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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.

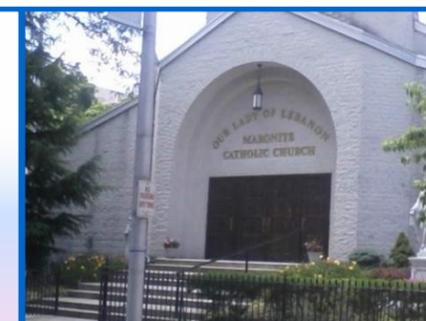
Deadline is Monday, June 1, 2020

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



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Week 23 - Week 25

Email: abouna@ololeaston.org

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May 30 - June 14, 2020

Pentecost Sunday



The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint John 14:15-20

'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever.

This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live.

On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.

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 <http://saintmaronpublications.org/product-category/liturgy/>. 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.
ST. THERESA SODALITY	Naomi Koerwitz
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HOLY NAME SOCIETY	Leonard Symia
HERITAGE DAYS CHAIRPERSON	Steve Koorie
PARISH ORGANIST	Patty Boulous / Paul Boulous
MYA	Jennie Melhem
MYO/PIONEERS	Katerina Nehme

WEEKLY COLLECTION (Mail -in)

Sunday, May 24, 2020 - \$713.00

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:

Sunday: 9:30 am to 9:50 am (before mass)
Saturday: 4:30 pm to 4:50 pm (before mass)
Also Available by Appointment

BAPTISMS:

Please Call The Parish Rectory
Non-parishioners sponsors must provide a certificate from their Catholic church

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS

October through May -Saturday 3:45 pm - 4:45 pm

MARRIAGES:

Please Notify The Pastor At Least 6 Months Ahead of Time

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 & 12:00 Noon

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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. Also, you may submit a jpg photo of the graduate. This includes college graduates as well! College Graduates should include their degree

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. Deadline for submission will be Monday, June 8th.

*****Pentecost Sunday*****

Sunday, May 31 - GEORGE KOORIE (Anniversary) by Georgette Koorie & Family

Tuesday	Jun 2	9:00 AM	MAUREEN GEOSITS by the Mosellie Family
Wednesday	Jun 3	9:00 AM	CANON ANTHONY by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Jabbour & Daughter
Thursday	Jun 4	9:00 AM	AOUTEL KARAM by Marlene Bedway
Friday	Jun 5	9:00 AM	JOSEPH MELHEM by Rosann Constantine

*****Sunday of the Most Holy Trinity*****

Saturday, Jun 6 - 5:00 PM VALERIE SAAD by Donna Tucciarone
Sunday, Jun 7 - 10:00 AM RIZK, AUROR & SON, VICTOR RIZK by Mr. & Mrs. Tony Rizk & Family
Sunday, Jun 7 - 12:00 PM SPECIAL INTENTION

Tuesday	Jun 9	9:00 AM	MARY JABBOUR by Marta Gabriel
Wednesday	Jun 10	9:00 AM	DAOUN BOULOS by Jacqueline Nehme & Family
Thursday	Jun 11	9:00 AM	MELHEM MELHEM by Dalal Amer
Friday	Jun 12	9:00 AM	MARY SHUMAR by George & Cathy Baurkot & Family

*****3rd Sunday after Pentecost*****

Saturday, Jun 13 - 5:00 PM Available
Sunday, Jun 14 - 10:00 AM Available
Sunday, Jun 14 - 12:00 PM Available

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

Pentecost Sunday
Acts 2:1-21 / Jn 14:15-20
Sunday of the Most Holy Trinity
Rom 11:25-36 / Mt 28:16-20
3rd Sunday of Pentecost
1 Cor 2:1-10 / Jn 14:21-27



BINGO

VOLUNTEERS

FLOOR	KITCHEN
7:00 PM START TIME	5:30 PM START TIME

**BINGO IS CANCELED
 UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

LETTER FROM FR. YOUSSEF ON CHURCH RE-OPENING

Beloved parishioners,

I pray that you are all in good health and spirit. We have gone through a very difficult time these last few months, and I am grateful for how everyone has been working together to get through the pandemic. We are all hopeful that the quarantine will soon be relaxed to a point where we can begin to expand church services for the Parish. But please understand that this will have to be done in stages, with limitations that will slowly be relaxed.

You should have received an email with a survey that was prepared with members of the Parish Council to help understand all of your concerns. Thank you to all of those who took the time to share their thoughts. I have been in contact with Bishop Gregory, and we have discussed the many issues that exist with reopening public masses during this time. He has advised us that every parish must adhere to the restrictions in place for their particular area. Since the Lehigh Valley is among the hardest hit areas in Pennsylvania, we have to do more to protect our parishioners and mass attendees.

The Diocese of Allentown has formulated guidelines in consideration of the Governor's policies which have been reviewed by both Bishop Gregory and me. After much consideration, we have decided to adopt many of these provisions for our parish as well. The Governor's office has given local churches great discretion to develop policies that allow masses to resume safely, and the Diocese of Allentown has taken advantage of that opportunity. A copy of our guidelines is attached for you to read fully. These adopted will be effective on Monday, June 1, 2020, as our area enters the "yellow phase" of the quarantine. We will begin having weekday masses on Tuesday, June 2, 2020.

Many of your concerns have been about whether there be a limit on the number of people at mass and whether we will have to wear masks. I can tell you that the guidelines will certainly require the answers to be yes. Right now, mass attendance will be limited to only 25 percent of room capacity, and masks will need to be worn at all times within the building.

Please understand that I am eager to return to normal and to be able to allow all of us to celebrate the Holy Eucharist together as a parish family again, but as a family we must remember that we need to take care of each other. I especially know that the issue of masks is one about which a number of us have strong opinions, but we must remember, the mask is not so much for the person wearing it but to protect those around them. It is to prevent one of us from giving it to someone else. Even if we were to ask those people with health issues to not come to church yet and watch from home, they are still at risk if their family members come to mass. Remember, many of us may have the virus and not know it, because we don't feel sick. We cannot have family members giving this to someone sick in their own family, because they got it at Mass and didn't know it. So, if we wear masks, we can limit this risk tremendously. It is a sacrifice we must make for each other as a parish family, and as a Lebanese community. I am asking that you please understand that we have to strictly enforce this policy. There can be no exceptions for the current phase.

As I stated, the church will restrict occupancy in the room to 25 percent of the capacity, which we will set at 70 people. This will also involve social distancing with immediate families (parents and children) sitting together but keeping a safe distance in the pews from other parishioners and families. If there is an excess of 70 people, we are prepared to have a live stream video in the church hall and create room for another 70 people. We will also add an additional mass on Sunday at noon, which will be given in Arabic only. This way, we can try to accommodate all of our people who want to come in person. Please remember that you will still be able to watch the mass on Facebook stream during this time, but we want to make in person attendance available for those who want to come back. We want you to be able to receive communion again, although we will now allow you to carefully receive it by hand in a sanitary manner.

I would like to bring to your attention to other policies put into place during the "yellow phase":

- Confessions will be by appointment only so that we can limit the number of people waiting at any given time.
- The Crying Room will be closed.
- Offertory collections will not be made during mass. However, baskets will be available at the front and rear of the church for your offertory envelopes.
- We will not have Altar Servers, and there will be no sign of peace exchanged to the parishioners from the altar.

Again, Bishop Gregory and I are asking everyone in our parish to please work together to follow these guidelines. For example, if we reach a limit of 70 people in the main church, we would welcome you to please join us in the hall and share the liturgy with us in that way. It is not what any of us would prefer to have to do, but we must work together to keep each other safe. Please, take these guidelines with responsibility.

And again, if anyone is in need of anything during this time, please call me. God bless you all!

Fr. Youssef Keikati,