



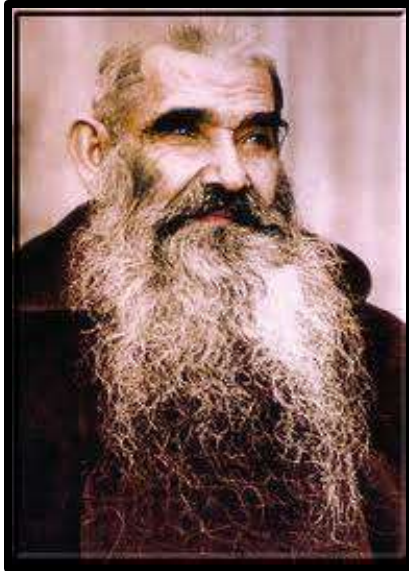
Our Lady of Purgatory



Maronite Catholic Church

June 26-27, 2021

SIXTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST FEAST OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL



FEAST OF BLESSED YAACUB EL-HADDAD

BEIRUT, Lebanon — The Good Samaritan has a name. He was born in Lebanon 130 years ago, and his name is Jacques Haddad. He's better known to the poor and lowly here as "Abuna Yaacub," Abuna being the Arabic word for "Father." Cardinal José Saraiva Martins, prefect of the Vatican Congregation for the Causes of Saints, came to Lebanon to beatify Abuna Yaacub June 22. He was assisted in the ceremony, which took place in Martyrs Square in downtown Beirut, by Cardinal Nasrallah Sfeir, patriarch of the Maronite Catholic Church. "Father Haddad was born in 1875, in a small

village, Ghazir, in the heart of the 'Christian country' in Lebanon," said Father Salim Rizkallah, a Capuchin who knew Abuna Yaacub and, as vice-postulator, has been working on his file for the past 40 years. "A clever boy, he was sent to a Franciscan school near his village, then to Beirut, in the hope of his being a support for his father, Boutros."

Those were uncertain days for Lebanon, officially under Ottoman rule, but actually benefiting from a special status of relative autonomy, which the Christian West took full advantage of by sending missionaries, opening schools and trading, especially silk. Education was a way out of poverty. Boutros Haddad sent 18-year-old Jacques to find a job. But as the young man entered a Franciscan church, he saw a coffin where the body of a Capuchin priest, Father Gabriel of Bethlehem, lay, head resting on a hard bundle of vine shoots. There and then, he decided that he would be nothing other than a priest — and a Capuchin. And that is what he became, though not without strong opposition from his father at first, but with the secret approval of his mother, Shams ("Sun"), a woman of prayer whose rosary beads never left her hand. He went on to build a

hospital for the mentally ill, another that has become one of the prominent hospitals in Beirut, a home for the elderly, a retirement home for priests, a retreat center, schools in many parts of Lebanon and orphanages. In the 1930s, he founded the Franciscan Sisters of the Cross of Lebanon, an order that flourished in the country. The sisters serve in schools and hospitals, as well as in the pontifical embassies in Lebanon and Syria. A renowned preacher, Father Yaacub left more than 8,000 pages of homilies and letters. A large part of the crowd of 100,000 at his beatification were "simple folk rendering homage to a man who had put them first in his thoughts and works," said Father Fadi Daou, who teaches theology at the Jesuit Université Saint-Joseph. The liturgical prologue of the ceremony included the reading of a short biography of the new blessed.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"If you only knew what the poor really represent on earth, you would be serving them on your knees."

Blessed Yaacub El-Haddad

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“Born in Ghazir, on the 1st of February 1875, in a pious Maronite family ... Jacques Haddad died on the 26th of June 1954, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, at the age of nearly 80 years old,” said the notice. Three o'clock in the afternoon is the “ninth hour,” when Jesus breathed his last on the cross, noted Father Rizkallah. Abuna Yaacub had placed his life under the sign of the cross. The parable of the Good Samaritan was chosen as the Gospel reading, another symbol with which the life of Father Jacques was associated.

At a time of rising food prices, the parable pointed to the good use of money, a topic to which many faithful were sensitive, as they applauded the Maronite patriarch's comments on the reading, and the trust Abuna Yaacub placed in Divine Providence as “a bank that never goes bankrupt.” Said Patriarch Sfeir: “When he was asked about his account books, Abuna Yaacub answered: ‘I keep nothing in reserve. All the money I receive, I spend on my poor.’”

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Mother Marie Makhlof, superior of the order he founded, recalled one of Abuna Yaacub's favorite sayings: “If you only knew what the poor really represent on earth, you would be serving them on your knees.” It's a quote that earned the Capuchin the distinction of being considered the “Lebanese St. Vincent de Paul.”

<https://www.ncregister.com/news/lebanese-capuchin-beatified>



FEAST OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

On June 29, the Church celebrates the feast day of Saints Peter and Paul. As early as the year 258, there is evidence of an already lengthy tradition of celebrating the solemnities of both Saint Peter and Saint Paul on the same day. Together, the two saints are the founders of the See of Rome, through their preaching, ministry and martyrdom there.

Peter, who was named Simon, was a fisherman of Galilee and was introduced to the Lord Jesus by his brother Andrew, also a fisherman. Jesus gave him the name Cephas (Petrus in Latin), which means ‘Rock,’ because he was to become the rock upon which Christ would build His Church.

Peter was a bold follower of the Lord. He was the first to recognize that Jesus was “the Messiah, the Son of the living God,” and eagerly pledged his fidelity until death. In his boldness, he also made many mistakes, however, such as losing faith when walking on water with Christ and betraying the Lord on the night of His passion.

Yet despite his human weaknesses, Peter was chosen to shepherd God's flock. The Acts of the Apostles illustrates his role as head of the Church after the Resurrection and Ascension of Christ. Peter led the Apostles as the first Pope and ensured that the disciples kept the true faith.

St. Peter spent his last years in Rome, leading the Church through persecution and eventually being martyred in the year 64. He was crucified upside-down at his own request, because he claimed he was not worthy to die as his Lord.

He was buried on Vatican hill, and St. Peter's Basilica is built over his tomb.

St. Paul was the Apostle of the Gentiles. His letters are included in the writings of the New Testament, and through them we learn much about his life and the faith of the early Church.

Before receiving the name Paul, he was Saul, a Jewish pharisee who zealously persecuted Christians in Jerusalem. Scripture records that Saul was present at the martyrdom of St. Stephen.

Saul's conversion took place as he was on his way to Damascus to persecute the Christian community there. As he was traveling along the road, he was suddenly surrounded by a great light from heaven. He was blinded and fell off his horse. He then heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” He answered: “Who are you, Lord?” Christ said: “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.”

Saul continued to Damascus, where he was baptized and his sight was restored. He took the name Paul and spent the remainder of his life preaching the Gospel tirelessly to the Gentiles of the Mediterranean world. Paul was imprisoned and taken to Rome, where he was beheaded in the year 67.

He is buried in Rome in the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls.

In a sermon in the year 395, St. Augustine of Hippo said of Saints Peter and Paul: “Both apostles share the same feast day, for these two were one; and even though they suffered on different days, they were as one. Peter went first, and Paul followed. And so, we celebrate this day made holy for us by the apostles' blood. Let us embrace what they believed, their life, their labors, their sufferings, their preaching, and their confession of faith.”

<https://www.catholicwitness.org/saint-spotlight-peter-and-paul/>

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 26, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Blessed Yaccub Haddad the Capuchin and Saint Josemaria Escriva) liturgy is being offered for the souls of Susan Cabral and Amy Cabral requested by Lou and Smitty Cabral. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Radha J. David and her father Peter David (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, June 27, @ 10:30 PM, (Feast of Saints Peter and Paul) liturgy is being offered for the soul of Nan Farhat requested by Hyatt Thomas and family. May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is offered for the souls of Helen and Anthony Buaiz and grandson Joseph Ribeiro requested by their family (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

Monday, June 28, @ 6:00 PM, (Feast of Saint Irenaeus)

Tuesday, June 29, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saints Peter and Paul)

Wednesday, June 30, @ 6:00 PM, Feast of the Twelve Apostles)

Thursday, July 1, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Pope Saint Gregory X) liturgy is being offered for the soul of Ann Briggs requested by her family (FM). May her soul rest in peace.

Saturday, July 3, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Jerome) liturgy is being offered for the soul of Nazerra Saba requested by Subdeacon Joseph Abraham and Carol Ann Maslanka. May his soul rest in peace.

Sunday, July 4, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint Andrew the Hymnographer) liturgy is offered in memory of Saba Mike Barckett, Joseph and Mary by their family (FM). May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is offered for the souls of Sam Akeekee and Najeeb Kazam by their family (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

ALLAH YERHAMMO

Our deepest condolences go out to the family of Hiam Chaib, who passed away last week. To her children Maria and George El-Rached, and Tony and Charbel Zalloum, and to Amal and Gaby Baroody. May Almighty God welcome Hiam into His kingdom and may her soul rest in peace.

Our condolences to Charbel and Elise Sarkis and family for the passing of his brother Najib Sarkis. May Almighty God welcome Najib into His kingdom and may his soul rest in peace.

SAINT JOSEPH SODALITY NEWS

Periodically we will be publishing news and coming events from the St. Joseph Sodality. The Sodality is the oldest organization in the Parish, having been founded in 1918. Through their devotion to St. Joseph, Sodality Members seek to emulate the life and faith of St. Joseph, and by doing so, hope to achieve eternal happiness as he did. The Sodality encourages you to consider becoming a member.

On Sunday, June 20, 2021, the Sodality will be sponsoring coffee and pastries for Father's Day after the 10:30 AM Liturgy.

Please save the date and join the Sodality on Saturday, October 16, 2021 for the St. JosephFest.

If you would like more information about the St. Joseph Sodality, or are interested in becoming a member please contact Fr. Vince, or Matt Thomas.

LECTORS FOR JUNE 2021

Saturday, June 26,

Smitty Cabral

Sunday, June 27,

Mae Dickinson/Gaby Baroody

CONFESSION

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

FR. VINCENT OUT OF TOWN

Please note that I will be away from June 30-July 12, 2021. Abouna Georges Arrouk will be covering for me during that time. Abouna Georges will celebrate daily Liturgies as well as weekend Liturgies as regularly scheduled. Thank you for your understanding and thank you Abouna for taking care of the parish in my absence.

WINE AND HOST OFFERINGS

The altar bread and wine for the month of June are in loving memory of James Hirst requested by his wife Linda Hirst. May his soul 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 June, 2022, 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

Octavia David, Kenza Sellami, Jacob Rego, Amal Assaf, Peter Helmer, Denise Magaletta, Fernanda Thomas, Hiam Cheiab, Leo and Ida Roderick, Theresa John, Laurette BouRamia, Annie Peter, Jeannie Francis, Mariam David, Norma Thomas, Zita Drouin, Lucienne Rodrigues, Ed Da Rocha, Edmond Salameh, and Alice Daher. If anyone is missing from this list, please contact the Church office.

WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR June 19-20, 2021

Sunday Collection	\$ 975.00
Memorials	\$ 500.00
Candles	\$ 49.00
Total:	\$ 1,524.00

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