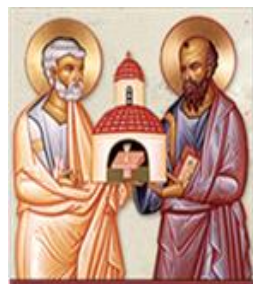


Feast of Sts. Peter And Paul



Rejoice, all you holy apostles, beholders of God, for ye are the light of all the world;
Rejoice, for through you the Faith which saved us has shone forth from Christ in every place!
Rejoice, all ye holy apostles, for ye are like the heavens which proclaim the glory of God;
Rejoice, for ye are the stars which crown the Church, the Bride of Christ!

Hearing a voice from heaven, O Saul,
You were thereafter unable to see; for you had adversely persecuted the Inaccessible One and did receive blindness of your eyes in return for your zeal for the law; but, guided to the font, you did attain divine baptism, where, having been immersed with faith, the sight of your bodily and spiritual eyes was restored. Wherefore, mindful of your miraculous calling, we cry out to you:
Rejoice, O apostles called by God, sent forth to preach to all the nations;
Rejoice, chosen vessel which pours forth the sweetness of the Faith of Christ upon all men!
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!Rejoice, you who more than others was enlightened by grace after the shadow of the Old Covenant!
Rejoice, you who on earth did converse with the Lord Jesus Who appeared to you;
Rejoice, you who, following Christ, did labor more than others for the salvation of man!
Rejoice with Paul, O Peter, for you overshadow the holy Church as the two cherubim did the ark;
Rejoice, you who stand before the throne of the Most High like two seraphim!

We sadly bid farewell to a great friend of our parish.



And so we extend our sincerest thanks and appreciation to our dear Fr. Thompson for these all too few years of faithful and joyful service he had afforded us. And Fr. Thompson, as you bid your goodbye to us and continue with your journey, it is our sincere prayer that Christ bless your love of Him and your service to the Church; and reward you for being a faithful servant of God. May you always have songs of praise in your lips and may you have Christ in your heart. Adieu!

Feast days on the Maronite calendar which we celebrate this week:

Wednesday, June 29- St. Peter and Paul (actual Feast day)
Thursday, June 30- The Twelve Apostles
Friday, July 1-Blessed Junipero Serra
May all the Angels and saints s in heaven pray for us

Upcoming Summer Schedule:

+Starting Saturday, July 2nd we will not have Saturday 5:30 PM Vigil Liturgies
+We will resume the normal liturgical schedule starting on September 4th
+First Friday Adoration and Benediction will resume on Friday, September 2nd

THURSDAYS MARONITE YOUNG ADULTS PRAYER MEETING

Our young adults are invited to join the weekly prayers and social hour at the church
7:30PM

We all know that Rev. Canon Thomas Thompson has left us. He served our parish for nearly 4 years - serving the 9:30 AM English Liturgy and filling in when Fr. Toufic was away. It is always hard to say goodbye especially if the person has made a difference in our lives. Indeed, Fr. Thompson has imprinted a memorable mark in everyone's heart and in the parish as a whole. Most notably his kindness and generous spirit touched us all and will be remembered best.

The Twenty and The One
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There was this \$20 dollar bill and a \$1 dollar bill on the conveyor belt at the downtown Federal Reserve Building.

As they were lying there side by side the \$1 dollar bill said to the \$20 dollar bill, "Hey mannnnnn, where have you been. I haven't seen you in a long time ?"

The \$20 dollar bill replied, "Man I have been having a ball! I been traveling to distant countries, going to the finest restaurants, to the biggest and best casinos, numerous boutiques, the mall uptown, the mall downtown, the mall across town and even a mall that I just newly built.

"In fact, just this week I've been to Europe, a professional NBA game, Rodeo Drive, the all-day retreat spa, the top-notch hair salon and the new casino! I have done it all!!!"

After describing his great travels, the \$20 dollar bill asked the \$1 dollar bill,

"What about you? Where have you been?"

The \$1 dollar replied, "Well, I've been to the Baptist church, the Methodist church, the Presbyterian church, the Episcopalian church, the Church of God in Christ, the Catholic church, the Mormon church, the church of the Latter Day Saints, the A.M.E. church, the Disciple of Christ church, the..."

"WAIT A MINUTE! WAIT A MINUTE!!" shouted the \$20 dollar bill to the \$1 dollar bill.

"What's a church?"

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Blessed are you, Simon, son of Jonas!
Said Christ, the Son of the living God, unto you, O right glorious **Apostle Peter.** How then can we worthily call you blessed who has been called blessed by God Himself? Yet drawn faithfully, by a debt of love alone, we cry out to you thus:
Rejoice, first among the apostles, foundation of the holy Church;
Rejoice, mighty pillar and ground of the Orthodox Faith!
Rejoice, ardent lover of the teaching of Christ;
Rejoice, first-seated among the council of the apostles!
Rejoice, good gate-keeper of the kingdom of heaven;
Rejoice, renowned physician for them that repent of their sins!
Rejoice, you who spurned the vanity of the world and loved the spiritual life;
Rejoice, you who did forsake corruptible nets and did fish the whole world with incorruptible ones!
Rejoice with Peter, O Paul, for you both shone forth like two great beacons;
Rejoice, O you who like a pair of steeds were harnessed by God to His chariot of noetic light!
Rejoice, O holy first-enthroned Peter and Paul, with all the holy apostles

ON JUNE 29 THE CHURCH CE

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 Sts. 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."


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GENERAL INFORMATION

Liturgies:
Saturday..... 5:30PM
Sunday
.....9:30AM
.....11:00AM
.....12:30 PM
Confessions
By Appointment

Divine Liturgy Intentions:

Day:	Date:	Time:	Offered For/By:
Saturday	6/25	5:30PM	(M) Michael Farres offered by Rosemarie George
Sunday- Sts. Peter & Paul	6/26	9:30AM	
		11:00AM	
		12:30PM	
Saturday	7/2	5:30PM	NO LITURGY
Sunday	7/3	9:30AM	(M) Mary Massery offered by Rosemarie George
		11:00AM	
		12:30PM	
Saturday	7/9	5:30PM	NO LITURGY
Sunday	7/10	9:30AM	
		11:00AM	
		12:30PM	

First Friday Adoration Noon until Benediction at 6:00PM

Baptism: Contact the office to schedule

Religious Education: Saturdays from 11am-12pm

First Communion Class: Sunday from 1030AM to 12:30AM- To register, please contact the parish office.

Matrimony: Please contact the parish office at least eight months prior to the desired date

Parish Office Hours: Monday through Friday 9:00AM to 5:00PM

SIXTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST READINGS:

THE MISSION OF THE 72 DISCIPLES
2COR 3:1-6 LK 10-1-7

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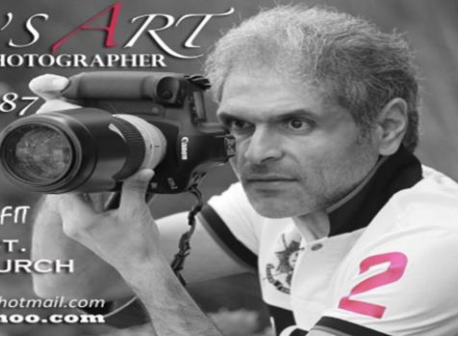
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