

Easter Sunday, at Midnight

Members of Our Lady of Lebanon Parish, living and deceased

Sunday, April 21, 2019 at 11:00 o'clock

Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 28, 2019 at 11:00 o'clock

Toufic Aoun

Tuesday, April 30, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

Special Intention

Sunday, May 5, 2019 at 11:00 o'clock

Fahd and Jamileh Nash

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

Last Sunday of every month, a Holy Hour of Adoration will take place after the 11:00 a.m. Liturgy.

Scripture Readings

Sunday, April 28, 2019, New Sunday and Divine Mercy

2 Cor 5:11-21; Jn 20:26-31

Altar Servers

Sunday, April 28, 2019

Simon Chahine, Rey Abi Saleh, Peter Touma and Ziad Wanna

Ushers

Sunday, April 28, 2019

Halim Younes, Mark Malkoun, Billy Haddad and Joseph Nasr

Thank you for your Generosity

Summary of the Collection for **April 14, 2019**

Collection: \$ 2766
Donation by mail: \$ 365
Tuesday Event \$ 97

Sunday School

Due to the Easter celebration, we will not have Sunday school on Easter Sunday (April 21). Sunday school will resume on April 28, 2019, at 10:00 o'clock.

Second Collections

Sunday, April 28, 2019, a second collection will be taken to benefit the **Catholic Home Mission Appeal**. The Appeal strengthens the Catholic Church where it is weak in the United States and its territories where resources are thin and priests are few. The appeal funds a wide range of pastoral services, including evangelization, religious education, the maintenance of mission parishes, the training of seminarians and lay ministers, and ministry with ethnic groups, especially Hispanics.

The **Catholic Home Mission Committee** of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has been generously contributing to the Missions of our Eparchy for the past several years.

All funds collected will be forwarded to the Chancery Office in New York for proper transfer to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Thank you for your generosity and cooperation.

Sunday, May 5, 2019, a second collection will be taken for The National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon in North Jackson, Ohio. Thank you for your generosity and cooperation.



A Blessed and Joyful Easter to Each of You. May our Risen Savior fill your hearts with Special Graces this Easter Sunday and all the days of your lives.

Easter Lilies

Some of the Easter Lilies in the Church were donated by:

Donors:

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Karam

Mr. and Mrs. Michel Zailah

Mr. and Mrs. Majed Farah

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rohayem

Mrs. Montaha Feghali

Mr. and Mrs. Jude Miller

Family of Saint Sharbel

In Memory of:

Ameliah Karam

Ed and Anne Soma

Zailah and Saade families

Hanan Massamiri and Rafik Farah

Rohayem and Eid families

Feghali and Aad families

Donation

in Thanksgiving to God.

FYI

What does the word Church mean?

The word Church refers to the people whom God calls and gathers together from every part of the earth. They form the assembly of those who through faith and Baptism have become children of God, members of Christ, and temples of the Holy Spirit. (For further reading: Catechism of the Catholic Church # 751-752, 777, 804)

Are there other names and images with which the Bible speaks about the Church?

In Sacred Scripture we find many images which bring out various complementary aspects of the mystery of the Church. The Old Testament favors those images that are bound to the people of God. The New Testament offers images that are linked to Christ as the Head of this people which is his Body. Other images are drawn from pastoral life (sheepfold, flock, sheep), from agriculture (field, olive grove, vineyard), from construction (dwelling place, stone, temple), and from family life (spouse, mother, family). (For further reading: CCC 753-757).

Act of Contrition

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended You, and I detest all my sins because of Your just punishments, but most of all because they offend You, my God, who art all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of Your grace to sin no more and to avoid the near occasion of sin. Amen.

The Resurrection of the Lord

Today the Church and her children rejoice for our Lord and Savior has risen from the dead. The resurrection of the Lord is the central event of our salvation, the one that gives meaning to who we are and what we do. Every celebration of the Eucharist and the other mysteries refers to it as the source of inspiration and meaning.



The resurrection is the feast of feasts, the queen of all feasts. Originally the Church celebrated only one feast, the resurrection itself, which was recalled and renewed each Sunday at the celebration of the Divine Mysteries. Soon, however, it began to recall the Passover of the Lord and His victorious resurrection in a special way once a year, in addition to the weekly commemoration of the resurrection. Eventually, this annual celebration of the Lord's resurrection was prepared for by a season of prayer, fasting and penance - Lent, and the feast itself was extended for fifty days.

The Church, thus, now celebrates the resurrection of the Lord for a week of weeks (fifty days): from the Sunday of the Resurrection to Pentecost Sunday (the fiftieth day).

Today's feast is one of joy and peace: *"Peace to those who are far and good hope to those who are near, for Christ has risen from the grave and has gathered those who were scattered and given them joy."*

The joy and peace that flow from the Lord's resurrection are expressed today by the rite of peace which follows the gospel in the Divine Liturgy. The cross is removed from the tomb where it has rested since Great Friday and is draped in white. It is carried through the church accompanied by hymns of praise and joy. The priest solemnly blesses the congregation with the glorious cross and then presents it to them that they might adore it.

By His living cross Christ has saved us from going astray and given us a way to heaven. Through the cross peace and harmony reign among God's people and we are led to perfection.

And so filled with peace and with joyful hearts we proclaim: *A glorious morning has dawned and night has fled. Light has conquered, and night has been destroyed.*

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Sunday, April 21, 2019 Easter Sunday

**"I am the
Resurrection
& the
Life."
John 11:25**