

Saint Joseph Maronite Catholic Church



First Sunday after Holy Cross

September 18, 2022

Welcome all visitors to the beautiful heritage of Antioch

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"For us, the men and women of the East are a symbol of the Lord Who comes again." *Oriental Lumen*, John Paul II

Qourboneh: Sunday: (Vigil, Sat. 4:30pm) Sunday Morning 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.; Tues. – Fr. 9:00 a.m.; Sat. 10:00a.m.
Sick Calls: To receive the Divine Eucharist and/or the Sacred Anointing, please call the rectory.
Confessions: One half-hour before the Sunday 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.

Mass Intentions: For *specific* dates requested, please submit at least **two months in advance**. Recommended stipend: \$15

Monthly Memorials: Sanctuary Candles \$35; Altar Bread \$30; Sacramental Wine \$55

Catechism: Steve Crate, *Director* **Choir Director:** Dame Marie Fefa Deeb, DSG **Pastoral Council Chair:** Suzanne Paré

Pastoral Council Members: Suzanne Paré, *Chair*; Gayle Misner-Elias, *Secretary*; Steve Crate, *Religious Education*; Larry Mitchell, *Knights of Columbus*; Ruth Lunn, *Sodality/Almoner*; Matthew Stone, *Finance Committee*

THIS DAY'S EPISTLE¹ II Timothy 2: 1-10

Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace which is by Jesus the Messiah.

And the things thou hast heard from me by many witnesses, these commit thou to faithful men, who are competent to teach others also. – And endure evils, as a good soldier of Jesus the Messiah.

¹ Based on *The New Testament, translated from the Syriac Peshitto Version*, Gorgias Press, New Jersey, 2001, translated by James Murdock, STD, 1893

No man, on becoming a soldier,
entangleth himself
with the business of the world;
that he may please him who enlisted him.

And if one contend, he is not crowned,
unless he contendeth according to the rules.

The husbandman who laboreth
ought first to feed on his fruits.

Consider what I say.

Our Lord give thee wisdom in all things.

Be mindful of Jesus the Messiah,
that He arose from the dead;
who was of the seed of David,
according to my gospel,
in which I suffer evils unto bonds,
as if an evil-doer:
but the word of God is not shackled.

Therefore, I endure everything,
for the sake of the elect;
that they also may obtain life,
in Jesus the Messiah, with eternal glory.



*You will progress in understanding
the Holy Scriptures
only to the degree that you yourself
have made progress
through contact with them.*

St. Gregory the Great (AD 540-604)²

ABOUNA'S REFLECTIONS

Words are inadequate to describe the joy and beauty of last week's celebrations during Bishop Gregory's visit. Glory and beauty were evident everywhere last weekend – within hearts, upon lips in song, in culinary expertise, in a carefully prepared sanctuary, and overall in ornamented setting.

It is always a precarious thing to name names and recognize so many, but recognition and gratitude are due. Apologies if I have missed anyone who deservedly should be thanked for their work in the service of God. As a parish, you manifested a magnificent labor of love.

Honoring the bishop's forty years of priesthood was excellently done, and the generosity of so many was edifying. You are to be commended for the generosity with which you devoted yourself to the Spiritual Bouquet offered for his intentions.

You sang devotedly the Divine Office of Ramsho, and the visitors and guests who were present commented on how lovely it was to be able to assist at the evening services for the Day of the Lord. They were impressed and edified by your fidelity and prayerfulness.

Upon his return to Brooklyn, the bishop remarked on how pleased he had been by the parish's singing of the Syriac in our Liturgies. This Syriac continuity with our fathers and mothers of Beit Maroun keeps us in touch with our historical roots in the apostolic faith, and it is a good sign that you devote yourselves wholeheartedly to our venerable Maronite traditions.

² Homily 1.7.8 "on Ezechiel"

Thank you to Allison, Sue, Gayle, and Ruth for overseeing and organizing this whole visit and reception. From the very first moment that the visit was announced, Sue and Ruth were in the sacristy straight away asking what had to be done. *Bravo* to these ladies also for having prepared the rectory for Saidna's stay. It sparkled after the devoted work of their love.

The kitchen crew and all who worked the buffet are to be commended for the smooth running of the brunch. Congratulations to the cooks – it was a wonderful and delicious meal. What with the flowers, centerpieces, and celebratory banner, the parish hall has never looked so beautiful. It was a fitting framework and tribute to such a milestone in the priesthood.

The young men helping at the divine altar were disciplined in their service and edifying in comportment; the bishop commented as much. Those who stood in honor before the Divine Majesty as torchbearers during the ineffable Anaphora added another fine tribute to the honors of the day. The devotion of these young men to the Divine Liturgy, and their faithful service at the forgiving altar of the Lord throughout the year, build up the parish, and give hope to the future of her apostolate.

Devote yourselves and expand your service, gentlemen, recruit others to the holy sanctuary of the Hidden One of majesty. This would be an especially fitting tribute, echoing the bishop's forty years of vocation and service.

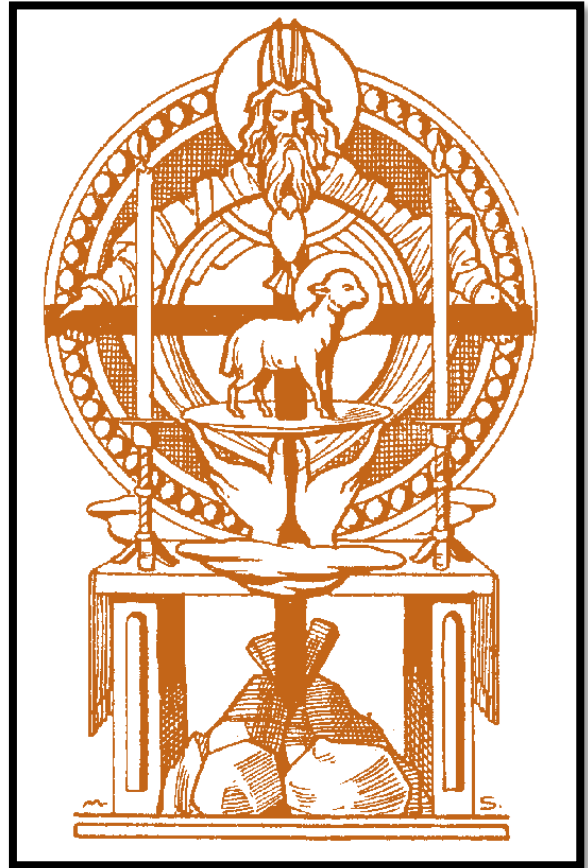
And, of course, congratulations to Allison, Maria, Paula, and Isaac for bringing together the choir that so well presented our musical heritage and served the Most High in His praise. It was a joy to hear. This excellent singing was all the more admirable as it came about with last-minute changes and in difficult circumstances to plan.

The bishop and I visited Dame Fefa following the reception, and brought her the well-wishes and prayers of the parish. All are asked to continue to keep her in your prayers during her convalescence.

At the end of all this, the bishop commented on the return trip to the airport that he "liked everything that (he had seen)".

May gratitude, thanksgiving, and blessing come to all of you from the Good Shepherd Himself for how well you received our eparch in our midst. May the graces of this day descend upon you and your families a thousandfold, and remain with us forever.

Thank you to all.



VOCATION ICON

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

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| Sun | Sept | 18 | Steve & Allison Crate |
| Sun | Sept | 25 | Suzanne Paré |
| Sun | Oct | 2 | Daja Gombojav & Family |
| Sun | Oct | 9 | Ira & Catherine Mandel |
| Sun | Oct | 16 | Dean & MaryAnn Carter |
| Sun | Oct | 23 | Michael & Gayle Misner |

Schedule of Readings

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER HOLY CROSS

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II Tim 2: 1-10 St. Mark 10: 35-45

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER HOLY CROSS

September 25, 2022

I Cor 15: 19-34 St. Matthew 24: 1-14



The Sanctuary Lamp burns
in September
in memory of **Albert** and
Rose Bellamah.
at the request
of Dame Fefa.

May their memory be eternal!

Each October, the Eparchy has a Benefit Dinner to raise funds for educating seminarians, expanding ministries, and supporting parishes and missions in need in the Eparchy. 25% of the net proceeds of this year's event will be directed to help in Lebanon and the Middle East, as they continue to need assistance more now than ever.

The **Thirteenth Annual Benefit Dinner** will take place on **Thursday** evening, **October 6**, at The Water Club.

Please visit www.stmaron.org/eparchial-benefit to register and make a donation. Please support this important event – the Church relies on you and is always so grateful for your generosity. For more information, please email saintmaron@yahoo.com or call 718-237-9913. Thank you.

*Grant them health, and raise them up
from their illness, and make them
to have perfect health of body and soul
and strengthen them in spirit;
for Thou art our Savior and Benefactor,
the Lord of lords and Weaver of crowns,
Thou art Lord and King of all. Amen*

Those for whom we pray: Dame Fefa, Kevin J. Michaud, Sheila Bonenfant, John Gallant, Gareth Belton, Katrina Nappi, Holly Perron, Christian Disuag, Daja Gombojav, Margaret Mae Lambert, Mary Theresa Huebner, Mary Morin, Larry Grard, Sarah Grace Misner-Elias, Cindy Elias, Barbara Joseph, Madeleine Dombroski, Sally Derosby, Tala Poulin, Richard Karter, Rita Hikel, and all those who may suffer from illness, disease, want, or depression.

INTENTIONS FOR THE QOURBONEH (MASSES)

Sun 18 9:00am Parishioners of Saint Joseph

11:00am †Joan Gottardi
(Donna-Jo Mitchell)

Mon 19 -----

Tue 20 †Philip & Belle Veilleux
(Paula & Larry Mitchell)

Wed 21 Ganchimeg Gombojav
(Daja Gombojav)

Thu 22 Tony Miklaszewski
(Virginia Miklaszewski)

Fri 23 †Barbara Souther
(Mary Nicholas)

Sat 24 Saturday, 10:00 am
†Mary Bellamah Maroon
(Paul & Stephen Maroon)

4:30pm Sunday Vigil
Private Intention

Sun 25 9:00am Parishioners of Saint Joseph

11:00am Ramon Managad
(Mathieu Family)

Mon 26 -----
 Tue 27 †Darrell Mitchell
 (Donna-Jo Mitchell)
 Wed 28 †Evi Schön
 (Simon Misner-Elias)
 Thu 29 †David Baldassara
 (Dan & Pam Casavant)
 Fri 30 Catherine Mandel
 (Misner-Elias Family)
 Sat 1 Saturday, 10:00 am
 Tony & Mary Marino
 (Michael Eagan)
 4:00pm Ramsho of the Holy Cross
 4:30pm Sunday Vigil
 Private Intention
 Sun 2 9:00am Parishioners of Saint Joseph
 11:00am Sava Nappi
 (Misner-Elias Family)
 Mon 3 -----
 Tue 4 Arnie & Theresa Filipi
 (Michael Eagan)
 Wed 5 †Scott Seelig
 (Ed & Marjorie Laabs)
 Thu 6 Tony Miklaszewski
 (Virginia Miklaszewski)
 Fri 7 Gayle Misner-Elias
 (Michael Misner)



Attention all readers!

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- 1.) From your computer or smartphone (see above);
- 2.) By appointment to browse in the library:
(207) 872-7072

SERVICES OF THE DIVINE ALTAR

September 18th:

9:00am: A. Michaud / N. Carter

11:00am: L. Michaud/ S. Nappi

September 25th:

9:00am: C. Gombojav / M. Carter

11:00am: S. Nappi / P. Carter

October 2nd:

9:00am: N. Carter/ A. Michaud

11:00am: J. Gamble / S. Nappi

October 9th:

9:00am: L. Michaud / M. Carter

11:00am: R. Nappi / S. Nappi

October 16th:

9:00am: C. Gombojav / N. Carter

11:00am: S. Nappi / J. Gamble

October 23rd:

9:00am: M. Carter / A. Michaud

11:00am: S. Nappi / R. Nappi

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

(Budgeted: \$3,100.00)

Regular Collection Last Two Weeks: \$8,182.00

(Budget Deficit 2022: \$28,216.00)³

Special Collection, **September 11th**:
Catholic University of America -- \$212.00

An additional **\$000.00** has come in this week
toward the needed **masonry construction** and
maintenance collection toward the last **\$20,000.00**.⁴

Donations to date to install **next heat-pump** in the
church to burn cleaner, more efficiently, and
lower fuel-oil costs: **\$5,865.00**⁵

Second Sunday each month is a *second* collection
to cover our **monthly fuel-oil costs**. The next twelve
months will cost us **over \$30,000.00**.

Please be as generous as you can.

*Please remember to sustain the apostolic work of this
parish through regular contributions.*

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Lighting of the Church: LB p 5
Jesus Christ, O Source of Light

Entrance Hymn: LB *fsheeto* 233

Glory: SB *glory*

³ Deficit 2019: \$72,270.59/Deficit 2020: \$34,473.00/Deficit 2021:
\$35,178.00

⁴ This makes the amount toward our matching Challenge
Grant (20k), to be presently **\$20,567.00**. This lengthy collection
is being made to cover the needed **building maintenance** and
masonry projects.

Qolo/Hymn: LB *toobaik 'eedto* 234

Creed p 748

PRE-ANAPHORA:

Transfer of Gifts: LB *The Lord Reigns*

Incense Hymn Offertory: SB *l'maryam yoldat*

ANAPHORA:

The Twelve Apostles: p 754

Sign of Peace: SB *tou ba*

Communion: SB *O Lord, I am not worthy; Seek ye
first*

Recessional: SB *Alleluya* #1



*Saint Eustathius and his wife,
Saint Theopiste, and their children*

martyrs

September 20th

⁵ The next twelve-month contract for heating oil is set to cost
over **\$30,000.00**! The projected cost for this heat-pump
installation is **\$8,000.00**.