

Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Pentecost Sunday

Rev. Assaad ElBasha, M.L.M., Pastor Deacon George Elandary Mass Schedule	
Sunday	8:30 A.M. English 11:00 A.M. Bilingual; English/Lebanese
Monday	No Mass
Tuesday—Friday	9:00 A.M. English
Saturday	5:30 P.M. English
Reconciliation	Saturday: 3:30–5:00 P.M.
Eucharistic Adoration	Sunday: 2:00 P.M.–7:00 P.M. Monday—Friday: 9:00 A.M.–7:00 P.M. Saturday: 9:00 A.M.–5:30 P.M.

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From the Treatise Against Heresies by St. Irenaeus, Bishop
The Sending of the Holy Spirit

When the Lord told his disciples *to go and teach all nations and baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit*, he conferred on them the power of giving men new life in God.

He had promised through the prophets that in these last days he would pour out his Spirit on his servants and handmaids, and that they would prophesy. So when the Son of God became the Son of Man, the Spirit also descended upon him, becoming accustomed in this way to dwelling with the human race, to living in men and to inhabiting God's creation. The Spirit accomplished the Father's will in men who had grown old in sin, and gave them new life in Christ. Luke says that the Spirit came down on the disciples at Pentecost, after the Lord's ascension, with power to open the gates of life to all nations and to make known to them the new covenant. So it was that men of every language joined in singing one song of praise to God, and scattered tribes, restored to unity by the Spirit, were offered to the Father as the first-fruits of all the nations.

This was why the Lord had promised to send the Advocate: he was to prepare us as an offering to God. Like dry flour, which cannot become one lump of dough, one loaf of bread, without moisture, we who are many could not become one in Christ Jesus without the water that comes down from heaven. And like parched ground, which yields no harvest unless it receives moisture, we who were once like a waterless tree could never have lived and borne fruit without this abundant rainfall from above. Through the baptism that liberates us from change and decay we have become one in body; through the Spirit we have become one in soul.

The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and strength, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of God came down upon the Lord, and the Lord in turn gave this Spirit to his Church, sending the Advocate from heaven into all the world into which, according to his own words, the devil too had been cast down like lightning.

If we are not to be scorched and made unfruitful, we need the dew of God. Since we have our accuser, we need an advocate as well. And so the Lord in his pity for man, who had fallen into the hands of brigands, having himself bound up his wounds and left for his care two coins bearing the royal image, entrusted him to the Holy Spirit. Now, through the Spirit, the image and inscription of the Father and the Son have been given to us, and it is our duty to use the coin committed to our charge and make it yield a rich profit for the Lord.

The Catechism on Pentecost

731 On the day of Pentecost when the seven weeks of Easter had come to an end, Christ's Passover is fulfilled in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, manifested, given, and communicated as a divine person: of his fullness, Christ, the Lord, pours out the Spirit in abundance. 732 On that day, the Holy Trinity is fully revealed. Since that day, the Kingdom announced by Christ has been open to those who believe in him: in the humility of the flesh and in faith, they already share in the communion of the Holy Trinity. By his coming, which never ceases, the Holy Spirit causes the world to enter into the "last days," the time of the Church, the Kingdom already inherited though not yet consummated.

This Week's Mass Intentions

Tuesday, 5/25: Guidance & Protection for Sr. Maria Bernadette and Anna, Teresa, & Michael Marincel
 Wednesday, 5/26: Guidance & Protection for Helen Hicks and Julia & Mary Marincel
 Thursday, 5/27: For the 21st Wedding Anniversary of Timothy & Therese O'Flaherty
 Friday, 5/28: Birthday Blessings for Mario Onoh
 Saturday, 5/29: No Intentions
 Sunday, 5/30: No Intentions

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Latin:

Veni Sancte Spiritus, reple tuorum corda fidelium et tui amoris in eis ignem accende. Emitte Spiritum tuum, et creabuntur. Et renovabis faciem terrae.
 Oremus: Deus, qui corda fidelium Sancti Spiritus illustratione docuisti, da nobis in eodem Spiritu recta sapere, et de eius semper consolatione gaudere, per Christum, Dominum nostrum. Amen.

English:

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of thy faithful and kindle in them the fire of thy love. Send forth thy Spirit and they shall be created. And thou shalt renew the face of the earth. Let us pray: O God, who taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit; grant, that, by the gifts of the same Spirit, we may be always truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolation. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Daily Scripture Readings May 23rd through May 29th

Sunday, 5/23:	Acts 1:1-21	Jn. 14:15-20
Monday, 5/24:	Acts 2:22-28	Jn. 3:5-8
Tuesday, 5/25:	Acts 2:29-39	Jn. 4:21-24
Wednesday, 5/26:	Acts 2:40-47	Jn. 7:37-39
Thursday, 5/27:	Acts 3:1-10	Jn. 14:1-7
Friday, 5/28:	Acts 3:11-21	Jn. 14:8-14
Saturday, 5/29:	Acts 3:22-4:4	Jn. 14:27-31

Needy Families of Lebanon

In coordination with Caritas Lebanon, the Eparchy is embarking on a project to sponsor needy Lebanese families in Lebanon. The sponsorship varies from \$50 to \$100 per month, depending on the size and need of the family. The need is great, and we already have some families sponsored, but we need to do much more. Any help you can give in this regard is greatly appreciated. For more information, contact the church office.



Summer Speaker Series

This year, EWTN will host their annual summer speaker series with Fr. John Riccardo at the Grand Ballroom of the Irving Convention Center. You can find more information and buy tickets online in our weekly parish emails.

Weekly Emails

Our parish publishes weekly emails on Friday. If you are not receiving these emails, we may not be using your correct email. If you would like to receive these emails or are not receiving them when you should be, please email the church office at LadyofL719@gmail.com.



Modesty Reveals Holiness

Modesty in dress reveals a modesty and godliness of the heart, attitudes that should be the desire of all men and women who live to please and honor God. We ask all members of Our Lady of Lebanon to dress modestly when they step into God's house.

Please no shorts, sleeveless shirts, short dresses, miniskirts, or t-shirts. Thank you for your

St. Joseph Image

This week the St. Joseph image is going to the Kee family.

The Holy Father's Intentions for May

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

Weekly Collections

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Cash	\$451
Loose Checks	\$935
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Total	\$3,111

Thank you for your support of the House of the Lord!

Pentecost Sunday

Pentecost always occurs 50 days after the death and resurrection of Jesus, and ten days after his ascension into heaven. Because Easter is a moveable feast without a fixed date, and Pentecost depends



on the timing of Easter, Pentecost can fall anywhere between May 10 and June 13. The timing of these feasts is also where Catholics get the concept of the Novena - nine days of prayer - because in Acts 1, Mary and the Apostles prayed together "continuously" for nine days after the Ascension leading up to Pentecost. Traditionally, the Church prays the Novena to the Holy Spirit in the days before Pentecost. The name of the day itself is derived from the Greek word pentecoste, meaning 50th. The reason Pentecost falls 50 days after Easter comes from a parallel Jewish holiday, Shavu'ot, which falls 50 days after Passover. Shavu'ot is sometimes called the festival of weeks, referring to the seven weeks since Passover. Originally a harvest feast, Shavu'ot now commemorates the sealing of the Old Covenant on Mount Sinai, when the Lord revealed the Torah to Moses on Mount Sinai. Every year, the Jewish people renew their acceptance of the gift of the Torah on this feast.

In the Christian tradition, Pentecost is the celebration of the person of the Holy Spirit coming upon the Apostles, Mary, and the first followers of Jesus, who were gathered together in the Upper Room. A "strong, driving" wind filled the room where they were gathered, and tongues of fire came to rest on their heads, allowing them to speak in different languages so that they could understand each other. It was such a strange phenomenon that some people thought the Christians were just drunk - but Peter pointed out that it was only the morning, and that the phenomenon was caused by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit also gave the apostles the other gifts and fruits necessary to fulfill the great commission - to go out and preach the Gospel to all nations. It fulfills the New Testament promise from Christ (Luke 24:46-49) that the Apostles would be "clothed with power" before they would be sent out to spread the Gospel.

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