



St George Maronite Catholic Church, Thornleigh

Our Parish

Trinity Sunday

Sunday 26th May 2024

Year 2024, Issue #22

The Gospel

Matt 28: 16-20

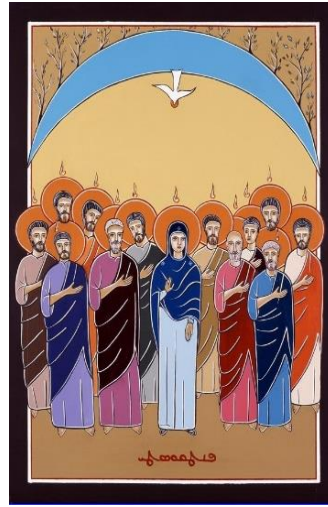
The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

Season of Pentecost

الإنجيل

متى ٢٨ : ١٦ - ٢٠

أَمَّا التَّلَامِيذُ الْأَحَدَ عَشَرَ فَذَهَبُوا إِلَى الْجَلِيلِ، إِلَى الْجَبَلِ حَيْثُ أَمَرَهُمْ يَسُوعُ. وَلَمَّا رَأَوْهُ سَجَدُوا لَهُ، بَرَعِمَ أَنَّهُمْ شَكُّوا. فَذَنَا يَسُوعُ وَكَلَّمَهُمْ قَائِلًا: «لَقَدْ أُعْطِيَ كُلُّ سُلْطَانٍ فِي السَّمَاءِ وَعَلَى الْأَرْضِ. إِذْهَبُوا إِذَا فَتَلَمَذُوا كُلَّ الْأُمَّمِ، وَعَمِّدُوهُمْ بِاسْمِ الْآبِ وَالْأَبْنِ وَالرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ، وَعَلِّمُوهُمْ أَنْ يَحْفَظُوا كُلَّ مَا أَوْصَيْتُكُمْ بِهِ. وَهَا أَنَا مَعَكُمْ كُلَّ الْأَيَّامِ إِلَى نِهَايَةِ الْعَالَمِ.»



Next Sunday

3rd Sunday of Pentecost

Old Testament Reading

Prov 8: 22-23, 30-36

Epistle

1 Cor 2: 1-10

Gospel

John 14: 21-27



Divine Liturgy and Services

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

Mondays and Tuesdays: 9:00am

Wednesdays – Saturdays: 6:00pm

Confessions: By Appointment

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

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Bishops Message Year of Prayer Trinity Sunday and Feast of Corpus Christi

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Sunday after Pentecost is Trinity Sunday. In the last verses recorded by the Evangelist Matthew, the Lord gives His disciples the Great Commission: "Go therefore and make disciples in all nations..." (Mt 28:19). This end is actually a beginning, the beginning of the Church. The disciples, in their mission, are accompanied by the Holy Trinity: empowered by the Holy Spirit, promised by the Father, and sent by the Son.

As the Catechism of the Catholic Church states, the mystery of the Holy Trinity is "the central mystery of Christian faith and life." (CCC 261) It is "the mystery of God in himself and the source of all the other mysteries of faith." (CCC 234) This is a profound truth that cannot be fully grasped by human reason alone. However, we are called to accept this truth and seek understanding within the limits of human reason.

The three Persons of the Trinity are co-eternal, sharing the divine essence and nature despite their distinct identities. The Holy Spirit, revealed as the Spirit of God and Christ in the New Testament, is distinct yet equal in essence to the Father and the Son. The Spirit proceeds from the Father through the Son, given to the Church to guide and comfort believers, leading them toward eternal participation in the divine Trinitarian love relationship.

On this Sunday, let us also remember that the Risen Christ is present in our world and in our Church, as he told us at the end of this Sunday's Gospel: "And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Mt 28:20).

The Risen Christ is present in the Church's liturgical prayer, in the Eucharist, and in the lives of the faithful. This awareness of Christ's abiding presence fills us with hope and strengthens us in our mission to proclaim the Gospel and make disciples of all nations, for the Risen Lord is with us always, guiding and empowering the Church until the end of time.

Feast of Corpus Christi

The Feast of Corpus Christi, celebrated on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday, honours the abiding presence of the Risen Lord in the Eucharist. The Eucharist is Jesus Christ's gift of Himself, revealing God's infinite love for every man and woman. On this feast, the Church "shows the world the Corpus Christi—the Body of Christ and invites us to adore him" (John Paul II, 14 June 2001).

I invite all Maronites in Australia to participate in the Corpus Christi processions organised by our Maronite parishes and the Catholic Church. For those in Sydney, I invite you to join the Corpus Christi procession in Punchbowl on Thursday, 30 May 2024. This procession will depart from St John the Beloved Melkite Church in Greenacre at 6:30pm and proceed to St Charbel's Church in Punchbowl.

May we accompany the Bread of Life through the streets of our cities and reveal Christ to everyone through our way of life: through our unity, our joyful faith, and our love.

+ Antoine-Charbel Tarabay

Reflection of the Week: "Trinity Sunday"

A message for all eternity is the treasure we hold as believers of Christ. The message that all should hear is that God is love and our lives are meant to be lived in love with God.

This Sunday is called Trinity Sunday and comes straight after Pentecost Sunday, symbolising the fullness of God the Trinity and our invitation to be part of this relationship. In God we belong, and the invitation is always open before each of us. Do we want to be welcomed into God's midst?

The disciples are still unsure after witnessing Jesus' death and the unexpected and inexplicable resurrection. This Sunday's Gospel informs us that there were disciples who still 'doubted' (v17). Jesus' response is not to let them wallow in self-pity, or anger, or doubt. Jesus sends them off to make disciples, for it is only in effort and persistence that we can deepen our faith and better appreciate who God is.

Christ promises, 'I am with you always, to the end of the age' (v20). It is the one thing we all need and the one thing we are called to share with the world – the knowledge that a God of love is and remains always with us and pours abundant hope and love into our hearts and minds. Amen

Sr Margaret Ghosn mshf



كلمة الحياة غذاءً للنفوس

"سجدوا له برغم أنهم شكّوا" موقف إيماني مميز من قبل الرسل. بماذا شكّوا؟ إن إطار النص يوحي بأنهم كانوا لا يزالون غير مصدّقين حقيقة القيامة، التي، وعلى المستوى الإنساني، من الصعب تصديقها بسهولة. إلا أنّ موقف التلاميذ تعليمي بامتياز، ويشكل درسًا لكلّ منّا، خاصة في أحد الثالوث الأقدس.

إنّ عقيدة الثالوث الأقدس، وإن كانت الأساس التي عليه يبنى إيماننا، إلّا أنّها تبقى صعبة الفهم، وعرضة للشك من قبلنا كمؤمنين، لأنّه مهما كثرت الشروحات والدراسات والاجتهادات، يبقى من الصعب فهم هذه الحقيقة الإيمانية، كونها تدخل ضمن إطار السرّ، لكن هذا بالضبط ما يشكل نقطة التحوّل!

كثير الكلام عن إستحالة فهم سرّ الثالوث، لكن عندما نقول إنّ سرّ، فهذا يعني أمرين:

- الأمر الأول هو بأن هذا السرّ يُفهم تدريجيًا، أو بالأحرى، هو شيء لا يمكن إحتواؤه، يمضي الإنسان كلّ حياته في محاولة فهمه وإكتشافه، ويكتشف فيه كلّ يوم مسألة جديدة وبعُد جديد. هذا يعني علاقة يومية، حوار دائم وعلاقة دائمة، حبّ يتجدّد كل يوم، فهل نعيش العلاقة مع الله على هذا الأساس؟
- الأمر الثاني يكمن فيما فعله التلاميذ بركوهم بالرغم من الشك. إنّ الثالوث ليس مسألة للفهم بقدر ما هو منطق للعيش، منطق الحب الذي يعطي كل شيء. إنّ منطق الثالوث يُفهم عندما يُعاش، بالرغم من أنّ العديد من أبعاده هي غير مفهومة. وهذا ما يعلمنا إياه الرسل. فهل نعيش بإيمان منطق الثالوث، وإن كنا غير مقتنعين بالكامل، أو غير فاهمين له؟ هذا هو الإيمان الحقيقي!

<https://www.kobayat.org>

Parish News and Upcoming Events




FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

6:00pm
Mass followed by Procession of the Eucharist

Thursday 30th May 2024




Month of May Month of Mary

VISITATION OF MARY TO YOUR HOME

For bookings, please register your details at the Church Door or contact the Parish Office

KNIGHTS OF ST GEORGE MEN'S GATHERING



\$20 ENTRY

FRIDAY 31ST MAY

6PM MASS FOLLOWED BY SPIRITUAL TALK AND BBQ




Sunday June 2nd After 6:00pm Mass

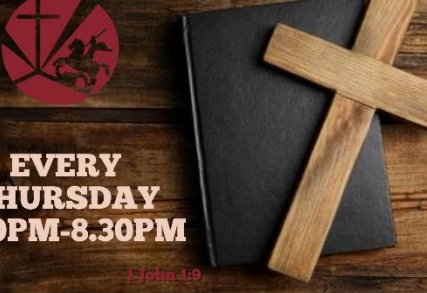
BBQ Bonfire

Free Entry

Food • Friends • Fun



CONFESSION



EVERY THURSDAY 7.30PM-8.30PM

1 John 1:9
If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness



ADORATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Every Thursday @ 7:30pm
Confession Available



ST GEORGE PLAYGROUP



Children 0-5 Years

EVERY FRIDAY 10am - 12pm during school term

ALL WELCOME

For more information, please contact Mary 0422 871 197




Senior Program

Wednesdays 9:00am - 4:00pm

If anyone is interested in joining the Seniors Program or volunteering, please contact:
Zaride 0417 427 661
Josephine 0426 239 129




MARONITES AUSTRALIA

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR MONTHLY FOOD RUNS

MEAL ITEMS SUCH AS: Sandwiches, Fruit, Hot Meals, Cakes, Bread

For more information please contact:
Ann-Marie Boumerhe 0420 309 677
George Takchi 0419 651 229

JOIN OUR WHATSAPP GROUP



JOIN THE PARISH CHOIR

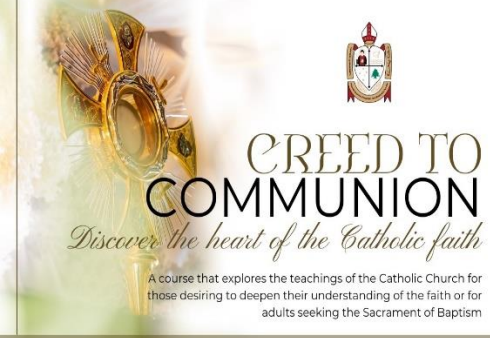


We are seeking new members for our Parish Choirs to serve our weekend Masses

Saturdays 6pm
Sundays 9am, 11am, 6pm

If interested, or for more information, please contact the Parish Office.



CREED TO COMMUNION

Discover the heart of the Catholic faith

A course that explores the teachings of the Catholic Church for those desiring to deepen their understanding of the faith or for adults seeking the Sacrament of Baptism

EVERY MONDAY FROM 17 JUNE 2024

AT 7:30PM

LOL COMMUNITY YOUTH AND PASTORAL CENTRE
1/40-46 ALICE ST, HARRIS PARK

For enquiries, call or text Subdeacon Charbel Mourani on 0410 343 233 or email faithformation@maronite.org.au

To register, go to tinyurl.com/MaroniteCTC



AN INTRODUCTION TO THE MARONITE CATHOLIC FAITH

17 June	God's Purpose for You
24 June	Belief and Faith
01 July	The Most Holy Trinity
08 July	Our Lord Jesus Christ
15 July	Our Lord's Life, Death and Purpose
22 July	The Holy Spirit
29 July	The One, Holy, Catholic & Apostolic Church
05 August	Scripture and Tradition
12 August	Our Lady Part I
19 August	Our Lady Part II
26 August	Prayer
02 September	Virtue and Sin
09 September	The Ten Commandments
16 September	The Teachings of the Lord
23 September	The Sacrament of Confession
30 September	The Sacraments of Baptism and Chrismation
07 October	The Eucharist
14 October	The Sacrament of Marriage
21 October	The Maronite Saints
28 October	Catholic Social Teaching
04 November	The Divine Liturgy - The Qurbono
11 November	Q&A Night!

Course is held at the Our Lady of Lebanon Community Youth and Pastoral Centre, 40 Alice Street, Harris Park. Classes begin at 7:30 pm and everyone is welcome.

To register, go to tinyurl.com/MaroniteCTC

Memorial Masses

نوايا القداسات

Sunday 26 th May 2024	9am	Late Mourched and Shmouni Aouchan and their departed	قداس المرحومين مرشد وشموني عوشان وعموم موتاهم	٩ : ٠٠	الاحد ٢٦ أيار ٢٠٢٤
	11am	Late Phillip Bakhos Abboud	قداس المرحوم فيليب باخوس عبود	١١ : ٠٠	
Friday 31 st May 2024	6pm	Mass for the Late Emile Andary	قداس المرحوم اميل العنداري	٦ : ٠٠	الجمعة ٣١ أيار ٢٠٢٤
Sunday 2 nd June 2024	11am	40 th Mass for the Late Afifih Hanna Sassine	قداس ٤٠ المرحومة عفيفة حنا ساسين	١١ : ٠٠	الاحد ٢ حزيران ٢٠٢٤

Congratulations to the newly Christened: Audrey Makhraz

Parish Financial Updates

Parish Income (fortnight 13/05/2024 – 26/05/2024)
\$11,270.15

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Parish Operations Account
\$95,991.53

Parish Loan Balance
\$392,781.73



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Donations to support our ongoing Parish mission
can be made at the Parish Office or by internet banking or
direct debit - (Account Name: St George Maronite Church,
BSB #062-784, Account # 16948504)



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**Please Note: The Parish has paid \$7,500 into the loan account.
Parish Feast Week raised \$66,313.51. Thank you to all who supported us through
sponsorships, donations or assisted in our events and celebrations.**

Business Community Corner



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