

# July 16, 2017 – Seventh 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

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### **THIS DAY'S GOSPEL:** St. Luke 10:1-17

After this the Lord appointed seventy others, and sent them on ahead of Him, two by two, into every town and place where He Himself was about to come. And He said to them,

*"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.*

*Go your way. Behold, I send you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and salute no one on the road.*

*Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!' And if a son of peace is there your peace shall rest upon him; but if not, it shall return to you.*

*And remain in the same house eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer is worthy of his hire. Do not go from house to house.*

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

In the essay being printed up these weeks, we have come to the point where the Syriac Churches – the Maronite among them – are referred to as

"Semitic". These days this term is probably most commonly known in the phrase "anti-Semitic", which has come to be identified as "anti-Jewish". This is confusing, if not deceptive, as there are many others who do not claim adherence to Judaism but who are also Semites. The term "Semitic" originates in the inspired Book of Genesis where the sons of Noah are named.

After the Deluge it was the family of Noah who repopulated the earth. Noah is thus a new Adam after the Flood. One of his sons is called "Shem" and it is from him that the peoples of the Middle East are descended. For this reason, not only are the ancient children of Israel Semites, so too are all the descendants of Abraham (such as the Arabs) as well as others in the Levant.

The peoples of ancient Aramea are also Semites, and it is from among these that our churches find their origin. The Syriac peoples are simply one group and culture among the Semites.

Note that the Iranians, or Persians, are related to the people of Europe and India and are not a Semitic people even if today they are Muslims.

The first three centuries of Christianity were especially heated in debates among the Semitic peoples as to whether Jesus of Nazareth was in fact the Messiah. These were domestic conflicts with all the disorder and animosity that these entail. From the Pharisaical and Rabbinical tradition the arguments in the Babylonian Talmud against Our Lord were especially aggressive. From the Christians there were as well pointed criticisms – for example in the writings of St. Ephraim – against the descendants of the Pharisees in his day who had rejected the Messiah: those whom he refers to as "the People".

Hopefully this will give some further insights for all of us to ponder, 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 IV

Another thing demonstrating this Semitic tradition is the central ceremony of the Maronite Church called the *Hoosoyo*. In the Old Law the place above the Ark in the Holy of Holies, framed by the cherubim, was known as the "*kapporeth*/propitiation", and this word is translated into the Syriac as "hoosoyo".

Thus the "mercy seat" of the Old Testament, once physically localized in Jerusalem, has been taken over into the Christian Faith and is now universalized: "*the hour cometh, when you shall neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, adore the Father. ... and now is, when the true adorers shall adore the Father in spirit and in truth. For the Father also seeketh such to adore him.*"<sup>1</sup>

The "hoosoyo" is considered a spiritual reality now present, neither "here" nor "there", but a Place of Mercy ever present in the Messiah: the juncture of God and man in the Person of the Word. This is perfectly expressed in the "'etro" prayer from the traditional *Hoosoyo* of the Sunday of the Announcement to Mary:

*We are seized with amazement, O Lord,  
and like Mary, we do not understand.  
With her we draw back,  
blinded by Thy eternal Flame,  
scorched by its touch,  
and overcome by its power.  
We know only to offer incense  
as a fitting response to so great a Word  
Who this day  
makes His presence among us.  
Behind clouds of perfumed smoke  
we cower and dare not even glimpse  
the power that now descends  
over our altar.  
Purge us with Thy living Flame, O God.  
Treat us as wayward children  
and not as hostile enemies.  
And we will praise Thee  
now and forever.<sup>2</sup>*

The *hoosoyo* is found in all the major Offices, *Roze* and in the Divine Eucharistic Liturgy (*Alohoyo Qoorbono*). This central ceremony consists of an

<sup>1</sup> Jn 4; 21-23

<sup>2</sup> *Hoosoyo, 'etro*. Sunday of the Annunciation to Mary, ~~tr. Rev. Joseph Amar~~ *tr. Rev. Joseph Amar*

introductory prayer (*proemion*) followed by a series of petitions and often a poetic description of the feastday (*sedro*) which is then continued in a hymn of adoration and praise (*qolo*) during these an incensation of the cross, altar, celebrant, ministers and faithful is made either by a concelebrating priest or by a deacon. This is considered a priestly function so can be done by no other minister. The conclusion to all this is the final prayer (*'etro*) which asks that God receive this incense and prayer to His honor and glory.

**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 Assumption.*

**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.

As with many of the projects being done these months, they have had to be done for a while now. (There also are roof leaks in the Baptistry area and in the Sacristy that must be repaired before there is further damage done to the building.) 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.

Especially as we approach the celebration of the parish's 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary it is ever more clear that we build upon a foundation well laid by those who have gone before us. We must not fail in our present responsibility.

It is in this way that we all contribute to the apostolate and the work of proclaiming the Kingdom of God in His Sacred Mysteries.

**LITURGY INTENTIONS**

- Sat 15 † George Mitchell Sr. & Mintaha Saad  
(John Sleiman)
- Sun 16 † Dick Willette  
(Larry and Paula Mitchell)
- Mon 17 -----
- Tues 18 † Thomas & Veilleux Families  
(Dan & Pam Casavant)
- Wed 19 † Theresa Casavant /John & Marietta Thomas  
(Dan & Pam Casavant)
- Thur 20 † Lester Giguere  
(Ann Giguere)
- Fri 21 † Andrea Nagem  
(Joe Ferris)
- Sat 22 † John Sleiman  
(Family in Paris)
- Sun 23 † Alfred M. Joseph  
(George Peters)

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

**Hafli!**

**St. Joseph's 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**September 23: 7pm-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.

**JULY DEVOTIONS**

**Altar Bread:**

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

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Regular Collection: \$2206.00  
*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

### Seventh Sunday of Pentecost

2 Corinthians 3:1-6    Luke 10:1-7  
July                    15                    Ruth Lunn

### Eighth Sunday of Pentecost / Saint Sharbel

Romans 8:28-39        Matthew 13:36-43  
July                    22                    Lenore Boles

## VOCATION ICON

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

July 15 Ann Giguere  
July 16 Gregory & Marianne Gillespie

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## Sixth Sunday of Pentecost "B"

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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 14 #121  
Hail Holy Queen

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

**Qolo/Hymn:**  
Sharero

Creed p 748

**Pre-Anaphora:**  
**Transfer of Gifts:** SB p 42 #179  
Your Body is Our Food

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

**Anaphora:**  
**Saint John Chrysostom:** LB p 754

**Sign of Peace:** SB p 31 #156  
Peace is Flowing Like a River

**Communion:**  
Holy Mary

**Recessional:** SB p 13 #118  
Glorious in Majesty

\*LB=Liturgical Book SB=Song Book