

### St. Ephrem Lebanese Festival Donation Update

As of May 15th, we have received over \$\$19,000 in cash donations for our upcoming Festival!

We would like to sincerely thank our donors for their generous contributions. If you have not donated yet, please see the form accessed on line or in the office.



Festival
Pre-paid
parking
Reserve
your space
now!

A \$50.00 donation to St. Ephrem Church will guarantee you an all-day parking spot for Saturday, May 28th and Sunday May 29th. Space is limited, please reserve as soon as possible by calling George Habchi at 858-883-3042





## For a unique experience at the 13th Annual Lebanese Festival

We are offering a **terrace table** reservation service Saturday & Sunday

> 15 tables at \$100 each per day (seats 8) 6 tables at \$50 each per day (seats 8) with clear view of the stage

Attendees, of legal age, can enjoy their beer & wine service at these tables

To reserve call Francois Habchi (760) 445-5555



assign you. Thank you in advance!

#### Blessings on our First Holy Communicants

Congratulations and best wishes to our parish children who received their First Holy Communion on May 7th:

(Listed here alphabetically):
Christine Chehadeh
Giovanni George
Leya Haddad
Ehmma Isaacs
Raneem Kassar
Yara Kassar
Laith Polus
Anthony Salameh
Rose Sulaiman
Christian Toma
Andrew Tomeh
Einana Zebari

May the Lord God bless them and sanctify them and grant them peace and happiness. Special thanks to **Mrs. Liliane Massery** for teaching the students and making all the arrangements for the ceremony.



St. EPHREM CHURCH FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 05/07/2016



Pick up
Festival
Flyers for
Distribution

We need volunteers
to help distribute flyers

Please pass them
out to your families, friends
and businesses.

Help get the word out!

Flyers are located in the foyer of the church.

# Festival Liturgical Schedule:

+Friday, May 27th,
Divine Liturgy: 5:30PM
+Sunday, May 29thDivine Liturgy:
9:30AM and 11:00AM



# Pentecost: The Church's Birthday

EACH YEAR THE CHURCH CELEBRATES 50 DAYS OF EASTER, CULMINATING AT THE FEAST OF PENTECOST. PENTECOST MARKS THE OCCASION OF GOD'S SENDING THE HOLY SPIRIT UPON JESUS' DISCIPLES AFTER HIS RESURRECTION.

BEFORE PENTECOST, THE DISCIPLES WERE UNSURE OF WHAT THEY WERE TO DO NEXT, AND SPENT MOST OF THEIR TIME IN HIDING. AFTER PENTECOST, AND THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, THEY UNDERSTOOD THEIR MISSION TO SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS, AND THEY HAD THE COURAGE TO COME OUT OF HIDING AND SPEAK OPENLY ABOUT WHO JESUS WAS, AND WHAT HE HAD ACCOMPLISHED BY HIS DYING AND RISING.

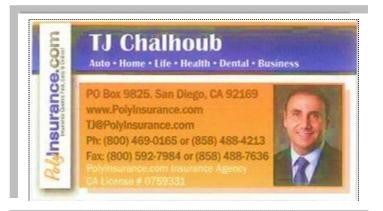
BECAUSE PENTECOST BROUGHT THE DISCIPLES THIS CLARITY OF MISSION, IT IS REGARDED AS THE FOUNDING FEAST OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH. BEFORE PENTECOST, THE DISCIPLES OF JESUS ARE TENTATIVE AND DISORGANIZED. AFTER PENTECOST, THEY ARE A PEOPLE WITH A MISSION, WHO PERCEIVE THEMSELVES AS SPIRITUALLY AND SACRAMENTALLY CONNECTED TO THE RISEN CHRIST.



Basket Collection from May 8th: \$2,802.00

2 Corinthian 9:7 - So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.



















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**GENERAL INFORMATION** 

.....9:30AM

.....11:00AM

First Friday Adoration Noon until

Baptism: Contact the office to

**Religious Education**: Saturdays

First Communion Class: Sunday

from 1030AM to 12:30AM- To

register, please contact the parish

**Matrimony:** Please contact the

Parish Office Hours: Monday

through Friday 9:00AM to 5:00PM

prior to the desired date

parish office at least eight months

Benediction at 6:00PM

......12:30 PM
Confessions
By Appointment

Saturday..... 5:30PM

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### House of Maron

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**Liturgies:** 

schedule

office.

from 11am-12pm

Sunday

May 15, 2016

**Pastor:** Reverend Toufic Nasr

Deacon Georges GhosnDeacon George Geagea

**Visiting Priest:** 

Reverend Canon Thomas Thompson

## **Divine Liturgy Intentions:**

Day:	Date:	Time:	Offered For/By:
Saturda	y 5/14	5:30PM	
Sunday	5/15	9:30AM	
		11:00AM	(M) Butros Allah Werdy Josephine Murad, Antoine Masri, Margaret Yousif offered by the Allah Werdy Family
		12:30PM	•
Saturda	y 5/21	5:30PM	,
Sunday	5/22	9:30AM	
		11:00AM	(M) Abdel Massih Hattab & Madeleine Abdallah & Children; Hazem, Joseph Miriam & Amira Hattab; Dcn Matti Mikha & Caterina & children; Behnam, Rafael, Francis & Najat offered by the Family
		12:30PM	offered by the Family
Friday	5/27	5:30PM	All Festival Volunteers
Saturday	y 5/28	5:30PM	NO LITURGY
Sunday	5/29	9:30AM	
		11:00AM	Mabel Ghosn offered by Antoine Ghosn

PENTECOST SUNDAY

OUTPOURING

OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

12:30PM NO LITURGY

**UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTION:** 

SUNDAY, MAY 15TH- CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS