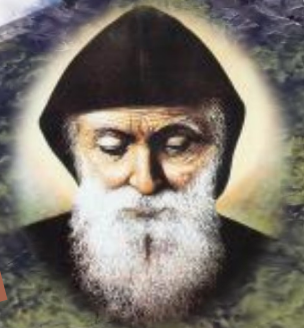


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PARISH SCHEDULE

SUNDAY LITURGY | at 11:00 AM

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Sunday Liturgy: 11:00 AM

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READINGS

April-May/ 2019



Apr 28	New Sunday & Divine Mercy Sunday	
	Epistle	Gospel
	2Cor 5:11-21	Jn 20:26-31
May 5	3rd Sunday of Resurrection	
	Epistle	Gospel
	2Tim 2:8-13	Lk 24:13-35
May 12	4th Sunday of Resurrection	
	Epistle	Gospel
	Heb 13:18-25	Jn 21:1-14
May 19	5th Sunday of Resurrection	
	Epistle	Gospel
	Eph 2:1-10	Jn 21:15-19

DATE	TIME	* LITURGY INTENTIONS *	FROM
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Remember your loved ones with Mass Intentions

April 28	11:00 AM	Personal Intentions	
May 5	11:00 AM	Personal Intentions	
May 12	11:00 AM	Personal Intentions	
May 19	11:00 AM	Personal Intentions	



PARISH OFFERING Holy Week Apr 15-21, 2019

<i>Weekly offering</i>	<i>\$2,827.00</i>
<i>Donation</i>	<i>\$1,000.00</i>
<i>Palm Candles</i>	<i>\$355.00</i>
<i>New Church Furnishing</i>	<i>\$150.00</i>
<i>Total Income</i>	<i>\$4,332.00</i>

Thank You for your generosity and your support

Important Messages

My deepest gratitude goes to the choir, the altar servers, those who decorated the Church and tended to the Altar this past week, to those who made the dough for the Rite of the Lamp; to those who participated at the Washing of the Feet on Holy Thursday; to the ushers and the poll bearers and all who organized the processions on Palm Sunday & on Great Friday of the Crucifixion. Thanks to all those who worked diligently and silently behind the scene taking care of the smallest detail in order to make Passion Week and Easter more prayerful, and spiritual. As you share your **Time, Talent and Treasure** with our parish, May the Risen Lord reward you and bless you.



The dream has come true. Celebrating our First Divine Liturgy in the new Church on Hosanna Sunday was very moving, a real Home Coming. Let us thank God for His generosity to us and pray for him to help our community. My personal prayers to all those who have helped make it a reality.
May God bless all Donors

Prayer of Consecration to the Divine Mercy

Jesus, the Divine Mercy, I consecrate my entire life, from this day on, to You without reserve. Into Your hands I abandon my past, my present, and my future. From this day forward, make me a true follower of Your teaching. Let Your Divine Mercy Image protect my home and my family from all power of evil in this world today. may all who venerate it never perish, may it be their joy in life, their hope in death, and their glory in eternity. Amen

Jesus, I trust in You

HOSPITALITY - COFFEE HOUR / 2019

April 28	St. Sharbel Ladies Auxiliary
May 5	Available
MAY 12	Available
May 19	Available
May 26	Available



*To sponsor a coffee hour pls. contact Mrs. Anna Franca Abi-Aad
 Tel:(954) 806-9909 Or Email: abetriz@yahoo.com /Donation for coffee hour is appreciated*

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS - 2019

May 5	11:00 AM	May Crowning of Ever-Virgin Mary
May 11	6:30 PM	Mother's Day Dinner at Jacoba Hall

The New Sunday, The Sunday of Thomas

المسيحُ قامَ حَقًّا قامَ This Sunday reminds us of the apparition of the risen and living Jesus to his disciples and to Thomas, that is why it is called: “The Sunday of Thomas.” After Jesus’ continual apparitions to his disciples, the profundity of the event of the Resurrection and the complete mystery of Jesus, have become, in reality, a new awakening to them and to the Church, that is why it is also called: “The New Sunday.” It is the “Eighth Day,” the beginning of a New Week and a New stage in the life of the apostles and the believing Church who have a New Faith in the living Jesus who is risen from the dead.

Thomas moved from extreme doubt to extreme belief saying: “My Lord and My God!” Jesus is his Lord, because by his resurrection he conquered death, and he reigns forever on the right hand of the Father. Jesus is his God, because he is of the same essence of God the Father—true God from true God! This encounter, immediately following his resurrection and glorification, during which Thomas touched him, was necessary for Jesus and for his disciples. But after that, hearing a simple testimony was enough for the disciples to believe in him and for him to receive their praise. The Christian faith which is based on a testimony, and not on eye witness, does not take anything away from the firm faith of the apostles themselves.

Two virtues are attributed to Thomas: *First*, upon seeing Jesus, Thomas proclaimed: “My Lord and My God!” and that was basically it for Thomas. All his doubt disappeared and his belief in the Lord was so strong and accompanied him for the rest of his life; there was no half way with Thomas. ***Second***, Thomas absolutely refused to say that he did believe what he did not understand, or vice versa. There is an uncompromising honesty about him. He would never still in his doubts by pretending that they did not exist. He was not the kind of man who would rattle off a creed without understanding what it was all about.

The New Sunday definitely puts an end to the old way of looking at the Lord. He is no longer revealed in the flesh as the disciples had experienced Him during His life, nor in glory as Thomas just did. From here on, He is revealed in Spirit, through faith and intimate experience. For only in the Spirit there is true sharing of His mystery. His word is crystal clear resounding not only for Thomas, but also for all ages and generations: “You became a believer because you saw Me, blest are they who have not seen and have believed.” We become a new creation with Thomas on this New Sunday. Thomas today received a unique experience of faith which made him a new man. With Thomas today all faithful become new believers, thus, this Sunday’s Title “New Sunday.” Let us not blame St. Thomas for we fall into the same trap over and over again. At times we are stubborn, other times we are weak in faith, still other times we falter and despair. In our spiritual life we constantly sway back and forth between faith and doubt and doubt and faith, strength and weakness and vice versa. Let us Today become new, true believers once and for all just like St. Thomas on this New Sunday.