



**The 6th Sunday of the  
Holy Resurrection**

May 14, 2023

***“Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I  
myself. Touch me and see.”***

***(Lk 24:39)***

**Divine Liturgy**  
Sunday at 4:30 pm  
St Andrew Church  
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## SATURDAY, JULY 8



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## First Reading: Romans 10:1-13

My heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. I can testify that they have a zeal for God, but it is not enlightened. For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they have not submitted to God's righteousness.

For Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes. Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them."

But the righteousness that comes from faith says,

"Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).

But what does it say?

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame."

For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him.

For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

## The Gospel: Luke 24:36-48

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost.

He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have."

And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.

While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you — that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled."

Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

## Feast of the week: Our Lady of the Harvest – May 15

Eastern Catholics and Orthodox churches celebrate the feast of Our Lady of the Harvest on May 15. Christians sought Mary's help in all the important aspects of their lives. Since agriculture was the main source of livelihood for our forefathers, they celebrated three related feasts as follows: 15 January for Our Lady of the Seeds (planting), 15 May for Our Lady of the Harvest (ears of wheat), and 15 August for Our Lady of the Vineyards (wine).

These agricultural feasts arose from the needs of the farmers to seek God's help for a sure and bountiful harvest, through the intercession of Our Mother Mary.

In our Syriac Church, these feasts have come to symbolize the Mystery of the Eucharist. Through the harvests of wheat and grapes we receive the gifts of bread and wine, which become for us the body and blood of Christ, and like Mary we receive Christ to dwell in us. Moreover, just as she helped bring him into the world as a baby, she also helps bring him to us in the elements of the Holy Eucharist.

St. Ephrem likens Mary to a field who received the grain of wheat in her womb, and this grain of wheat (Jesus) gives life to the world. This is reflected in our Maronite Office:

*"Mary, you are the garden who has given the world the fruit of life.*

*Ask your only Son to bless our seasons, harvests, and the work of our hands;  
may he show his word in our hearts and in our souls..."*

*(Morning prayer for the Memorial of the Virgin Mary)..*

We are also reminded of this in our Liturgy hymn for the transfer of offerings:

*"Alleluia! Our Lord Jesus said I am the Bread of Life.*

*From the Father I was sent as Word without flesh to give new life.*

*Of the Virgin Mary I was born, taking flesh as man;  
as good earth receives a seed, her womb received me.*

*Priestly hands now lift me high above the altars.*

*Alleluia! Our gifts, Lord, receive."*

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