

10, 11 September 2016 * Exaltation of the Holy Cross



Holy Cross

St. Joseph Maronite Catholic Church

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The Weekly Video of Our Sunday Liturgy can be found on our Web Site <http://www.sjmaronite.org>

“The Eastern Rites are the Treasure of the Catholic Church”

St. John XXIII, Pope of Rome

- Liturgies:** Saturday 4:00 p.m., * Sunday 10:00 a.m. * Tuesday - Friday 9:00 a.m. in the St. Jude Chapel
The Miraculous Medal and the St. Jude Novenas are on Tuesday following the 9 a.m. Liturgy
- Sick Calls:** To receive the Eucharist and/or the Anointing of the Sick, Please call Fr. Larry.
- Confessions:** A Half-hour before all scheduled Liturgies, emergencies, and by appointment.
- Baptisms:** Call the Office
- Marriage:** Call the Office **6 months** before you finalize a date for your wedding and book your reception.

*Suggested donation for the Sanctuary Candles, St. Jude Chapel \$20, St. Joseph Church \$20, for the Altar Bread, \$25, and the Wine, \$25.
Suggested offering for Liturgies: \$10 for weekdays - \$15 for weekends.

Choir Director: Fefa Deeb	Sacristan: Laurie Nale	Parish Secretary: Paula Mitchell
Teachers DRE: Lenore Boles, K-1st Lenore Boles, 2nd Jane Lee 3-5th Shana Page,		
Parish Council: Sheila Bonenfant, Lisa Grard, Lowell Hawes, Pearley Lachance, David Lee, Aaron Rowden, Elizabeth Wilson	Ex-officio: Subdeacon Steve Crate, Lenore Boles DRE, Paula Mitchell, Rosary Sodality, Larry Mitchell, Knights of Columbus.	

John 12:20-32:

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. “Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say — ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.”

Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine.

Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.”

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

A seed that sprouts is not really a dead seed it has to be alive to produce life. When Jesus says that unless the seed dies, He means the seed has to change. The earth changes the seed permanently, it splits open and ventures from the safety of its shell. If it does not break from its shell then what was protective becomes a prison. This is what Grace does for us.

We can imprison ourselves trying to protect our selves from the earth. There comes a time when we have to learn what kind of ground will help us flourish and what kind of ground will deform the image of God within us. Sin deforms, grace restores.

In the real world we are not born into a perfect world, and for some, that world can be hostile and unloving. Where ever one may be on that scale of unfairness, turmoil and trouble;

glorification and healing comes through Jesus Christ.

Jesus allowed Himself to be troubled. He even talked it over with His Father, to be saved from this painful hour. He allowed himself to lose the power that would take Him away from all trouble, but the desire to restore us to the ability to share in His glory took Him to the cross and through that we share in the Glory that belongs to God.

Faith is necessary for salvation because even if we cannot clearly see how destructive sin is; faith in the message of Jesus provides the source of power and grace to act even when we do not see clearly because of our own distorted images of what will provide us with sense of wholeness.

The Divine Light reveals the true path to follow that leads to eternal life. When we have the Light, even in trouble, we can walk out of it through our faith and sometimes, strengthen the faith of others. **Aboona**

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Heal Your servants, who are sick,

O Lord, and send them help

And comfort from Your holy place.

Those who seek our prayers: **Fr. Bill Clark, Jerry Fortin, Dorothy Furgus, Lester Giguere, Herb Jabar, Albert Joseph, Betsy Joseph, Debbie Leary, Theresa Lee, Mary Morneau, Debbie Pomelow, Tala Poulin, Virginia Poulin, Gordon Webber.**

Be sure to let Aboona know if you would like a name added or removed.

Last Week's Collection

Regular Collection \$1,557.00

God bless you for your generosity.

If you are not receiving envelopes and would like to start, please let the office know.

Trouble and perplexity drive me to prayer and prayer drives away perplexity and trouble.

~Philipp Melancthon

Endowment Fund Raiser

St. Joseph Maronite Catholic Church is committed to planning for a spiritual and financial future. We will soon be mailing a brochure to each parishioner.

Liturgy Helps:

Be sure your cell phone is off or silenced

2nd Collections: Sept. 10, 11 Fuel Collection

Liturgy: Exaltation of the Holy Cross Pg.606/8

Page numbers for the Prayers and Songs are on the back cover of the Bulletin.

Liturgy Intentions

Sat 10 4:00 pm
† **Saliem Family**
By Louise Saliem

Sun 11 10:00 am
† **Richard Elias, Sr.**
By Sheila Bonenfant

When the servers go to the side altar, those who will be carrying the gifts may go at this time.

Mon 12 Father's day off for for rest, prayer, reflection, and relaxation

Tue 13 9:00 am
† **Jeannette M. Sleiman**
By John Sleiman

Wed 14 9:00 am
† **Don Wolfe**
By Larry & Paula Mitchell

Thu 15 9:00 am
† **Ralph Cogswell**
By Mary Ayoob

Fri 16 9:00 am
† **Elaine Pooler**
By Greg & Marianne Gillespie

Sat 17 4:00 pm
† **Roy, Elaine & John Joseph**
By The Joseph Family

Sun 18 10:00 am
† **Salem & Latifa Deeb**
By Judie Lynn Nassar & Family

Liturgy Codes: † = Faithful Departed, SI = Special Intention, AV. = Anniversary, H = Health.

September Food Pantry

Ravioli Stews
Jiffy mixes Personal care items

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and help.

See someone new? Make them feel at home, and hopefully they will call it their home. There is no such thing as outsiders.

September Devotions

St. Joseph 14 day Sanctuary Candle

For **Prinella Mitchell**

By **Lowell & Mary Hawes**

St. Jude 7 Day Sanctuary Candle

For **Clarence Jensen**

By **The Family**

Altar Bread

Available

Altar Wine

For **John & Margaret Joseph & Family**

By **Rosanna Joseph**

Join us for a EUCHARISTIC RETREAT

Sunday, September 18, 1pm - 5:30 pm

Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Silver Street, Waterville

Sponsored by the Lay Adorers of the Blessed

Sacrament Fr. Anthony Scheuller, SSS, Provincial

Superior of the Blessed Sacrament Fathers,

Cleveland, Ohio, will lead us in an afternoon of

reflection and discussion that will strengthen our

prayer lives and help us more faithfully to follow

Jesus' call in our hearts. Please sign up in advance

on sheets in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, or

RSVP Nancy Epifano 861-9020.

READERS SCHEDULE

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

1 Cor. 1:18-25

John 12:20-32

September 10 Ruth Lunn

11 Lauraine Mansur

First Sunday after Holy Cross

2 Tim 2:1-10

Mark 10:35-45

September 17 Lila Hallowell

18 Joe Rowden

EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER

Sun 11 Rosary Sodality Meeting 11:30/11:45

Sun 18 Registration for Religious Education

After Liturgy.

Coffee Schedule

For the Summer: Larry Mitchell & Gareth Belton

Sept 18 Mary Bard & Jan Bourque

Sept 25 Lenore Boles & Pam Casavant

Oct 2 Sharon Crowe & Mary Hawes

Oct 9 Larry Mitchell & Gareth Belton

Oct 16 Cindy Elias & Mary Nader

Oct 23 Elaine Hoag & Mary Jo Hodgkin

Vocation Icon – Prayers for Vocations

We will be changing the way we schedule the Vocation Icon to allow more options. For now, we will schedule a person once a month or less often.

Aramaic/Syriac Bible

“Request therefore of The Lord of the harvest to send out laborers to his harvest.” Matt. 9:38

Sep 10 Audrey Yotides (Sat)

Sep 11 Greg & Marianne Gillespie

Sep 17 Ann Giguere (Sat)

Sep 18 Larry & Lisa Gard

FUNDRAISER FOR CARITAS, LEBANON

You have seen the pictures!

The need remains great

to help the Refugees!

We have teamed up with Yankee Candles for a fundraiser for Caritas, Lebanon to help with the terrible refugee crisis there. We are selling beautiful candles, holders, air fresheners, etc with 40% of the order totals going to Caritas. To order by catalog contact Dot Guerette or Lyn Rowden. We will have a table set up after Liturgy on Sundays, September 11 and 17th, or call 314-4730 to see our catalog. You may also order directly any time now until September 20, on www.yankeecandlefundraising.com and use group number 990098748.

to open their extensive site of scents, gifts, and more. Thank you.