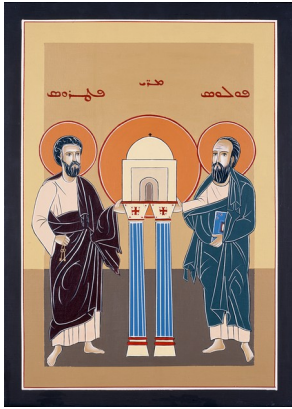


June 25, 2017 - Fourth Sunday of Pentecost



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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. 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
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 10:21-24

At that same hour He (Jesus) rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, **"I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, or who the Father is except the Son, and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him."**

Then turning to the disciples, Jesus said to them privately, **"Blessed are the eyes that see what you see! For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it."**

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

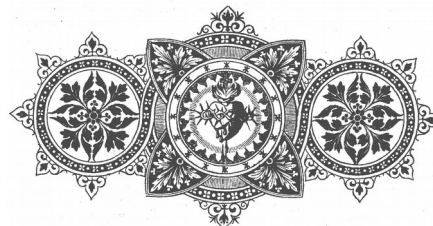
Awe, majesty, wonder and humility before Divine Mercy – these are notions expressed in all the Catholic traditions. While they all radiate out in beauty from the One Incarnate Word, Our Lord Jesus Christ, they are expressed in different nuances in each of the Patriarchal Churches in their respective traditions, rites and spirituality. Although with all the *caveats* needed when making generalities, and leaving aside the tradition of Alexandria, one could say that Rome glories in the Precious Blood of the Lamb of God on Calvary, Who graciously acts in the Sacraments from His glorious place eternally at the Right Hand of the Father; that the Churches of the Hellenic Constantinopolitan tradition worship before the eternal High Priest as He acts in Mystery among His members; it is in the Churches of Antioch that the baptized turn in adoration and awe before the Hidden One as they await the Day of Judgement --the Day of the Lord. *Maranatha*. It is to the latter tradition that this author, after twenty-seven years of apostolate in the Latin Church, has found himself drawn by God's Providence.

There are many good things scattered over the path we traverse in this Valley of Tears. Some are apparent. Others require sensitivity to perceive. The most beautiful are often those that are completely unforeseen. We spend so much time mapping out and planning how things are "supposed to go" that when caught by surprise, our protective shell lowered for a moment, we can be touched by Infinite Beauty in a way not restrained by our egotistic preoccupations. Overwhelming these moments may be, but they carry with them great possibilities for self-knowledge and wisdom.

Wonder, light, awe before mystery, beauty, wisdom in selflessness: we know very well that these are fundamentals to the Catholic Faith, but do we really try to discern them in the congested lives we attempt to construct?

For twenty-eight years I have been a priest of the Latin Church, in fact, laboring in its fullest form of

the Latin patrimony now called "extraordinary". The unexpected turn in the path began in September 2007 through a chance meeting with a Maronite Archbishop at his cathedral in Damascus, Syria. Building upon this initial encounter, he reciprocated the years following by subsequent visits to the parish where I worked. As respectful acquaintance transformed into friendship, and knowing my love for the eastern traditions (reason for my visits to Syria) two years ago he invited me to consider working in the eastern eparchy of the Syro-Maronite Church in the US. So it was done, I acquiesced to Providence to enter another world of ancient Catholic Christian beauty. The spirituality of "light" has been one to which I have always been attracted. It is especially present in the Syriac traditions, and this drew me easily toward the transfer in Churches. It also seemed an appropriate time in history to show solidarity with our persecuted brothers and sisters in the ancient cradle of Christianity. From the succinct majesty of the Latin Church I was called to serve the divine and luminous Mystery as it is lived in the Maronite tradition.



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

2nd Collections:

**June 24, 25 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 \$10,000-\$11,000. As soon as these funds come in, we can begin; and it would be excellent if paving could start in July. Please, when considering your contributions to the future of St. Joseph's - keeping in mind 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 24 4:00 pm
 † **Madame Jeannette Marie Sleiman**
 (*Wilma Carter*)

Sun 25 10:00 am
 † **Raymond Veilleux**
 (*Larry & Paula Mitchell*)

June 26th - 30th No Mass

Sat 1 4:00 pm
Bob & Sally Derosby (50 Anniversary)
 (*The Family*)

Sun 2 10:00 am
 † **Khalil & Abou Sleiman & Frangieh Harfoush** (*John Sleiman*)

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: \$1,723.00
May God richly reward your generosity!

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

*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, Dorothy Furgus, Albert Joseph, Sierra Lee, Darrell Mitchell, Doreen Nader, Debbie Pomelow, Tala Poulin, Virginia Poulin, Beverly Rideout, Gordon Webber and Melissa Karter.

JUNE DEVOTIONS

Altar Wine

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

Readers' Schedule

Fourth Sunday of Pentecost
 1 Corinthians 2:11-16 Luke 10:21-24

June	24	Ruth Lunn
	25	Joe Rowden

Fifth Sunday of Pentecost
 Philemon 3:7-14 Matthew 10:1-7

July	1	Lenore Boles
	2	Joe Rowden

EVENTS FOR JUNE AND JULY

June 24 K of C Ham Dinner 4:30-6:00 \$10
 July 22 K of C Chicken Barbeque

VOCATION ICON

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

June 25 Larry & Lisa Grard
 July 1 Jim & Lenore Boles (Sat)
 July 2 Pearley & Alice Lachance
 July 9 Lowell & Mary Hawes

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Fourth Sunday of Pentecost

Sunday A p 425

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: SB p 2 #5
I Will Lift

Creed p 748

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

Incense Hymn: SB p 3 #8

Anaphora:
Twelve Apostles: LB p 754

Sign of Peace: SB p 40 #176
Tooba Lisa

Communion:
Bless This House

Recessional: SB p 21 #136
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

**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