

# July 23, 2017 – Eighth Sunday of Pentecost

## St. Joseph Maronite Catholic Church



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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

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**THIS DAY'S GOSPEL:** St. Matthew 12: 14-21

But the Pharisees went out and took counsel against Him, how to destroy Him. Jesus, aware of this, withdrew from there. And many followed Him, and He healed them all, and ordered them not to make Him known.

This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah:

*"Behold, My Servant whom I have chosen,  
My Beloved with whom My soul is well pleased.  
I will put My Spirit upon him,*

*and he shall proclaim justice to the Gentiles.  
He will not wrangle or cry aloud,  
nor will anyone hear his voice in the streets;  
He will not break a bruised reed  
or quench a smoldering wick,  
till he brings justice to victory;  
and in his name will the Gentiles hope."*

### **ABOONA'S WEEKLY REFLECTION**

The first parts of the Mass are always meant to work our conversion – that is, they turn us ever more loyally and intimately toward the Hidden

One – and to prepare us firstly to hear the Word of God in the Sacred Scriptures, and later in the Homily and Sermon instruction. In so doing, these are meant to purify us and establish more firmly within the heart and mind of each a *luminous heart* disposed to receive the Body and Blood of the Messiah as given to us substantially in the Holy Eucharist.

Where the Latin tradition has us acknowledge our sinfulness by way of the “Confiteor”, the act of confession together at the beginning of Mass, the Syriac tradition brings us to conversion as we stand before the *Seat of Mercy*, the Messianic Holiness of Christ in the Hoosoyo.

Hopefully these continuing considerations will give some 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 V

It is after the *Hoosoyo*, whose fundamental liturgical action is one of conversion,<sup>1</sup> that the *Trisagion* is sung. Known commonly by its Greek name, it is the *Qadisha(n)t* that we sing in Aramaic. It is our response to the Most Holy Lord God for having revealed His mercy to us in the Messiah, our Hoosoyo. Following this act of conversion, we are better disposed to listen to His words in the Sacred Scriptures.

In a distinctly Semitic and concrete manner of prayer proper to the Syriacs,<sup>2</sup> this prayer is addressed most often to the Word Incarnate, and this is in contrast to the Constantinopolitan tradition where it is strictly interpreted as addressed to the Most Holy Trinity. Sadly, this difference has been the origin of much misunderstanding and mutually slung anathemas during earlier centuries of doctrinal quarrels.

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<sup>1</sup> *Let us go therefore with confidence to the throne of grace (kapporeth): that we may obtain mercy, and find grace in seasonable aid.* Hebrews 4; 16.

<sup>2</sup> Echoing St. John’s “and the Word was made flesh”.

All of this is best understood – the Trisagion addressed to the Messiah – in the light of another distinctive characteristic of the Syriac Church: its eschatological expectation.

*Lord, when Thou dost come  
on that great Morning,  
escorted by the heavenly angels,  
separating the just from the unjust,  
show us Thy kindness.*

*On that Day when  
the hosts of Gabriel and Michael  
will appear,  
separating the just from the unjust,  
show us Thy kindness.*

*The Morning of the Lord is dawning;  
light your lamps,  
and on the Day of Judgement you will  
enter the Paradise of Light.*<sup>3</sup>

Within the Eucharistic Sacramental Action we look to the past, the present, and the future; but the emphasis is diverse and distinctive among the major Catholic traditions. While the Latins look in gratitude to the Lamb of God Who died for our redemption present now in the great Sacrifice of the Mass, the Byzantines stand in awe before the eternal High Priest acting now in the Divine Liturgy, and the Syriacs in the *Alohoyo Qoorbono* (The Divine Offering) remain alert and vigilant in expectation for the Day of Judgement on which the Lord will return in majesty and glory: “Blessed is He Who comes *and will come again* in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest”.<sup>4</sup>

The images of light and radiance are ever present in the spirituality of the Syriac Churches. In fact, this is central to its spirituality. The term used is *shafyoutho*. This word covers a variety of different but related ideas: “lucidity, luminosity, purity, clarity, and serenity.” Where the Greek text of St. Luke 8; 15 is translated “an excellent and good heart”, the Syriac text is “The seed in the good ground refers to those who hear the Word with a *luminous (shafya)* and good heart.” The Christian

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<sup>3</sup> *Mazmooro*, Wednesday Safro.

<sup>4</sup> “Sanctus” at the opening of the Eucharistic Anaphora.

ideal to be pursued is *shafyout lebba*, “luminosity of heart”.<sup>5</sup>

*Be praised and glorified, O God,  
Who didst create light  
and dispelled the darkness.  
Thou hast taken us  
from the sleep of error  
and granted us this morning  
to fill us with joy.  
Thou dost reveal to us  
the light of Thy creative power  
and the sublime grandeur  
of Thy wisdom,  
for Thou didst create the heavens  
and spread the earth over the waters.  
We beg Thee to keep us  
from the places where sin lieth in wait  
to wound the virtues within us.  
Illumine our souls  
with the rays of Thy love  
and the hope  
of Thy glorious manifestation  
of that great Dawn  
that will never end.  
In all our actions and conduct,  
may the presence of Thy light  
and the splendor of Thy revelation  
guide us to eternal happiness.  
Joyfully we shall sing praise to Thee,  
O Christ, the Light of Truth,  
and to Thy Father, the Father of Mercy,  
and to Thy Life-giving Spirit,  
Light of all beings, now and forever.  
Amen.*<sup>6</sup>

## **Be sure your cell phone is turned-off or silenced**

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Collections:**

**September 10** Catholic University of America

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

<sup>5</sup> Brock, Sebastian. *The Bible in the Syriac Tradition*, pp. 99-100. Gorgias Press, Piscataway, NJ 2006

<sup>6</sup> *Sedro*, Tuesday Safro.

## **PARKING LOT PAVING**

As you can well see, we have now had the old footprint of the school paved over into a proper parking lot.

This project has been coupled with a second one in front of the church where the water drainage must be corrected, along with sealing the foundation of the church against the water damage that has been occurring.

As with many of the projects being done these months, they have had to be done for a while now. In previous bulletins you have been told that these two paving projects will amount to **\$10,000-11,000**.

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.

This week we received a **\$5000.00** billing for the church's insurance.

Also, this week, we received a call from the chancery that the parish's annual Bishop's Appeal had not been sent in at Easter, as is the usual practice. This annual appeal is set for St. Joseph's at **\$4000.00**.

*This last was unforeseen, and together \$9000.00 due now makes for a true "ouch factor" financially.*

The check for this latter expenditure we immediately sent out to the chancery, of course, but it now means that our working accounts have come dangerously low to depletion.

Please help us avoid touching the investment account. Although that account is not the inviolable Endowment, it is preferable not to touch even 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 that we all continue to contribute to the apostolate and the work of proclaiming the Kingdom of God in His Sacred Mysteries.

LITURGY INTENTIONS

- Sat 22 † John Sleiman  
(Family in Paris)
- Sun 23 † Alfred M. Joseph  
(George Peters)
- Mon 24 -----
- Tues 25 † Marie Morgan  
(Ann Giguere)
- Wed 26 † Theresa Lee  
(Dan & Pam Casavant)
- Thur 27 † Lester Giguere  
(Ann Giguere)
- Fri 28 † Theresa Lee  
(Fefa Deeb)
- Sat 29 † Paulette Daou  
(John Sleiman)
- Sun 30 † Andrea Nagem  
(Joe Ferris)

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

*Hafli!*

*St. Joseph's 90<sup>th</sup> 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. On occasion, tickets may also be sold at the church.

**Barbecue Dinner hosted by  
the Knights of Columbus**

Saturday Evening, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, following Mass

The Knights are also to be thanked for the excellent work they did this week in taking down the tree at the front of the church. Although beautiful, its roots were doing serious damage to the basement walls and causing water leakage.

*May God bless them all and their families!*

JULY DEVOTIONS

**Altar Bread:**

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

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

**Regular Collection: \$1,447.00**  
*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**

**Eighth Sunday of Pentecost**

Romans 8; 1-11      St. Matthew 12; 14-21  
**July 22**      Lenore Boles

**Ninth Sunday of Pentecost**

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



## 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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## Eighth Sunday of Pentecost "A"

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

**Entrance Hymn:** LB p 425  
On a Sunday Jesus Rose

**Glory:** SB p 1 #2  
Glory (English)

**Qolo/Hymn:**  
Salatoke (English)

**Creed** p 748

**Pre-Anaphora:**  
**Transfer of Gifts:** LB p 750  
The Lord Reigns

**Incense Hymn:** SB p 3 #8  
Ikbal - This Pure Incense

**Anaphora:**  
**Saint John Maron:** LB p 897

**Sign of Peace:**

**Communion:**  
Kumgaya  
**Recessional:** SB p 35 #166  
Sing Out Earth and Sky

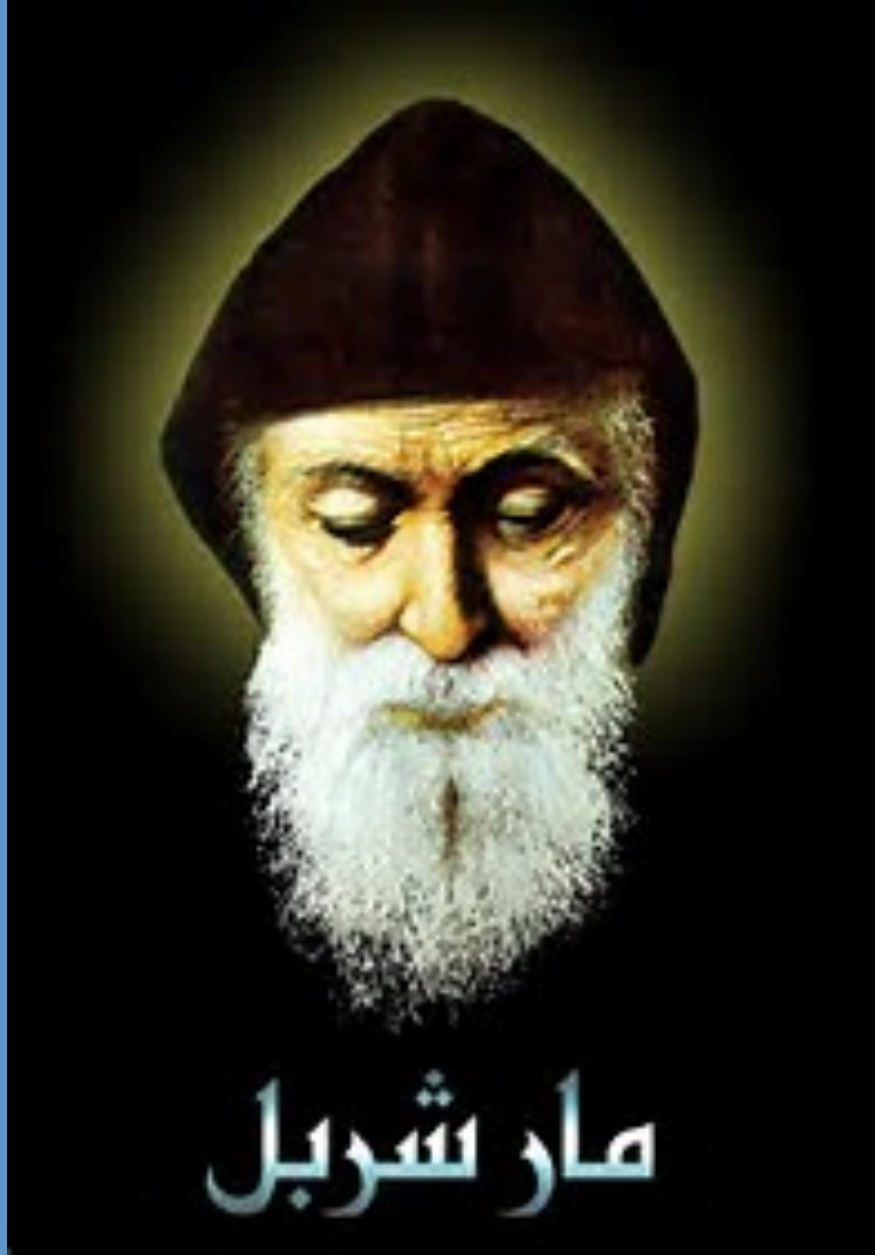
*\*LB=Liturgical Book SB=Song Book*

*"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



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