

SEASON OF GLORIOUS PENTECOST

ST. MARON MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH

June 4, 2017

Remarks on the Feast of Pentecost

In what follows I outline in brief remarks the meaning and significance of Pentecost.

1. Pentecost means the birth of the Church: Jesus had said, "I will build my church" and Pentecost marked the foundation of that institution. With the Spirit's outpouring and the conversion of the crowds, the Church was inaugurated and set in motion: a building of living stones, a spiritual house (1 Peter 2:5). The Church consists of believers in whom God dwells (1 Corinthians 3:16).
2. Pentecost means a new force in the earth: Jesus had told his disciples, "Go into the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature." The Spirit was outpoured to enable the disciples to evangelize everywhere (Acts 1:8).
3. Pentecost means power to be holy in this present world, which is without meaning and purpose. The Bible says "friendship of the world is enmity with God" (James 4:4). No one rises above this evil world except through the power of the Holy Spirit. Through the Spirit's power we can overcome evil.
4. Pentecost means power to serve God: Jesus said, "You shall receive power, after that the Holy Spirit is to come upon you and you shall witness to me" (Acts 1:8). The disciples were weak, quarrelsome, and intolerant before the Spirit came upon them at Pentecost. But after they were filled with the Holy Spirit, they were fearless and faithfully proclaimed the Gospel, even when threatened with death (Acts 5:27-33).
5. Pentecost means the gift of the comforter: Jesus had said He would send the comforter (the Holy Spirit) to abide with the believers as their Teacher and Helper (John 16:7). This means the impartation of spiritual gifts.
6. Pentecost means power to produce the fruit of the Spirit. Those who are filled with the Holy Spirit should bear the fruit of the Holy Spirit.

What does Pentecost mean? To the Jews, an annual festival. To the world, a new dispensation. To the Church, an impartation of power. To the individual believer, a glorious new life in the Spirit. "Have you received the Holy Spirit since you believed" Acts 19:2.

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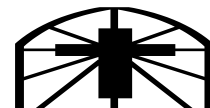
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MISSION STATEMENT

We, the people of Saint Maron Parish, form a community of disciples dedicated to a shared faith and common life which exemplifies the life, works, and teaching of Jesus Christ as reflected in the Sacred Scriptures and the Maronite Catholic Tradition. Our Parish life and mission are to proclaim the Gospel, to foster and strengthen the faith, and to evangelize. Our covenant of discipleship with Jesus Christ is fulfilled through liturgy, education, and service. Amen



Liturgy Schedule

WEEKDAYS: Chapel
10:00 am
SUNDAY: DOWNTOWN
9:30 am - English
11:00am - English & Arabic
SATURDAY: CHAPEL:
7800 BROOKSIDE RD,
INDEPENDENCE
5:00 pm
HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION
7pm

Liturgy Intentions

Sat. June 3: Pentecost Sunday

5:00 pm Chapel:

Five year Mem. Lit for Michel Maroun
(His family)

One year Mem. Lit for George Sadd
(His wife Grace)

Sun. June 4: Pentecost Sunday

9:30 am: Parishioner Intentions

11:00 am: Mem. Lit for Tony Ghazoul
(His wife Kalima Ghazoul & family)

Next Week

Sat. June 10: Sunday of the Most Holy Trinity

5:00 pm Chapel: Graduation Liturgy

Sun. June 11: Sunday of the Most Holy Trinity

9:30 am: Forty Day Lit. for Chorbishop Bolus
Nasrallah who passed away in Ibrine, Lebanon
(His cousins the Sessin & Hilow families)

11:00 am: Parishioner Intentions



We ask for your special prayers for
Farid Toufic Boutros and
Edward Tony El-Abed.

ICS & Sons of Mary Annual Picnic

Date: Monday
June 5th

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: Parish Center



Are you a recent High School or College graduate?

St. Maron Church would like to recognize your accomplishment with a Liturgy on **Saturday, June 10th, 5:00 pm, Chapel Independence.**

We will be printing all the names of our graduates in a future bulletin, so email us your information to saintmaroncleveland@gmail.com or call the office at 216-520-5081.

Include your name, high school or college (undergrad or advanced degree) from which you are graduating. For college graduates, please include your degree. For high school graduates, what college degree will you be pursuing? We are so proud of our young people.

Annual
MYO/MYA
BBQ

Join us for food, fun, and friends!
After 5 o'clock graduation mass

Saint Maron Parish
7800 Brookside Road
JUNE 10th

يا إِخْوَتِي، فِي تَمَامِ الْيَوْمِ الْخَمْسِينَ، كَانَ الرَّسُلُ مَعًا فِي مَكَانٍ وَاحِدٍ. فَحَدَّثَ بَعْتَهُ دَوِيٌّ مِنْ السَّمَاءِ كَأَنَّهُ دَوِيٌّ رِيحٍ عَاصِفَةٍ، وَمَلَأَ كُلَّ الْبَيْتِ حَيْثُ كَانُوا جَالِسِينَ. وَظَهَرَتْ لَهُمْ أَلْسِنَةٌ مُنْقَسِمَةٌ كَأَنَّهَا مِنْ نَارٍ، وَأَسْقَرَتْ عَلَى كُلِّ وَاحِدٍ مِنْهُمْ لِسَانَ. وَأَمْتَلَأُوا كُلُّهُمْ مِنَ الرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ، وَبَدَأُوا يَتَكَلَّمُونَ بِأَلْسِنَةٍ أُخْرَى، كَمَا كَانَ الرُّوحُ يُؤْتِيهِمْ أَنْ يَنْطَفِئُوا. وَكَانَ يَقِيمٌ فِي أُورَشَلِيمَ يَهُودٌ، رَجَالٌ أَنْفِيَاءٌ مِنْ كُلِّ أُمَّةٍ تَحْتَ السَّمَاءِ. فَلَمَّا حَدَّثَ ذَلِكَ الصَّوْتُ، أَحْتَسَدَ الْجَمْعُ وَأَخَذَتْهُمْ الْحَيْرَةُ، لِأَنَّ كُلَّ وَاحِدٍ مِنْهُمْ كَانَ يَسْمَعُهُمْ يَتَكَلَّمُونَ بِلُغَتِهِ.

فَدَهَشُوا وَتَعَجَّبُوا وَقَالُوا: "أَلَيْسَ هَؤُلَاءِ الْمَتَكَلِّمُونَ جَمِيعُهُمْ جَلِيلِيِّينَ؟ فَكَيْفَ يَسْمَعُهُمْ كُلُّ وَاحِدٍ مِنَّا بِاللُّغَةِ الَّتِي وُلِدَ فِيهَا؟ وَنَحْنُ فَرِثِيُّونَ، وَمَادِيُّونَ، وَعِيلَامِيُّونَ، وَسُكَّانُ مَا بَيْنَ النَّهْرَيْنِ، وَالْيَهُودِيَّةِ، وَكِنْدُوكِيَّةِ، وَبِطُّسَ، وَأَسِيَّا، وَفَرِيجِيَّةِ، وَبِمَفِيلِيَّةِ، وَمِصْرَ، وَنَوَاجِي لِيَبِيَّةِ الْقَرِيبَةِ مِنْ قَيْرَوَانَ، وَرُومَانِيُّونَ نَزَلَاءَ، يَهُودٌ وَمُهَنْدُونَ، وَكُرِّيْتِيُّونَ، وَعَرَبٌ، نَسْمَعُهُمْ يَتَكَلَّمُونَ بِأَلْسِنَاتِنَا عَنْ أَعْمَالِ اللَّهِ الْعَظِيمَةِ." وَكَانُوا كُلُّهُمْ مَذْهُوشِينَ حَائِرِينَ يَقُولُ بَعْضُهُمْ لِبَعْضٍ: "مَا مَعْنَى هَذَا؟"

لَكِنَّ آخَرِينَ كَانُوا يَقُولُونَ سَاجِرِينَ: "إِنَّهُمْ قَدْ أَمْتَلَأُوا سُلَافَةً."

فَوَقَفَ بَطْرُسُ مَعَ الْأَحَدِ عَشَرَ، وَرَفَعَ صَوْتَهُ وَخَاطَبَهُمْ قَائِلًا: "أَيُّهَا الرِّجَالُ الْيَهُودَ، وَيَا جَمِيعَ الْمُقِيمِينَ فِي أُورَشَلِيمَ، لِيَكُنْ هَذَا مَعْلُومًا عِنْدَكُمْ، وَأَصْغُوا إِلَى كَلَامِي. لَا، لَيْسَ هَؤُلَاءِ بِسُكَّارِي، كَمَا تَظُنُّونَ. فَالْسَّاعَةُ هِيَ النَّاسِعَةُ صَبَاحًا. بَلْ هَذَا هُوَ مَا قِيلَ بِبِرْتِيلِ النَّبِيِّ. وَيَكُونُ فِي الْأَيَّامِ الْأَخِيرَةِ، يَقُولُ اللَّهُ، أَنِّي أَفِيضُ مِنْ رُوحِي عَلَى كُلِّ بَشَرٍ، فَيَتَنَبَّأُ بِنُوحِكُمْ وَبِنَاتِكُمْ، وَيَرَى سُبَاتِكُمْ رُوحِي، وَيَحْلُمُ شُبُوحَكُمْ أَخْلَامًا. وَعَلَى عِبِيدِي وَإِمَانِي أَيْضًا أَفِيضُ مِنْ رُوحِي فِي تِلْكَ الْأَيَّامِ فَيَتَنَبَّأُونَ. وَأَعْمَلُ عَجَائِبَ فِي السَّمَاءِ مِنْ فَوْقِ، وَأَيَّاتٍ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ مِنْ أَسْفَلِ، دَمًا وَنَارًا وَأَعْمِدَةً مِنْ دُخَانٍ. وَتَقْلِبُ السَّمْسُ ظِلَامًا وَالْقَمَرُ دَمًا قَبْلَ أَنْ يَأْتِيَ يَوْمُ الرَّبِّ، الْيَوْمِ الْعَظِيمِ الْمَجِيدِ. فَيَكُونُ أَنَّ كُلَّ مَنْ يَدْعُو بِاسْمِ الرَّبِّ يَخْلُصُ."

والتسبيحُ لله دائماً.

Brothers and sisters,
 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

Praise be to God always!

قَالَ يوحنا الرسول:
 قَالَ الرَّبُّ يَسُوعُ لِتِلَامِيذِهِ: «إِنَّ تُحِبُّونِي تَحْفَظُوا وَصَايَايَ. وَأَنَا أَسْأَلُ الْآبَ فَيُعْطِيكُمْ بَرَقْلِيطًا آخَرَ مُؤَبَّدًا يَكُونُ مَعَكُمْ إِلَى الْأَبَدِ. هُوَ رُوحُ الْحَقِّ الَّذِي لَا يَقْدِرُ الْعَالَمُ أَنْ يَقْبَلَهُ، لِأَنَّهُ لَا يَرَاهُ، وَلَا يَعْرِفُهُ. أَمَّا أَنْتُمْ فَتَعْرِفُونَهُ، لِأَنَّهُ مَعَكُمْ عِنْدَكُمْ، وَهُوَ فِيكُمْ فِي ذَلِكَ الْيَوْمِ تَعْرِفُونَ أَنِّي أَنَا فِي أَبِي، وَأَنْتُمْ فِيَّ، وَأَنَا. عَمَّا قَلِيلٍ لَنْ يَرَانِي الْعَالَمُ، أَمَّا أَنْتُمْ فَتَرَوْنِي، لِأَنِّي أَنَا حَيٌّ وَأَنْتُمْ سَحْيُونَ لَنْ تُرَكِّمَ تِيَامِي. إِنِّي آتِي إِلَيْكُمْ فِيكُمْ.»

حقاً والأمان لجميعكم

The evangelist John writes,
 "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you."
This is the truth! Peace be with you.

St. Maron's Church Organizations

Parish Council

President: Najib Rached: rolanano@hotmail.com

3rd Wed. of the month at 7:00 pm

Finance Council

President: Roger Abood: rrabood@sbcglobal.net

Immaculate Conception Sodality (ICS)

President: Bernadette Faddoul: gbjmlf@aol.com

1st Mon. of every month at 7:00pm

Sons of Mary (Men's Club)

President: Joey Faddoul: joeyfaddoul@gmail.com

1st Mon. of every month at 7:00 pm

Maronite Christian Formation Program (MCFP)

Director Maroun Kattar: marounkattar@yahoo.com

Sundays (except Holy Days) 10:45 am to 12:15 pm

Maronite Young Children (MYC)

President: Rita Kanaan: Ritamurr@hotmail.com

Maronite Youth Organization (MYO)

Coordinator: George Shamatta: gshamatta@gmail.com

1st and 3rd Saturday : 5pm with Liturgy/Meeting

Maronite Young Adults (MYA)

President: Sami Shaia: sshai13@gmail.com

Meeting & Bible Study 1st Thurs. of each month at 7:30 pm

Arabic School

Coordinator: Jihad Kawkabani: jihad.kawkabani@gmail.com

Classes Sat. Oct-April (except Holy Days) 10 am to 12 noon

50+ Social Club

Mary Ann Watson: mapw47@yahoo.com

1st Friday of each month. Liturgy: 10:00 am

Book & Cine Club

Katia Abboud: katiabboud315@gmail.com



This Sunday is Pentecost Sunday in the Maronite Church

The large blue arch in this icon symbolizes the heavenly realm.

The trees that are growing above the blue represent the Garden of Paradise. This reflects the same ideas contained in the Hymns on Paradise from St Ephrem.

The dove descending encompasses the Spirit of the Living God. It descends from the blue heavenly realm and enters the earthly realm to rest on Mary who is speaking with the apostles.

The inclusion of Mary in the icon is important as the Oriental Church has been instrumental in the development of early Marian theology. Mary is not mentioned in the scene in Acts 2; however she is mentioned as being with the Apostles earlier in Acts 1:14. St John Chrysostom in his Homily on Pentecost also states that all 120 disciples were gathered after the resurrection. The icon puts Mary centre stage in the scene and puts her in a place of prominence. Her dark blue robe stands in contrast to the paler blue of the apostles and her halo is golden in comparison to the violet of the apostles. Beneath Mary's veil is the familiar Syriac head cloth which holds the hair into place

Around Mary you can see a concentration of red which is representative of the divine.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

AUGUST 8, 9 & 10 (Tuesday thru Thursday)

5:30-7:30 pm Parish Center, Independence

*Crafts, food, spiritual talk, games
lots of outdoor activities*



Join the Kirby Club

Sunday, June 4th at 1:30 pm (Potluck Lunch)

Our Lady of the Cedars

507 South Cleveland Massillon Road
Fairlawn, OH 44333

Social Gathering and Lunch Meeting

All MYO invited.

Come and have fun playing Bubble Soccer!!!

Hamburgers, Chicken,
Hot dogs, Salad and more

ST. MARON 2nd ANNUAL PICNIC

\$5 donation includes
food, drinks, and
entertainment!
Please bring a
dessert to share!

Sunday, JUNE 11TH, 2017

Liturgy @ 12 NOON

7800 Brookside Rd, Independence

ST. MARON CHURCH'S Annual Festival

August 19 - 11 am-10 pm
August 20 - 12 pm-7 pm

Come and join us for two days
full of fun activities, delicious
food and great music!

 Kids' Games & Activities

 Lunch & Dinner
(an assortment of Middle Eastern Food)

Music & Dancing

 Middle Eastern wine/beer/arak

Hookah & Arabic Coffee

St. Maron Church - 7800 Brookside Road, Independence, Ohio

Please continue to check the bulletin for ways you can volunteer to make this our best festival ever. We need YOU!

Please contact the office if a member of your family is ill or hospitalized and would like to receive a visit from clergy.

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For several years we have been requesting email addresses for parish members/households. The purpose is to send you information about parish programs and events.

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There is a line at the top of your offering envelope just for this purpose. Thank you!

ST. MARON'S CHURCH
CLEVELAND, OH
WEEKLY


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We Give You Thanks Always God For All Your Loving Care




Gift of the Altar: June, 2017

BREAD

In Memory of:

Arlene Sekerak (nee Richards)

Edward & Ella Richards & families

George & Frances Fedor, George Fedor, Jr.,

Joanne Fedor McKenna

Georgene Fedor Cooper

Anne & Michel Maroun

Sr. Anita, Richard and Michael Maroun

Tony Ghazoul

Dr. Issam & Kathy Nemeh & family

Deeb S. Tannous, wife Hannah and daughter Hend

Daas D. Tannous & children and family

William & Genevieve Bishilany

Tim & Nayann Pazyniak

WINE

In Memory Of:

Arlene Sekerak (nee Richards)

Edward & Ella Richards & families

Tony Ghazoul

Dr. Issam & Kathy Nemeh & family

Deceased members of the Arida families

Their family

CANDLES

In Memory Of:

Arlene Sekerak (nee Richards)

Edward & Ella Richards & families

George & Mary "Roma" Sessin

Their children & their families

Jacob & Juliette Saad & the deceased members of the Saad & Elzeer families:

Thomas Saad & family

POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS

JUNE:

National Leaders.

That national leaders may firmly commit themselves to ending the arms trade, which victimizes so many innocent people

Collection: May 28, 2017

<u>GENERAL DEPOSIT</u>	\$	9,516.00
Sunday Collection	\$	2,776.00
Votive Candles	\$	45.00
Parking Garage-Monthly	\$	280.00
Parking Garage: Event	\$	4,415.00
Building Fund	\$	2,000.00

NATIONAL CHILD IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM

More than 800,000 children in America go missing each year and less than two percent of parents have a copy of their child's fingerprints to use in case of an emergency.



The National Child Identification Program is a community service initiative dedicated to changing these statistics by providing parents and guardians with a tool they can use to help protect their children. The ID Kit allows parents to collect specific information by easily recording the physical characteristics and fingerprints of their children on identification cards that are then kept at home by the parent or guardian. If ever needed, this ID Kit will give authorities vital information to assist their efforts to locate a missing child.

The Brecksville Police Department will provide free fingerprinting and identification kits on **June 10th** between **12:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.** at the **Isabella State Farm Agency** located at **7770 Brecksville Road, Brecksville, OH.** *This event is not limited to Brecksville residents - all surrounding area residents are welcome to attend.*

When: Saturday, June 10th

Noon - 4:00 p.m.

Where: 7770 Brecksville Road, Brecksville, OH

Southwest corner of Sprague and Brecksville Road
(Across from the Clark gas station)



Help us support The National Child Identification Program by sharing on your favorite social media platform. With your involvement we can help reduce the number of missing children.

A change in your household/ address/phone?

Please let the Parish Office know when there is a change in your household such as:

*Change of your phone number

*If you have dropped your land line and are now only using a cell phone number

*If a child has moved out of the home and is living on his/ her own

***If you are a young adult, out of college or working full time to support yourself, living on your own or with your parents, you should be**

independently registered at our parish.

*If you or a member of your family has moved to an Independent Living, Assisted Living, or Nursing Facility.

Please call or email the parish office so we may keep our records up to date.

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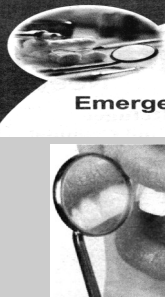
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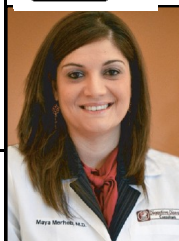
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