



Saints Peter & Paul Maronite Catholic Church

June 2023

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Weekend Mass Saturday Vigil 6:00 pm - Sunday 11:30 am

Eucharistic Adoration First Thursday of each month At 6:00 pm

O holy apostles, Peter and Paul, I choose you this day and for ever to be my special patrons and advocates; thee, St. Peter, Prince of the Apostles, because thou art the Rock, upon which Almighty God hath built His Church; thee, St. Paul, because thou wast forechosen by God as the Vessel of election and the Preacher of truth in the whole world. Obtain for me, I pray you, lively faith, firm hope and burning love; complete detachment from myself, contempt of the world, patience in adversity, humility in prosperity, attention in prayer, purity of heart, a right intention in all my works, diligence in fulfilling the duties of my state of life, constancy in my resolutions, resignation to the will of God and perseverance in the grace of God even unto death; that so, by means of your intercession and your glorious merits, I may be able to overcome the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and may be made worthy to appear before the chief and eternal Shepherd of souls, Jesus Christ, who with the Father and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth for endless ages, to enjoy His presence and love Him forever. Amen.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baptism: By appointment,
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Confession: One hour before the Divine Liturgy. At
other times by appointment.

First Holy Communion : Celebrated publicly once a
year . Please contact Father Fadi to sign up for classes.

- Communion of the Sick:

Please let us know when a loved one is sick,
hospitalized, or homebound.

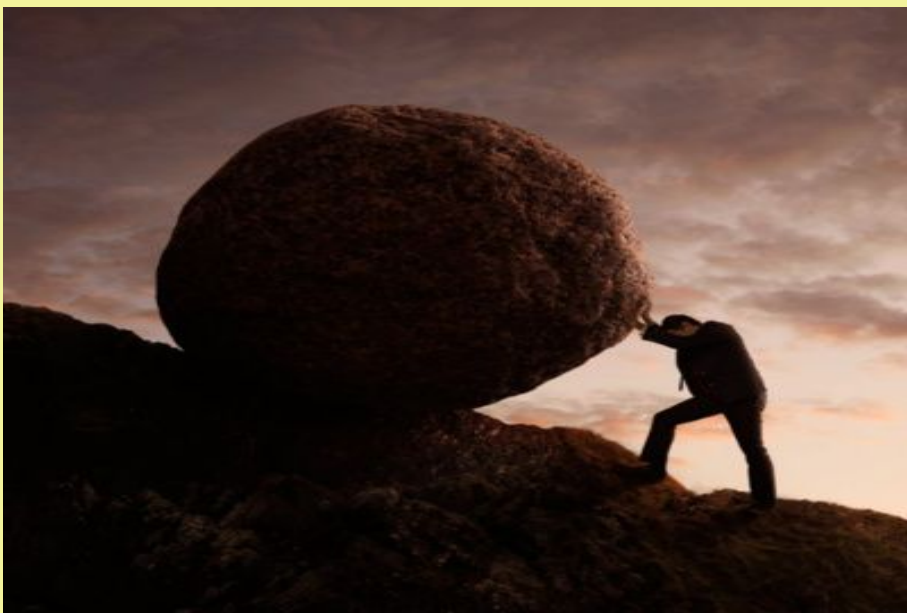
- Last rites: Please let us know immediately when a loved
one is gravely ill and in danger of death. Be sure to provide
for the spiritual needs of your loved ones.

- Mass intentions: If you would like to have a Mass
offered for your intentions or the intentions of a loved one,
living or deceased, please contact the Pastor before
two weeks at least .

The Obstacle in the Path

In ancient times, a King had a boulder placed on a roadway. Then he hid himself and watched to see if anyone would remove the huge rock. Some of the king's wealthiest merchants and courtiers came by and simply walked around it. Many loudly blamed the King for not keeping the roads clear, but none did anything about getting the stone out of the way.

Then a peasant came along carrying a load of vegetables. Upon approaching the boulder, the peasant laid down his burden and tried to move the stone to the side of the road. After much pushing and straining, he finally succeeded. After the peasant picked up his load of vegetables, he noticed a purse lying in the road where the boulder had been. The purse contained many gold coins and a note from the King indicating that the gold was for the person who removed the boulder from the roadway. The peasant learned what many of us never understand! Every obstacle presents an opportunity to improve our present condition. We often fail to see beyond the obstacle. We need to go beyond the problem to get the solution. Trials make us stronger. Life is full of challenges but God will help us to face these challenges. "Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him." James 1:12



Announcements:

Thursday, June 8 : the feast of the Blessed Sacrament, join us for the Eucharistic adoration at 7 pm. Eucharistic adoration helps us to nurture our desire so that we grow in hunger and thirst for the Bridegroom who feeds His Bride on His own Flesh and Blood so that she may share ever more in His divinity.

Sunday, June 18 : let us celebrate Father's Day together, by praying and having special coffee hour followed the Divine Liturgy.

Please Come and join us on Sunday June 25 to celebrate the feast of Saints Peter and Paul, the patrons of our parish. Followed by special coffee hour .



Who is St. Paul?

Saint Paul is one of the most important and influential of all the saints. Many of his writings are contained in the Canon of the Bible and have influenced the growth and development of the Church since the first century. St. Paul was originally known as Saul, and he was a Roman citizen and a Pharisee.

However, Saul experienced a powerful vision that caused him to convert to Christianity while on the road to Damascus. He was duly baptized and took the name Paul.

Paul traveled the world, first to Arabia then back to Damascus. He also visited Jerusalem to see St. Peter, the first pope and pay homage to him. During these travels, he preached ceaselessly. Jews, in particular, hated his preaching as they saw him convert people to Christianity from Judaism.

Eventually, Paul returned to Tarsus, where he was born. He preached there until he was called by Barnabus to come to Antioch. After establishing his churches, Paul remained in communication with the faithful, often writing letters to answer questions and resolve disputes. The letters that have survived have become part of the Bible.

Paul eventually made his way to Spain, then returned to the East, and finally returned to Rome once again. In 67 AD, Paul was arrested in Rome for a second time and this time he was beheaded under the insane Emperor Nero. According to John Chrysostom, Nero knew Paul personally. Paul is among the most famous, intelligent and influential of the apostles.

St. Paul is the patron saint of missionaries, evangelists, writers, journalists, authors, public workers, rope and saddle makers, and tent makers. His feast day is on June 29 when he is honored with Saint Peter.



MYA

Our youth group, MYA, recently had their final meeting on May 21st before the summer break, and they decided to spend the day at Fred Howard Beach. This small and cozy beach provided the perfect setting for their gathering. They set up a tent and spread out large blanket where they enjoyed snacks, listened to music, and played volleyball under the warm sun, and don't worry they protected their selves with lots of sunscreen. Also, the refreshing water was the ideal temperature, providing instant relief from the heat. This relaxing gathering was the perfect way to conclude their season, granting a well-deserved break to the hardworking organizers and dedicated attendees who came to learn the word of God and volunteer for meeting preparations.

MYA is a family by the grace of the Lord to cultivate a strong bond with God and with each other. Enjoy your summer break, but remember that Mass on Sundays still continue! If you're not going on a summer vacation and want something to do, feel free to contact Christina and inquire about being a part of the MYA festival committee. MYA had made the decision to start early preparation for the festival to ensure that they are well-prepared and able to earn funds to support their expenses. Rest assured, their MYA meetings will resume in October, and they promise it will be BOMBA!



CCD

The Children's Religious Education class had their last meeting for the year on May 13th. As a celebration of their hard work, they had a Splash day with water games and a water slide bounce house, followed by lunch! So much fun! Classes will resume in October, please keep an eye out for date announcements. As always, we encourage all children aged 5-12 to join us! Have a wonderful summer break!



MSIC

In honoring our mother Mary, the Sodality led the rosary every Sunday for the month of May.

To celebrate the feast of St. Rita, on May 21st, the Sodality along with church members led the rosary and Litany before the divine mass.

If you would like the traveling Mary to visit and bless your home
Please reach out to Lana or utilize the sign up sheet inside the church.

MYO

On May 20 the MYO celebrated the end of a successful year with an escape room. They were split into two groups as they had to work together in order to escape either the medieval room or the london room. The MYO solved many puzzles such as math problems, riddles, and finding hidden clues. Group 1 with Elyan escaped the room with 4 minutes to spare and Group 2 with Joey escaped with a minute and a half left on the clock! Ending the meeting with an escape room allowed the youth to bond closer together as they had to work as a group to escape the rooms. We cannot wait to see what the MYO do next year!



FEAST Days

Thursday, 6/6 Thursday of the
Body of Christ

Sunday, 6/11 The Sacred Heart of
Jesus

Saturday, 6/24 Birth of John the
Baptist

Monday, 6/29 Sts. Peter and Paul



Join Us for
COFFEE HOURS



June 4: Mr. Alex and Mrs Nouha Moubarak.

June 11: Mr Simon and Mrs Samia kamil.

June : 18 : مريمات : Mrs. Nathalie Maroun.
Mrs. Lina sfeir , Mrs. Layla Mnassa , Mrs.
Nazha kalach, Mrs. Vera Bathany

Father's Day.

June 25: Feast of Saints Peter and Paul: Mr.
Joe and Mrs. Micha Tabshi .

Why we pray to Saint Anthony of Puduva if we lost things ?

While staying at a Franciscan monastery at Montpellier, St. Anthony was teaching and preaching to his fellow Franciscans. St. Anthony kept with him a book of Psalms that he copied by hand, which had his notes and commentary that he used while teaching theology to his students.

This was during the 13th century when books were hard to come by and not easily produced. It would have been very difficult or even impossible for St. Anthony to replace the book if it were ever lost.

One of his pupils decided to leave the Franciscan community and when he left, St. Anthony couldn't find his book of Psalms! The young novice took the precious book with him, and St. Anthony became deeply distressed, not knowing what he would do without the book. He had no idea where this young man went and it was nearly impossible to track him down.

Trusting in God, St. Anthony prayed that the novice would have a change of heart and return the book. Shortly after, the young man turned around and gave the book back to St. Anthony, asking for his forgiveness. He also returned to the Franciscans and St. Anthony forgave the novice, exhorting him to never do something like that again.

That same book is said to be preserved in the Franciscan monastery in Bologna, Italy.

After the death of St. Anthony, this story became a "legend" and spread like wild-fire. He quickly became known as a powerful intercessor for lost things and his reputation has only grown over the years.



March 2023 Financial Standing

Ordinary Income:

- Collections on the Weekend, Holy Days and ACH, Church Stipends from Marriages, Funerals and Baptism, Candles, Coffee Hour, Raffles, Dues, Checks... : \$19,572.98

Extraordinary Income:

Donation to the Church from Anthony Abraham Foundation : \$25,000.00

Total Ordinary Revenue: \$44,572.98

Ordinary Expenses:

Electricity, Water, Bookkeeping, Medical Insurance, Assessment, Retirement, Rent, Internet, Phone, Alarm, Waste Management, Eparchy Appeal, Cleaning, Maintenance (Landscaping, AC, Pest...)Charity, Church Supplies, Salary and Activity expenses for

CCD, MYO and MYA : \$9,308.33

Extraordinary Expenditures:

None For April

Total Ordinary Expenses : \$9,308.33

***Please note that in the month of April, there was \$15,600.00 check to Catholic Mutual Insurance for return of overpayment of claim. This number is not reflected in expenses because it is not a church expense but a refund .

Total Ordinary Income vs Expenses: \$35,264.65

Total in Saving: \$254,492.38

Total in Checking \$41,126.91

Thank you for your contribution in helping maintain the Church.

Father Fadi Rouhana

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Picture of the Month L Mother's Day Celebration

