

OUR PARISH

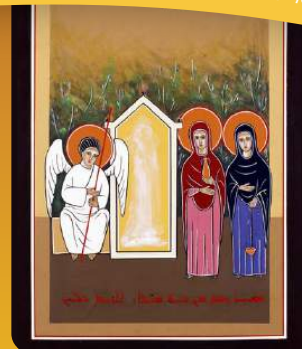
Our Lady of Lebanon Co-cathedral - Harris Park

Issue 27 | Sunday 5 May 2024 | Sixth Sunday of the Resurrection "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?" Lk 24: 36-48



THE GOSPEL

While they were talking, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of grilled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you — that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. Lk 24: 36-48



Sixth Sunday of the Resurrection

Deut 31: 1-3, 6-9

Rom 10: 1-13

Lk 24: 36-48



"O mother of God,
wellspring of life,
Pray for us!"

Blessings for the Month of May



Message from the Bishop

As we gather on this first Sunday of May, the Maronite Church celebrates the Feast of Our Lady of Lebanon, patroness of Lebanon. In our prayers, we entrust to her maternal care our beloved Lebanon which continues to endure challenges and tribulations.

The Church is the assembly of saints and we believe in the communion of saints. The source of all this is the love of God who leads His people to form in Christ one holy family, the Church. This takes a special meaning for us as we celebrate this Sunday the upcoming beatification of the Venerable Patriarch Estephan El Douaihy, almost 320 years after his death on the third of May 1704.

In the Catholic Church, the death of a holy person is remembered as their "spiritual birthday" and usually becomes their feast day, because it is on that day they are born to eternal life. We pray that this great Patriarch will eventually be canonised as a saint of the Church: a model of holy living for all Christians.

Patriarch El Douaihy is the first Maronite patriarch to be beatified. He is known as "the memory of the Maronite Church" because he, more than anyone else, made a determined effort to gather the history of our Maronite liturgy, spirituality, and history that were already being lost. His dedication ensured the continuity and preservation of our Maronite faith.

When still a bishop, he approved the process of the formation of the monastic orders in Lebanon. He gave his blessing to the efforts of three men from Aleppo, efforts which have since blossomed into the Lebanese Maronite Order and also the Marian Order of Monks.

Patriarch El Douaihy can be described as a "hero in the school of holiness." Despite facing daunting challenges, such as travelling Lebanon on foot to evade persecution, navigating treacherous terrain of hills and rocks, he remained steadfast in his leadership, faith and determination.

His spirit and teachings endure, and his prayers continue to accompany us, children of the Maronite Church. He is ever-present in our Divine Liturgy, in Lebanon's history and the broader history of the Church.

The Maronite Church worldwide celebrates with joy his upcoming beatification. In Australia, our community joyfully commemorates the life and spiritual legacy of Patriarch El Douaihy with a celebration on Sunday and the unveiling of his statue at Our Lady of Lebanon Co-Cathedral (Harris Park).

SUNDAY HOLY LITURGIES

OLOL Co-Cathedral, Harris Park

8am (Arabic)
9:30am (English)
11am (Ar/Eng)
5pm (Ar/Eng)
7pm (English)

Live Streaming
Through Social Media

WEEKLY HOLY LITURGIES

Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri
7am, 9am & 6pm

Wed 7am, 9am & 5:30pm (Ar)
7pm (English Youth)
Sat 7:30am & 6pm (Ar/Eng)

CONFESSIONS

Before and during Saturday
6pm and Sunday Masses or by
appointment on weekdays

WEEKDAY DEVOTIONS

Rosary:
Mon - Sat
8:30am (Arabic) | 7pm (English)

Divine Mercy followed by

Rosary Fri 7:30pm

Adoration Hour & Confessions
Thur 8 pm - 9 pm

24 Hour Adoration
Every first Friday of the month
from 9:30 a.m - Saturday 7:30

PARISH CLERGY CONTACTS

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We pray to the Lord, through the intercession of Our Lady of Lebanon, to bless us with more men and women of holiness from within our midst. May they guide us along the path of sanctity and

support us with their prayers.

I wish you a blessed week!

+ Antoine-Charbel Tarabay

True devotion to Mary

Ever since St. John the Apostle took Mary into his home after the events of Good Friday, countless Christians have taken Mary into their own hearts as a spiritual mother. However, devotion to the Blessed Mother is not always easy to adopt and can often remain at the surface level. We may be eager to put up a statue of the Virgin Mary or pray the Rosary on occasion, but we don't let Mary take us closer to her son, Jesus.

St. Louis de Montfort, an 18th century priest who dedicated his whole life to leading souls to Jesus through Mary, outlines the characteristics of a "true" devotion to the Virgin Mary:

True devotion to our Lady is *interior*; that is to say, it comes from the spirit and the heart. It flows from the esteem we have of her, the high idea we have formed of her greatness, and the love which we have for her.

It is *tender*; that is to say, full of confidence in her, like a child's confidence in his loving mother. This confidence makes the soul have recourse to her in all its bodily or mental necessities, with much simplicity, trust, and tenderness. It implores the aid of its good Mother, at all times, in all places, and about all things; in its doubts, that it may be enlightened; in its wanderings, that it may be brought into the right path; in its temptations, that it may be supported; in its weaknesses, that it may be strengthened; in its falls, that it may be lifted up; in its discouragements, that it may be cheered; in its scruples, that they may be taken away; in its crosses, toils, and disappointments of life, that it may be consoled under them. In a word, in all its evils of body and mind, the soul's ordinary refuge is in Mary.

True devotion to our Lady is *holy*; that is to say, it leads the soul to avoid sin, and to imitate in the Blessed Virgin particularly her

profound humility, her lively faith, her continual prayer, her universal mortification, her divine purity, her ardent charity, her heroic patience, her angelical sweetness, and her divine wisdom. These are the ten principal virtues of the most holy Virgin.

True devotion to our Lady is *constant*. A person truly devout to our Blessed Lady is neither changeable, irritable, scrupulous, nor timid. It isn't that such a person does not fall, or change sometimes in the sensible feeling of devotion, or in the amount of devotion itself. But when he falls, he rises again by stretching out his hand to his good Mother. The just and faithful client of Mary lives on the faith of Jesus and Mary, and not on sentiments and sensibilities.

Lastly, true devotion to our Blessed Lady is *disinterested*; that is to say, it inspires the soul not to seek itself but God only, and God in His Holy Mother.

Salwa Elias

QUESTION

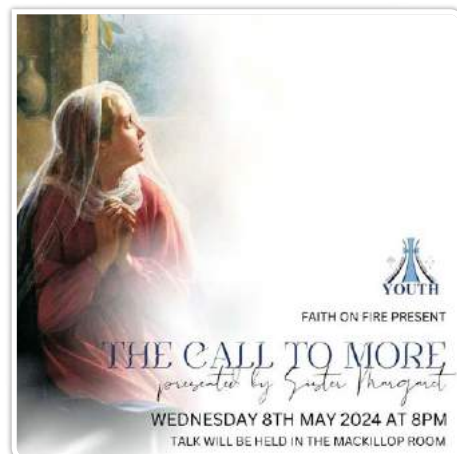
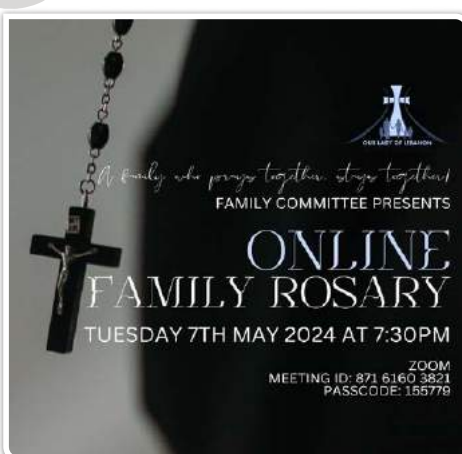
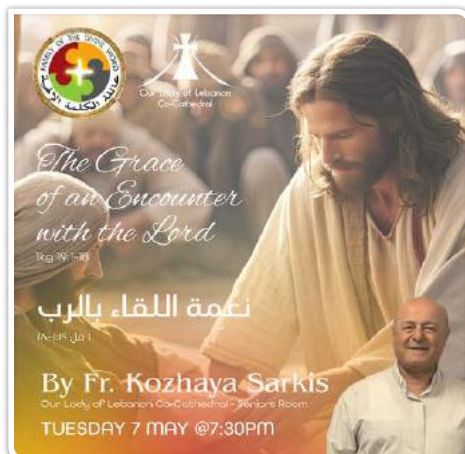
What kind of devotion is directed to the holy Virgin?

ANSWER

It is a singular kind of devotion which differs essentially from the cult of adoration given only to the Most Holy Trinity. This special veneration directed to Mary finds particular expression in the liturgical feasts dedicated to the Mother of God and in Marian prayers such as the holy Rosary which is a compendium of the whole Gospel



UPCOMING EVENTS



PARISH NOTICE BOARD

Sunday 5th May:

6th Sunday of the Resurrection

9:30am One Year Mass for the late Nader Toufic Nader from Mejdlaya

11:00am Divine Liturgy on the occasion of the 320th anniversary of the passing of the Venerable Patriarch Estephan Al Douaihy, celebrated by his Excellency Bishop Antoine Charbel Tarabay. Following the Liturgy, there will be an unveiling of the statue of the Patriarch Al Douaihy and the screening of a documentary about his life, in the Cathedral's Hall, followed by cocktail. Everyone is welcome.

5:00pm 40 Day Mass for the late Antoinette Najm Bou-Absi from Al Chouf

Wednesday 8 May:

10:30am Funeral for the late Boulos Mansour Nakad from Kferdlaous

Thursday 9 May:

Ascension Thursday

Masses 7:00am, 9:00am and 6:00pm

Friday 10 May:

6:00pm One Year Mass for the late Ibrahim Yaacoub Solage from Beirut

Saturday 11 May:

6:00pm 40 Day Mass for the late Elias Melhem Khalil from Lebaa

Sunday 12 May:

7th Sunday of the Resurrection and Mother's Day

Masses 8:00am, 9.30am, 11:00am, 5:00pm and 7:00pm

11:00am One Year Mass for the late Youssef Roumanos Frangieh from Zgharta

PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION & LOANS REPAYMENTS

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS For week ending: 28/04/2024

Plates: \$13,646 | **Donations:** \$- | **Candles:** \$1,045

PARISH LOANS

CYPC: \$3,300,797

UNITS: \$1,078,231

MONTHLY LOAN REPAYMENTS

CYPC: \$38,152 INTEREST + PRINCIPAL

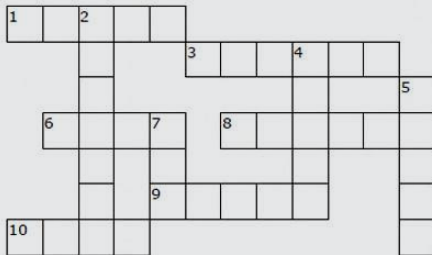
UNITS: \$12,652 INTEREST + PRINCIPAL

KIDS CORNER

Each One Reach One

He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. Luke 24:46-48 (NIV)

Puzzle is based on Luke 24:36-48



ACROSS

1. What the skeleton is made of
3. To feel pain
6. To return from death
8. To deliver a sermon
9. to handle or feel something with your fingers
10. An animal that lives in the water

DOWN

2. Countries; territories where groups of people live
4. The soft outer parts of the body; skin
5. A dead person appearing in a bodily form
7. To take in food through the mouth

EAT	TOUCH	PREACH	NATIONS	BONES
FISH	FLESH	RISE	SUFFER	GHOST

WHAT HAPPENED IN YOUR PARISH

What's happening in your parish? Well, it only takes a few small steps into our doors (& social media pages) to find out!

On Tuesday

The Family of Divine Word's gathered for their weekly talk on, "I am the handmaid of the Lord" (Lk 1:38) presented by Fr Youssef Elias LMM.

Isaiah's prophecy was fulfilled when Angel Gabriel greeted Mary and announced to her that she will bear the Saviour of the world. With a pure heart, Mary said "yes", and humbly submitted herself to the will of God. As we enter the Marian Month of May, we reflected on the four Marian dogmas of the Church. We ask Mary the Mother of the Church to unite all her children, wherever they may be, and to make them one with her Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

On Wednesday

We celebrated the opening of the month of May, the month of Mary. Thank you to everyone who attended Rosary, Mass and Faith on Fire.

Fr Ben Saliba delivered a powerful talk about how our relationship with Mary can be uplifted into an amazing way to bring us closer to Jesus. We explored the origin of Mary in Bible and how May came to be the month of Mary. Don't forget to come along next week for another Faith on Fire talk! Keep an eye out for more details to follow.

On Thursday

The seniors committee gathered alongside our beloved elderly during the divine liturgy led by Fr. Danny. Following the Mass, our seniors enjoyed a hearty lunch lovingly prepared by our volunteers.

The committee is planning a Seniors Day in Berrima on Thursday, May 30th, 2024. For further details, reach out to Elias Doro at 0414 495 955 or contact the parish office at 02 9689 2899

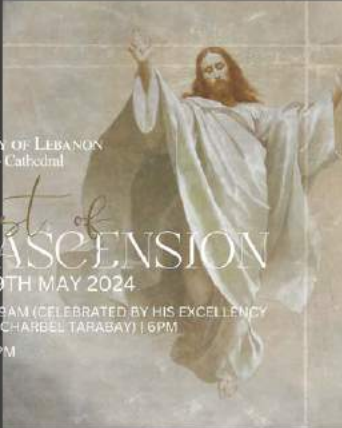
On Friday

We honoured Jesus in the Blessed Eucharist with 24-hour Adoration. The Church was open all night for many to come and spend time with Jesus

Keep up to date with all spiritual and social initiatives of your parish by checking our social media platforms, keeping your ears peeled to the latest parish announcements and being subscribed to our newsletter.



UPCOMING EVENTS



OUR LADY OF LEBANON
Co-Cathedral

Feast of
THE ASCENSION
THURSDAY 9TH MAY 2024

MASSSES AT 7AM | 9AM (CELEBRATED BY HIS EXCELLENCY
BISHOP ANTOINE CHARBEL TARABAY) | 6PM
ADORATION AT 8PM



OLOL
MARONITE FLAME TEENS

OLOL MARONITE FLAME TEENS PRESENT A
TEENS
Rosary Visit

DURING THE MONTH OF MAY
REGISTER YOUR HOME FOR A LEADERS LED ROSARY

TO BOOK YOUR HOME
CONTACT JACOB SEMAAN ON 0450 223 112

The greatest method of praying is to pray the Rosary



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MARONITE FLAME

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**BERRIMA
ROAD TRIP**

SATURDAY 22ND JUNE 2024 | LEAVING AT 8AM
RETURN AT 5:30PM

COST: \$30
INCLUDES BREAKFAST, LUNCH AND REFRESHMENTS
PERMISSION SLIPS MUST BE FILLED OUT BY 6TH JUNE 2024



SJ & OLOL PRESENT
the rose of asia
SAINT RITA
THE PLAY

FRIDAY 17 MAY 2024 AT 8PM

AT THE ORION FUNCTION CENTRE, CAMPSIE
155 BEAMISH ST, CAMPSIE NSW 2194

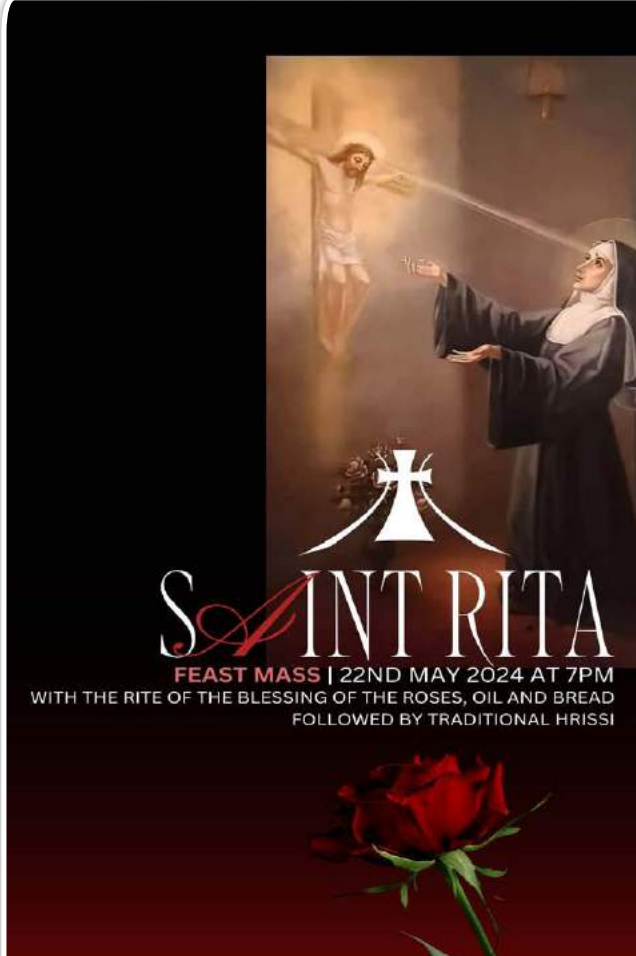
TO BOOK CONTACT
STEPH ON 0414 203 477 OR ASHLEY ON 0402 210 448



OUR LADY OF LEBANON
Co-Cathedral

THE VOCATIONS COMMITTEE PRESENT A
**VOCATIONS
DISCERNMENT
EVENING**

FRIDAY 7TH JUNE 2024 AT 6:30PM
IN THE SENIORS ROOM
FOLLOWED BY ADORATION AT 7:30PM



SAINT RITA
FEAST MASS | 22ND MAY 2024 AT 7PM
WITH THE RITE OF THE BLESSING OF THE ROSES, OIL AND BREAD
FOLLOWED BY TRADITIONAL HRISSI



Our Lady of Lebanon
Co-Cathedral

SAVE the DATE
FRIDAY 28TH JUNE 2024

LET'S BUILD THE NEXT 50 YEARS TOGETHER

OLOL ANNUAL GALA FUNDRAISER
AT DOLTONE HOUSE WESTERN SYDNEY

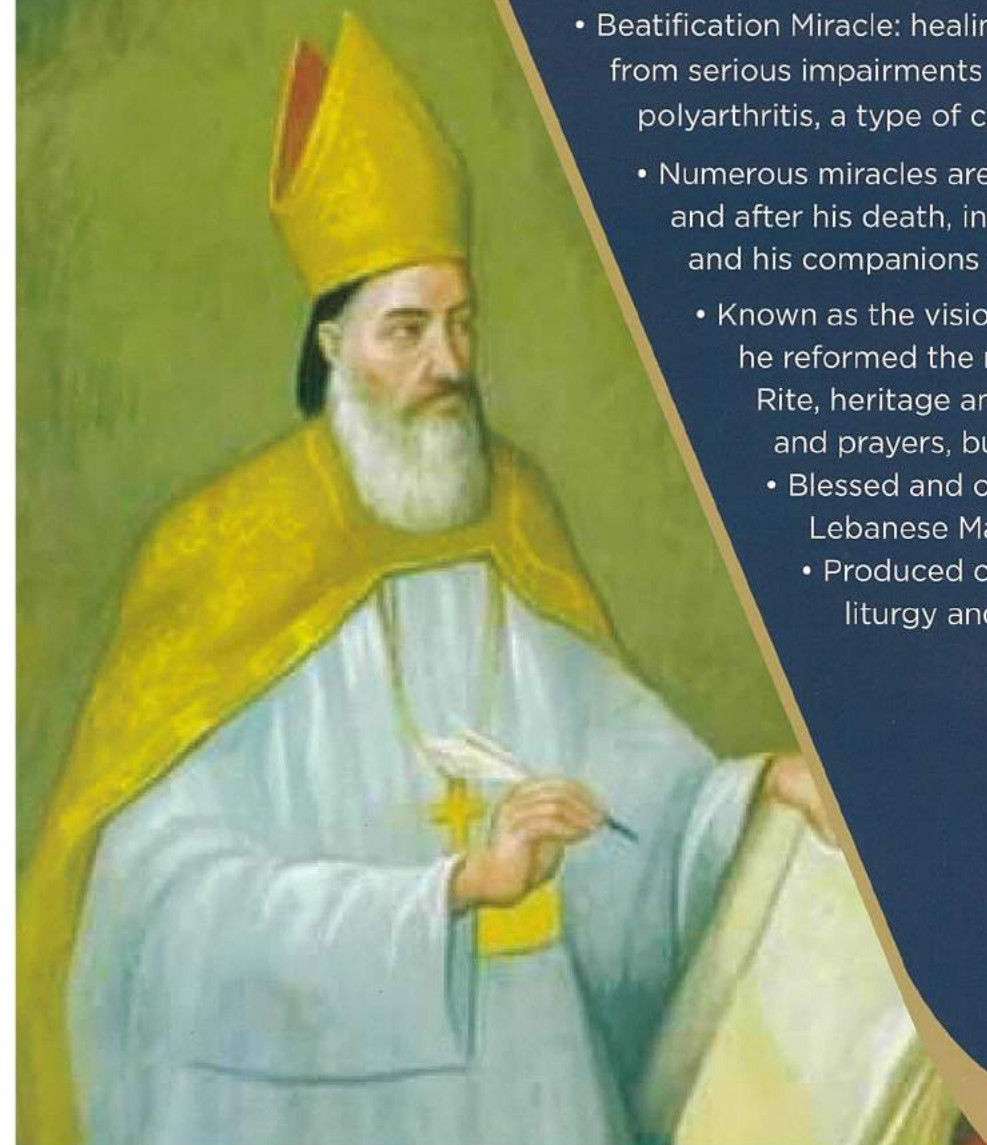


**Venerable Patriarch Estephan El-Douaihy
1630-1704**

**To be beatified on
2 August 2024**

Venerable Patriarch E

- Born in Ehden on 2 August 1630.
- Studied for priesthood in the Maronite College in Rome (June 1641 - April 1655).
- Ordained to the priesthood on the Feast of the Annunciation, on 25 March 1656.
- Enthroned as the bishop of the Maronites in Cyprus on 8 July 1668.
- Elected the Patriarch of the Maronite Church on 20 May 1670.
- Died on 3 May 1704.
- Was the 57th Maronite Patriarch, and the 119th Patriarch on the Chair of St Peter in Antioch.
- Declared Venerable by Pope Benedict XVI on 3 July 2008.
- Approved for beatification on 2 August 2024 by Pope Francis.
- Beatification Miracle: healing Rosette Karam who was suffering from serious impairments to her mobility due to seronegative polyarthritis, a type of cancer.
- Numerous miracles are attributed to him, both during his life and after his death, including saving Patriarch Samaan Awwad and his companions from drowning.
- Known as the visionary and the memory of the Maronites, he reformed the monastic life, preserved the Maronite Rite, heritage and traditions, revised the Divine Liturgy and prayers, built around 30 churches and monasteries.
- Blessed and oversaw the establishment of the Lebanese Maronites Order.
- Produced over 40 works in theology, philosophy, liturgy and history.



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To be beat

Stephan El-Douaihy

- وُلد في إهدن في 2 آب 1630.
- تابع دراساته الكهنوتية في المدرسة المارونية في روما (حزيران 1641 - نيسان 1655).
- سيم كاهناً في عيد البشارة في 25 آذار 1656.
- نُصّب أسقفًا للموارنة في قبرص في 8 تموز 1668.
- انتُخب بطريركاً للكنيسة المارونية في 20 أيار 1670.
- توفي في 3 أيار 1704.
- هو البطريرك السابع والخمسون للموارنة، والتاسع عشر بعد المئة على كرسي القديس بطرس في أنطاكية.
- أعلنه البابا بنديكتوس السادس عشر مكرّماً في 3 تموز 2008.
- وافق البابا فرنسيس على أن يُعلن طوباوياً في 2 آب 2024.
- معجزة التطويب: شفاء السيدة روزيت كرم من داء التهاب المفاصل السلبي المصل، وهو نوع من السرطان تسبّب بإعاقة خطيرة في حركتها.
- تُنسب إليه معجزات كثيرة، في حياته وبعد مماته، منها إنقاذ البطريرك سمعان عوّاد ورفاقه من الغرق.
- يُعرف بالرؤيوي وذاكرة الموارنة، أصلح الحياة الرهبانية، حافظ على الطقس الماروني وتراث الطائفة وتقاليدها، أعاد ترتيب القداس الإلهي، نقّح الصلوات، وبنى حوالي 30 كنيسة وديراً.
- بارك تأسيس الرهبانية اللبنانية المارونية وأشرف على انطلاقتها.
- أنتج أكثر من 40 عملاً في اللاهوت والفلسفة والليتورجيا والتاريخ.

طوباوياً في 2 آب 2024

died on 2 August 2024



صلاة

أيُّها الأب السماوي، يا مَنْ تأمَّلَ البطريرك اسطفان الدويهي في عَظَمَةِ مَجْدِكَ وسخاءِ رَحْمَتِكَ، شاكراً خُنُوكَ علينا وأنت تُخرِجُ "الجواهرَ الكاملةَ مِنَ المادَّةِ غيرَ الكاملة"، اجعَلْهُ جَوْهَرَةً نيرةً في تاجِ مَجْدِكَ، واقبلْ شفاعتَهُ من أجلنا ومن أجلِ كنيسةِنا المارونية في أستراليا ولبنان وبلادِ الانتشار. أيُّها الابنُ الفادي، يا مَنْ رأى البطريرك الدويهي في صليبيكَ "مذبحاً للغفرانِ لِيَسْتَشْفِقَ الأبُّ روائحَ إحسانِهِ وَيَرْضَى عن شعبِهِ... وَتِرْساً لِبَنِي المعمودية ضِدَّ حِيلِ العَدُوِّ، ومِفْتَاحَ أبوابِ الملكوت"، علَّمنا أَنْ نَفْرَحَ بصليبينا على مثاليهِ، لنَدْخُلَ بِهِ نعيمَكَ الأبديَّ.

أيُّها الروحُ القدس، يا مَنْ تَغْنَى البطريرك الدويهي بحلولِكَ في سِرِّ الإفخارستيا "لِتُعْطِيَ ثمارَ الحياةِ ونورَ القداسةِ لِكُلِّ جَسَدِ البيعة"، اجعَلْنا مثلهُ مُسْتَحَقِّينَ الشَّرْكَةِ الإفخارستية، لِنَنْضَمَّ مَعَهُ إلى أَجْوَاقِ أبرارِكَ وَقَدِيسِيكَ.

أيُّها العذراءُ مريم، يا مَنْ شَفَى الدويهي التلميذُ بِشَفَاعَتِكَ عندما أصبحَ ضريحاً، علَّمنا كيف نَتَّخِذُكِ أُمّاً لنا في المَشَقَّاتِ والأفراحِ، وَنَبْتَهِلُ إِلَيْكَ مُصَلِّينَ مَعَهُ: لَقَدْ شَرَّفَكَ اللهُ على قُدْسِ الأقداسِ، وَقَضَّكَ "على مَرَكَبَةِ الكاروبيم، لأنَّ هذهِ قد حلَّتْ بها اللاهوتُ بالمجدِ والشَّبهِ"، أُمّاً في بطنِكَ، "فبالطَّبْعِ والحَقِّ، لأنَّ جَسَدَ الرَّبِّ وروحَهُ قد انغرسا بأَقْنومِ ابنِ الله، وَكَمَّلَ بِهِما السِّرُّ الذي يَفُوقُ الوَصْفَ". وَمَعاً نُسَبِّحُ الثالوثَ الأقدسَ، الأبَّ والابنَ والروحَ القدسَ، الآنَ وإلى الأبدِ. آمين.

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, in whom Patriarch Estephan El-Douaihy contemplated the greatness of your glory and the generosity of your mercy, thanking your compassion as you are "extracting perfect treasures out of imperfect material." Make him a shining jewel in the crown of your glory and accept his intercession for us and for our Maronite Church in Australia, Lebanon and the countries of expansion.

Son the Redeemer, in your cross Patriarch El-Douaihy saw "an altar of forgiveness so the Father smells the scent of its goodness and is pleased with his people... a shield for the baptised against the ruses of the enemy and a key of the gates of the Kingdom." Teach us how to rejoice in our cross in his likeness so we may attain through it your eternal bliss.

Holy Spirit, whose presence in the Sacrament of the Eucharist was praised by Patriarch El-Douaihy, for "giving the fruits of life and the light of holiness to the whole body of the Church," make us, like him, worthy of the Eucharistic communion, so that we may join with him the choirs of your righteous and saints. Virgin Mary, through your intercession, El-Douaihy the student was healed from blindness. Teach us how to take you as our mother in hardship and joy, praying to you with him: God has honoured you "over the chariot of the Cherubim in which the divinity dwelt with glory and likeness", while it dwelt in your womb "in nature and truth, because the body and spirit of the Lord were implanted in the Person of the Son of God, and through them, the indescribable mystery has been perfected." With him, we praise the Holy Trinity, the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

المكرّم البطريرك
اسطفان الدويهي





Month of May Mary home visits

Group 1

Monday 6 May	Veronica Sabat	50 Leach Road, Guildford West 2161
Tuesday 7 May	Jackie Sleiman	33A Rosebery Rd, Guildford 2161
Wednesday 8 May	Mirvette Chamoun	12 Slapt Street, Merrylands 2160
Thursday 9 May	Charbel Tannous	11 Norman St Merrylands 2160
Friday 10 May	Helena Youssef	22 Hopman Street, Greystanes 2145

Group 2

Josianne Rahme	430A Merrylands Rd, Merrylands 2160
Amine Germanos	199 Excelsior Street, Guildford 2161
George Nassif	8 Lough St, Guildford 2161
Dorine Makary	14 Darnenia Avenue, Greystanes 2145
John Massoud	7 Frank Street, Guildford 2161

Group 3

Monday 6 May	Zena El-Hawat	10 Faulds Road, Guildford West 2161
Tuesday 7 May	Ribana Nassif	34 Alanas Avenue, Oatlands 2117
Wednesday 8 May	Sandra Kikor	11 Mills Street, Merrylands 2160
Thursday 9 May	Elaine Khazen	U708/4 Footbridge Boulevard, Wentworth Point 2127
Friday 10 May	Jamilie Kayrouz	20A Cumberland Road, Greystanes 2145





O.L.O.L. FAMILY COMMITTEE
 PRESENTS A
MOTHER & DAUGHTER
brunch
SATURDAY 18TH MAY 2024
AT MISC PARRAMATTA
10AM - 1PM
\$90 PER PERSON | SMART CASUAL

 A GENERATIONAL BRUNCH FOR ALL
 MOTHER-DAUGHTER FIGURES
 GRANDMOTHERS - GRANDDAUGHTERS
 GODMOTHERS - GODDAUGHTERS
 AUNTIES - NIECES

FAMILYCOMMITTEE@O.L.O.L.ORG.AU


ST CHARBEL'S MONASTERY JUBILEE YEAR




ST CHARBEL CROSS PROCESSION


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ANTOINE-CHARBEL TARABAY

PROCESSION WILL COMMENCE FROM
HIGHCLERE AVENUE (NEAR PUNCHBOWL STATION)
TO ST CHARBEL'S CHURCH



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Excellency Antoine-
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لوحة إعلانات الرعية

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١١:٠٠ قداس إحتفالي بمناسبة مرور ٣٢٠ سنة على وفاة المكرم البطريرك مار إسطفانوس الدويهي، يحتفل به صاحب السيادة المطران - أنطوان شربل طرييه السامي الإحترام، يلي القداس إزاحة الستار عن تمثال المكرم البطريرك الدويهي وعرض وثائقي عن حياته، في صالة الكاتدرائية يليه حفل كوكتيل. الدعوة عامة

٥:٠٠ أربعون المرحومة أنطونيت نجم بو عيسي من الشوف

الأربعاء ٨ أيار:

١٠:٣٠ دفن المرحوم بولس منصور نكد من كفر دلقوس

الفرح في المحنة

ما هي المحنة؟ فقر، فشل، مشاكل عائلية، خسائر مادية، اضطهاد، مرض، موت، واللائحة تطول. حاول أن تقول لشخص فقد عزيزاً على قلبه "افرح بمحنتك"! هذا ما يدعونا إليه القديس يعقوب، من دون أن يعني ذلك أن الحزن الإنساني على من نحب ممنوع، بل أن ننظر إلى كل محنة في حياتنا "بفرح خالص" لأنها تثبتنا في الرب إذا عشناها وفقاً لإيماننا.

أفرح بمحنتي لأنني إذا أشركت آلامي مع آلام الرب ووضعت صليبي مع صليبه سأشاركه في مجد قيامته. ما نفعه هو العكس! نيكى وندب وقت المحنة وأول من نلوم الله، نقطع علاقتنا به وبالكنييسة ونمتنع عن الصلاة! أعاتب ربي وأسأله "أين أنت؟"، وكأنني لا أثق به وبحبّه لي وأعتقد بأنه ينتقم مني أو يعاقبني. لو أراد الرب معاقبتنا لما أحببنا حتى الموت من أجلنا على الصليب.

في محنتي أستمدُّ فرحي من القداس حيث أعيش فرح القيامة في الإفخارستيا. اتحادي مع يسوع وآلامه وموته وقيامته يجعلني أقبل الألم وأعيش في تسليم كلي له، مثل الطفل الذي يمسك بيد أمه أو أبيه ولا يسأل إلى أين يأخذه لأنه يثق بهما وبحبهما له.

إذا كنتُ ثابتاً في الرب، لا بدّ للمحنة أن تُصلح شيئاً ما في داخلي. عليّ أن أصبر وأقبل ولا أتذمّر، لأن التذمّر وعدم القبول يعطّلان عمل الله في حياتي. بالصبر والقبول وعدم التذمّر أحمل محنتي بفرح وأجتازها. يريدني الله أن أصبر لكي أبني علاقة كاملة معه لأن هدفنا هو القداسة والكمال. عندما أثق فعلاً بحبة الله لي، لا أتذمّر وقت التجربة، لأن الله ينحت شيئاً فيّ من خلال المحنة ليجعلني تحفته.

الحكمة هي معرفة هدف الله من التجارب وعيش الصبر والقبول وعدم التذمّر أمام المحن. بالصبر والثبات نأخذ النعمة، بعدم التذمّر يحصل الخلاص.



خميس الصعود (٩ أيار)

في خميس الصعود نُعيّد صعود ربّنا وإلهنا ومخلصنا يسوع المسيح إلى السّماء، وذلك بعد أربعين يوماً من قيامته وظهوره للتلاميذ

"فيسوعُ هذا الَّذي رُفِعَ عَنْكُمْ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ سَيَأْتِي كَمَا رَأَيْتُمُوهُ ذَاهِباً إِلَى السَّمَاءِ" (اعمال ١: ١١). صعد يسوع الى السماء وعاد الى ملكوته (يوحنا ١٨: ٣٦) بعد أن أتمّ عمل الفداء وأكمل خطة الخلاص. هو خميس الصعود، صعود الرّب الى السماء وجلسه في المجد عن يمين الله الأب.

نفرح ونبتهج لأنّ الرّب بقيامته أقامنا، وبصعوده يدعونا الى مشاركته مجد ملكوت السماوات.

في هذا العيد نكتشف دعوتنا الحقيقيّة: أن نكون في مسيرة دائمة نحو الملكوت، لا نكلّ ولا نتعب رغم صعوبة الطريق، وضيق الباب. نسقط أحياناً ونحن نسير، نقوم بنعمة الله تائبين ونكمّل المسيرة. وجودنا البشري لا ينتهي في هذا العالم، نحن لم نقم مع المسيح لنعود ونموت وندفن، فقيامتنا التي تتمّ بالرّب تأخذ كمال صورتها في حدث الصعود الى السماء، وجودنا البشري يأخذ قوّة معناه في حدث الصعود.

نحن لسنا مجرد مخلوقات بين مخلوقات أخرى تتميز عنها بالكيان أو بالشكل، بل نحن كائن فريد دعاه الرّب الى مشاركته مجد وجوده، دعاه ليصبح إلهاً من خلال مشاركته الحياة الإلهيّة.

صعود الرّب هو دعوة الى الرّجاء، نرجو على هذه الأرض ما سبق وحضره لنا الرّب يسوع، نحيا في العالم مترقّبين ساعة اللقاء، ساعة ملاقة وجه الرّب الحبيب، عندها فقط يصل الإنسان الى غاية وجوده ويحيا السعادة الحقّة. حين يعلم أن الأرض هذه في مجرّد محطة على طريق الأبد، نحلّ فيها حيناً ونتوق الى بيت الأب الأبديّ حيث نتحد الى الأبد بالله خالقنا في رباط من حبّ لا ينتهي.

عَيْتِنَا

كاتدرائية سيدة لبنان - هاريس بارك

عدد ٢٧ | الأحد ٥ أيار ٢٠٢٤ | الأحد السادس من زمن القيامة " ما بالكُم مضطربين ؟ ولماذا تزج هذه الأفكار قلوبكم ؟ " لو ٢٤: ٣٦ - ٤٨

الإِنْجِيل



وَفِيمَا التَّلَامِيذُ يَتَكَلَّمُونَ بِهِذَا، وَقَفَّ يَسُوعُ فِي وَسْطِهِمْ، وَقَالَ لَهُمْ: "أَسَلَامٌ لَكُمْ!". فَارْتَاعُوا، وَاسْتَوَلَى عَلَيْهِمُ الْخَوْفُ، وَكَانُوا يَظُنُّونَ أَنَّهُمْ يُشَاهِدُونَ رُوحًا. فَقَالَ لَهُمْ يَسُوعُ: "مَا بِكُمْ مُضْطَرِبِينَ؟ وَلِمَاذَا تُثَالِخُ هَذِهِ الْأَفْكَارُ قُلُوبَكُمْ؟ أَنْظَرُوا إِلَى يَدَيَّ وَبِحُلِّي، فَإِنِّي أَنَا هُوَ. جُشُونِي، وَأَنْظَرُوا، فَإِنَّ الرُّوحَ لَا لَحْمَ لَهُ وَلَا عِظَامَ كَمَا تَرَوْنَ لِي!". قَالَ هَذَا وَأَرَاهُمْ يَدَيْهِ وَبِحُلِّيهِ. وَإِذْ كَانُوا بَعْدَ غَيْرِ مُصَدِّقِينَ مِنَ الْفَرَحِ، وَمُتَعَجِّبِينَ، قَالَ لَهُمْ: "هَلْ عِنْدَكُمْ هُنَا طَعَامٌ؟". فَقَدَّمُوا لَهُ قِطْعَةً مِنْ سَمَكٍ مَشْوِيٍّ، وَمِنْ شَهْدٍ عَسَلٍ. فَأَخَذَهَا وَأَكَلَهَا بِمَرَأَى مِنْهُمْ، وَقَالَ لَهُمْ: "هَذَا هُوَ كَلَامِي الَّذِي كَلَّمْتُكُمْ بِهِ، وَأَنَا بَعْدَ مَعَكُمْ. كَانَ يَنْبَغِي أَنْ يَتِمَّ كُلُّ مَا كُتِبَ عَنِّي فِي تَوَارِثِ مُوسَى، وَالْأَنْبِيَاءِ وَالْمَزَامِيرِ". حِينَئِذٍ فَتَحَ أَذْهَانَهُمْ لِيَفْهَمُوا الْكُتُبَ. ثُمَّ قَالَ لَهُمْ: "هَكَذَا مَكْتُوبٌ أَنَّ الْمَسِيحَ يَأْتِي، وَيَقُومُ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ فِي الْيَوْمِ الثَّالِثِ. وَيَاسُمُهُ يُكْرَزُ بِالتَّوْبَةِ لِمَغْفِرَةِ الْخَطَايَا، فِي جَمِيعِ الْأُمَمِ، إِبْتِدَاءً مِنْ أُورُشَلِيمَ. وَأَنْتُمْ شُهِودٌ عَلَى ذَلِكَ". لو ٢٤: ٣٦ - ٤٨

الأحد السادس
من زمن القيامة
سفر تثنية الاشتراع ٣١: ١ - ٣، ٦ - ٩
رو ١٠: ١٣ - ١٥
لو ٢٤: ٣٦ - ٤٨

ذاك اليوم كان يوم خلق جديد، لإنسان جديد، في عالم تجدد. فابن الله يسوع، افتتح لنا درب خلاص جديد، معبد بالإيمان، مغروس بالمحبة ومزهر بالرجاء. وهبنا حياة قادرة، بقدرة الروح، أن تنطلق للبشرى الحسنة، منذ المغارة مروراً بالصليب حتى القيامة، وتعلن خلاص الخاطئين التائبين المشتري بدم الحمل.

ولدتنا لحياة تقدر على كل شيء وتحتمل كل شيء. هذه الحياة تجعلنا أهلاً لمحبة الآخر كمحبة يسوع للإنسان، حياة لا تخشى معارك العالم بل تدخلها بشجاعة وثقة، ذخيرتها الغفران والمسامحة، وقائدها طفل صغير في مزود فمصلوب لا حول له ولا قوة، غلب جحافل الشر والموت، وما زال، في كسرة خبز فُدْسِيَّة وكأس خمر فصحية أضحيا إفاخرستيا قوت محبي للنفوس المؤمنة



صلاة

أصلي إليك ربّي، أنت الذي قمت منتصراً، أن تضرم فينا منذ الآن وحتى لحظة النفس الأخير نار حبك وتغمرنا بسلامك من جديد كي يتقد إيماننا المُستكين في كوة إهمالنا واستخفافنا بوجودك الحيّ فينا، آمين

"أَنْتِ التَّفِيعُ الْكَرِيمُ
عِنْدَ ابْنِكَ يَا مَرْيَمُ"
شهر مريمي مبارك



"ما بالكُم مضطربين؟"

إلى تلك الغرفة من على الجبل حيث توقع الرسل خوفاً من التنكيل والمصير المجهول، دخل يسوع القائم من الموت وحلّ منتصراً في وسط تلك الجماعة الرسولية، فشدّد إيمان الرسل بقيامته، وفتح أذهانهم ليفهموا الكتب المقدسة، وجعلهم شهوداً لدى جميع الشعوب، ليعلنوا باسمه إنجيل التوبة لمغفرة الخطايا، بقوة الروح القدس.

أنظروا إلى يديّ ورجليّ فإنّي أنا هو " فبعد مرحلة الضياع والإحباط والشك التي عاشها كلّ من التلاميذ إلى أن اقتنعوا في آخر الأمر بحقيقة قيامة يسوع من الموت وأصبحوا شهوداً للقيامة. عرفوه عندما ظهر في وسطهم كالمعلم بين تلاميذه حيث رأوه وسمعوه واستطاعوا أن يلمسوه ورأوه يأكل أمامهم: "قطعة من سمك مشوي" وهو يرمز إلى الإفاخرستيا "ومن شهد غسل" الذي يرمز إلى طعم الملوك في العهد القديم رمزاً لملوكية يسوع القائم والمنتصر على الموت.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Lord, may all the faithful departed whom we entrust to Your care, be held securely in Your Loving embrace for all eternity especially those we Pray for: (A) All the departed souls, All the lost souls, All the faithful departed, All the souls in Purgatory, All souls who have no one to pray for them, Sayed Azizi, Violet Azizi (B) Milia Bou Raidan (C) (D) (E) Matthew Essey (F) (G) (H) Maurice & Martha Jamil Haddad, Paul & Madeline Haddad & Son Joseph & daughter Colleen George (I) (J) Jamil Kamel Mtanios Jabbour (K) Baraban Georges Karam, Sarkis Chucri Khoudair, Tanious Elias Kassi and the deceased of his family, Genevieve Khoury and all the departed of Khoury & Elzahoul families (L) (M) Youssef Maroon & his wife Ghsoun, Betty Merhi, Bechara Boutrous Moussa, Robert Bechara Moussa (N) George Nader (O) (P) (Q) (R) Jamil & Labibi Roumanos and all their deceased family & friends, Raymond & Etour Romanos & their son Joe Romanos (S) Youssef Mikhael Shaheen, Nabih Nassim Saad & his children Kevin & Emile (T) (U) (V) (W) (X) (Y) (Z)

