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<p><b><u>CONFESSIONS:</u></b></p> <p>Sunday: 9:30 am to 9:50 am (before mass)  Saturday: 4:30 pm to 4:50 pm (before mass)  Also Available by Appointment</p>	<p><b><u>BAPTISMS:</u></b></p> <p><i>Please Call The Parish Rectory</i>  Non-parishioners sponsors must  provide a certificate from their Catholic church</p>
<p><b><u>FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS</u></b></p> <p>October through May -Saturday 3:45 pm - 4:45 pm</p>	<p><b><u>MARRIAGES:</u></b></p> <p>Please Notify The Pastor At Least 6 Months Ahead of Time</p>



**NATIONAL APOSTOLATE OF MARONITES**  
OFFICIAL LAY APOSTOLATE OF  
**EPARCHY OF ST. MARON OF BROOKLYN**  
**EPARCHY OF OUR LADY OF LEBANON**

NATIONAL MARONITE CONVENTION 2020

The world is faced with many fears and worries. Everyone handles stress in different ways and wonders how to make it through. At this moment, we worry about our health, our families, jobs, and future. The COVID-19 virus has turned the world upside down and inside out. What is worse than this pandemic virus is pandemic fear. Obey the rules and **Trust in the Lord!**

I myself have struggled and worried about what to do with the Maronite Convention in Cincinnati on several levels. After doing our due diligence and assessing the state of the unpredictable status of the virus, federal government regulations and mandates from the State of Ohio, we have decided that the safety of our attendees is paramount. It is with sadness, that both of our Bishops, the NAM Board, and the community of St. Anthony of Padua, have decided that the NAM/Maronite convention in Cincinnati, July 8-12, 2020 **has been cancelled**. We feel that we have no concrete date of recovery, if people will be able to afford to attend the convention, or if they will have the time to come a convention.

Although this is not a priority in the scheme of things, this is a spiritual and financial blow to the NAM organization. We will not be able to enjoy each other's company, have meaningful gatherings, and be able to conduct our necessary business. The board will discuss what alternatives might be available in making financial decisions for the future of NAM. At this point all reservation monies that have been processed will be refunded. As a reminder, don't forget to cancel your airline and hotel reservations if you made any.

After we have time as a board to review the situation, we will let you know our needs and what programs we move forward on. Please be assured that we are all in the same predicament and that we should all be praying for each other. Please invoke St. Maron, St. Charbel, St. Hardini, St. Rafka, the Massabki Brothers, and all the saints to intercede for us to Our Lord to protect us and to find a solution for the world.

Rose Sahyoun  
NAM President

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**  
*(Mail -in)*

Sunday, May 10, 2020 - \$1,025

**EMERGENCY CONTACT**

In case of **emergency** please contact  
Fr. Youssef directly on his cell phone  
**(412-583-5702)**.  
Do not leave a message on the  
Rectory phone.



**Our Lady of Lebanon**  
**Maronite Catholic Church**

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Week 21 - Week 23

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May 16 - May 31, 2020

# 6th Sunday of the Resurrection



**CLERGY**  
Fr. Youssef Keikati, Administrator  
Deacon Anthony Koury

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**  
Monday through Thursday  
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

***No office hours on Fridays***

**LITURGY:**  
Saturdays: 5:00 PM  
Sundays: 10:00 AM

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## The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke 24:36-48

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost.

He said to them, ‘Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.’ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.

While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, ‘Have you anything here to eat?’ They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.’

Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

You are witnesses of these things.



**\*\*\*6th Sunday of the Resurrection\*\*\***

Sunday May 17 - GEORGE JABBOUR (Anniversary) by the Family

Friday May 22 MARY JABBOUR (Birthday Remembrance) by the Family

**THE CHURCH IS CLOSED DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC.**

**If you see an Intention listed, it is because the parishioner still wants to have the Mass said for the repose of their loved ones soul even though they are not allowed to attend the Liturgy.**

**Please contact Abouna or the rectory if you would like a Mass said for your loved one without attending the Liturgy.**

**Sunday 10:00 AM Mass will be streamed live on Facebook.**

**Only choir members and altar servers that have been designated by Fr. Youssef are permitted to attend.**

**Please continue to follow the CDC safety guidelines to protect yourself and your family members from contracting the coronavirus.**

**Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

O Divine Ocean of mercy and compassion, be with us in our time of trial and difficulties.  
Today I make an act of spiritual communion with you, the life-giving Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
At this time I am not able to receive the sacred body and blood of my Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ, but I choose to live in union with him and in the unity of the Holy Spirit.  
I offer my day, my daily life, my joys and sorrows to you, for those around me, and for the whole world.  
Be with us, O life-giving Triune God, for we know that nothing in this world has power over us.  
O Lover of all people, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

6th Sunday of the Resurrection  
*Rom 10:1-13 / Lk 24:36-48*

7th Sunday of the Resurrection  
*Eph 1:15-23 / Jn 13:51-55*  
Pentecost Sunday  
*Acts 2:1-21 / Jn 14:15-20*



**BINGO VOLUNTEERS**

FLOOR

KITCHEN

**BINGO IS CANCELED  
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

**Letter from Father Youssef**

May 7, 2020

Dear Parishioners,

As I am sure you are aware, the current COVID-19 crisis has negatively impacted many non-profit organizations in our community, including Our Lady of Lebanon Church.

Since this crisis began 2 months ago, our collections at Mass have nearly vanished with the closing of the church. In addition, our weekly bingo has been suspended and our parking lot income, which has been significantly reduced, has also impacted our income stream.

Furthermore, we expect our church hall rental income to disappear since there will most likely not be any graduation parties, showers, baptisms etc. held in the hall in the foreseeable future.

Finally, we are very concerned that our Annual Heritage Days Festival, which is our church's largest annual fundraiser, may not be held this August in the interest of maintaining social distancing, especially for large crowds.

With all this mind, I respectfully ask that you consider making a donation to our church so that we can emerge from this crisis in a solid financial position. To help you do this, we have launched a mobile app and an on-line portal where you can easily make a donation. [The on-line portal for donations is on our website, oleaston.org](https://www.oleaston.org) and [our Facebook page](#). If you would prefer to mail your donation, you may, of course, do that as well.

Thank you for your consideration and your unwavering support for Our Lady of Lebanon Church.  
May God bless you for your generosity.

Father Youssef

**HOLY NAME/ST. THERESA SODALITY  
COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS  
APPLICATIONS**

2020 Graduating High School students are eligible to apply for scholarships.

The requirements to be considered are as follows:

1. Scholarship application.
2. An official high school or transcript showing most recent GPA and/or class rank.
3. A copy of an acceptance letter from a college or university.
4. A personal statement.

Scholarship winners will be chosen by grades, financial need and parish participation.  
Applications can be found online.

*Deadline is Monday, June 1, 2020*

Contact either the Holy Name Society or the St. Theresa Sodality officers with questions.



**HOLY NAME GOLF OUTING**

The Holy Name Golf Outing scheduled for May 31st has been **cancelled** due to the coronavirus. The outing will be rescheduled for sometime next year.

Thank you for your support and please stay safe!