

18, 19 June 2016 * Sixth Sunday of Pentecost



Season of Pentecost

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

Matthew 10:16-25

“See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes. A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!”

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

When we read, “look what those Jews do to followers of Jesus, ‘flog you in their synagogues’”; there is a danger of using it to hate and judge millions on the actions of a few

for a very short period of time in history. The tragedy of history is that many people who professed to be followers of Jesus have, through out the centuries, done horrendous acts of violence toward them and others.

We certainly do not want to be judged on the actions of others centuries ago, or in different countries. As we judge so shall we be judged. Which means if we hold all in contempt for what a few did or are doing, we place ourselves to be judged for whatever anyone throughout history who shares our same ethnic mixture and religion. God help us all if that is the case.

This shows us the accuracy in which St. Paul writes, “all have fallen short of the glory of God.” Again we are not saved by finding others who have behaved worse than ourselves, but we are saved by the mercy of a compassionate God.

Every country, every community, organization, relationship and even some families have an example of someone among them doing horrendous harm to others. Gratefully, God's love is more powerful than sin.

Today Christians in most countries are not in danger of being killed by violent persecution. However, the spreading of the Gospel and authentically living it, is in many places being destroyed and wounded by being replaced by activities that have gravely diminished the mission and the command Jesus gave His Apostles. We are gravely neglecting to teach and live the message of Jesus. We have too many churches being closed. When Jesus commanded the Apostles to go out and teach all

that He taught them, He wasn't referring to a few verses of "niceness".

When Jesus says those who endure to the end will be saved, one can ponder the ramifications of what happens to the one who does not endure? In several countries the persecution is obvious. The Coptic Christians of Egypt in some places are forced to take their crosses off their churches, there can be no sign of any kind that others would be able to identify it as a Christian Church. They are not even allowed to sing or use instruments loud enough so that someone outside can hear them.

Persecution can be very subtle also. We become uncomfortable with showing or revealing expressions of our faith and beliefs. In America we might not have outward persecution, but it is obvious. Articles about someone within the church will get national news if they did wrong but if someone of a different organization does the same thing, they might get a paragraph located in an obscure place.

In subtle ways, Jesus' statement that within family there is a persecution is bearing out. Those who are older remember never making the decision whether to go to church. It was accepted and practiced; we went to church because our parents were convinced of its value. Now very often it is the child who dictates the actions of the parents. The culture of today, in many places, creates a certainty of the church not surviving. Fasting and prayer is needed for the Church to survive in those place it is struggling to survive, even here in Maine. **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, Herb Jabar, Albert Joseph, Betsy Joseph, John M. Joseph, Debbie Leary, Theresa Lee, Reginald "Mitch" Michaud, Mary Morneau, Debbie Pomelow, Tala Poulin, Virginia Poulin.**

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

Maronite Patriarch to Visit our Parish!

The Maronite Patriarch, Bechara Peter Rai, Archbishop Sayah, Bishop Gregory Mansour, Chorbishop Michael Thomas, Deacon Simon, and Walid Ghayad, will be celebrating the 4 pm Liturgy here on **Saturday, the 25th of June.** They will fly in by private jet at 1 pm Saturday, to celebrate the Divine Liturgy followed by a simple reception. The Patriarch's emphasis will be to greet and converse with as many parishioners as possible. They will be flying out Saturday evening so they will not be here for the Sunday Liturgy.

Liturgy Helps:

Be sure your cell phone is off or silenced

2nd Collections:

June 25, 26 Peter's Pence

July 9,10 Fuel Collection

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

Liturgy Intentions

- Sat 18 4:00 pm**
† **Madame Jeannette Marie Sleiman**
By John Sleiman
- Sun 19 10:00 am**
† **Prinella Mitchell**
By Yvonne & Theresa Nemer

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

- Mon 20 Father's day off for prayer, reflection, and relaxation
- Tue 21 9:00 am
SI Joe & Marie Kendra
By Don & Marcia Kendra
- Wed 22 9:00 am
† **Richard Elias, Sr.**
By Joe & Mary Nader
- Thu 23 9:00 am
† **Khalil & Abou Sleiman & Frangieh Harfoush**
By John Sleiman
- Fri 24 9:00 am
† **Daniel Karter, Jr.**
By Larry & Paula Mitchell
- Sat 25 4:00 pm**
† **The Faithful Departed of our Parish**
- Sun 26 10:00 am**
† **John Thomas**
By The Family
† **Joseph & Mary Smus**
By Patricia, David & Paula Smus

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

Last Week's Collection

Regular Collection \$1,931.00

God bless you for your generosity.

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

June Devotions

St. Joseph 14 day Sanctuary Candle Available

St. Jude 7 Day Sanctuary Candle

For Special Intention

By Gerard Brouillard

Altar Bread

For John & Margaret Joseph Family

By Rosanna Joseph

Altar Wine

For Deceased Mem. Harry Mitchell Family

By Larry & Paula Mitchell

Vocation Icon – Prayers for Vocations

We have two Vocation Icons, so I am hoping that some people on Saturday will sign up to take it home also. You can take it home more than once.

June 19 Lowell & Mary Hawes

June 25 Audrey Yotides (Sat)

June 26 Greg & Marianne Gillespie

July 3 Jim & Rachel Kilbride

July 9 Ann Giguere (Sat)

July 10 Larry & Paula Mitchell

July 17 Larry & Lisa Gard

Addressing the Archbishop or Bishop

“Your Excellency”

“Sayidna” Sa-id-na

A Chorbishop

Chorbishop Michael or Monsignor Michael

READERS SCHEDULE

Sixth Sunday of Pentecost

1 Cor. 12:12-13, 27-30 Matthew 10:16-25

June 18 Lenore Boles

19 Joe Rowden

Liturgy of the Faithful Departed: Celebrated by the Patriarch

Acts 13:44-52

John 3:31-36

Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul

2 Corinthians 11:21-30 Matthew 16:13-20

June 25 Lenore Boles

26 Joe Rowden

EVENTS FOR JUNE

Sun 19 Fathers Day

Sat 25 4 pm Liturgy with Maronite Patriarch
Bechara Peter Cardinal Rai

Mon 27 Leave for vacation with Family

EVENTS FOR JULY

Tue 5 Maronite Priest Conference

Fri 8 National Apostolate of Maronite
Convention begins.

Wed 20 10th Anniversary for Fr. Larry being here

EVENTS FOR AUGUST

Wed 24 Endowment Fund “Kickoff Supper”

Coffee Schedule

June 19 Shana Page & Jody Veilleux
Larry Mitchell & Gareth Belton - **For the Summer**

July 3 NO COFFEE HOUR

Mark YOUR calendars!

August 24 – Kickoff Supper for the Endowment Fund. George Mitchell will be attending and share his experience of growing up here at St. Joseph’s. We will also officially recognize our “new members”.

Patriarch’s Schedule

12:55 Arrive at Waterville airport and proceed to St. Joseph Rectory

2:00 Lunch at Rectory

4:00 Divine Liturgy at St. Joseph Church

5:30 Reception in Church Hall

“All American Turkey Dinner”

7:30 Leave for Waterville airport

Addressing the Patriarch

You can say “**Your Eminence**” m-in-ence

Or “**Your Beatitde**” bee-at-a-tood

Or “**Patriarch Rai**” rhymes with “by”

