



“These are the names of the twelve apostles...”

(Mt 10:2)

Divine Liturgy

Sunday at 4:30 pm

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Moving to Our Lady of Victory (OLV)

As of July 16, our Mission will be headquartered at Our Lady of Victory (1559 Roxbury Rd), where we will celebrate our Maronite Divine Liturgy every Sunday at 11:30 a.m.

This will be a great opportunity for our Mission to grow, as more ministries will be made available with the new facilities, and a morning Mass schedule that is more convenient for everyone.

We are looking forward to joining the local community at OLV, where together we can be one family whose members love the Lord and each other as well.

Saint of the Week: Irenaeus of Lyon

Irenaeus was born around 125 of Greek parents in Asia Minor. As a child, he heard and saw St. Polycarp, the disciple of St John the Evangelist, who is the last known living connection with the Apostles. Irenaeus says of Polycarp that he “always taught the things which he had learned from the apostles, and which the church has handed down” (Against Heresies. 3.4).

Irenaeus came to Lyon as a priest under its first bishop, St. Pothinus. Around the year 177, the Christian community of Lyon sent Irenaeus to Rome to assist the pope with a theological dispute over a heretical teaching. While Irenaeus was in Rome, a severe persecution of the Church broke out in Lyon and many Christians were martyred, among them Bishop Pothinus. Upon returning to Lyon, Irenaeus was chosen as the next bishop.

For the next 20 years, Irenaeus dedicated his time to the pastoral care of his flock and missionary work in the land of the Gauls. His principal work consists of five books entitled *Adversus haereses* (Against Heresies) in which he exposed and refuted Gnosticism, a heresy that emphasized personal spiritual knowledge over faith in Christian teachings as handed down through the consensus of ecclesiastical authority.

One of his arguments was that throughout the continuous lineage of bishops that go back to Apostolic times, none of them believed what the Gnostics were teaching. This was one of the earliest testimonies to the importance of Apostolic Succession as a guarantee of doctrinal authenticity.

In 190 or 191 he interceded with Pope Victor to lift the sentence of excommunication laid by that pontiff upon the Christian communities of Asia Minor. The churches of Asia Minor continued to celebrate Easter on the same date (the 14th of Nisan) as the Jews celebrated Passover, whereas the Roman church maintained that Easter should always be celebrated on a Sunday (the day of the Resurrection of Christ). Mediating between the parties, Irenaeus insisted that differences in external factors, such as dates of festivals, need not be so serious as to destroy church unity, and so each community was given the freedom to keep celebrating Easter according to their customs.

On January 21, 2022, Pope Francis declared St. Irenaeus to be a Doctor of the Church and gave him the title “Doctor of Unity,” because in both his teachings and life, he served as a bridge between Eastern and Western churches.

First Reading: Philippians 3:7-14

Whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ.
More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.
For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things,
and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him,
not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law,
but one that comes through faith in Christ,
the righteousness from God based on faith.
I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death,
if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.
Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.
Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own;
but this one thing I do:
forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead,
I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The Gospel: Matthew 10:1-7

Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness.
These are the names of the twelve apostles:
first, Simon, also known as Peter,
and his brother Andrew;
James son of Zebedee, and his brother John;
Philip and Bartholomew;
Thomas and Matthew the tax collector;
James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus;
Simon the Cananaean,
and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.
These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions:
“Go nowhere among the Gentiles,
and enter no town of the Samaritans,
but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.
As you go, proclaim the good news,
‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’”

OLV Festival

Our Lady of Victory is having its annual festival on August 4-5.

As we look forward to our move, we are also planning to have a Lebanese Food booth at this festival.

We will be reaching out to you soon to sign-up for volunteer work/donations to help make our Lebanese booth a success!

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