



MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. 7/13

4:00 pm

For Adele Wihbey,
by Marsha Macary.

Sun. 7/14

11:00 am

6th Sunday of Pentecost
For Edmond Haboush,
by Carlynn Haboush.

NO DAYTIME MASS

Monday, July 15-Friday, July 19

Sat. 7/20

4:00pm

For Janet Thomas Lalor,
by the family.

Sun. 7/21

11:00 am

**Celebration of the Feast of Saint
Sharbel**
For Josephin Moussa (40 Day Mass),
by Jean and Abla Dagher.

PARISH FINANCES

Collection June 29 & 30	\$ 766.00
Collection July 6 & 7	\$ 1,376.00
Candles (June 30 & July 7)	\$ 143.00
Donations (July 7)	\$ 2,000.00
Second Collection June 29 & 30	\$ 250.00
Holy Father's Collection (Peter's Pence)	
Total	\$ 4,535.00

Thank you!

A sincere thank you to Nabeel and Ferial Youakim who requested donations be made to Heart of Jesus in lieu of gifts to Nabeel for his birthday. Thank you to all who attended his party and generously donated in the amount of \$2,676.00 to our parish.

NAM CONVENTION 2019



Congratulations!

To Joe Shaia who received the **Gold Massabki Award** for outstanding service to the National Apostolate of Maronites for many years, and for his dedicated service to his parishes, Our Lady of Lebanon Cathedral in Brooklyn, and Heart of Jesus.

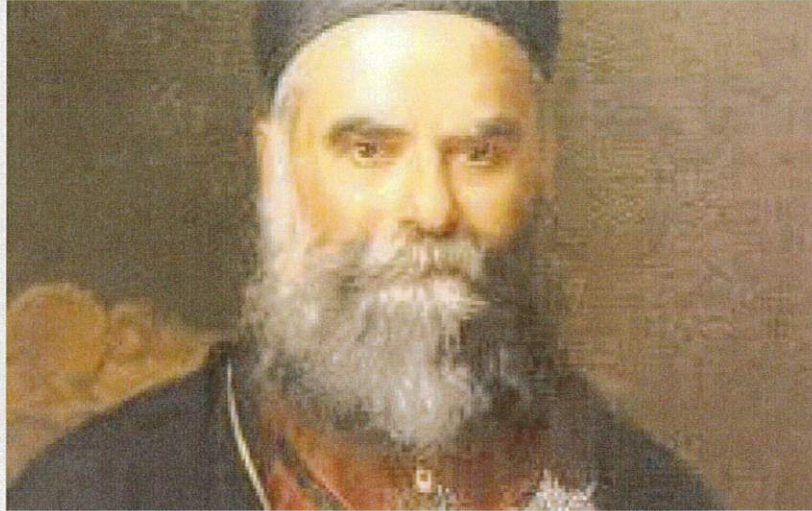
VENERABLE PATRIARCH ELIAS HOYEK

On July 5th, 2019, in a Decree from the Holy Father, Pope Francis, our former Maronite Patriarch, (1899-1931), Elias Hoyek, was declared Venerable, a first step toward becoming a Saint.

NEW PASTOR AT OUR LADY OF LEBANON

We send our best wishes to Fr. Elie Saade and God's blessings on his new assignment in Lebanon. In September we will welcome Fr. Bassam Saade as the new pastor of Our Lady of Lebanon, Miami.

Venerable Patriarch Elias Hoyek



Beirut (AsiaNews) – Pope Francis last Saturday authorized the promulgation of the decree recognizing the heroic virtues of the servant of God, the late Maronite Patriarch Elias Peter Hoyek (Hoyaek). For the current Maronite Patriarch, Cardinal Beshara Peter Rai, this is a "source of pride" for "Lebanon, the Maronites and the Lebanese around the world".

As the Cardinal noted at a press briefing, Patriarch Hoyek was "the founding father" of Greater Lebanon, whose independence and defense he fought for, especially "the regions taken by the Ottomans, which essentially caused the great famine (1915-17)".

The Vatican decision is a source "of pride for Lebanon [. . .] at a time of political, economic and social decline," the Patriarch added. "Such good news is addressed to all Lebanese and Maronites in the world."

The Cardinal hopes that this choice "will incite the Lebanese to live in faith and goodness"; a warning that concerns in particular political leaders whose task is to ensure the well-being and future of the country and its citizens.

"Patriarch Hoyek fought for Lebanon, and it was he who gave birth to the very concept of our homeland and fought for the Greater Lebanon and for the unity of its territory," Cardinal Rai said.

"Those who are considered righteous by heaven and are declared blessed and holy belong to all of humanity. Saint Sharbel offers us such a model, which is a source of grace for all communities, without any distinction."

The proclamation as "Venerable" comes less than two months before the start, on 1st September, of centennial celebrations of the proclamation of Greater Lebanon.

This announcement represents a first step towards the cause of beatification, which requires the official recognition of a miracle.

Born in Helta on 4 December 1843, Elias Hoyek took the reins of the Maronite Church as the 72nd patriarch in 1899, which he led until his death in Bkerké, the current patriarchal see, on Christmas Eve 1931.

His remains lay in Ibrine, inside the chapel of the religious congregation he founded.

In the decree recognizing his heroic virtues, the Vatican stressed his strong patriotism and action in favor of the country's independence.

The late Patriarch in fact represented the people of Mount Lebanon at the Versailles Conference, under the auspices of the countries that won the First World War.