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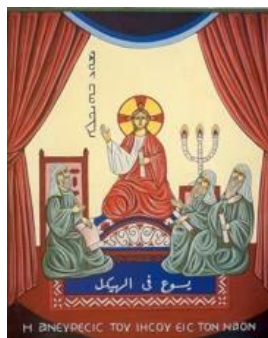
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Finding in the Temple

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
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Luke 2:41-52

Each year his parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." And he said to them, **"Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"** But they did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced [in] wisdom and age and favor before God and man.

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

If you lost your child, how many days would you spend looking for him or her before you visited a church/temple? Who would you find there? Is it among the places a family would consider a safe place to go if they were lost or look for what is missing?

We learn that Jesus, at the age of twelve, knew who His real father was, and already had a talent for sharing and explaining the Scriptures. Just because Jesus was God didn't mean that He couldn't grow in wisdom because He also had to experience what it truly meant to be human, the awe of discovering, the feelings of being hurt, and hurting others, not in a sinful way, but the many unintentional ways we misunderstand others.

There are people who are not even close to being "like God", but think they know everything about God when it pertains to justifying their behavior. That behavior often turns out to be harmful to oneself and to others.

The Scriptures say Jesus was obedient to His parents. I have wondered in what manner a perfect kid behaves as they are growing up. Maybe, in this case Jesus learned that it was wiser to ask His parents if He could stay in Jerusalem rather than leave them distraught with worry. The whole dynamics of growing up, learning how to not offend and hurt others can be complicated even when the child is perfect. When there is no concern or desire to learn, what is offensive and hurtful, we can expect a disintegrating world filled with willful harm. There was a snippet of news where someone at the UN was speaking about the crimes in Syria, "Is there nothing shameful left that you would not do..."

The other day I heard a person expressing their dismay that in a few minutes of watching the news they were bombarded with people dying of drug overdoses, fights, thefts, violence, murder, homelessness, war crimes, and hate crimes. This person wondered what in the world is happening to the morals of our society. I wanted to contact this person and say they have rejected organized organizations, such as the church and have embraced individualistic selections of what would please them and reject what doesn't.

It can be very difficult to discern when we are making truly spiritual and morally good decisions, the moral consequences to our life, others and our society and culture might not show up until the next generation. The freedom to do what is wrong has probably never been more permissible in our history.

Certainly, there is less Temple news coming into our homes. It only stands to reason our world will reflect this. We, as a society, are trying to shape our culture in a fragmented individualistic manner without the hand of God involved. Our words might say love, but when the fruit begins to ripe it tastes like selfish hate and division.

We have our news and God has His News? Where are you going to hear, "The Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ is given to you for the forgiveness of sins and for eternal life." And the person actually gave His life so we all can have life? **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, Albert Joseph, Betsy Joseph, 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.

Liturgy Helps:

Be sure your cell phone is off or silenced

2nd Collections Jan. 7, 8 Fuel Collection
Jan. 21, 22 Bishops' Worldwide Charities

Liturgy: Finding in the Temple

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

Liturgy Intentions

Sat 31 4:00 pm
† **Joseph & Mary Smus**
By Patricia, David & Paula Smus

Sun 1 10:00 am
† **John M. Joseph**
By Janet Mitchell

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

Mon 2 Father's day off for for rest, prayer, reflection, and relaxation

Tue 3 9:00 am
† **Marion Maroon**
By Scott Maroon

Wed 4 9:00 am
† **Don & Marcia Kendra**
By Don & Marcia Kendra

Thu 5 9:00 am
† **Lester Giguere**
By Ann Giguere

Fri 6 9:00 am
FEAST OF EPIPHANY (Holy Day of Obligation)

† **Ann Jensen**
By Dan & Pam Casavant
6:00 pm

† **Elie Sleiman & Josephine Salomon**
By John Sleiman

Sat 7 4:00 pm
† **John Sleiman**
By Family in Paris

Sun 8 10:00 am
† **Kathleen Hawes**
By Judie Lynn Nassar & Family

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

Thank you

Thank you everyone for the Christmas Cards, care packages, and gifts. They are deeply appreciated. May God bless you and keep you, and may **2017** be one of many blessings.

**Aboona Larry,
& Subdeacon Steve**

Deepest Sympathy

Our condolences and deepest sympathy go out to, **Rick Leary**, for the loss of his wife **Deborah**, who passed away recently. We pray that the Lord God may grant her rest in His kingdom and consolation to her family and loved ones.

January Devotions

St. Joseph 14 day Sanctuary Candle

Available

St. Jude 7 Day Sanctuary Candle

For Available

Altar Bread

For **Chris Langlais**

By Rosanna Joseph

Altar Wine

For **Shackie & Rose Marie Joseph**

By Rosanna Joseph

Last Week's Collection

Regular Collection \$1,793.00

God bless you for your generosity.

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

January Food Pantry

Variety soups Bisquick

Jelly Cake Mixes

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and help.

READERS SCHEDULE

Finding the Lord in the Temple

Hebrews 7:11-19 Luke 2:41-52

4 p.m. Jan 31 Lila Hollowell

10 a.m. 1 Joe Rowden

1st Sunday after Epiphany

Corinthians 10:1-11 John 1:29-34

Jan 7 Ruth Lunn

8 Lauraine Mansur

EVENTS FOR JANUARY

Wed 4 Parish Council Meeting 6:00 pm

Sun 8 Rosary Meeting 11:30/45 am

Mon 9 Maronite Priest retreat run by the
Passionist Retreat Center in Florida

Thu 19 Return from Florida

EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY

Wed 1 Parish Council Meeting 6:00 pm

Sun 5 Super Bowl Breakfast

Sun 12 Rosary Meeting 11:30/45 am

Sun 26 Cana Sunday – Talent Show

Mon 27 Ash Monday

Coffee Schedule

Jan 1 Larry Mitchell & Gareth Belton

Jan 8 Larry Mitchell & Gareth Belton

Jan 15 Lenore Boles & Pam Casavant

Jan 22 Sharon Crowe & Mary Hawes

Jan 29 Cindy Elias & Mary Nader

Feb 5 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

Dec 31 Ann Giguere (Sat)

Jan 1 Larry & Paula Mitchell

Jan 8 Larry & Lisa Grard

Jan 15 Pearley & Alice Lachance

Jan 21 Jim & Lenore Boles (Sat)

Jan 28 Audrey Yotides (Sat)

Jan 29 Greg & Marianne Gillespie

Christmas Bazaar Report

We finally received the last bill for the Christmas Bazaar.

Income \$7,847.74

Expenses \$1,452.83

Net Income \$6,384.91

Sometimes circumstances are such that song choices must be changed at the last minute. Song Books are located in the pews.

LB=Liturgical Book SB=Song Book

Finding in the Temple

Lighting of the Church: SB - Pg. 21 #135 or

LB - Pg.5 Jesus, Christ, O Source of Light

Entrance Hymn: SB - Pg. 53 #205

O Come, all ye Faithful

* Entrance Chant: LB - Pg. 78

Glory: SB - Pg. 51 # 200

Angels, We have heard on High

Hymn: SB - Pg. 51 # 201

Arsal Allah

Creed Pg. 748

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Transfer of Gifts:

Silent is the Night (Choir)

Incense Hymn: SB – Pg. 3 #08

Anaphora: Twelve Apostles

LB - Page 754

Peace Hymn: SB Pg. 40 #176

Tooba Lisa

Anaphora Acclamations after Consecration:

when Sung: SB - Pg. 4 # 10

Communion:

What Child Shall Come (Choir)

After Communion:

Closing Song: SB - Pg. 53 # 204

Joy To The World

Church Etiquette

Refrain from long and loud conversations, **no food or drinks in church**, no leaving of pews during the reading of the Gospel and the Consecration of the Bread and Wine. Check to see if your cell phone is off.

Thank You!

Thank you to all those who helped make the Christmas season and Liturgy beautiful and inspiring. Thank you, Choir, for the hours of practice, the decorating of the church, servers and readers.

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

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***“The Catholic Church, East and West,
breathes as two lungs in the same body.”***

St. John Paul II, Pope of Rome