



Our Lady of Purgatory

Maronite Catholic Church



April 11-12, 2020

GLORIOUS RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD MESSIAH QAM



**CHRIST IS RISEN; TRULY
HE IS RISEN!!
MESSIAH QAM; HAKKAN
QAM!!**

Christ is Risen, truly He is Risen. I wish all of you a happy and blessed Easter. We have come to the completion of the Season of Lent--- following Jesus' ministry, His suffering and death on the cross, and His Glorious Resurrection. His resurrection is the reason for this journey. Now we remember throughout the year His promise to us---"Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am,

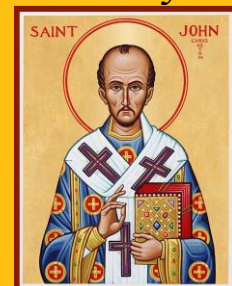
there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me." We have followed Jesus during this season of Lent and we continue to follow Jesus every day of our lives so that we, as St. John's gospel tells us, will be with Him.

"Whoever serves me must follow me" is what we keep with us as we walk this earthly life. This, my brothers and sisters, is our challenge! And what a challenge it is. What must we do in order to serve and follow Jesus? Well, you have heard His message especially during this season of Lent. You have heard

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"O Death, where is your sting? O Hell, where is your victory? Christ is risen, and you are overthrown. Christ is risen, and the demons are fallen. Christ is risen, and the angels rejoice. Christ is risen, and life reigns. Christ is risen, and not one dead remains in the grave. For Christ, being risen from the dead, is become the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. To Him be glory and dominion unto ages of ages."

St. John Chrysostom



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the gospel readings and have patiently listened to my homilies asking us to love one another, to forgive one another, to serve one another through charity and hospitality, and to build up one another. Jesus asks much of us. However, if we remember His sacrifice and His promises, we will realize that our duty to one another is possible; that our actions toward one another are paramount in serving Jesus Christ. And we will realize that these requests Jesus asks of us cost us nothing---charity, forgiveness, love, and peace cost us nothing. But what we gain is priceless. We gain inner peace with one another and more importantly we gain the prize of eternal life in paradise.

My wish for all of us is that we keep these feelings and emotions that we have carried throughout this season of Lent every day of our lives. That we remember His ministry of healing body and soul; His compassion and suffering for His people so that they may believe and inherit the Kingdom of God; His example of forgiving those who persecuted Him, who intentionally hurt Him. Those who, out of their own best interest, did whatever they wanted to do in order to benefit their own lives and interests. These are the acts of the Pharisees and scribes; acts we must not follow or subscribe to. Our goal is to strive to be better followers of Jesus Christ because of this blessed season of Lent. This is what Jesus intended for all of us to do. It is up to us,

as a community of faith, to help each other, to "build each other up in our faith" as St. Paul tells us. We cannot do this alone my friends. We must rely on Almighty God to walk with us. We must place our trust in the power of the Most Holy Trinity. My prayer for you and for me is to unite ourselves to the faith that Jesus sacrificed His life for. To follow his example and to be reunited as a family of Jesus Christ for the eternal life that awaits us. May we build each other as one community in faith, hope, and love. Messiah Qam--- Hakkan Qam!!! Christ Is Risen--- Truly He Is Risen!!!

ملخص العظة أحد الفصح

المسيح قام! حقًا قام!
أولاً أريد أن أتمنى لكم جميعاً فصحاء
مجيداً.
اليوم يسوع انتصر!
اليوم، يسوع أظهر للعالم أن إيماننا ليس
إيمان الضعفاء؛ إيماننا ليس عبثاً. اليوم،
أعلن يسوع للعالم أن خلاصنا يكون من
خلاله.
خطة يسوع الخلاصية قد تمت! هذه
الخطة بدأت بميلاد يسوع وتعاليمه،
بتأسيسه لكنيسته وأسرارها، ثم الآمه
وموته وأهمها قيامته!!
خطة الله الخلاصية قد أثمرت!
منذ يومين، احتفلنا بذكري الآمه. شعرنا
بوجعه وتأملنا مع عذابه؛ مهما كان عدد
المرات التي نشارك فيها بهذه الذكرى،
سنشعر دائماً بالحزن.
لكننا كمسيحيين وخصوصاً كموارنة، لا
نركز على الآمه وموته. بل نركز
ونحتفل بقيامته.
هذا هو أساس إيماننا.

إن لم نؤمن بيسوع، إن لم نؤمن بتعاليمه
وعجائبه والآمه وقيامته سنعيش حياتنا
بلا مبالاة وأنانية فلا نكثرث إن كانت
أفعالنا مسيئة للآخرين.

بسبب إدراكنا أن يسوع هو ربنا، وأنه
أتى إلى هذا العالم ليخلصنا من
خطيئتنا، ننال الحياة الأبدية. لهذا نتحلى
بالإيمان، فننشر محبة يسوع المسيح
للآخرين، فنسامح بعضنا بعضاً كما
يسوع غفر على الصليب.

لقد تمّ. كلمات يسوع الأخيرة لا تعبر عن
نهاية يسوع المسيح--- إنما هي البداية.
يقول لنا يسوع أنه "ذاهب ليعدّ لنا مكاناً
حيث يكون هو أيضاً".

اليوم، يسوع انتصر. اليوم، نحن
انتصرنا!!!

في الأمس احتفالنا بسبب النور---
اجتمعنا وطلبنا المغفرة. حتى بعد موته،
يدعونا يسوع للعودة إليه من خلال طلب
المغفرة. في قراءة اليوم، يقول الملاك
لمريم أن تذهب وتخبر التلاميذ وأن
تخبر بطرس.

عرف يسوع أن بطرس كان متألماً لأنه
أنكره. ورغم ذلك، رفع يسوع من هم
متألّمين ومن هم بحاجة للعودة إليه.
أتمنى أن نكون قد حصلنا على النعمة
التي يقدمها لنا زمن الصوم. أتمنى أن
نتقرب كل يوم من الحياة التي يريدنا
يسوع أن نعيشها. أتمنى أن تأملنا لآلام
يسوع وموته وقيامته سيعطينا القوة
لنحبّ بعضنا بعضاً، لنسامح بعضنا
بعضاً، لنرفع بعضنا بعضاً نحو مجد الله
العظيم.

لا أتساءل بعد اليوم ماذا سأقول لیسوع
عن ملاقته وجهًا لوجه. لن تكون كلمات
ندامة أو ذنب بل ستكون كلمات الشكر
على كل ما فعله من أجلي وسأنظر إليه
وأقول شكراً لك يا يسوع؛ أنت هو
مخلصي!!!

شكراً لمشاركتمكم بمسيرة زمن الصوم
المجيد.

المسيح قام! حقًا قام!!!!!!

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 11, @ 5:00 PM, (Messiah Qam)

Sunday, April 12, @ 10:30 AM, (Messiah Qam)

Saturday, April 18, @ 5:00 PM, liturgy is being offered for the souls of Michel and Anna Magaletta, Sr., Michele Jr., and Baldassare Magaletta requested by Joann, Anthony, and Lorraine David. May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, April 19, @ 10:30 PM,

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

O Divine Ocean of Mercy and Compassion, be with us in our time of trial and difficulties.

Today I make an act of spiritual communion with you, the Life-Giving Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. At this time, I am not able to receive the sacred body and blood of my Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ, but I choose to live in union with him and in the unity of the Holy Spirit. I offer my day, my daily life, my joys and sorrows to you, for those around me, and for the whole world. Be with us O life-giving Triune God, for we know that nothing in this world has power over us. O Lover of all people, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT ALL LITURGIES WILL BE AVIALABLE THROUGH ZOOM. PLEASE SEE THE SCHEDULE BELOW. I WILL SEND AN INVITATION FOR EACH SERVICE. I WILL ALSO SEND THE TEXT FOR EACH LITURGY SO THAT YOU MAY PARTICIPATE AT HOME. ALSO PLEASE BE SURE YOU PLACE YOUR PHONE OR COMPUTER ON MUTE ONCE YOU LOG INTO THE SERVICE.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Please know that confession is available before liturgies. You may also call to set up an appointment.

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU

I would like to thank all of you for your generous response to our email regards Sunday collections. Your generosity for the past two weeks has been a great help and a testament to this vibrant and proud community of OLOP. As you know I don't like to ask or discuss finances, however, you have made it less painful because of your love for this Church. God bless and protect you and your families and I look forward to seeing all of you back home, at OLOP Church, in the near future.

ANNUAL BISHOPS CHARITY APPEAL

Each year the Eparchy of St. Maron of Brooklyn appeals to each parish for the annual Bishops Charity Appeal. The money is divided as follows: 30% for priests' retirement, 25% go towards the seminarian's education and boarding, 15% goes toward our endowment fund, 15% goes to Patriarchal liturgical commission and texts, and 15% goes to Lebanon. Each parish in the eparchy is asked to send an amount based on the size of the parish and the ability to raise this money for these much-needed programs. OLOP Church must raise \$3,500.00 from February 24-April 10, 2020. All of you have been very generous in the past and I am confident we will raise the amount requested. Thus far we have collected \$1,163.00 toward that amount. I thank you for your continued generosity for this worthy cause.

WINE AND HOST OFFERINGS

This month of April, the wine and bread offerings are in memory of Joseph and Louise Dupre by their family. May their souls rest in peace.

Anyone who would like to give an offering in memory of a loved one or for a special intention for the month of October, please see Fr. Vincent. The cost for the month is \$75.00, which covers the cost of the communion bread and wine. Thank you and God bless.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Fernanda Thomas, Hiam Cheiab, Leo Roderick, Anthony (Tommy) Thomas, Rose John, Theresa John, Laurette BouRamia, Annie Peter, Jeannie Francis, Mariam David, Norma Thomas, Zita Drouin, Lucienne Rodrigues, Ed DaRocha, Edmond Salameh, and Alice Daher. If anyone is missing from this list please contact the Church office.

WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR

April 4-5, 2020

Sunday Collection \$ 5,352.00
Bishop's Appeal \$ 120.00
Total: \$ 5,472.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY BY SENDING IN YOUR WEEKLY COLLECTIONS VIA MAIL. THIS HAS BEEN VERY HELPFUL FOR THE CHURCH. GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.

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