



St Raymond's Parish

One Family in Love and Joy



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SUNDAY OF THE RIGHTEOUS & THE JUST

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THE GOSPEL

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Matt 25: 31-46



Next Sunday:

Sunday of the Faithful Departed:

Ezk 37:1-10 / 1 Thess 5:1-11 / Lk 16: 19-31

ADORATION



Spend one hour with Jesus.
Every Thursday at 7:00pm after
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THE EPISTLE

If you have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.") Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

Heb 12:18-24

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"How do I become a Saint?" - Fr Sam Wehbe

This week, we celebrate the Sunday of the Righteous and the Just. Who are they? How did they become saints and how can we become saints? The righteous and the just are those who gave everything to God and others: They gave faith, piety and love; holy action, service and sacrifice; time, energy and tears; simplicity, humility, tenderness and forgiveness. They gave everything they had here so that they could gain everything in heaven. They gave their earthly life so that they could gain eternal life. They sacrificed this world so that they could be in the next world. They felt the pain and need of others, saw Jesus in them and helped them. For this reason they became saints. Jesus, help us to give You and others everything with joy and humility, especially love and service. Help us to see and serve you in the poor and needy so that one day we become righteous and just. Amen.

Let us pray for our sick: Linda, Roger, Joe, Michael, John, Eva, Ray, Tony, Arthur, Rochelle, Simon, Hanna, Milad, Antoinette & all the sick.

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St Maroun - 9 February

The father of the Maronite Church, St Maroun was born in the middle of the 4th century and was a priest who later became a hermit, retiring to the mountain of Taurus near Antioch. His piety and miracles attracted many followers, and drew attention throughout the Roman empire. St Maroun is considered the Father of the spiritual and monastic movement now called the Maronite Church. Saint Maroun spent all of his life on a mountain in the region of Cyrrhus in Syria. It is believed that the place was called "Kefar-Nabo" on the mountain of Ol-Yambos, making it the cradle of the Maronite movement. St Maroun was a mystic who started this new ascetic-spiritual method that attracted many people in Syria and Lebanon to become his disciples. He sought not only to cure the physical ailments that people suffered from, but had a great quest for nurturing and healing the "lost souls" of both pagans and Christians of his time. After his death in the year 410 AD, his spirit and teachings lived on through his disciples.

Saint Maroun, Pray for us



مار مارون - ٩ شباط

أب الكنيسة المارونية.. وُلِدَ القديس مارون نحو سنة ٣٥٠م، في شمال سوريا في مدينة "كفر نابو". هو أرامي الأصل وسرياني اللغة، كما يدل إسم مارون وهو لفظة سريانية آرامية وتعني "السيد". كان صديق القديس يوحنا فم الذهب وزميل الدراسة. في عام ٣٩٨م هجر مارون العالم واعتزل على جبل في منطقة قورش شمالي مدينة حلب، وهناك قضى أيامه ولياليه في العراء بالصوم والصلاة والتقشف مُتَنَبِّكاً. إمتاز القديس مارون بالوعظ والإرشاد وشفاء المرضى، نفساً وجسداً. إنتشرت شهرته وتكاثر عدد الرهبان حوله، فأقامهم، في البدء في مناسك على الطريقة الإنفرادية، ثم جمّعهم في أديرة ووضع لهم قوانين ترشدهم في طريق الكمال. كثر عدد الأديار، بخاصة في شمال سوريا. بعد وفاته سنة ٤١٠م إنتشر تلاميذه في سوريا ولبنان وانتشرت المارونية في الشرق. أما اليوم فقد أصبح الموارنة في كل أنحاء العالم تقرباً بسبب الهجرة والإنتشار. يوجد العديد من الأديار والكنائس على اسميه، أقدمهم دير مار مارون العاصي في لبنان. صلاته معنا..

أبانا مار مارون كنّ فينا شافع.

Bishop's Message - Golden Jubilee Year Update and Feast of St Maroun

Brothers and Sisters,

It is with a spirit of joy that we approach the Feast of St Maroun, and the launch of our Eparchy's Golden Jubilee.

I hope to see as many of you as possible at St Maroun's Cathedral in Redfern on the evening of Thursday 9 February to welcome the relics of Saints Maroun, Charbel, Rafqa, Nehmetallah and Mary MacKillop. The arrival of the relics will be followed by a solemn mass at 7pm.

The relics will remain at St Maroun's until Friday night, after which they will travel to St Maroun's Parish in Brisbane and then St Maroun's in Adelaide. I encourage you all to make the time to visit with and venerate our Saints, who continue to inspire our journey of holiness.

Our Maronite Liturgical Calendar - Sunday of the Righteous and the Just

On this second Sunday of Commemoration, the Maronite Church remembers the Righteous and the Just and guides us to reflect on the Gospel of the Judgment of the Nations as written by St Matthew (25:31-46). We read about the separation of the sheep from the goats.

The sheep, who have shown kindness and compassion to the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick, and the imprisoned, are welcomed into the kingdom of heaven. On the other hand, the goats, who neglected these needs, are sent away to eternal punishment.

This passage reminds us that our actions towards those in need, no matter how small, have eternal significance. Jesus shows us that it is not only what we believe but also how we live out our faith that matters. Our love for others, especially those who are marginalized, is a reflection of our love for God.

We must strive to be a blessing to those around us. Every act of kindness is an opportunity to serve Christ and bring glory to His name. We are reminded of this reality on this Sunday of the Righteous and the Just, who are the good sheep to the right of the Lord. Reading about the final judgment should never scare us; it should rather push us to better live the present. In His mercy and His patience, God offers us to grow in faith each day to recognize Him in the poor and in the little ones.

This Sunday is an opportunity for us to reflect on the lives of the saints and the holy people who preceded us, to imitate their faith and devotion. It also serves as a reminder that we are all called to be saints. May we be recognised as good and faithful servants when we stand before the Son of Man.

FCBCO Assembly 2023

I write this message as I prepare to partake in the General Assembly of the Federation of Catholics Bishops' Conferences of Oceania (FCBCO) over the coming days.

The FCBCO 2023 Assembly will be a unique episcopal experience for us as Churches of Oceania to partake in the Synod of Synodality process and present the voices of the people of Oceania to the Synod taking place in Rome in October 2023.

I ask you to pray for the Catholic Bishops of Oceania that the Lord may bless their gathering with wisdom, guidance, and inspiration, as we come together to discern His will for the people entrusted to our care. Let us pray for listening hearts and minds that our meeting is guided by the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth and love.

+ Antoine-Charbel Tarabay

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Services of the week

From Monday 6 February to Friday 10 February:

5:30pm Rosary, 6:00pm Mass

Thursday 9 February - St Maroun 5:30pm Rosary, 6:00pm Mass followed by adoration

Saturday 11 February: 5:30pm Rosary, 6:00pm Mass + Incense prayer for the rest of the Souls of all Our Departed

Sunday 12 February - Sunday of the Faithful Departed:

8:00am Arabic Mass + Incense prayer for the rest of the Souls of all Our Departed

10:00am Eng / Arb Mass + Incense prayer for the rest of the Souls of all Our Departed

Confessions: will be held Half an hour before and during Masses..

خدمات الأسبوع

من الإثنين ٦ شباط إلى الجمعة ١٠ شباط:

٥:٣٠ مساءً المسبحة و ٦:٠٠ مساءً قدّاس

الخميس ٩ شباط - عيد مارمارون: ٥:٣٠ مساءً المسبحة و ٦:٠٠ قدّاس يليها ساعة سجد

السبت ١١ شباط: ٥:٣٠ مساءً المسبحة و ٦:٠٠ قدّاس وصلاة وضع البخور لأجل راحة نفوس جميع موتانا وكلّ الموتى

الأحد ١٢ شباط - أحد الموتى المؤمنين:

٨:٠٠ صباحاً: قدّاس باللغة العربية وصلاة وضع البخور لأجل راحة نفوس جميع موتانا وكلّ الموتى

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Collections

\$3,483.70

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٥ شباط ٢٠٢٣

أحد الأبرار والصديقين

عدد ٣١

الرسالة

إِنَّكُمْ لَمْ تَفْتَرِبُوا إِلَى جَبَلِ مَلْمُوسٍ، وَنَارٍ مُتَّقَدَةٍ، وَضَبَابٍ وَظَلَامٍ وَزَوْبَعَةٍ، وَهَتَافِ بُوقٍ، وَصَوْتِ كَلِمَاتٍ طَلَبَ الَّذِينَ سَمِعُوهَا أَلَّا يَزَادُوا مِنْهَا كَلِمَةً؛ لِأَنَّهُمْ لَمْ يُطِيقُوا تَحْمُلَ هَذَا الْأَمْرِ: "وَلَوْ أَنَّ بَهِيمَةً مَسَّتِ الْجَبَلَ تَرْجَمَ!". وَكَانَ الْمَنْظَرُ زَهِيًّا حَتَّى إِنَّ مُوسَى قَالَ: "إِنِّي خَائِفٌ وَمُرْتَعِدٌ!". بَلِ اقْتَرَبْتُمْ إِلَى جَبَلِ صِهْيُونِ، وَإِلَى مَدِينَةِ اللَّهِ الْحَيِّ، أُورُشَلِيمَ السَّمَاوِيَّةِ، وَإِلَى عَشْرَاتِ الْأُلُوفِ مِنَ الْمَلَائِكَةِ، وَإِلَى عِيدٍ حَافِلٍ، وَإِلَى كَنِيسَةِ الْأَبْكَارِ الْمَكْتُوبِينَ فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ، وَإِلَى اللَّهِ دَيَّانِ الْجَمِيعِ، وَإِلَى أَزْوَاجِ الْأَبْرَارِ الَّذِينَ بَلَغُوا الْكَمَالَ، وَإِلَى وَسِيطِ الْعَهْدِ الْجَدِيدِ، يَسُوعَ، وَإِلَى دَمِ رَشٍّ يَنْطُقُ بِكَلَامٍ أَفْضَلَ مِنْ دَمِ هَابِيلَ!.



الأحد القادم:

أحد الموتى المؤمنين

حفيل ٣٧ - ١٠/١٠ اقس ٥:١ - ١١/١١ لو ١٦:١٩ - ٣١

ساعة سجود



تعالوا نسجد للقرابان
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معنا كل يوم خميس
الساعة ٧:٠٠ مساءً بعد
قداس الساعة ٦:٠٠

عب ١٢: ١٨-٢٤

الإنجيل

"مَتَّى جَاءَ ابْنُ الْإِنْسَانِ فِي مَجْدِهِ، وَجَمِيعُ الْمَلَائِكَةِ مَعَهُ، يَجْلِسُ عَلَى عَرْشِ مَجْدِهِ. وَتُجْمَعُ لَدَيْهِ جَمِيعُ الْأُمَمِ، فَيَمَيِّزُ بَعْضَهُمْ مِنْ بَعْضٍ، كَمَا يَمَيِّزُ الرَّاعِي الْخِرَافَ مِنَ الْجِدَاءِ. وَيُفْقِمُ الْخِرَافَ عَنْ يَمِينِهِ وَالْجِدَاءَ عَنْ شِمَالِهِ. حِينَئِذٍ يَقُولُ الْمَلِكُ لِلَّذِينَ عَنْ يَمِينِهِ: تَعَالُوا، يَا مُبَارَكِي أَبِي، رَثُوا الْمُلْكُوتَ الْمُعَدَّ لَكُمْ مُنْذُ أَنْشَأَ الْعَالَمَ؛ لِأَنِّي جُعْتُ فَأَطْعَمْتُمُونِي، وَعَطِشْتُ فَسَقَيْتُمُونِي، وَكُنْتُ غَرِيبًا فَأَوَيْتُمُونِي، وَعُرْيَانًا فَكَسَوْتُمُونِي، وَمَرِيضًا فَزَرْتُمُونِي، وَمَحْبُوسًا فَاتَيْتُمْ إِلَيَّ. حِينَئِذٍ يُجِيبُهُ الْأَبْرَارُ قَائِلِينَ: يَا رَبِّ، مَتَّى رَأَيْنَاكَ جَائِعًا فَأَطْعَمْنَاكَ، أَوْ عَطِشْنَاكَ فَسَقَيْنَاكَ؟ وَمَتَّى رَأَيْنَاكَ غَرِيبًا فَأَوَيْنَاكَ، أَوْ عُرْيَانًا فَكَسَوْنَاكَ؟ وَمَتَّى رَأَيْنَاكَ مَرِيضًا أَوْ مَحْبُوسًا فَاتَيْنَا إِلَيْكَ؟ فَيُجِيبُ الْمَلِكُ وَيَقُولُ لَهُمْ: الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ: كُلُّ مَا عَمَلْتُمُوهُ لِأَحَدٍ إِخْوَتِي هَؤُلَاءِ الصِّغَارِ، فَلِي عَمَلْتُمُوهُ! ثُمَّ يَقُولُ لِلَّذِينَ عَنْ شِمَالِهِ: إِذْهَبُوا عَنِّي، يَا مَلَاعِينَ، إِلَى النَّارِ الْأَبَدِيَّةِ الْمُعَدَّةِ لِلْإِبْلِيسِ وَجُنُودِهِ؛ لِأَنِّي جُعْتُ فَمَا أَطْعَمْتُمُونِي، وَعَطِشْتُ فَمَا سَقَيْتُمُونِي، وَكُنْتُ غَرِيبًا فَمَا أَوَيْتُمُونِي، وَعُرْيَانًا فَمَا كَسَوْتُمُونِي، وَمَرِيضًا وَمَحْبُوسًا فَمَا زَرْتُمُونِي! حِينَئِذٍ يُجِيبُهُ هَؤُلَاءِ أَيْضًا قَائِلِينَ: يَا رَبِّ، مَتَّى رَأَيْنَاكَ جَائِعًا أَوْ عَطِشَانًا أَوْ غَرِيبًا أَوْ مَرِيضًا أَوْ مَحْبُوسًا وَمَا خَدَمْنَاكَ؟ حِينَئِذٍ يُجِيبُهُمْ قَائِلًا: الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ: كُلُّ مَا لَمْ تَعْمَلُوهُ لِأَحَدٍ هَؤُلَاءِ الصِّغَارِ، فَلِي لَمْ تَعْمَلُوهُ. وَيَذْهَبُ هَؤُلَاءِ إِلَى الْعَذَابِ الْأَبَدِيِّ، وَالْأَبْرَارُ إِلَى الْحَيَاةِ الْأَبَدِيَّةِ".

مت ٢٥ : ٣١ - ٤٦

"كيف أصبح قديسًا؟" - أَلخوري سام وهبه

نحتفل بأحد وأسبوع الأبرار والصديقين. فمن هم؟ كيف صاروا قديسين؟ وكيف نصير نحن قديسين؟

الأبرار والصديقون هم الذين في حياتهم على الأرض، أعطوا كل ما لديهم للرب وللآخرين من إيمان وتقوى وحب، من إمانات وخدمة وتضحية، من وقت وتعب وبكاء، من بساطة وتواضع وحنان ومغفرة. أعطوا كل شيء لديهم هنا ليربحوا كل شيء هناك في السماء، أعطوا حياتهم الأرضية هنا ليربحوا الحياة الأبدية، ضحوا بهذا العالم ليصيروا في العالم الآتي، هم الذين أحسوا بالهم وحاجة الآخرين ورأوا يسوع فيهم فساعدوهم، لذلك صاروا قديسين.

ساعدنا يا يسوع أن نعطيك ونعطي القريب كل شيء بفرح وتواضع، خاصة الحب والخدمة والمساعدة، وأن نراك ونخدمك في الفقراء والمحتاجين والمقهورين، فنصير يومًا أبرارًا وصديقين. آمين