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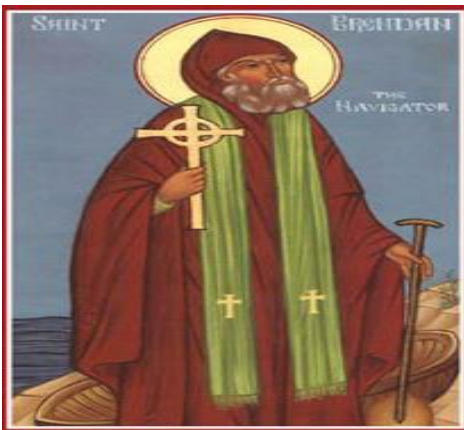


Maronite Catholic Church

May 14-15, 2022

SEASON OF THE GLORIOUS RESURRECTION 5TH SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

SAINT BRENDAN THE NAVIGATOR Brendan of Clonfert (c. AD 484 - c.577)



St. Brendan is the patron saint of sailors and travelers. He is legendary for his travels throughout his life, among them his journey to the "Isle of the Blessed." He was nicknamed "the Voyager" in his lifetime and was one of the Twelve Apostles of Ireland. Volumes upon volumes of work have been written about his legendary voyage. They give inspiration to all those who travel in this world, whether by sea or by land. A St. Brendan medal frequently pays homage to the U.S. Navy. St. Brendan himself will usually hold a cross and be standing near a sea vessel or a representation of a boat. It is his strength in God that is most memorable as he journeyed through the world and faced many great adventures. This same strength is portrayed in the medallions that help remind us of God's love and comfort as we travel to and from our

respective destinations. Brendan the Navigator or Brénainn moccu Alti as he is often known in the medieval Irish tradition is the patron saint of two Irish dioceses, Kerry and Clonfert. He is also a patron saint of boatmen, mariners, travelers, elderly adventurers, and whales, and also of portaging canoes.

<https://catholicsaintmedals.com/saints/st-brendan/>

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

In the gospel reading for today, Jesus asks Simon Peter three times "Do you love me?" And each time Simon Peter answers Jesus "you know that I love you", Jesus responds by saying "Tend my sheep." Jesus poses this same question to each of us regarding this same love he asked Simon Peter. In order to respond yes to Jesus, we are told to tend His sheep. Do we truly love Jesus? If so, we must tend His sheep. Jesus repeated Himself three times to Simon Peter, and he repeated Himself many times to His disciples and His people. This repetition was necessary because of our need to constantly remind ourselves that we must love and care of each other. It is a wonderful start to attend liturgy each week and fulfill our obligation as Catholics. It would be even more wonderful if we carried the words of Jesus Christ in our hearts and lived them in our daily lives. This is a challenge for all of us. Hence, repetition is a necessity.

With love we are able to redeem ourselves, to wash away anger and hostility, and to change the minds and hearts of others. In the letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians, he tells us that "Faith,

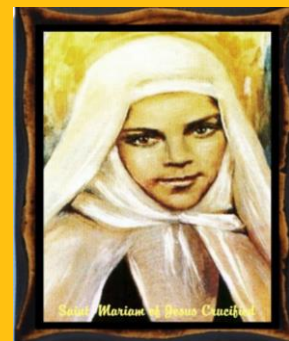
hope, and love; the greatest of these is love." Why do we hear throughout

Sacred Scripture so many teachings and see so many examples of love as the centerpiece of our Catholic faith? Why do the gospels and letters constantly drive in our minds "love" and its' importance? Brothers and sisters, Jesus asks each of us whether we love Him. Being here is the first step in expressing our love for God--continuing outside of these four walls is the epitome of this expression. "Do you love me? Tend my sheep." May each of us say today that "Now I begin to love my God."

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Always remember to love your neighbor; always prefer the one who tries your patience, who test your virtue, because with her you can always merit: suffering is Love; the Law is Love."

Blessed Mary of Jesus Crucified "The Little Arab"



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OFFICE HOURS: The Church office will be open Monday through Thursday from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm.

Problem solving

A father left 17 Camels as an asset for his three Sons. When the Father passed away, his sons opened up the will. The will of the father stated that the eldest son should get half of 17 camels, The middle son should be given 1/3rd of 17 camels, youngest son should be given 1/9th of the 17 camels. As it is not possible to divide 17 into half or 17 by 3 or 17 by 9, the sons started to fight with each other.

So, they decided to go to a wise man. The wise man listened patiently about the will. The wise man, after giving this thought, brought one of his camels and added the same to 17. That increased the total to 18 camels. Now, he started reading the deceased father's will.

Half of 18 = 9. So, he gave 9 camels to the eldest son.

1/3rd of 18 = 6. So, he gave 6 camels to the middle son.

1/9th of 18 = 2. So, he gave 2 camels to the youngest son.

Now add up: 9 + 6 + 2 = 17. This leaves one camel, which the wise man took back. All were happy.

MORAL: The attitude of negotiation and problem solving is to find the 18th camel i.e., the common ground. Once a person is able to find the common ground, the issue is resolved. It is difficult at times.

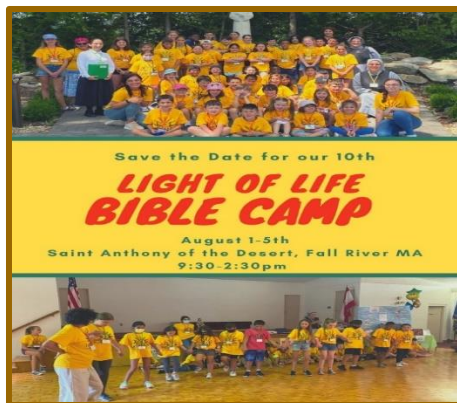
However, to reach a solution, the first step is to believe that there is a solution. If we think that there is no solution, we won't be able to reach any!

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR MAHRAJAN

Dear Parishioners of OLOP:

The date is set for our Annual Mahrajan. We will begin the summer festivities in the New England area on Friday, June 24 and Saturday, June 25, 2022, on the grounds of OLOP. By having the festival at the beginning of the summer, we are hoping that more people will be ready to get out and enjoy our food, entertainment, and culture. Schools are getting out this week which will also add to the celebration of the beginning of Summer break. Please mark your calendars. May this festival continue to grow bigger and better every year.

10th LIGHT OF LIFE BIBLE CAMP AUGUST 1ST - 5TH



Dear Parents:

Please find attached our **Save the Date flyer for our 10th Light of Life Bible Camp**. It will be held at **Saint Anthony of the Desert in Fall River, MA** during the week of **August 1-5th**. Mark these dates in your calendars. We hope that your child(ren) can join us!

We appreciate you helping us to also spread the word with other families you know... If you have any youth ages 13+ and they would like to volunteer for the camp please reach out to us. The camp fee per child will be \$50. Stay tuned for more details regarding online registration. The sisters and I will be keeping you and your loved ones in our prayers.

Peace in Christ,

Sr. Therese Maria & Sisters **Maronite Servants of Christ the Light**
maroniteservants.org

WISH LIST EQUIPMENT FOR FESTIVAL

Dear Parishioners of OLOP:

Last year's festival was a great success for our Church, both financially and communally. As you may know, we were very fortunate to have Msgr. Jim Root and the parishioners of Saint Anthony of the Desert, who were so gracious and helpful by allowing us to use many pieces of equipment that was needed to make our festival a success.

In an effort to continue the success of our festival, we have come up with a wish list of equipment that will be of great help for the festival and other events we are planning throughout the year. You have all been so generous to the Church and as I share with you our wish list, I want to stress that it is exactly that--- a wish list. If anyone would like to donate towards any of these items, it would be a great help and very much appreciated. All of this is to assist in making our events more successful. Once again, I thank you in advance for all your support and I pray that this year's festival will be filled with much success and pride.

Dough Sheeter for Minooshe	\$ 2,200.00
Bain Marie for Sandwich Station	\$ 600.00
(1) Table Top Food Warmers(each)	\$ 200.00
(2) 6 Ft Gas Grills (each)	\$ 500.00
Falafel Fryer	\$ 250.00
Food Warmer	\$ 1,500.00
Food Warmer Trays	\$ 400.00



Our Lady Of Purgatory Church

Summer Lebanese Festival

Friday, June 24, 2022
5:00PM - 11:00PM

Saturday, June 25, 2022
12:00PM - 11:00PM

Live Entertainment



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Money Raffles Prizes
\$1,000 - \$500 - \$200
Drawing
Saturday, June 25, 2022
10:30PM

11 Franklin Street, New Bedford, MA 02740

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 14, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saints Boniface and Aglae and Their 20 Companions). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Richard Long requested by Subdeacon Joe Abraham and Carol Ann Maslanka. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Bashara, Helena and John B. John and for Annie and Thomas Ferris requested by Helena Tavares. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Leo Macedo requested by family (FM). May his soul rest in peace.

Sunday, May 15, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Our Lady of the Harvest). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of David Dickinson requested by Mae Dickinson and family. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Lee Kalife and the Kalife family requested by Louis Kalife.

Monday, May 16, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Brendan). Maronite Sisters of Christ the Light convent.

Tuesday, May 17, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Serapion).

Wednesday, May 18, @ 6:00 PM, (Feast of Saint Theodotos and the 7 Martyrs). NO LITURGY

Thursday, May 19, @ 7:00 PM, Arabic Liturgy (Feast of Saint Philoterus). Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Rocky and Patty Farhat request by Penny Farhat. May their souls rest in peace.

Saturday May 21, @ 4:30 PM (Feast of Saint Constatine the King and His Mother Saint Helen). Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Olivia and Herold Smith requested by Smitty and Lou Cabral. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Peter and Raja Saba Bou Eassey requested by family (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday May 22, @ 10:30 AM (Feast of Saint Rita of Cascia). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Shirley Roy requested by family. May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Anthony and Margaret Abraham Thomas requested by family. May their souls rest in peace.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR....

This week the sanctuary candle burns for Charbel Baroody requested by Mae Dickinson. Anyone who would like to offer the sanctuary candle for a loved one or special intention, this will be offered each week. An offering of a \$10.00 donation is appreciated.

WINE AND HOST OFFERINGS

The altar bread and wine for the month of May is offered in memory of Anthony and Margaret Thomas requested by family. May their souls 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.

We are happy to welcome the newest members of the Saint Joseph Sodality. Jimmy Kalife, John Kalife, Danielle Kalife, Salim Khalife, and Boutros Arsanios.

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 5/16-5/21/22

Monday:

Philippians 1:1-10
Luke 22:28-34

Tuesday:

Philippians 1:12-20
John 1:35-42

Wednesday:

Philippians 1:21-30
Matthew 16:21-28

Thursday:

Philippians 2:1-11
Matthew 16:11-20

Friday:

Philippians 2:12-18
Matthew 18:18-22

Saturday:

Philippians 2:19-30
Matthew 14:24-27

IN OUR PRAYERS

Angela Scorza-Anderson, Terry Amsden, Lisa Mello-Frost, Ziad Al-Ghoubry, Natalya Sarkis, Joe Reid, Octavia David, Jacob Rego, Amal Assaf, Peter Helmer, Denise Magaletta, Fernanda Thomas, Leo Rodrick, Theresa John, Laurette Bou Ramia, 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.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

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

LECTORS FOR May 2022

Saturday, May 14,

Carol Ann Maslanka

Sunday, May 15,

Mae Dickinson/Jano Baroody

Saturday, May 21,

Rachel Higgins

Sunday, May 22,

Joan Mello/Rana Choubah

Saturday, May 28,

Mae Dickinson

Sunday, May 29,

Jean Barbour/Halim Choubah

(If you are not able to read on your given day, please contact Mae Dickinson)

WEEK OF May 7-8, 2022

Sunday Collection	\$ 1140.00
Saint Jude	\$ 215.00
Coffee Hour	\$ 40.00
Festival Sponsorships	\$ 300.00
Festival Equipment	\$ 400.00
Sanctuary Candles	\$ 10.00
Candles	\$ 50.00
Total	\$ 2155.00

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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