

July 30, 2017 – Ninth Sunday of Pentecost



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"The Eastern Rites are the Treasure of the Catholic Church"

St. John XXIII, Pope

Liturgies: Saturday 4:00 p.m.; Sunday 10:00 a.m.; Tues. – Fr. 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 the rectory.
Confessions: One half-hour before weekend Liturgies and by appointment.
Baptisms: *Parents* should refer to the website and then contact the parish through the parish e-mail address.
Marriage: Please refer to the parish website and contact the parish **a minimum 6 months before** finalizing the date of your wedding.

***SUGGESTED DONATIONS: SANCTUARY CANDLES \$20; ALTAR BREAD \$25; WINE \$25**

Mass Stipends: weekday intentions \$10; weekend intentions \$15

Choir Director: Fefa Deeb **Sacristan:** Laurie Nale **Parish Secretary:** Paula Mitchell
Catechists: Lenore Boles, Director & K-1st; Jane Lee, 2nd; Shana Page, 3-5th
Parish Council: Sheila Bonenfant, Lisa Grard, Lowell Hawes, Rosanna Joseph, David Lee, Kevin Michaud, Paula Mitchell, Aaron Rowden, Elizabeth Wilson
Ex-officio: Subdeacon Steve Crate; Lenore Boles, Catechism; Shana Page, Rosary Sodality; Larry Mitchell, Knights of Columbus

THIS DAY'S GOSPEL: St. Luke 4: 14-21

And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee, and a report concerning Him went out through all the surrounding country. And He taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all. And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up; and He went to the synagogue, as was His custom, on the sabbath day. And He stood up to read; and there was given to Him the book of the prophet Isaiah. He opened the book and found the place where it was written,

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because He has anointed me
to preach good news to the poor.*

*He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.*

And He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant, and sat down; and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on Him. And He began to say to them, **"Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing"**.

Finally, we arrive at the last installment to these considerations of our Antiochene tradition. Hopefully, these continuing considerations have given further insights for all of us to ponder here at St. Joseph's whether we find our Catholic origins in Rome – among the Latins – or from Antioch -- among those born Maronite.

From Antiquity to Antiquity:

A Latin Priest
in the ancient tradition of Aramea

Part VI and Conclusion

In the Eastern traditions, the Eucharist Prayer is seen a full consecratory act, without concentrating on the specific words of the Institution ("This is My Body," "This is My Blood") as the sole place of transubstantiation, as is done in the Latin tradition.

The Epiclesis (Greek for "invocation") is the fulfillment and conclusion to the Divine Offering being made, and as recounted in the Words of Institution, bringing to a climax the Eucharistic Sacramental Action with the descent of the Holy Spirit. The *Holy Qoorbono* is thus threefold in its sacramental prayer: to the Father is offered the Body and Blood of Christ in His Sacrifice, His Death and Resurrection, as the Son establishes this Sacred Mystery recounted in the Words of Institution, into which all is fulfilled through the Holy Spirit – in the descent of the Power and Charity of God.

The Epiclesis invoking the transforming presence of the Spirit of God is common to all the eastern traditions. In the Maronite Church at Mass this is done by the priest kneeling at the altar. The Holy Spirit is invoked not only to transform the sacred *oblata* on the altar and to perfect the Divine Offering – the *Alohoyo Qoorbono* – the Divine Power is also called upon to transform all the baptized present as He once did in the Virgin in Nazareth, analogously making Christ present also in them: "Aneen, Moryo"/"Hear us, O Lord".

*Praise, glory and honor to the Light,
Whose radiance has revealed
the Father of lights;
to the Brightness,
Whose splendor had drawn us
to the threshold of light;
to the Wise One,
Who, in divine generosity,
has offered us the treasures
of wisdom;
to the Living and Life-giving One,
Who in His kindness,
has led us to the source of Life.
To Him, the Lord of Goodness, is due
glory and honor this night, and all
the days of our lives, now and
forever. Amen.¹*

Lastly, the characteristic to be mentioned here, and one most cherished by the Syriac faithful, is the Marian quality of our prayers. Her central title is simply "The Mother of the Light".

The ever-Virgin Mary is seen as the realization of all the promises made to Israel through the previous fifteen centuries before the coming of the Messiah. She fulfills the types of the Old Testament as the embodiment of the "Daughter of Zion". She is present everywhere and invoked continually under many images and types: *Chariot of the flesh, the Closed Door, Higher than all the ranks of the angels, Palace of Mysteries, Blessed Field, Source of Joy*, etc.

*O Mary, thou art the Tower of David
where marvelously appeared
the Light Who proceeds
from the Light.
Petition the eternal Light within thee
to drive from our souls
the darkness of sin and fill them
with the light of justice.
With enlightened and pure hearts,
we shall then celebrate*

¹ Proemion, Friday Ramsho.

*thy glorious feast
and give glory to the One
Who is within thee,
to His Father,
and to the Holy Spirit, forever.
Amen.*²

While the Messiah is the perfect Manifestation of God and man, the ever-blessed Virgin is the perfect finite expression of all creation. She is the perfect created response and fidelity to God in whom we find our exemplar, intercessor and Mother.

Finally, the following prayer addressed to the Mother of God, taken from the Night Office of Tuesday, allows us to appreciate the extraordinary vision of the Syriac Church that at once brings together the notions of holiness, light and the Divine Maternity. It also gives a taste of the beauty to be found in the Aramaic tradition, and why this Latin priest has easily been captivated in her embrace.

*"Palace of holiness in which
the King descended
and came to dwell;
New Heaven
which carried God the Word;
in thine arms
thou didst embrace the Flames
and didst give milk
to the devouring Fire;
blessed is He, the Infinite,
Who was born of thee."*³

PARKING LOT PAVING AND OTHER PROJECTS

Funds are always necessary to accomplish these works and *we rely on everyone's generosity to participate in the repairs necessary to keep St. Joseph's parish plant in good shape*. Buildings do not heal themselves, and maintenance must be constant. Even as we continue the work to finish the parking lot, among the other major works that

² Second Prayer, *Ramsho*, The Announcement to Mary.

³ Lilyo from Tuesday, First Qaumo, Qolo. *The Book of Common Prayer of the Syrian Church*, p. 91, tr. Rev. Fr. Bede Griffiths. Gorgias Press, Piscataway, NJ, 2005.

need to be done – and have needed to be done for awhile – are repairs to both the roof of the church and that of the rectory, and painting of all the wood of the church and rectory that are exposed to elements.

We hope to get these repairs done before fall sets and another winter of damage.

Please help us avoid touching the normally reserved investment account. Although this account is *not* the inviolable Endowment (a completely other investment portfolio) it is preferable not to draw from these funds unless need be. Your action right now will decide whether "need be".

Your generosity today will help us to avoid withdrawing from our working investment fund.

It is in this way, mundane and as concrete as it may be, that we all continue to contribute to the apostolate and the work of proclaiming the Kingdom of God in His Sacred Mysteries.

Be sure your cell phone is turned-off or silenced

2nd Collections:

NB: You can still place offerings of the mis-printed envelopes for Peter's Pence into the collection until the Feast of the Transfiguration.

Hafli!

St. Joseph's 90th Anniversary

September 23: 6pm-12am

Table for ten: **\$300**

Single Tickets **\$40**

--- tickets will be \$25 up until August 30 ---

E-mail the parish website for ticket reservations then tickets can be purchased by placing an envelope, properly identified, in the collection. Tickets will also be sold after Masses on the weekends.

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Sat 29 † John Sleiman
(Family in Paris)

Sun 30 † Alfred M. Joseph
(George Peters)

Mon 31 -----

Tues 1 Patrick & Ramona Phillips, AV
(Ann Giguere)

Wed 2 † The Thomas & Veilleux Families
(Dan & Pam Casavant)

Thur 3 † Lester Giguere
(Ann Giguere)

Fri 4 † Ferdinand & Antoinette Mathieu
(Dan & Pam Casavant)

Sat 5 † Prinella Mitchell
(John Sleiman)

Sun 6 † Jibryn & Jeannett Karter
(Karter Family)

Liturgical notes: † = Deceased, SI = Special Intention, AV = Anniversary, H = Health

JULY DEVOTIONS

Altar Bread:

Deceased Members of the Simon Stevens Family
(Larry and Paula Mitchell)

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Regular Collection: \$1,353.00
May God richly reward your generosity!

*Heal Thy servants, who are sick,
O Lord, and send them help
and comfort from Thy Holy Place*

Those for whom we pray: Jerry Fortin, Albert Joseph, Sierra Lee, Darrell Mitchell, Doreen Nader, Tala Poulin, Virginia Poulin, Beverly Rideout, Gordon Webber, Melissa Karter, Maxine Morrisette, Paula Mitchell, and Rebecca Bernard

READERS' SCHEDULE

Ninth Sunday of Pentecost

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| II Cor. 5; 20-6; 10 | St. Luke 4; 14-21 |
| July 29 | Lila Hallowel |

Feast of the Holy Transfiguration

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| II Cor. 3; 7-17 | St. Mark 9; 1-7 |
| August 5 | Ruth Lunn |

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 Nancy Karter | 12 Lacey Breems |
| 2 Steve Crate | 13 Lowell Hawes |
| 2 Fr. Jim Roy | 14 Brenda Williams |
| 3 Sofia Derosby | 15 Elaine Hoag |
| 3 Elizabeth Wilson | 17 Kati Joseph |
| 5 Maria Poirier | 19 Jibryne Karter III |
| 8 Tim Mitchell | 22 Mary Ayooob |
| 8 Cam Mitchell | 22 Barbara Joseph |
| 9 Shawn Lee | 22 Sheila Bonenfant |
| 10 Melissa Roy | 28 Joe Rowden |
| 12 Patricia Thomas | |

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

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| 6 Ed & Theresa Hurd |
| 8 Salim & Andre Nasr |
| 11 Charles & Holly Plourde |
| 19 Joe & Renee Jabar |
| 20 David & Jane Lee |
| 20 Paul & Yvette Mitchell |
| 23 Steve & Allison Crate |
| 25 Kevin & Betty Michaud |
| 27 Mark & Laurie Nale |
| 31 John & Jeanne Thomas |

VOCATION ICON

"Request therefore the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into His harvest." St. Matthew 9:38

Please indicate your desire (preferably by e-mail) to take the vocation icon so that we can revise the schedule

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Lighting of the Church: SB* p 21 #135/LB p 5
Jesus, Christ, O Source of Light

Entrance Hymn: SB p 31 #155
Open Our Eyes

Glory: SB p 1 #2
Glory (English)

Qolo/Hymn: 201A
Shareero

Creed p 748

Pre-Anaphora:

Transfer of Gifts: SB p 8 #108
Blessed Are You Lord

Incense Hymn: SB p 3 #8
Ikbal – This Pure Incense

Anaphora:
Twelve Apostles: LB p 754

Sign of Peace: SB p 12 #117
Gift of Peace

Communion:
This we Pray

Recessional: SB p 34 #163
Ha Salahu – See the Splendor

**LB=Liturgical Book SB=Song Book*

“Awe-inspiring, in truth, are the Mysteries of the Church; awesome, in truth, her altar.

*A fountain sprang up
out of Paradise,
sending forth sensible
streams; a fountain
arises from this Table,
sending forth spiritual
streams.”*

St. John Chrysostom, Bishop
& Confessor



Prayers of the Angel of Fatima as requested in 1916

*My God, I believe, I adore, I hope, and I love Thee!
I beg pardon of Thee for those who do not believe, do not adore,
do not hope and do not love Thee!*



*Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, Holy Spirit;
I adore Thee profoundly and offer Thee the
most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity
of Jesus Christ, present in all the Tabernacles
of the earth, in reparation for the outrages,
sacrileges, and indifference with which He
Himself is offended.*

*And through the infinite merits of His Most
Sacred Heart and of the Immaculate Heart
of Mary, I beg of Thee the conversion of
poor sinners.*

*"Take and drink the Body and the Blood of Jesus Christ,
horribly insulted by ungrateful men.
Make reparation for their crimes and console your God."*

*"Pray in this manner.
The Hearts of Jesus and Mary are attentive
to the voice of your supplications."*

The Angel of Peace of Portugal to the three seers