

**Sunday, May 12, 2019 at 11:00 o'clock**  
 For all first Communion children, their families and teachers and for all mothers, living and deceased.

**Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.**

**Sunday, May 19, 2019 at 11:00 o'clock**  
 Nadia Jabbour (40 Day anniversary)

**Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.**

**Sunday, May 26, 2019 at 11:00 o'clock**  
 Nasri Haddad

**Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.**

**Thursday, May 30, 2019 (Ascension of the Lord) at 7:30 p.m.**

**Sunday, June 2, 2019 at 11:00 o'clock**

**Every Sunday at 10:15 a.m.**, a group of people meet to pray the Rosary.

**Scripture Readings**  
**May 19, 2019, 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Resurrection**  
 Eph 2: 1-10; John 21:15-19

**Altar Servers**  
**Sunday, May 19, 2019**  
 Jad Abi Saleh, Simon Chahine, Rey Abi Saleh, and Evan Kazzi

**Ushers**  
**Sunday, May 19, 2019**  
 Gebran Fattouch, Elie Malkoun, Rafah Elias and Halim Younes

**Thank you for your Generosity**

Summary of the Collection for **May 5, 2019**  
 Collection: \$ 1723  
 Donation by mail: \$ 65  
 Tuesday Event \$ 122

**Congratulations and Blessings**

Matteo Abou Jaoude, Maybelle Bittar, Mattia Boselli, Simon Chahine, Julie Daniel, Alexandre El Chemaly, Mia Nicole Frangie, Tayla Haddad, James Kamel, Joseph Makhoul, Sophie Makhoul, Fareed Rahi, Joseph Ramia, Gabriel Rouhana and Salma Wanna will receive their First Holy Communion on **Sunday, May 12, 2019**, during the 11:00 o'clock Liturgy.

**Holy Day of Obligation**

**Thursday, May 30, 2019, Ascension Thursday**, is a Holy Day of Obligation. **The Liturgy will be at 7:30 p.m.**

**Second Collection**

**Sunday, June 2, 2019**, a second collection will be taken up for The Catholic Communications campaign. The work of the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) is made possible by the generous donations of Catholic parishioners from all across the country. Proceeds from the annual CCC appeal are split equally between each diocese and the national office. Dioceses use their 50% share to support local communications efforts such as televised Mass and the diocesan newspaper. Thank you for your generosity and cooperation

**Please Join Us**

Chorbishop Seely Beggiani will present a lecture on the Maronite Liturgical Year on **Sunday June 2, 2019 at 12:40 p.m.** in the Seminary library. All are invited to attend.

**A Message from Bishop Mansour**

Our Patriarch is looking to engage business men and women in some of the charitable work in Lebanon. He also desires that business men and women do what they can to promote business interests with men and women of good will inside Lebanon.

The effort is promoted under the working committee the Patriarch established called: **The World Patriarchal Maronite**

**Foundation for Integral Development.** Their website is [www.wpf.org.lb](http://www.wpf.org.lb). I ask everyone to please promote this, and please send me the name, email, home address, and phone number of anyone interested. I will be glad to put them in touch with those in Lebanon who are involved.

There is also planned a Socio-Economic Forum in *Bkerke* for this August 2019. For more information please contact two of our men who plan to attend: Mr. Amine Harb at [amineharb@harbco.com](mailto:amineharb@harbco.com) or Mr. Louis Ragy at [louisragy@gmail.com](mailto:louisragy@gmail.com). One may also contact the person in Lebanon who is coordinating this effort: Patricia Sfeir at [patricia.sfeir@wpf.org.lb](mailto:patricia.sfeir@wpf.org.lb), or please contact Bishop Mansour directly.

**FYI**

**What is the meaning of the "communion of saints"?**

This expression indicates first of all the common sharing of all the members of the Church in holy things (*sancta*): the faith, the sacraments, especially the Eucharist, the charisms, and the other spiritual gifts. At the root of this communion is love which "does not seek its own interests" (1 Corinthians 13:5) but leads the faithful to "hold everything in common" (Acts 4:32), even to put one's own material goods at the service of the most poor. (For further reading: CCC 946-953, 960)

**What else does "the communion of saints" mean?**

This expression also refers to the communion between holy person (*sancti*); that is, between those who by grace are united to the dead and risen Christ. Some are pilgrims on the earth; others, having passed from this life, are undergoing purification and are helped also by our prayers. Others already enjoy the glory of God and intercede for us. All of these together form in Christ one family, the Church, to the praise and glory of the Trinity. (CCC 954-959, 961-962)



*A Happy and Joyful Day to all the mothers and mothers to be.*

*May Our Heavenly Mother watch over you and guide you in your vocation and keep you and us faithful to the "Mother Church."*

*Enjoy your well deserved day*

## Our Lady of Lebanon



The first Sunday we May we celebrated the memorial of Our Virgin Mother under the title of “Our Lady of Lebanon.” The Maronite Church has always had a special devotion to the Virgin, as is evidenced by the great number of churches which are dedicated to her both in Lebanon and in our own country. Mary, moreover, plays a special role in the Church’s liturgy: There are numerous *hoosoyeh* dedicated to her, *qoley* and hymns which extol her virtues, and constant petitions which beg her intercession. And yet, Mary is always seen in the Maronite liturgy as the Mother of the Lord, the *Theotokos*, in whose womb the Word took flesh:

Hail Mary! In your virginity, you became the mother of the mighty One who fills heaven and earth.

Hail Mary! In your virginity, you became the mother of the ancient One whose name was before the sun was created.

Hail Mary! In your virginity, you became the mother of the Creator who formed Eve and gave her to Adam.

Blessed are you, Mary, in whose womb dwelled in holiness the only begotten Son who is one in nature and in Splendor with the Father.

It is because of Mary’s unique position of Mother of the Lord that the Church knows that it can turn to her and seek her intercession with her Son:

O Mother of the Life, petition your divine Son to Keep away from us all the effects of evil, to preserve us from all animosity and to strengthen us on our way.

As we honor the Virgin Mother of the Lord under her title of “Our Lady of Lebanon,” we pray for the land of our ancestors in the faith, for the whole Maronite Church, and for those parishes which are dedicated under her patronage. May Our Lady of Lebanon assist us by her prayers. Amen

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**Sunday, May 12, 2019, Fourth Sunday of Resurrection**

