

Our Parish

Our Lives on Earth are Our Pathway to Heaven

"But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: 'Be holy, because I am holy.'" (1 Peter 1: 15-16)

4th Sunday of Pentecost

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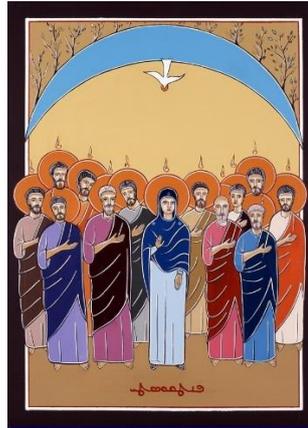
Sunday 26th June 2022

The Gospel

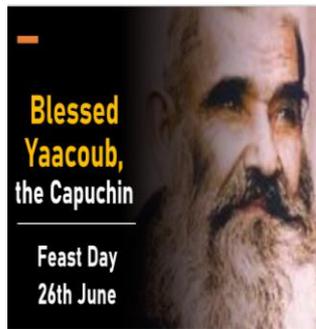
Luke 10: 21-24

At that same hour Jesus rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, or who the Father is except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.' Then turning to the disciples, Jesus said to them privately, 'Blessed are the eyes that see what you see! For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, but did not see it, and to hear what you hear, but did not hear it.'

Season of Pentecost



Next Sunday
5th Sunday of Pentecost
Epistle
Phil 3: 7-14
Gospel
Matt 10: 1-7



الإنجيل

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قَالَ لَوْحًا الْبَشِيرِ: ابْتَهَجَ يَسُوعُ بِالرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ، فَقَالَ: "أَعْتَرِفُ لَكَ، يَا أَبَتِ، رَبِّ السَّمَاءِ وَالْأَرْضِ، لِأَنَّكَ أَحْفَيْتَ هَذِهِ الْأُمُورَ عَنِ الْحُكَمَاءِ وَالْفُهَمَاءِ، وَأَظْهَرْتَهَا لِلْأَطْفَالِ. نَعَمْ، أَيُّهَا الْآبِ، لِأَنَّكَ هَكَذَا ارْتَضَيْتَ. لَقَدْ سَلَّمَنِي أَبِي كُلِّ شَيْءٍ، فَمَا مِنْ أَحَدٍ يَعْرِفُ مَنْ هُوَ الابْنُ إِلَّا الْآبِ، وَلَا مَنْ هُوَ الْآبُ إِلَّا الابْنُ، وَمَنْ يُرِيدُ الابْنَ أَنْ يُظَهِّرَهُ لَهُ". ثُمَّ التَفَّتْ إِلَى تَلَامِيذِهِ، وَقَالَ لَهُمْ عَلَى انْفِرَادٍ: "طُوبَى لِلْعُيُونِ الَّتِي تَنْظُرُ مَا أَنْتُمْ تَنْظُرُونَ! فَإِنِّي أَقُولُ لَكُمْ: إِنَّ أَنْبِيَاءَ وَمَلُوكًا كَثِيرِينَ أَرَادُوا أَنْ يَرَوْا مَا أَنْتُمْ تَنْظُرُونَ، فَلَمْ يَرَوْا، وَأَنْ يَسْمَعُوا مَا تَسْمَعُونَ، فَلَمْ يَسْمَعُوا".

Divine Liturgy and Services

Sundays: 9:00am (Arabic), 11:00am (Arabic/English), 6:00pm (English)

Mondays and Tuesdays: 9:00am

Wednesdays – Fridays: 6:00pm

Saturdays: 9:00am and 6:00pm

Confessions: By Appointment

Sick Visits: Contact Clergy or the Parish Office (contact details below)

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Bishop's Corner

Year of Hope

Fourth Sunday of Pentecost



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am writing to you from Rome where I am currently participating in the 10th World Meeting of Families. These last few days have been filled with spiritual blessings for the participating families and for myself as we rediscover the beauty and vocation of the family, at the heart of our Catholic Church.

A strong family leads to a stronger society and it is a path to holiness for its members. While we all aspire to have a perfect family, let us never forget that it is in the midst of our imperfections that we learn to live with grace, with mercy, forgiveness and love.

I am praying for all the families of our Eparchy asking the Lord to guide every family in its vocation so that our homes may be sanctuaries of blessings, comfort, and love for one another.

Blessed Yacoub, the Capuchin

On this Sunday, 26 June, our Maronite Church celebrates the feast of Blessed Yacoub, the Capuchin. Blessed Yacoub was an apostle of Mercy. He founded many institutions in Lebanon including schools, monasteries and hospitals that cared for neglected people regardless of their age, race or religion. He was a true pioneer in providing community services and established an order of nuns, in addition to a number of religious and social institutions. These institutions are still providing crucial services in Lebanon at this difficult time for many families there.

Blessed Yacoub's faith and actions towards those in need inspire us to serve our community in his example, and place the needs of others before our own. I thank you for your constant generosity towards all our appeals and charitable works, and I encourage you to think of ways in which we can support Lebanon and its people during this critical period.

We pray for Lebanon, through the intercession of Blessed Yacoub, hoping that the road to recovery commences soon with serious and considered socio-economic reforms and plans.

Feast of Saints Peter and Paul

On the 29th of June, we also celebrate the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul. By celebrating this feast, the Church invites us to contemplate the grace that animated the 2 apostles. Each of them had a strong experience and an encounter with Christ that turned their lives around.

The merciful love of the Father brought Peter back to life, even in his weakness, to become the rock on which the Church is built. Paul was converted on the road to Damascus, as he persecuted the early Church. He did not know Jesus in the flesh but he encountered the Risen Christ and this encounter is at the basis of Paul's vocation and apostolate.

Today, these two great saints, Peter and Paul, pillars of our Church, call us to live by our faith and to proclaim the Good News of our Lord "to the ends of the earth".

I wish you a Blessed Sunday!

+ Antoine-Charbel Tarabay

The Word from Your Servant

In this weekend's Gospel, we read and hear our Lord Jesus giving thanks to God his Father for all He has revealed to infants, for the "eyes that see what you see".

I give thanks this week for the blessings God has given me in my life and especially my vocation. I give thanks for my parents who accepted God's blessings and the seven children they received. I truly believe that through our simple family Christian life which was filled with abundant love and joys, I was able to hear and accept God's call to my vocation.

We are being reminded of the importance of a Christian family life this week through the World Meeting of Families which commenced Wednesday 22 June and will end on Saturday 25 June in Rome. The theme of this meeting is "Family love: vocation and the way to holiness".

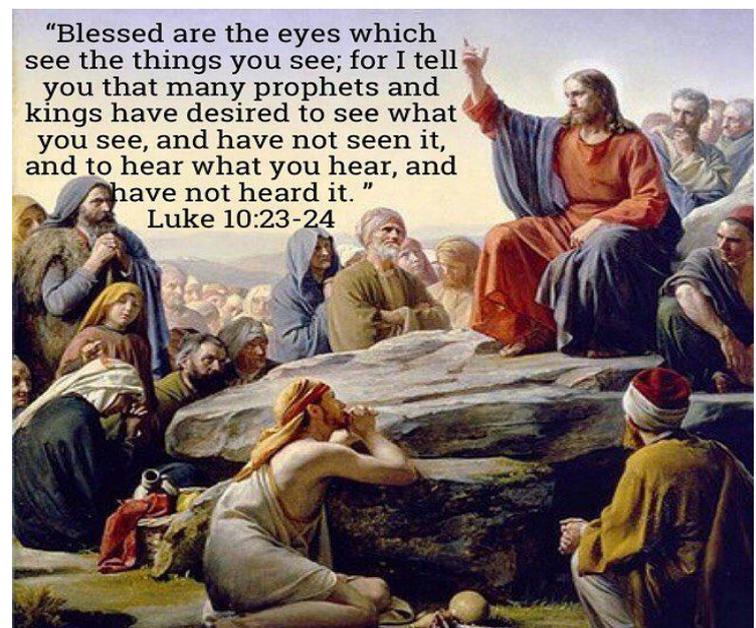
As I have previously explained, families are "domestic churches". Therefore families are called to Christian proclamation – parents are called to transmit to their children the awareness, and also the courage to proclaim Christ present in our families. It is important for parents to teach their children to do this, regardless of the complexities of the times in which we are living.

The family is a gift that the Lord gives us. I have lived in this gift and I strongly encourage you all to truly believe and treat the family as a gift from the Lord. When we accept that the family is a gift to us from our Lord, then we understand that the family is a path to holiness and sanctification for each person. Try to use with your family members the three phrases that Pope Francis has encouraged all families to use – Thank you, Sorry, Forgive me.

These phrases are captured in the prayer which our Lord taught us – the Our Father – a prayer which we should all teach to our children and pray together as a family every day if we can.

During this Pentecost Season, the season where we try to strengthen our relationship with the Holy Trinity, ask God the Holy Spirit to guide and illuminate each of us in our Christian family life. Thank God the Father for our parents who passed onto us our faith. And ask God the Son, to accompany us and help us carry the crosses which may come upon our paths. Have a blessed week.

Fr Claude Rizk



Knights of St George

Men's group established to bring the men of the house closer to God.

STARTING 1ST JULY



EVERY LAST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

For more information or enquiries
 Andre Saade 0411 219 139
 John Ghosen 0477 237 748



CONTAINER TO LEBANON



LIST OF ITEMS NEEDED

- CANNED FOOD
- TUNA/SARDINES
- PASTA/PASTA SAUCE
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- SPAM
- RICE
- FLOUR
- COOKING OIL
- MILK POWDER
- BABY FORMULA
- ADULT/BABY NAPPIES
- WINTER BLANKETS
- TRACKSUITS/PYJAMAS FOR ELDERLY
- JACKETS/JUMPERS (ALL SIZES ADULTS AND KIDS)
- STATIONERY AND SCHOOL BAGS

DROP OFF
 St George Parish
 (until 29 June between 9am - 3pm) **OR**
 Lowest level carpark @ Our Lady of Lebanon
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Cash donations can be made at the Church or online
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ALL ITEMS MUST BE DONATED BY FRIDAY 1st JULY 2022

For further details, please contact
 Deacon Robert-Pio
 0414 447 883
 or the Parish Office
 9481 7388

*****Minimum one year expiry date on all food items***
 Clothing must be in brand new or excellent condition**

BIBLE STUDIES

Every Monday
 7:00pm
 Church Hall

Presented in English and Arabic

Monthly Divine Office

Tuesday 28th June
 7:30pm
 St George Maronite Catholic Church, Thornleigh 2120

JOIN UNIMARONITE & ST GEORGE YOUTH!

Followed by a social gathering.



Prayer

Heavenly Father,
 We come before You to praise You
 and to thank You for the great gift of the family.

We pray to You for all families consecrated by the Sacrament of Matrimony, and as small domestic Churches, may they know how to witness to your Presence and to the love with which Christ loves the Church.

We pray to You for all families faced with difficulty and suffering caused by illness or circumstances of which only You know. Sustain them and make them aware of the path to holiness upon which You call them, so that they might experience your infinite Mercy and find new ways to grow in love.

We pray to You for children and young people: may they encounter You and respond joyfully to the vocation You have in mind for them;

We pray for parents and grandparents: may they be aware that they are signs of the fatherhood and motherhood of God in caring for the children who, in body and spirit, You entrust to them; for the experience of fraternity that the family can give to the world.

Lord, grant that each family might live their specific vocation to holiness in the Church as a call to become missionary disciples, in the service of life and peace, in communion with our priests, religious, and all vocations in the Church.

Bless the World Meeting of Families.
 Amen.

St George Faith Formation Talks

A Journey from Anxiety to Hope
 with Sonia Gebrael

Join us as we journey together, towards a deeper connection with Christ.

Sunday 10th July
 7pm
 Church Hall
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MARONITE YOUTH CONVENTION
 SAVE THE DATE
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 LOCATION: THE TOPS CONFERENCE CENTRE - STANWELL TOPS

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St George Maronite Catholic Church Presents

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Friday 4th November 2022

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 Room: Ballroom
 Time: 7:30pm

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Official prayer for the X World Meeting of Families
 22-26 June 2022

Memorial Masses

نوايا القداست

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| Sunday 26 th June 2022 | 11am | 1 Year Mass for the Late Sue Saliba | قداس السنة المرحومة سو صليبا | ١١ : ٠٠ | الاحد ٢٦ حزيران ٢٠٢٢ |
| Saturday 2 nd July 2022 | 6pm | 40 th Mass for the Late Phillip Bakhous Abboud | قداس ٤٠ المرحوم فيليب باخوس عبود | ٦ : ٠٠ | السبت ٢ تموز ٢٠٢٢ |

Knights of St George

Knights of St George is a group established by a few men of the St George Parish. The purpose of this group is to bring the Man of the house closer to God through prayer and socialising amongst other men from our Parish.

We will gather on the last FRIDAY of every month for 6pm Mass (optional) followed by dinner and socialising on the church grounds.

All Men welcome and we encourage you to spread the word and bring the Men of the Parish together to create a stronger path for our children to follow. For more information, please contact:

Andre Saade 0411 219 139 or John Ghosen 0477 237 748

Join our whatsapp group:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/FSgyHQV8qaSAUWjD9pxLNX>



Parish Financial Updates

Parish Income (week ending 06/06/2022 - 19/06/2022)
\$4,436.65

Parish Operations Account
\$73,044.85

Parish Loan Balance
\$601,594.16

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