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# 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.

#### **BOOK OF OFFERING (Missal)**

Since many parishes are live-streaming the celebration of the Divine Liturgy, Saint Maron Publications has received requests for copies of the Book of Offering. In order to make it easier for the faithful to participate in worship, the Eparchy has reduced the price to \$20 + shipping per copy at this time. This is below cost. Our church has approximately 10 new books available on a first come first serve basis. Please contact the rectory if you would like a book or you may order directly from the Eparchy at <a href="http://saintmaronpublications.org/product-category/liturgy/">https://saintmaronpublications.org/product-category/liturgy/</a>. This is a good solution for those of you who prefer to use their own book.

ORGANIZATION LEADERS		
BINGO COMMITTEE	Eva Farhat, Patty Boulous, Anthony Koury, Jr.	
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PARISH ORGANIST	Patty Boulous / Paul Boulous	
МҮА	Jennie Melhem	
MYO/PIONEERS	Katerina Nehme	

## WEEKLY COLLECTION (Mail -in)

Sunday, May 17, 2020 - \$2,168.00

#### **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.

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



# Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Week 22 - Week 24

Email: abouna@ololeaston.org

website: ololeaston.org

May 23 - June 7, 2020

### 7th Sunday of the Resurrection



## The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint John 13:31-35

When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.

Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come."

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

#### 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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#### 2020 Graduates

In these trying times it is important for everyone to help honor the milestones in our children's lives.



Although we may not be able to congratulate them in person, we would like recognize them by listing their names in an upcoming bulletin.

Please help us to celebrate your child's achievement by sending us their full name and the name of the institution they are graduating from. This includes college graduates as well!

We will only publish names with your or your child's permission. If we do not hear from you, we will assume you do not want your name published.

Thank You!

#### \*\*\*7th Sunday of the Resurrection\*\*\*

Saturday, May 23 - JOHN BOULOS (Anniversary) by wife, Joyce and sons, John & Michael

Sunday, May 24 - THOMAS AND YASMINE SHORTELL

#### THE CHURCH IS <u>CLOSED</u> 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**

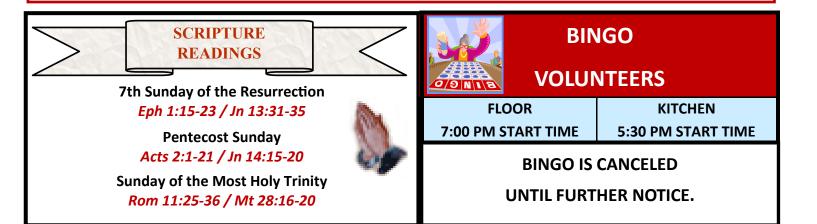
O Divine Ocean of mercy and compassion, be with us in our time of trial and difficulties.

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.



#### LETTER FROM FR. YOUSSEF ON THE RE-OPENING OF OUR CHURCH

Dear Parishioners,

It is the second month since the lockdown was put in place which caused us to take some precautionary measures. The lockdown not only affected our life, family, work but even our religious practices.

Thanks to modern technology, we are able to communicate via live stream, but hopefully, that will only be for a short while longer.

And so, this has been a difficult and extraordinary time for all of you. I thank you for your support and patience, as our church remains closed due to the coronavirus pandemic, and I welcome the day when we all may come together in person to celebrate mass and fellowship.

In the meantime, I am preparing plans to reopen our church for when Governor Wolf moves our county into the "yellow phase" of quarantine.

Please know that, at that time, while we will continue to follow federal, state and local guidelines, we will try and preserve the dignity of our Maronite rites and make allowances for the maximum number of people to attend mass and receive the sacraments in person. I am sure there will be regulations that we will be obligated to follow, even in the "yellow phase," such as occupancy limits, social distancing, masking, among others.

To that end, I would welcome your feedback before any concrete plans are put into place. Please take some time to fill out a short questionnaire which can be found at the website listed at the end of this letter, You may also choose to fill out the paper form and return it no later than Monday, May 25th, 2020. Your answers will help guide me as I work to reopen our church and bring us together again as a parish community.

Until the proper time for a full re-opening of social and religious life, I pray to the Lord to keep you, your families and your loved ones in good health. May the Ascension of Our Lord Jesus into Heaven, which we are celebrating this week, lift us and the world up from this evil pandemic and lead us into safety.

Yours faithfully,

Fr. Youssef Keikati Administrator

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