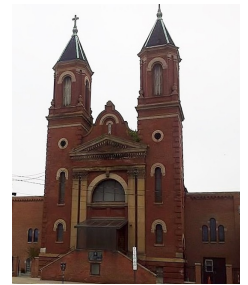




FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

Saint Maron Church September 3, 2017



Looking to Jesus: Mary and Martha: Balancing work and reflection is tricky. Most people in Western cultures are forced to live harried lives. Often their full schedules are full of "good" activity, labor that has merit. One of the demands of a full schedule is that the activity be prioritized. Some things come high on the list; others must wait. Sometimes priorities have to be shuffled at the last minute to meet needs. The account of Martha and Mary is about such priorities, especially when the options are good ones.

This short passage is capable of being misread in a couple of ways. First, it is not about women; it is a passage on discipleship. Its point is not that women can get too easily caught up in the busy work of keeping the home. What is said to Martha about Mary would be equally true if Mary were male or even a child. The fact that two women dominate the story would have been shocking in the first-century context, where men often dismissed women as marginal, but the account is designed to make a point about all disciples. Second, the point is not that activity like Martha's is bad. The choice Jesus discusses with Martha is between something that is good and something that is better. Life is full of tough choices, and Jesus is stressing the relative merits of good activities here. For conscientious people, such choices are often the most difficult and anxiety-filled.

Just as the Samaritan's activity in the previous parable was surprising, so is this portrait of these women with Jesus. Why would a teacher spend time teaching only women? In the first-century culture the question would be inevitable. The fact that Jesus commends Mary and has a meal with Martha shows that Jesus is concerned about all people.

Martha is not comfortable with Mary's approach to Jesus' visit, since she could use another hand in the kitchen. She requests Jesus' aid: *"Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me."* We know that Martha's viewpoint is questionable not only because of Jesus' reply but also because the text says she makes the comment while being distracted by all the preparations. In fact, in Greek she asks the question in such a way that the Lord is expected to give a positive answer. The Lord does care, and Martha fully expects him to tell Mary to get up and help.

But as is often the case when Jesus is asked to settle a dispute, he refuses to side with the one who asks that things be decided in a particular way. Yet he responds tenderly and instructs in the process. The double address *"Martha, Martha"* indicates the presence of caring emotion, as such an address does elsewhere. Jesus questions her not because of her activity but because of her attitude about it: *"You are worried and upset about many things."* By comparing what she is doing to what Mary is doing, she has injected unnecessary anxiety into the visit. *"Only one thing is needed."* With this remark Jesus sets priorities. *"Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."*

Jesus commends the hearing of the word at his feet. To take time out to relate to Jesus is important. The language of the passage recalls Deuteronomy. In a sense Mary is preparing to partake in the "right meal" (Deut 6:1-8). What she has done by sitting at Jesus' feet will remain with her. This meal will last. Jesus is not so much condemning Martha's activity as commending Mary's. He is saying that her priorities are in order. To disciples Jesus says, "Sit at my feet and devour my teaching. There is no more important meal."

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7800 Brookside Road
Independence, Oh 44131
Church: 1245 Carnegie Avenue
Cleveland, Oh 44115

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
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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 Intentions

Sat. Sept. 2: Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost

5:00 pm Chapel: Parishioner Intentions

Sun. Sept. 3: Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost

9:30 am: First Year Anniversary Liturgy for Arlene (Richards) Sekerak

(Her parents Ed & Ella Richards and family)

11:00 am: Mem. Lit for Bahia Youssef

(Archbishop Youssef Massoud, Amira Joseph & family and all the Youssef families)

Next Week

Sat. Sept. 9: Exaltation of the Holy Cross

5:00 pm Chapel: Parishioner Intentions

Sun. Sept. 10: Exaltation of the Holy Cross

9:30 am: Mem. Lit. for Mr. & Mrs. Edward Shaheen (Eddie & Tillie), Ms. Stephanie Shaheen, & all the deceased members of the Kaleel, Shaheen & Salloum families.

(Mr. & Mrs. George Salloum)

11:00 am: Mem. Lit for President Bashir Gemayel & the martyrs of the Lebanese Resistance

(Lebanese Kataeb of Cleveland)

ALL CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

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ALL ACTIVITIES & MEETINGS MUST BE APPROVED BEFORE THEY ARE ADDED TO THE CHURCH CALENDAR

Meet & Greet Fr. Roby

Join us after all Liturgies next Saturday & Sunday (Sept. 9 & 10) as we welcome Fr. Roby Zibara to Saint Maron Church. Fr. Roby will be arriving on Thursday, September 7th.

A priest of the Patriarchal Eparchy of Diman, Fr. Zibara earned his PhD in theology from Rome.

While still a student in Rome, Fr. Zibara served three summers at St. Sharbel Church in Detroit, Michigan.

Fr. Zibara will join the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles for a period of five years.

Welcome to Saint Maron Church

Maronite Christian Formation Program (MCFP)

Yearly fee: \$35

Sunday Mornings beginning September 17th

12:00 noon—1:00 pm

Saint Maron Church

1245 Carnegie Avenue

OR

Thursday evenings beginning September 21st

6:30pm -7:00pm: Light dinner served

7:00 pm -8:00pm: Religious Instruction

Parish Center:

7800 Brookside Road,

Independence 44131

Registration Forms in the Vestibule of Church, Chapel & Online (www.saintmaron-clev.org)

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Classes begin soon. Check bulletin for actual date.

Time: 10:00 am to 11:30 am.

Cost: \$25

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يا إِخْوَتِي،
 أَنْتُمْ أَنْفُسُكُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ، أَيُّهَا الإِخْوَةُ، أَنْ دُخُولَنَا إِلَيْكُمْ لَمْ يَكُنْ بَاطِلًا.
 وَلَكِنْ، كَمَا تَعْلَمُونَ، بَعْدَ أَنْ تَأَلَّمْنَا وَشَتَمْنَا فِي فِيلِيبِّي، تَجَرَّأْنَا بِالْهِنَا أَنْ نُكَلِّمَكُمْ بِإِنْجِيلِ اللَّهِ، فِي جِهَادٍ كَثِيرٍ.
 وَلَمْ يَكُنْ وَعْظُنَا عَنْ ضَلَالٍ، وَلَا عَنْ نَجَاسَةٍ، وَلَا بِمَكْرٍ،
 بَلْ كَمَا اخْتَبَرْنَا اللَّهُ فَأَمَّنَّا عَلَى الإِنْجِيلِ، هَكَذَا نَتَكَلَّمُ، لَا إِرْضَاءً لِلنَّاسِ بَلْ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي يَخْتِيرُ قُلُوبَنَا.
 فَإِنَّا وَلَا مَرَّةً أَتَيْنَاكُمْ بِكَلِمَةٍ تَمَلِّقُ، كَمَا تَعْلَمُونَ، وَلَا بِدِفَاعِ طَمَعٍ، وَاللَّهُ شَهِيدٌ،
 وَلَا طَلَبْنَا مَجْدًا مِنْ بَشَرٍ، لَا مِنْكُمْ وَلَا مِنْ غَيْرِكُمْ،
 مَعَ أَنَّنَا قَادِرُونَ أَنْ نَكُونَ ذَوِي وَقَارٍ، كَرُسُلٍ لِلْمَسِيحِ، لَكِنَّا صِرْنَا بَيْنَكُمْ ذَوِي لُطْفٍ، كَمُرْضِعٍ تَحْتَضِينُ أَوْلَادَهَا.
 وَهَكَذَا فَإِنَّا مِنْ شِدَّةِ الْحَنِينِ إِلَيْكُمْ، نَرْتَضِي أَنْ نُعْطِيَكُمْ لَا إِجْبِيلَ اللَّهِ وَحَسْبُ، بَلْ أَنْفُسَنَا أَيْضًا، لِأَنَّكُمْ صِرْتُمْ لَنَا أَحِبَّاءَ.
 وَإِنَّكُمْ تَتَذَكَّرُونَ، أَيُّهَا الإِخْوَةُ، تَعَبِنَا وَكِدْنَا: فَلَقَدْ بَشَرْنَاكُمْ بِإِنْجِيلِ اللَّهِ، وَنَحْنُ نَعْمَلُ لَيْلَ نَهَارٍ، لِئَلَّا نُثْقَلَ عَلَى أَحَدٍ مِنْكُمْ.
 أَنْتُمْ شُهُودٌ، وَاللَّهُ شَهِيدٌ، كَيْفَ كُنَّا مَعَكُمْ، أَنْتُمْ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ، فِي تَقَاوَةٍ وَبِرٍّ وَبِغَيْرِ لَوْمٍ،
 نُعَامِلُ كُلًّا مِنْكُمْ، كَمَا تَعْلَمُونَ، مُعَامَلَةَ الْآبِ لِأَوْلَادِهِ.
 وَكُنَّا نُنَاصِحُكُمْ، وَنُسَجِّعُكُمْ، وَنَحْتَكُمُ عَلَى أَنْ تَسْلُكُوا مَسَلَكًا يَلِيقُ بِاللَّهِ، الَّذِي يَدْعُوكُمْ إِلَى مَلَكُوتِهِ وَمَجْدِهِ.
 لِذَلِكَ نَحْنُ أَيْضًا نَشْكُرُ اللَّهَ بِغَيْرِ انْقِطَاعٍ، لِأَنَّكُمْ لَمَّا تَلَقَّيْتُمْ كَلِمَةَ اللَّهِ الَّتِي سَمِعْتُمُوهَا مِنَّا، قَبِلْتُمُوهَا لَا بِأَنَّهَا كَلِمَةُ بَشَرٍ، بَلْ بِأَنَّهَا حَقًّا كَلِمَةُ اللَّهِ. وَإِنَّهَا لَفَاعِلَةٌ فِيكُمْ،
 أَيُّهَا الْمُؤْمِنُونَ.

والتسبيحُ لله دائماً.

Brothers and sisters,

You yourselves know that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us. You remember our labor and toil, brothers and sisters; we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. You are witnesses, and God also, how pure, upright, and blameless our conduct was toward you believers. As you know, we dealt with each one of you like a father with his children, urging and encouraging you and pleading that you lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory. We also constantly give thanks to God for this, that when you received the word of God that you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word but as what it really is, God's word, which is also at work in you believers.

Praise be to God always!

From the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke

10:38-42

إنجيل القديس لوقا

قال لوقا البشير:

فِيمَا (كَانَ يَسُوعُ وَ تَلَامِيذُهُ) سَانِرِينَ، دَخَلَ يَسُوعُ إِحْدَى الْفَرَى، فَاسْتَقْبَلَتْهُ فِي بَيْتِهَا امْرَأَةٌ اسْمُهَا مَرْثَا.
 وَكَانَ لِمَرْثَا أُخْتُ تُدْعَى مَرْيَمَ. فَجَلَسَتْ عِنْدَ قَدَمَيِ الرَّبِّ تَسْمَعُ كَلَامَهُ.
 أَمَّا مَرْثَا فَكَانَتْ مُنْهَمِكَةً بِكَثْرَةِ الْخِدْمَةِ، فَجَاءَتْ وَقَالَتْ: «يَا رَبِّ، أَمَا تُبَالِي بِأَنَّ أُخْتِي تَرَكَتْنِي أَخْدُمُ وَحْدِي؟ فَقُلْ لَهَا أَنْ تُسَاعِدَنِي!»
 فَأَجَابَ الرَّبُّ وَقَالَ لَهَا: «مَرْثَا، مَرْثَا، إِنَّكَ تَهْتَمِينَ بِأُمُورٍ كَثِيرَةٍ، وَتَضْطَرِّبِينَ!
 إِنَّمَا الْمَطْلُوبُ وَاحِدٌ! فَمَرْيَمُ اخْتَارَتْ النَّصِيبَ الْأَفْضَلَ، وَلَنْ يُنْزَعَ مِنْهَا».

حقاً والأمان لجميعكم

The evangelist Luke writes,

As they went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her." **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

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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
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Maronite Christian Formation Program (MCFP) Sunday

Director Maroun Kattar: marounkattar@yahoo.com
Sundays (except Holy Days) 10:45 am to 12:15 pm

Maronite Christian Formation Program (MCFP) Thursday

Director Michelle Nin: michelle@ninfamily.com
Thursdays 7:00 pm Parish Center, Independence

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: sshaia13@gmail.com
Meeting & Bible Study 1st Thurs. of each month at 7:30 pm

Maronite Mothers Club (MMC)

Coordinator: Tina Chamoun: TinaSChamoun@gmail.com

Arabic School

Coordinator: Jihad Kawkabani: jihad.kawkabani@gmail.com
Classes Sat. Oct-April (except Holy Days) 10 am to 12 noon

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Mary Ann Watson: mapw47@yahoo.com
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Saturday September 16th
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POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS

September

Parishes:

That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.

Maronite Mothers Club (MMC) Meeting

What: Meet & Greet

When: September 9th, 3pm

Where: Saint Maron Parish Center
7800 Brookside Road, Independence

Who: Parents (spouses included) and their children ages 4months -4years

50+ Club

Friday October 6

Liturgy at 10am Chapel

**Annual Orchard Trip: Rittman Orchards;
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Memorial Liturgies for 2018

We are scheduling 2018 Memorial Liturgies for your loved ones.
Please remember that a 40 day liturgy will always take precedence.

We DO NOT schedule liturgies on the following dates:

St. Maron Feast Day, Palm Sunday, Easter, First Communion, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Christmas, Festival Weekend.

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Mem. Lit for _____

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Deceased members of the Arida families
Their family

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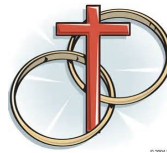
Arlene Sekerak (nee Richards)
Edward & Ella Richards & families

George & Mary "Roma" Sessin
Their children & their families

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

Collection: August 26-27, 2017

GENERAL DEPOSIT	\$	18,221.80
Sunday Collection	\$	5,934.00
Votive Candles	\$	76.00
Parking Garage-Monthly	\$	280.00
Parking Garage-Event	\$	5,870.00
Building Fund	\$	4,000.00
Festival	\$	536.80
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Mystery of Crowning (Sacrament of Matrimony)

MANDATORY you contact and meet with Msgr. Peter **at least 8 months** in advance of your desired date. Couples are required to participate in our Pre-Cana classes .

Until a couple has met with Msgr. Peter their date will not be secured.

*Call the office to schedule an appointment.
216.520.5081*

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT: PLEASE READ

If you are in need of any special document or letter written by one of the priests, you must call **THREE WEEKS IN ADVANCE FOR A MEETING TO BE SCHEDULED.**

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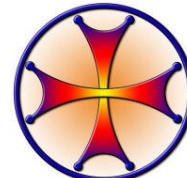
As a church community, we welcome hearing that is happening both here in Cleveland and abroad. We understand there are many wonderful functions at several of the schools your children may attend.

However, no articles, flyers, newspapers, posters or any other means of advertisement are to be put anywhere in or around our church WITHOUT the approval of Monsignor Peter.

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