SUNDAY—COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED
1Thes 5:1-11        Lk 16:19-31   (Page 166)

Faithful Departed
The beautiful Maronite icon for the “Sunday of the Faithful Departed” perfectly encapsulates the Maronite view of death. In the Maronite incense hymn for the departed we hear in verse 5 (although often we do not understand because we hear it in Syriac):
“5. A new vessel has been seen laden with a great reward traversing a stormy sea enriched by its store.
Mary is the vessel’s name, Christ-within-her, the reward, who travels throughout the world to give mortals life.”
Looking at the icon we see the departed person in a boat, and as we hear in the hymn, the boat is representative of Mary who assists us as we journey through the dangerous seas of fire to heaven. For some of us (depending on how we lived our life on earth) the journey is more dangerous and treacherous than others.
Mary is often depicted as a boat because she is the vessel through which God was made Man. In the boat is Christ, represented by the bread and wine which has been consumed by the departed to give them life. Christ even now, accompanies the departed on the journey to heaven.
The scene at the top of the icon is a depiction of what is contained in Revelations 20-22. In the icon we can see that the departed is travelling to be judged according to their deeds.
The anchor in the icon is one of the earliest Christian symbols and represents hope. In Hebrews 6:19 we hear: “We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.” The symbol of the anchor was often found on first century Christian tombs. We live in hope for all the faithful departed that they may reach the new Jerusalem.
(livingmaronite.com)
WELCOME DEACON MICHAEL SHAMI
We welcome deacon Michael Shami at St. Raymond Cathedral. Deacon Michael will be ordained priest, God willing, in May 2, and will serve at St. Raymond Cathedral till the mid-Summer when he will go to Rome to continue his Doctorate in Liturgy.

ARABIC LANGUAGE CLASSES
No Arabic classes for adults Saturday, Feb 15, 2020, at 10am, due to the Funeral Mass.

ROSARY FOR LIFE
We will pray The Rosary Saturday, Feb 15, at 4:30pm, at the church in support of Life, and for all victims of abortion.

SECOND COLLECTION
February 16, second collection for the "Catholic Home Missions"

MARONITE HERITAGE/RELIGIOUS FORMATION
Rel Education Classes this Sun Feb. 16, 2020, at 9:30am.

MEETINGS
Sunday, February 16: Ladies’ Sodality, 10am Rosary, 10:15am Divine Liturgy, and meeting at 11:30am, at Lebanon r.

COFFEE HOUR
St. Raymond’s Men Society will serve Coffee Hour this coming Sunday, Feb. 16, after 10:15am Mass.

KITCHEN SCOOP—Lunch Wed. Feb. 19
Monday: Rolling cabbage 8am; Tuesday: All prep work is cancelled; Wednesday: Serving lunch
Denise, Kathi, and Gina

WHO ARE THE MARONITES
Deacon Lou Peters will lead a presentation for the parishioners of St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish at 7PM on Wednesday, February 19 at St. Elizabeth (school cafeteria), 1420 Sappington Rd, 63126. It will be an introduction for the Latin community there, however, all parishioners of St. Raymond are invited and encouraged to attend as well.

VISIT TO STS PETER & PAUL, CALVARY CEMETERIES
Sat. Feb. 22, at 10am, we will have a prayer service at Sts. Peter & Paul cemetery and at 11am we will pray at Calvary cemetery. Everyone is invited to participate in the prayer service.

LUNCH TO BENEFIT CARITAS LEBANON USA – THANK YOU
Thank you our Young Adults MYA, last Sunday, we raised $3,398.00 for the less fortunate families in Lebanon.

GREAT LENT, FRIDAY PRAYERS AND DINNERS
Lent in our Maronite Church starts on Ash Monday, Feb 24. We will celebrate Divine Liturgy and blessing with Ashes at 12 noon and 7:00pm. Every Friday of Lent we will have Lenten Maronite Prayer Service at 6:30pm, and Dinner right after at Lebanon room. Dinner’s turn will be as follow: Feb 28: Kitchen Volunteers; March 6: Ladies’ Sodality; March 13: Men’s Society; March 20: Youth (MYO) & Religious Education Teachers; March 27: Pastoral/Finance Council; April 3: Choir; April 10 (Great/Good Friday): Nina Bouhasin, and Young Adults MYA

FOOD PANTRY
Thank you to all who have donated food to the Food Pantry. There is a continual need throughout the year for non-perishable canned or packaged foods such as canned meats/fish, fruits, vegetables, peanut butter, stews/soups, cereal, packaged rice and/or pasta. The Food Pantry also provides financial assistance towards rent, utilities, and light rail/bus transportation. If you would like to make a monetary donation to the Food Pantry, please use one of the envelopes in the pews, mark it “Food Pantry” and include it in the Saturday/Sunday collection. Checks should be made payable to St. Raymond Cathedral, with “Food Pantry” written in the notes section. Thank you! Mary Ulett

LENTEN APPEAL
The Lenten Appeal for the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon is now taking place. A letter from Bishop Elias Zaidan about the Appeal will be mailed to every family. Copies are also available in the vestibule. The Eparchy relies upon you to support our Maronite parishes and train our future Maronite priests. Every family is asked to participate in the Appeal and be generous. You may make a donation using a check, cash or credit card. Please be generous and support the Eparchy. Thank you.

CATHEDRAL REMODELING AND MAINTENANCE
Thanks be to God, Projects accomplished: New hall exit door loading dock, New gate/fence for hall dumpster, New iron gates in East and West parking lot, refurbishing hall dance floor, 2 church yard gates (in progress).
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### Upcoming Events

- Sun, May 10: Mother’s Day Brunch
- Sun, June 28: Golf Tournament
- June 28-July 3: National Youth Retreat, Walsh Univ, OH
- July 8-12: NAM Convention, Cincinnati, OH
- July 27-31: Vacation Bible School
- Sep 19-20: Lebanese Festival
- Nov 14-15: St. Raymond’s Feast Day
- Sun, Dec 13: Breakfast with Santa

### Financial Report

- **Sun, Feb 9, 2020**
  - 5pm Sat loose offering: $25.00
  - 5pm Sat checks and envs: $135.00
  - 10am Sunday loose offering: $378.00
  - 10am Sunday checks and envs: $1,565.00
  - Revenue during the week: $1,245.00
  - Coffee hour: $0.00
  - Candles: $102.00
  - 2nd Collection: $770.00
  - Caritas Lebanon USA: $3,398.00
  - Online Giving: $940.00
  - Expenses: $6,194.26

- **Wed, Feb 12, 2020**
  - (we did not serve lunch, hall rented by Purina)
  - Total Revenue: $.00
  - Revenue during the week: $.00
  - Expenses: $1,811.47
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Thank you for your support for the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles! The mission of the Eparchy is to serve you, the People of God, and to proclaim the Gospel message in today’s world. But the Eparchy can only do that if it has your prayers and financial support.

As the Eparchy wraps up its 25th Anniversary celebration, we look ahead to a bright future. What does that future look like? Here are three key elements:

- We need to open new parishes to serve Maronites in many areas where there is not yet a parish, and build and strengthen our existing parishes and missions.
- We need to expand the services we provide for young people, families, and people who are going through difficult times in their lives.
- We need to continue to be a source of help and hope for the faithful in Lebanon and the Middle East, especially during these difficult days.

The Capital Campaign that the Eparchy is conducting over the next three years — Vision for the Future, Mission for Today — will help build the financial base to address these needs in the future.

Today, I would like to ask for your help with our Annual Appeal — to address the Eparchy’s most important and immediate needs. These needs are described in this short brochure. Please read it carefully and prayerfully consider how you may help, and please be generous.

May God bless you and keep you!

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Bishop A. Elias Zaidan
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