



Alleluia  
He is Risen



## *Easter Sunday*

Readings: 1 Cor 15:12-26 and Mk 16:1-8

In his appearances to his disciples after his resurrection, Jesus is sometimes not recognized by them. Mary Magdalene mistakes him for a gardener, and in Galilee, as they bring their boat to shore, his disciples do not recognize him at first. He is not quite the same. He looks different, for resurrection is so marvelous and so magnificent that it is a total transformation.

Yet in another sense, it is the same Jesus. He walks with them, He converses with them and even cooks breakfast and shares it with them. (John 21:13) Not only is He transformed, but so is the entire universe. It may look the same, but because of Jesus Christ the Lord, behold, all things are new.

The “hour” is fulfilled, the Passover is completed, the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. What else can one cry but ALLELUIA, Praise God!

ALLELUIA for “the immeasurable greatness of his power in us who believe, according to the working of his great might, which he accomplished in Christ when he raised him from the dead.” (Ephesians 1:19-20)

ALLELUIA for “Death is swallowed up in victory ... Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” (1 Corinthians 15:54, 57)

ALLELUIA: “If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit which dwells in you.” (Romans 8:11) We need not seek “proofs” of the Resurrection. We are that proof.

ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!

### *Easter Greeting from our Bishop*

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Come Home for Easter

Dear Friends, The Covid-19 Pandemic has disrupted our lives this past year. As we begin to see the light at the end of the tunnel with the vaccine distribution; life will be back to some type of “normal” soon. Therefore, I call on you to come back to your spiritual home that is the Church.

Holy Week and Easter is an opportune time to come together to celebrate the Mystery of our Salvation, to thank God for His Divine Providence, and for the Abundance of His Blessings and Graces. Our return to Church is not just a matter of dispensation and obligation, but our yearning, desire, and need to be with the Lord. As the Psalm says, “I was glad when they said to me, ‘Let us go to the house of the Lord!’” (122:1).

In our life, we need to give God priority over everything else as He is the Creator, the Provider, the Sustainer, and the Source of all good things. God is the most essential. Therefore, we need to give Him what is right, not what is left of our Time, Talent, Treasures, and Energy. Our Churches miss your presence, your participation. The Church is a community of believers, not just the buildings. In each Church, you will find my brother priests welcoming you with open arms and hearts.

As to the canonical dispensation of attending the Divine Liturgy, it will be lifted according to the local state requirements since we are spread over 34 states. However, I am to lift the dispensation completely in the Eparchy on July 1, 2021, with the call on everyone to give the proper respect due to God.

I wish to assure you that our Churches are taking all the proper health and safety precautions. Our Churches are following CDC requirements even better than stores, restaurants, airlines and other open locations. To ensure everyone’s safety, we need to remember to wear our facemasks properly, follow proper social distancing guidelines, and sanitation. However, if at any time you feel some type of illness, you should stay home as an act of safety and care for the whole community and the well-being of everyone.

We have been hearing, talking about social distancing during the Pandemic, I hope and pray that you felt the closeness of God more than ever in these times. As your Bishop, I was carrying you close to my heart and mind in my daily prayers asking the Lord to grant eternal life to our faithful departed, to all the victims of the Coronavirus and their grieving families. We pray for the safety and support of medical personnel, and for all

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those who have been impacted by the Pandemic. I will keep carrying you in my prayers, as I hope you carry me in yours.

Through the intercession of Saint Joseph, especially this year dedicated to him, along with the Blessed Mother, the Patroness of our Eparchy, may our loving God protect you, accompany, and bless you abundantly! Come home for Easter. With my sincere best wishes and prayers,

I remain Yours in Christ,

+A. Elias Zaidan Bishop of the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles

## ***Easter Masses Schedule, Sat-Sun. April 3-4***

### **Saturday of the Light, April 3:**

10:30 a.m.: Prayer of Forgiveness & Communal Reconciliation (No Mass)

4:00 p.m.: (1<sup>st</sup> Mass) Easter Vigil Mass & "Rite of Peace"

✠ Shirley Elias Nickerson and the Deceased members of the Elias Family by their loving family

✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her Will

✠ Bob Sengewalt by his grandchildren: Jeff, Courtney and Patrick Sengewalt

6:00 p.m.: (2<sup>nd</sup> Mass) Easter Vigil Mass & "Rite of Peace"

✠ Intentions of all the Benefactors of our church and our pastor

✠ Living & Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock

✠ Larry Fulwider by his niece GiGi Harb Rice

### **Easter Sunday, April 4:**

10:30 a.m.: Easter Day Mass & "Rite of Peace."

✠ Living & Deceased members of the Nicholas & Nimnoom Ghaphery Family and the David Abraham Ghaphery Family

✠ Dale Seidler Sr., by his wife Nettie & Family

✠ Mary C. Custer by her sister Helen Benline

## ***Weekday Masses Schedule***

**Monday April 5: No Mass. Pastor's day off.**

**Tuesday April 6 at 12:05 p.m.:**

✠ Mary Popovich (Birthday) by Joe & Nikki Popovich

✠ Vincent Jacovetty (Birthday) by Patty & George Fahey

**Wednesday April 7: No Mass. Pastor's day off.**

**Thursday April 8 at 12:05 p.m.:**

✠ Living & Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock

✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, and her son Mark by her last will

**Friday, April 9: No Mass. Pastor's day off.**

## ***Next Weekend Masses Schedule, April 10-11***

**Saturday April 10 at 4:00 p.m.:**

✠ Bernadine Elias (Birthday) by Mike & Terri Golebiewski

✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her Will

**Sunday, April 11 at 10:30 a.m.:**

✠ Thomas and Elias George

✠ Joe & Nell Duffy and George & Rose Fadoul by Earl & Linda Duffy

✠ Deceased of the Cater Family by Dr. Maryann Cater

✠ Intentions of Joe & Nikki Popovich (Wedding Anniversary) by Dalton

## ***Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:***

April 6:	Ronald Weisner
April 8:	Jesse John
April 11:	Randy Weisner
April 12:	Justin Frenn
April 13:	Adel Frenn
April 14:	Mark McLaughlin, Lori DeMuth
April 20:	Angela Petros
April 28:	Ann Marie Weisner Serafin
April 29:	Linda Hostutler, Jeannette Wakim

## ***Please Pray for Those on Our Prayer List***

*(Note: Please call Msgr. Bakhos if you need your name added to our Prayer List. HIPPA regulations)*

Mark Fertig (son-in-law of Mary Stees), Earl Duffy & his sister Dorothy McKee, Viola J. Yeater (mother of Jeannette Wakim), Louis "Butch" Elias, Mary Thomas, Jack Hogan (infant son of Mark & Michaela Hogan & great nephew of Lou Khourey), Justin Frenn, Elia Frenn, John Shiben, Al Depto, Don Henning, Patty Fahey, Fred Schweizer (brother of our organist Mary Lee Porter), Mary Jo Terry, Barbara Hostage, Phil Geimer,

<b><i>Your Church Support Last Week</i></b>	
\$1,317.00	Sunday Collection
60.00	Bake Sale
42.00	Candles
2,106.50	St. Maron Dinner
305.00	50/50 Mother Day
190.00	Gift Basket Mother Day
\$4,020.50	<b>Total Deposits:</b> <i>May God reward you abundantly for supporting your spiritual home!</i> The Finance Committee: Lou Khourey, Mary Stees, Linda Duffy, Susan Burns

## ***What's New***

### ***Mailing Information***

Dear Parishioners and friends,

The church is here to serve you and to inform you about all the events that are taking place in the parish. Throughout the year, our parishioners requested to receive mailings concerning: Saint Maron Dinner, Bake Sale, Lebanese Food Festival, Spaghetti Dinner, Diocesan Appeal, Raffles, and Masses for their beloved ones. We thank you if you participate and support the church in order to cover the expenses, but if you belong to the "Complaining Club", please call 304-233-1688 in order to be removed from our mailing list.

Few parishioners think that everything is free for the church and that the few dollars they put in the collection are enough to pay all the bills!!!

Do you know that nothing is free in USA even for the churches?

Do you know that for this year alone, our building insurance is \$12,831.00, the elevator warranty and permit is \$3,276.58 and the health insurance is \$16,800.00 and utilities \$16,548 and phone and internet \$2,940.00? The total of all these expenses is \$52,395.58 without mentioning the office supplies and maintenance.

If the ladies and gentlemen -who are the backbones of every church- don't volunteer and raise funds via dinners and other events, no church would remain open. We are not asking for your money for we know that you have your own house bills to pay, but we need you to open your mind about our obligations toward you so you don't complain about something you ignore.

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Our church is doing great because we have many generous parishioners and the pastor is sparing lot of expenses by driving his own car and living in his own house paying from his pocket his own electricity bills, cable TV, water and other personal taxes. –Msgr. Bakhos

## ***Saint Maron Dinner Financial Report***

Income	Expenses	Net profit
\$9,045.62	\$2,568.54	\$6,477.08

Many thanks for all the volunteers and helpers and donors for their time and talents. They served around 380 dinners in less than 4 hours. Job well done. May all of you be rewarded in good health and long life.

### ***Many Thanks***

--To the dedicated and responsible parishioners who sanitized the pews and every possible touched items on the way to Mass. May God reward you abundantly.

--To those of you who are wearing Masks properly at all times that you are inside Our Lady of Lebanon Church Building. This is to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and other flu & bacteria. Please note that your Nose & Mouth are to be covered at ALL times – especially when you are within 6 feet of another person.

--No Mary Crowning procession this year because of COVID-19

--To Jane Palmer for fulfilling her Easter Obligation

### ***Rummage Sale Information***

Parishioners and friends; you can start bringing items with you on Saturday and Sunday. We can open the basement door before and after mass for the drop-offs. Please remember, no personal clothing.

More information at a later date. For any questions call Linda (304) 242-6853

## ***Spirituality: God and Pumpkin***

--The Jelly Bean Prayer

Red is for the Blood he gave

Green is for the Grass he gave

Yellow is for the Sun so bright

Orange is for the Edge of Night

Black is for the Sins we made

White if for the Grace he gave

Purple is for the Hours of Sorrow

Pink is for our New Tomorrow

A bagful of Jelly Beans colorful and sweet is a Prayer, a Promise, a small child's Treat.

--From one pumpkin to another.

A woman was asked by a coworker, "What is it like to be a Christian?"

The coworker replied, "It is like being a pumpkin." God picks you from the patch, brings you in, and washes all the dirt off of you. Then He cuts off the top and scoops out all the yucky stuff.

He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, and greed. Then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside of you to shine for the world to see."

## *Wisdom*

*How to be really tough with your kids!*

Frequently parents and interested persons ask how to be tough and effective with kids. The confusion of today's society has made the question almost urgent. So, it is best to express some practical pointers in a simple way.

First, you have to:

Order them ... with inquiry,  
 Scream at them ... with whispers,  
 Threaten them ... with laughter,  
 Chastise them ... with holiness,  
 Clobber them ... with kindness,  
 Trounce them ... with good example,  
 Send them directly ... to your arms, and  
 Ground them ... in your heart.  
 Now if that doesn't work, then  
 Get up and do the same thing again tomorrow!

## *Story*

The Fable of the Gold Coins

An old French fable goes like this: There was once a cobbler who was a happy and contented man. People who passed his shop laughed and waved when they saw him singing at the top of his voice while fixing shoes. Many people stopped in his shop just to bask in the warmth of his smile.

One of the people who observed the cobbler was a banker who sang little and smiled less. He seldom slept well. At first, he was irritated by the constant good humor of the cobbler, but as the days passed, he was attracted to the man. Finally, he decided to visit the cobbler and discover his secret of happiness.

After the two men chatted for a while, the banker inquired, "Are you wealthy? Pardon me for asking, but how much money do you make each year?"

"My family is seldom in want," the cobbler answered. "Some days I only fix shoes; no one buys. The shop is closed on holy days, so there is no income at all when we celebrate the witness of a saint. I simply cannot give you an accurate sum.

"How wonderfully simple," the banker said. "I have decided to eliminate your financial problems for the immediate future since you have so openly shared your life story with me. Take this gift of 300 gold coins and use them whenever you have need."

Overjoyed, the cobbler quickly went home and buried the gold in a corner of his house. The succeeding days brought many changes. He often left the shop to go home when the family was absent, thinking that someone might come when they were gone and steal his wealth. He began to lose sleep at night because he feared that people were plotting to steal the gold. Old friends noticed that he did not sing with the same cheer, and he often seemed suspicious when someone stopped in the shop just to chat.

Finally, the cobbler visited the banker with the bag of gold in his hands. "Thank you for your generous gift," he began, "but I cannot really afford to be the owner of these gold coins. Please take your money back so that I may again enjoy music, sleep, and my friends. It seems that when I buried the money, I buried happiness at the same time.

## *A Time to Laugh (498)*

### ***Ostrich Safety***

Two ostriches were standing side by side, their heads in holes in the ground. One ostrich said to the other, "How should I know if it's safe yet?"

How prophetic. Denial never gets you anywhere. No matter what the problem in your life, if you keep your head buried in the sand and fail to admit that there is a problem, you will never find a solution. It takes courage and faith to look the problems of life in the eye. Christ helps us face our personal problems and overcome them.

### ***Chocolate advantage***

A report from the Princeton Dental Resource Center said chocolate is actually beneficial in fighting plaque and cavities. Before you get all excited, further investigation showed that 90 percent of the funds for this particular study were provided by M&M Mars candy company.

### ***Suspicious Mother***

In the cartoon *Herman*, by James Unger, we see the husband handing the phone to his wife and saying, "Here, tell your mother we're out. She won't believe me."

### ***At the Noose***

St. Thomas More, on the way to his execution, came to the scaffold and turned to the executioner and said, "Would you mind helping me up? I can get down by myself."

### ***Subscriber Expired***

The editor of a small Missouri newspaper sent a notice to one Bill Jenkins that his subscription had expired. Back came a note with the reply, "So has Bill."

### ***What the Problem Was***

A man had become quite sick and was now lying home in bed. His doctor had come to examine him and had brought with him another doctor for a consultation. After the examination, the doctors retired to the next room to discuss the sick man's condition. Quickly the man called for his young son and asked him to eavesdrop at the door and tell him what the doctors said. Later the man asked his son, "Well, son, what did they say?"

The boy, somewhat perplexed, replied, "Dad, I can't tell you that. I listened as hard as I could, but they used such big words that I can't remember much of it. All I could catch was when one doctor said, 'Well, I guess we'll find out what the problem really was at the autopsy.'"

### ***Solution for unpaid bills***

A husband and wife going through a pile of unpaid bills were unsure how they would ever get them paid off. The wife finally offered a solution: "The only fair thing to do is to flip a coin. Heads I spend less; tails you earn more."

### ***Credit Philosophy***

One Alaska storekeeper's philosophy regarding credit: "You ask for credit, we don't give it to you, you get mad. We give you credit, you don't pay, we get mad. Better that you get mad."

### ***Revocable Award***

When Brian McKnight was given a Blockbuster award for best male rhythm and blues artist, he said that he hoped Blockbuster would not change their minds and take the award back when they found out he owed about five hundred dollars in late charges.

### ***Distortion Details***

Get your facts first, and then you can distort them as much as you please. (*Mark Twain*)