July 2, 2017 – Solemnity of Sts. Deter & Paul



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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. weekdays are 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 all scheduled Liturgies and by appointment.

Baptisms: Please call the rectory.

Marriage: Call the rectory 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

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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

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THIS DAY'S GOSPEL: St. Mt 16: 13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, "Who do men say that the Son of man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter replied, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jona! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father Who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be

bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

Then He strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that He was the Christ.

ABOONA'S WEEKLY REFLECTION

Over these next weeks, I would like to present to you a series taken from an article which I wrote back in November of last year. It was asked of me to jot down some ideas of why I had come to work in the apostolate of the Antiochene Syro-Maronite tradition. Gladly, at the time I put these thoughts to paper.

Hopefully it will give some 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. While it makes a single essay, it will be broken up into several installments for your consideration:

From Antiquity to Antiquity:

A Latin Priest in the ancient tradition of Aramea

Part II

Often when we think "east", most will call to mind the beautiful Liturgies of Constantinople, but in truth these are historically found mostly in the eastern realms of Europe and thus are "of the west" when considered relative to the Holy City, Jerusalem, the center of the world. The Churches and traditions truly of the East are those that have branched out from the primitive Christian community of Pentecost, that is, those that are rooted in the Patriarchate of the "City of God", Antioch.

A long and entangled history along with Islamic occupation have made these Churches rather unknown to most Christians in the western world. The Syrian Catholic, Chaldean and Maronite Churches - and even farther east in the Indian Syro-Malankara (western Syriac) and Syro-Malabar (eastern Syriac) Churches - continue their ecclesiastical lives in the Great Catholic Communion of Churches. They are all Churches of Antioch and Aramaic/Syriac/Assyrian in tradition. The Syrian Catholics are from the western Aramaic tradition. The Chaldean Catholics are from the eastern Aramaic tradition. The Syro-Maronites, having been formed anciently around an ascetic/monastic movement initiated by Saint Maron (d. 410 AD), have taken from both the western and eastern Aramaic traditions - and, post Crusades, an influence also from Latin Rome. For the purposes of this small essay (and what this author finds most beautiful) we can limit ourselves to consider a few of the characteristics found in the Maronite tradition. Moving from the Latin tradition - historically where all is clarity, precision, order - and from the beauty of its Latin orations, we pass to a liturgical world that is steeped traditionally in veiled transformative

communications in the radiant light of the "Bright-One-Who-cannot-be-Clouded" awaiting the great and final "Day of the Lord".

Although presently there is an attempt to eradicate and exterminate these traditions in their homelands, we must remember that Mesopotamia, the plains of Syria, Jordania, the Lebanon and Palestine by the time of the Gospel had cultivated an Aramaic culture for many centuries. It is true that there was a Hellenistic veneer, especially in the urban areas, but the populations in the countryside remained fundamentally Aramaic. They shared this in common with the ancient Israelites. When the Word of God entered time, He came to a people of Aramaic language and customs, not only as the Son of Mary in Nazareth, but as the Son of Man born to a culture of vast antiquity, language and customs. The Incarnate Word thus was cradled in one of the most ancient civilizations still extant at the time. The first quality of these ecclesiastical traditions then is that they are the most "Semitic" of all the Christians Churches.

Be sure your cell phone is turned-off or silenced

2nd Collections:

July 2 <u>Peter's Pence</u>, the Holy Father's Collection **July** 8, 9 Fuel Collection

PARKING LOT PAVING

We have now arrived at the time when we need seriously to work toward paving the lot where the school stood for many years.

Paving the lot, of course, will stop the mud and mess that necessarily comes with the rain and snow. A paved lot also allows us to negotiate a contract to rent the space to local businesses during

the week (excepting the holydays, weddings and funerals). This furthers the future financial stability of parish revenue. And the timing is especially good, as the downtown area will need additional parking within the year.

Paving is also necessary in order to be able to properly measure, line and secure the lot. At present, people drive across it either to cut across to Hathaway, or to the alley running alongside the church. The proper painting of lines will also permit us to have a visibly objective number of parking spaces available to set when negotiating a rental contract.

As you well know, we also have a problem with the water runoff at the front of the church.

With estimates now in, we can have the same company pave the lot and repair the water problem at the front of the church for about \$10,000. As soon as these funds come in, we can begin.

*THE PAVING COMPANY IS READY TO BEGIN PAVING MID-JULY.

*PLEASE, WE DO NEED RESPONSE TO THIS NECESSITY OF OUR PARISH.

Please, when considering your contributions to the future of St. Joseph's – remembering her nine decades of apostolate already accomplished in the downtown area – do keep in mind this *literally concrete* necessity.

Your generosity on many larger jobs thus far has been outstanding. May God prosper this project.



LITURGY INTENTIONS

Sat 1 4:00 pm

Bob & Sally Derosby (50 Anniversary) (*The Family*)

Sun 2 10:00 am

† Khalil & Abou Sleiman & Frangieh Harfoush (John Sleiman)

Mon 3 -----

Tues 4 Theresa Casavant & John & Marietta Thomas (Dan & Pam Casavant)

Wed 5 † Yolande Genest (Marie Hutchinson)

Thur 6 † Lester Giguere (Ann Giguere)

Fri 7 † Theresa Lee (Larry & Paula Mitchell)

Sat 8 4:00 pm † Prinella Mitchell (John Sleiman)

Sun 9 10:00 am † Valerie Joy Tieman (Joe & Lyn Rowden)

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

JUNE FOOD PANTRY

Toilet paper Family-sized items – soups, ravioli condiments Juice in plastic containers *Thank you for your thoughtfulness and help.*

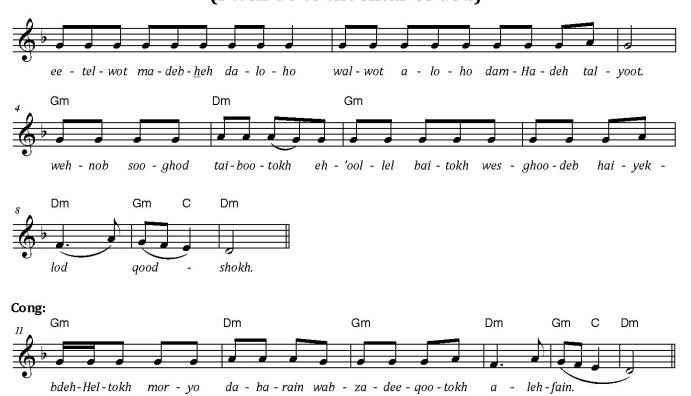
LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Regular Collection: \$1,470.00 *May God richly reward your generosity!*

If you are not receiving envelopes, please let the office know.

THE MYSTERIOUS THIRD RESPONSE AT THE ENTRANCE INTO THE QADISH QADISHEH (HOLY OF HOLIES)

Eetelwot Madebheh Daloho (I Will Go to the Altar of God)



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

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

JUNE DEVOTIONS

Altar Wine

Deceased Members of the Jules Cloutier Family (Larry & Paula Mitchell)

READERS' SCHEDULE

Fifth Sunday of Pentecost/Feast of Peter and Paul

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

July 1 Lenore Boles

2 Joe Rowden

Sixth Sunday of Pentecost

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

July 8 Lila Hallowel 9 Joe Rowden

JULY BIRTHDAYS

15 Shane Maroon

16 Barbara Atkins

2	Kevin Joseph	18	Dot Guerette
5	Thomas Griffin	19	Leon Guerette
6	Christina Bouchard	21	Mary Bard
6	Maureen Lee	23	Kathy Corey
7	Richard Boles	24	Paul LaVerdiere
7	Stacy Derosby	25	Kevin J. Michaud
9	Joe Jabar Sr.	27	Matthew Lee
10	Eric Mitchell	29	Joan Gottardi
11	Judy Mitchell	30	Anne Marie Mathieu
14	Karla Sturtevant	30	Sylvia Cobb

31 John Thomas Jr.

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Richard & Kathleen Nale
- 1 John & Dot Gallant
- 2 James & Mary Jo Hodgkin
- 2 Robert & Sally Derosby
- 4 Herbert & Bernadette Karter
- 17 Mark & Jeanne Joseph
- 22 James & Nancy Jurdak
- 25 Milton & Sadie Pendexter

EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER

September 23 Hafli

Table for ten: \$300 Single Tickets \$40

(tickets will be \$25 up until August 30) e-mail, or call, the parish for ticket reservations then tickets can be purchased by placing an envelope, properly identified, in the collection

VOCATION ICON

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

July 1 Jim & Lenore Boles (Sat)July 2 Pearley & Alice LachanceJuly 9 Lowell & Mary Hawes



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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 562 Do Not Fear, O Holy Church

Glory: SB p 1 #2 Glory (English)

Qolo/Hymn: LB p 568 Our Lord Chose Peter

Creed p 748

Pre-Anaphora:

Transfer of Gifts: LB p 750

The Lord Reigns

Incense Hymn: SB p 3 #8

Anaphora:

St. John Maron: LB p 897

Sign of Peace: SB p 40 #176

Tooba Lisa

Communion:

Holy Ground

Recessional: SB p 21 #136

God Bless America

*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