلح ها الشيطان مرضي ما الو نو
 بدي استرد البسمات والغنائي والنعيمات
 والدره هي فح يلي جاب العتمات
 بكير عند الجوهرجي القصة ما بقي بدا
 خد مصرياتك يا جرجي انا مني من قدا
 رجع السكاف عا البيت وعو جات البسمة
 عرف انو المصريات هن سموم بالدسمات

A kiss
 This kiss is from Judas do not repeat it
 It is sign of love and truthfulness for the one who signs it
 This is a sign among the people that is blessed by God
 Do not prepare it; it becomes awful
 Do not make it with sensational it be like a storm
 Do it with respect as the lovely mother.
 This kiss is from Jesus; welcome it with joy and tears
 It is love from the heart. Give it more o Lord.
 This is from the chalice of the Mass
 Joy and love for all.
 Would make the heart tender and wake up the feeling
 If Sep you from this chalice, for your growth
 And you remember your dignity
 This chalice I offer. It is from the joy of heart
 I lift it up over the Lord's Altar
 And put it over the gate of your heart
 I lift it with light and love
 It is a remedy of the heart to be faithful to our beloveds
 On the gate of your heart is to eliminate hatred and forgive
 your brother.
 O Lord gives me to see your chalice, to tender my head
 I will return to you to become a little child
 And early, I have your love.

The First Mass
 They locked the doors and strated crying
 They missed jesus who died on the cross.
 They did not know what to do.
 The time of supper , where is jesus /
 They have tears in their eyes .
 He gave us dignity and hope in life.
 Simon Peter took over and
 Took bread to remember the death of Jesus
 according to His well
 The appostles sarounding him
 This is memorial bead for the death of our
 beloved jesus
 He broke it and the surprized was the powerful
 presence of jesus.
 They were stupefied .
 Do not pe afraid!
 Peace be with you
 My spirit who rose me from the dead is with you
 Take him

Forgive the sins with my power
 Take my spirit of love and faith
 And I will be with you until the end of the ages
 That Sunday evening
 They stated with tears
 They ended with joy
 They started with mercy meal and they ended
 with the beread of life.
 The started with deaspai and they ended with
 ember of fire of the Spirit
 The missed jesus and his presence is so
 powewrful

What different between yester and to day and
 tomorrow if
 Jesus is the same yesterday and today and
 forever.
 The Spiri is the same.
 Only the receiver have faith or not

اول قداس
 نغلفت الابوب وبلشوا البكي
 وصار كل واحد يشتكى
 راح الناصري عا الموت وانتهى الحلم
 وخلص الكلام بهالسهرة
 وقف الحكي
 وقت العشا جا وين يسوع
 كرت عا خدود الحاضرين دموع
 وين الكان عزنا هلق تركنا بالذل وبالجوع
 حمل سمعان الخبز بين دي
 وتجمع كل الرسل حوالي
 قل هذا خبز تذكارة الناصري
 وهدا كاس الخلاص
 شو صار
 لا تخافوا انا قهرت الموت والعاصفي
 قهرت الموت ومشيت بطريقو الخاطفي

ما بقى في شي يخوف لا تخافوا
 الروح يلي فيي
 بدي حطو فيكن
 القوي لفيي هيي معكن
 نفخ فين الروح القدس
 خدوا الروح القدس
 القوة
 انتو معكن سلطاني
 لا تخافو من الدهر الفاني

معكن سلطان الحل والربط
سلطة الغفران
سلطة المحبي والايمان

بهاك السهرة
بلشوا بالدموع وانتهوا بيسوع
من خبز الحزن والتذكار
(الى جمرة لهباني بالنار) الروح
يسوع موجود بالوسط

My Vocation

By Fr. Ghattas Khoury

(May 12, I was ordained priest in St. Maron Youngstown. Before my ordination, my mother was killed like many Christians who were innocent. They were killed by the hatred and stupidity of those who claimed the defense of the Christians.)

To become a priest is a challenge, when most of the world is moving toward materialism and consumerism. I had early vocation but my ordination was delayed for different reasons. One of them I had the reluctance of St. Thomas who would like to be secure. I was looking for perfection before I would be ordained. After years of experience, I was wrong, because the grace of God is enough to walk with Him to the end. The priesthood is a visible sign of the presence of Jesus Christ among his People. This visibility would be unclear if the sign is unclear, foggy or dirty. With that, I have an awesome responsibility toward my people to make Christ present among them.

Many times, they look at the priest as a leader for a national cause or a social one. If this cause related to the benefit of the people of God and his dignity and his rights, otherwise, he becomes a national leader. These causes would not eliminate the main role of the priest that is reflecting in his teachings, the identity of the Church.

I have an obligation to be obedient to my bishop concerning the teachings and the regulations of the Church.

This obedience is clear with the Liturgy. I am using his book to teach the people of God the main teaching of the Church.

In retrospect to the circumstances, I found the hand of the Lord with everything, even with time of sorrow and failure. Starting with the death of my mother before my ordination, it was a hard experience. When everything was dark, the Lord asked me to enlighten a candle of hope. I realized

that the Priest is a sign of hope where there is a mere night.

After twenty years, I would like to repeat what I wrote in the New Letter in Maronites Today: "Life with Christ is a joyful and yet ambitious one, risky in that the demands of imitating Christ's life is great. It takes unusual power to lift the person up the level accommodation holiness." I continue my ministry here in Saint Joseph with joy and faith. However, I continue to trust The Lord who honors me to be his servant to be in charge of serving his household. When I see my weaknesses, I cry to Mary, as John Paul II "tutus tuus" my being is for you.

في ذكرى سيامتي الكهنوتية العشرين اتذكر كيف كنت مترددا
كتردد توما الذي صعق بموت المسيح على خشبة العار . كان
تومي يرفض فكرة الموت عن المسيح لانه يمكث الى الابد . جاء
الصلب ليقتضي على الايمان في قلبه
كان يريد البرهان لينطلق الى الرسالة . هكذا كنت قبل اختياري
بان المسيح هو هو الامس واليوم والى الابد
انني اريد ان اشرك ايماني بالمسيح مع ابناء رعيتي . لذلك يطلب
مني ان احبه اكثر لكي اتسلم الامانة اي خدمة شعبه الذي ولد
بالماء والروح . اي ولد من جنبه المطعون بالحربة حبا به
بعد عشرين سنة من السيامة الكهنوتية، لا اقدر ان اقيم الانجازات
، فهي ثانوية امام المطلوب الاول وهي المحبة المميزة للمسيح.
من هنا نفهم مدى حبه لشعبه . هذه المحبة تزداد بالمعرفة لسر
المسيح الذي لا يستقصى وهذه امنيتي للشعب الذي ائتمنت على
خدمته . لذلك علي ان ابذل جهدي ان اصور لكم المسيح القائم من
الموت ليطر من قلوبكم الخوف . لان العدو الغير المعطن هو
الخوف ولا ننسى ان المحبة تطرده اذا ترسخت في قلوبنا
لذلك نعلن في هذا الزمن قيامة المسيح وانتصاره على الموت .
فهو الذي طرد الخوف المستولي على التلاميذ بعد هول الصلب
وعاره

بعد عشرين سنة من الخدمة المقدسة اؤمن ان الاحتفال في القديس
يرسخ في المحبة لان المسيح حاضر ليطرده الخوف فتترسخ في
اعماقنا المحبة التي تطرد الخوف

رحمتك يا بي المرحام انا خاطي غرقت بالوحل

انت غفرتنا عل الصليب بابنك الحبيب

انا عارف حالي مخلوق بالضعف

فخاره سريعة العطب مجبول من هلارض

انا نسيت هويتي وبهدلت معموديتي

رجعت عا طبيعتي ورجعت عا خطيتي

بعد في لزوم للزوافا اذا دم المسيح غسلني

هالدم ممزوج بموية المعمودي مش بس صيرني

ابيض

صيرني طبيعة جديدة والتوب الملوكي يرجع ابيض

انا حزنان لانو خطيت

بس انا فرحان لائو رجعت
انا خجول بليلي صار مستحي من فيضان رحمتك
غمرتني بلطفك ونار حبك
ما تطلعت شو عملت انا بس تطلعت شو عمل ابنك
ما تخليني اطمع بحبك
بالاعتراف رديتلي كل امتيازات المعمودية
تا خبر الناس عا رحمتك ردي روحك يلي زعلتو
ويك بخبر عا حبك وعا عدلك
امين

وجه يسوع



Talent Show 2010

كتار يلي بيفرحوا يشوفو يسوع بريشة فنان
هذا هالوجة حلو صورتو صورة انسان
منقول يسوع هيك كان
بس هلق وينو يسوع لشافو توما وبولس يسوع
الايمان
نسينا انا وجه يسوع منشوفو بوجوه المعمدين
الحملين البشرى لكل المقهورين
بدن يشوفو وجوهنا منورة بالفرح بيسوع
بعد ما حزنا عل الخطية ومسحنا الدموع
هوي صار معنا اسمو عمونيل
بدو شعب القيامة من خبزو شبعان
مثل ما طلو تلاميذوا من العلية
من بعد ما عيدنا وطلعنا من القديس
شو بيقلوا عنا
شفوا يسوع القيامة بنوره الساطع
مثل ما شافو وجه اسطفان
مليان بالفرح والحنان
عرفوا هلائسان لابس يسوع يلي قام



