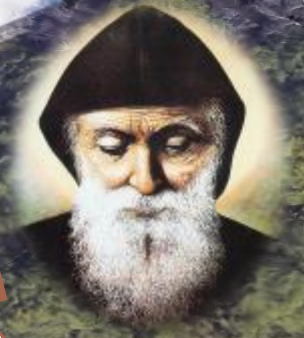


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PARISH SCHEDULE

SUNDAY LITURGY | at 11:00 AM

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Sunday Liturgy: 11:00 AM

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READINGS

May / 2019

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

May 12	11:00 AM	All the Mothers in our Parish	
May 19	11:00 AM	Personal Intentions	
May 26	11:00 AM	Personal Intentions	

HOSPITALITY - COFFEE HOUR / 2019

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



PARISH OFFERING

May 5, 2019

Weekly offering	\$1,219.00
Coffee Hour	\$18.00
Eparchial Collection	\$25.00
Cultural Center Rental	\$500.00
Total Income	\$1,762.00

Thank You for your generosity and your support

Important Messages

Marian Month of May

Every Sunday during this month, and before the Divine Liturgy, we will be praying the Rosary at exactly 10:15 AM. Please make a point of joining the parishioners to pray for our Lady's intercession on our behalf.

Have a Blessed Month

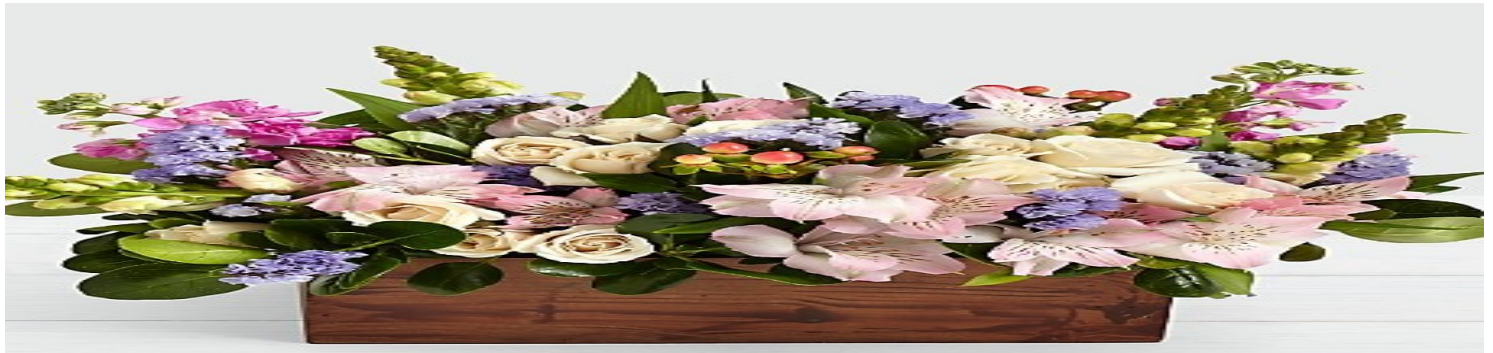


The dream has come true. Celebrating our First Divine Liturgy in the new Church on Hosanna Sunday was very moving, a real Home Coming. Let us thank God for His generosity to us and pray for him to help our community. My personal prayers to all those who have helped make it a reality.

May God bless all Donors

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Can you imagine a world without a mother! Better yet, can there be a world without a mother? Through His infinite wisdom, God sent Jesus Christ, through Mary, the Mother of His only Son and our Spiritual Mother. Our Loving Creator willed that in order for the world to exist it must have a mother. Thus, Motherhood is a vocation and a gift from God. He chose our mothers to assist him in the process of procreation. Who would not acknowledge the sacrifices our mothers make for us...! Dear mothers, we appreciate you and pray for you. **Happy Mother's Day!!!**



UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS - 2019

June 2	11:00 AM	First Communion
July 21	11:00 AM	Feast of St. Sharbel
August 24	All Day	Festival on Church Ground
October 13	11:00 AM	Dedication of Our Church

Jesus Appears to the Apostles on the Lake (John 21:1-14)

This Sunday reminds us of the appearance of Jesus to seven of his disciples on the Lake of Tiberias. They are: Peter, Thomas, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, John the beloved disciple, and two others unnamed. It is a miraculous catch through the power of the word of the living and risen Jesus. It symbolizes the catching of men by the Apostles. The Church Fathers refers to the fishing net as the Church, whose mission is to gather in the living Christ all the nations of the earth.

They worked hard all night long but caught nothing. This is a clear sign that their mission now is no longer to catch fish, but to catch people for salvation. The living and risen Jesus who is present among them is the one who is behind this miraculous catch. They recognized him from the abundance of fish they caught and from the fact that their net was not torn! The Beloved Disciple "John" was the first to recognize him. He was the one who cried out to alert Peter "It is the Lord." Peter put on some cloths and jumped into the water since he was stripped. They also recognized him through the number of fish, one hundred fifty-three to be exact. This number is symbolic and consists of the following: $9 \times 17 = 153$, the number 9 or 3×3 refers to the divine and miraculous work of the Lord Jesus. The number 17 or $10 + 7$ refers to the concept of totality and wholeness. Number 7 symbolizes fullness and perfection. Number 10 refers to the Church who is called to gather all nations and to grant them the fullness of God's grace and to offer them salvation. The final sign in which the disciples recognized the risen Lord was when, "Jesus took the bread gave it to them," which is a clear sign referring to the Eucharist. The bread, becoming the Eucharist, is the true and distinguished reason through which the believer comes to meet the risen and the living Lord.

The Scriptural readings for the rest of the week follow this Sunday's theme. The gospels talk about Jesus and his disciples as they cross the lake of Tiberias from one side to the other. The text from Saint Luke (5: 1-11) is very close to this Sunday's gospel; and Luke (8:22-25) details the raging sea and the calming of the storm. The text from Saint John (6:1-15) mentions how the crowd followed Jesus as he left Capernaum, crossing the Sea of Galilee to the place where the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves took place! John (6:16-21) discusses how the disciples went by themselves from there back to Capernaum and the sudden appearance of Jesus. And John (6:22-27) talks about how the crowd crossed from Tiberias to the same place and then to Capernaum, looking for Jesus. The text from Saint Matthew (14:22-33) tells us how the disciples cross by themselves from a deserted place to the Lake of Gennesaret and how, at the end of the night, about three in the morning, Jesus caught up with them, walking on the water, while the boat was being tossed by the waves which were raised by strong head winds. When he got into the boat the storm subsided, the sea was calm, and the disciples believed in him and said: "Beyond doubt you are the Son of God." This is a convincing evidence for them and for the world, that He is Risen; that he is alive; that he wants them to accomplish his mission, which is to save all people and bring them back to God the Father.

Lord Jesus, you died and were buried like all mortals. By your resurrection you conquered evil and trampled upon death. You gave us life and opened for us the gates of Heaven. As we stumble along the journey of life, grant us peace and hope so that we may remain in the assembly of believers and inherit Eternal Life. Amen.