



**MASS INTENTIONS**

- Sat. 5/18**  
**4:00 pm** For Josefina Ramer,  
 by Carmen Roman.
- Sun. 5/19** **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Resurrection**  
**11:00 am** For the intentions of Samir and  
 Ghada Abousemaan,  
 on the occasion of their 45<sup>th</sup>  
 wedding anniversary,  
 by their children and  
 grandchildren.
- Mon. 5/20**  
**12:00 noon** For Youseff Tartak & family,  
 by Antoinette Tartak.
- Tues. 5/21** **Saint Constantine and His Mother**  
**Saint Helen**  
**12:00 noon** For the intentions of Chris Saheed,  
 by Carol Rondeau.
- Wed. 5/22** **Saint Rita of Cascia**  
**12:00 noon** For Gaby Ahto,  
 by Elie & Mela Attie.
- Thur. 5/23** **Tobias the Righteous**  
**12:00 noon** For Jannina Mascia,  
 by Assunta Mascia.
- Fri. 5/24** **NO DAYTIME MASS**
- Sat. 5/25**  
**4:00pm** For Edward & Lorraine Saheed,  
 by Chris Sadeed.
- Sun. 5/26** **6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Resurrection**  
**11:00 am** For Farid Dagher & deceased  
 members of the family,  
 by Abla Dagher.

**PARISH FINANCES**

Collection May 11 & 12	\$ 1,307.00
Candles	\$ <u>61.00</u>
Total	\$ 1,368.00

**Feast of Saint Rita of Cascia**  
**May 22<sup>nd</sup>**



Saint Rita is the forgiving Servant of the Lord. She wanted to become a nun, but listened to her parents instead and got married. Her husband was violent and unfaithful (and her two sons followed in their father's footsteps). She remained a loving wife and mother. Her husband and sons all had the opportunity to repent before their death, thanks to Rita. Then she became an Augustinian Nun. She had a great devotion to the Passion of Christ, and prayed to share in his passion. A wound, which seemed to have been made by a thorn from Jesus' crown of thorns, permanently appeared on her forehead. When she died, a rosebush bloomed in the winter to give her a rose on her death bed. So, roses are her emblem. Her body remained incorrupt after her death.

**Parish Pilgrimage to Ave Maria**



On Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, in honor of the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, Chorbishop Michael led a pilgrimage of Heart of Jesus parishioners to Ave Maria Catholic Church, as he celebrated Mass, assisted by Deacon John Jarvis and his wife Faith. Thank you to John and Faith for their hospitality.

**"100 CLUB" RAFFLE**

Drawing for the winning May ticket will be held next Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, after Mass in the parish hall.



Our dear retired **Maronite Patriarch, Nasrallah Peter Cardinal Sfeir**, passed away in Lebanon on Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. His Funeral was celebrated in Lebanon on Thursday, May 16. To be united in prayer, I celebrated a Funeral Mass at our church also on Thursday at 12:00 noon, for the repose of his soul.

Below you will find Patriarch Sfeir's biography taken from the official Vatican website, and the condolences of Pope Francis also taken from the same source. May he rest in peace.

Chorbishop Michael

#### **CARDINAL NASRALLAH PETER SFEIR DIES AGED 98**

Cardinal Nasrallah Peter Sfeir, Maronite Patriarch of Antioch, between 1986 and 2011, died on Sunday in Beirut after a long illness. On 15 May he would have turned 99.

With the death of Cardinal Sfeir, former head of the Maronite Church, the Church loses a figure who played a prominent part in the troubled recent history of Lebanon.

Born on 15 May 1920 in Reyfoun, in the district of Kesrouan, Cardinal Sfeir was ordained a priest on 7 May 1950, after studying at the Saint-Maroun Seminary in Ghazir and at the Major Seminary of St Joseph's University in Beirut. He completed his philosophical and theological studies at the Faculty of Theology at the University of St Joseph. In the 1950's he taught Literature, Arabic Philosophy and Translation at the College of Marist Fathers in Jounieh, before being elected, in 1961, titular bishop of Tarsus of the Maronites and vicar general for the Patriarch of Antioch, receiving Episcopal ordination from the then Patriarch of the Maronites, Cardinal Paul Peter Méouchi.

Nasrallah Sfeir was elected the 76th Maronite Catholic Patriarch of Antioch on 19 April 1986, in the midst of Lebanon's civil war. He was confirmed by Pope John Paul II the following 7 May, simultaneously taking the positions of President of the Synod of the Maronite Church and President of the Lebanese Episcopal Conference. In 2006, he was also named President of the Council of Catholic Patriarchs of the East. Pope Saint John Paul II made him a cardinal during the Consistory of 26 November 1994. He resigned as Patriarch of the Maronite Church and from all other positions of pastoral government on 26 February 2011.

#### **POPE SENDS CONDOLENCES FOR DEATH OF CARDINAL NASRALLAH PETER SFEIR**

Pope Francis sends his condolences upon the death of Cardinal Nasrallah Peter Sfeir, who died on Sunday just ahead of his 99th birthday saying:

"I extend my deep condolences to his family, and to all the faithful of the Patriarchal Maronite Church of Antioch, which he governed for many years with such gentleness and determination," wrote the Pope in a telegram sent Tuesday to Cardinal Rai.

Pope Francis called Cardinal Sfeir "a free and courageous man" and "a key architect of mediation, peace, and reconciliation".... "A staunch defender of his country's sovereignty and independence, he will remain a great figure in Lebanon's history,"... "I ask the Father of all mercy to welcome into his home of peace and light this wise and committed Pastor who knew how to manifest God's love to the people entrusted to him."