

Saint Joseph Maronite Catholic Church



Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost

September 4, 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." Orientale 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

I Thessalonians 2: 1-13

And ye yourselves, my brethren, know our entrance among you, that it was not in vain: but we first suffered and were treated with indignity – as ye know – at Philippi;

and then, in a great agony, with confidence in our God, we addressed to you the gospel of the Messiah.

For our exhortation proceeded not from deceit, nor from impurity, nor in guile: but as we had been approved of God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not as pleasing men, but God Who searcheth our hearts.

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

For at no time have we used flattering speech – as ye know – nor a cloak of cupidity: God is witness.

Neither have we sought glory from men either from you or from others, when we might have been chargeable as legates of the Messiah. But we were lowly among you; and like a nurse, who fondleth her children, so we also coddled (you), and were desirous to impart to you, not only the gospel of God, but also our own soul, because ye were dear to us.

For ye recollect, brethren, that we labored and toiled, working with our own hands, by night and by day, that we might not be chargeable to anyone of you.

Ye are witnesses, and God (also), how we preached to you the Gospel of God, purely, and uprightly, and were blameless towards all them that believe:

as yourselves know, we entreated each one of you, as a father his children, and *conversed with* your hearts:

and we charged you, to walk as it becometh God, Who hath called you to His Kingdom and His glory.

Therefore, also we give thanks unceasingly to God, that the word of God which ye received from us (ye did not receive it as the word of men) but as being truly the word of God, which worketh efficiently in you, and in them that believe.



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

It is beautiful, and edifying, to see the flurry of activity – and the generosity in the spiritual bouquet – in preparation for the bishop's visit on September 11th. This looks to be a truly blessed occasion filled with joy.

It happens that this year is the bishop's **40th Anniversary to the Priesthood**, so this will be an excellent opportunity to demonstrate our gratitude for his sacrifice and fidelity to our Church. He has asked that no gifts be given, but we can prepare a **Spiritual Bouquet** for him from the parish.



² Homily 1.7.8 "on Ezechiel"

This is the final weekend, **September 4th**, to sign up for the Spiritual Bouquet. Near the St. Joseph statue at the front of the church, there are sheets for individuals and families to sign indicating which prayers, sacrifices, or other alms they wish to offer for Saidna's intentions. These prayers and alms will be presented to him in a card during his visit.

This weekend – September 4th – is also the final **second collection** that will be taken toward the next **heat-pump**. Of course, additional donations can be given to the building fund. These contributions will go toward the heat-pump and the masonry work that will be done. Please continue to be generous as we look to greater energy efficiency in the future.

It is now the opportunity for all to make known this visit far and wide, *especially to all those who benefited from St. Joseph's during the pandemic years*. Many, many people expressed their gratitude over these last years, that they had found St. Joseph's – and to have found her always open, filled with the Sacraments accessible and the Divine Mysteries constantly available. A place of refuge our parish became to many.

The bishop's visit is occasion for one and all to attend the ceremonies of that weekend *to express their thanks personally to him*. He encouraged all the parishes of the eparchy to remain open during those difficult years, and the many faithful who benefitted as a result *should now reciprocate that generosity by participating in the Spiritual Bouquet and gathering as one* at the **bruncheon reception** to be held in his honor on Sunday, **September 11th**.

The offerings to be made in a Spiritual Bouquet can be *simple prayers* – numbers of "Hail Marys" or "Our Fathers" – *rosaries* to be offered (individually or in family), *litanies* to be prayed, *chotkis* to be offered for the bishop's intentions, *Masses* that can be requested to be offered (the parish will be offering a **novena of Masses** for his intentions), days of *fasting*, works of *mercy*, or, in short, any of the classic works of Christianity: prayer, fasting, or alms.

Commit yourselves to these generous works for the eparch's intentions, and then make those intentions and good works known on **this last**

weekend, writing them up for the anniversary card. There are two sheets: one to record the prayers and works to be done for the Spiritual Bouquet, and a second one on which to sign your names.

Please note that we will **cancel the 11:00am Liturgy** on Sunday, September 11th, in order to make time for the Reception.

Thus, the schedule for that celebratory weekend will be as follows:

Saturday, September 10th.

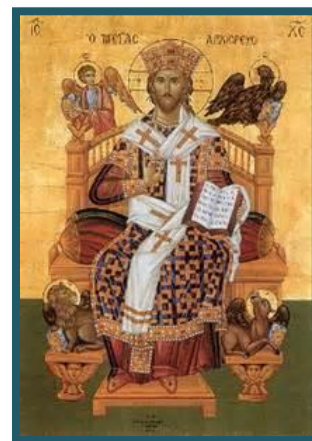
- 1.) Divine Liturgy, 10:00am
- 2.) Sunday Ramsho of the Holy Cross, 4:00pm
- 3.) Sunday Vigil, 4:30pm

Sunday, September 11th.

- 1.) Divine Liturgy, 9:00am
- 2.) Brunch Reception in the bishop's honor following in the parish hall.

On this occasion, all Catholics who have received **papal awards of merit in the Equestrian Orders of the Church**, such as the **Order of Saint Gregory**, and all members of the **Order of Saint Sharbel**, should **wear their insignia on Sunday morning** for both the **Divine Liturgy** and the **Reception**.

It has now been over four years since our eparch last visited us. May each and every one of us make an effort to publicize this visit – specially to friends and to those benefitting these last years – and for us all to generously respond as one and enroll in the Spiritual Bouquet to be offered to His Excellency in honor of his many decades of priestly service to the honor of God and the salvation of souls.



Schedule of Readings

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

September 4, 2022

I Thes 2: 1-13 St. Luke 10: 38-42

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE EXALTATION OF THE MOST HOLY CROSS

September 11, 2022

I Cor 1: 18-25 St. John 12: 20-32



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

May their memory be eternal!

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 | 4 | Dean & MaryAnn Carter |
| Sun | Sept | 11 | Michael & Gayle Misner |
| Sun | Sept | 18 | Steve & Allison Crate |
| Sun | Sept | 25 | Suzanne Paré |
| Sun | Oct | 2 | Daja Gombojav & Family |
| Sun | Oct | 9 | Ira & Catherine Mandel |

*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: 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)

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|-----|----|--------------------|--|
| Sun | 4 | 9:00am | For the Members of the Parish |
| | | 11:00am | Twenty-fifth anniversary †Ferris Ferris; Lennon & Bennett DeCreny (Ferris Family) |
| Mon | 5 | ----- | |
| Tue | 6 | | Israel Gombojav (Daja Gombojav) |
| Wed | 7 | | Ganchimeg Gombojav (Daja Gombojav) |
| Thu | 8 | | †Philip & Belle Veilleux (Paula & Larry Mitchell) |
| Fri | 9 | | Tony Miklaszewski (Virginia Miklaszewski) |
| Sat | 10 | Saturday, 10:00 am | Gayle Misner-Elias (Michael Misner-Elias) |
| | | 4:00pm | Ramsho of the Holy Cross |
| | | 4:30pm | Sunday Vigil |
| | | | For the Members of the Parish |
| Sun | 11 | 9:00am | †Mary Yasmine Hawes (Lowell Hawes) |
| | | 11:00am | No Liturgy/ Reception of the Eparch |
| Mon | 12 | ----- | |
| Tue | 13 | | †Faithful Departed of St. Joseph's (Audrey Yotides) |
| Wed | 14 | | Ganchimeg Gombojav (Daja Gombojav) |

Thu 15 David Nicholas
 (Mary Nicholas)
 Fri 16 Catherine Mandel
 (Misner-Elias Family)
 Sat 17 Saturday, 10:00 am
 Israël Gombojav
 (Daja Gombojav)
 4:30pm Sunday Vigil
 Private Intention
 Sun 18 9:00am †Mary Yasmine Hawes
 (Lowell Hawes)
 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)

SERVICES OF THE DIVINE ALTAR

September 4th:
 9:00am: I. Misner-Elias / N. Carter
 11:00am: S. Nappi / P. Carter

September 11th:
 9:00am: S. Nappi / M. Carter
 11:00am: ---- / ----

September 18th:
 9:00am: A. Michaud / N. Carter
 11:00am: L. Michaud / S. Nappi

September 25th:
 9:00am: I. Misner-Elias / 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: P. Carter / S. Nappi

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

(Budgeted: \$3,100.00)

Regular Collection Last Week: \$2,273.00

(Budget Deficit 2022: \$30,198.00)³

Next Special Collection, **September 11th:**
 Catholic University of America
 (This collection provides funding for the University)

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: **\$4,891.00**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.*

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**, estimated at \$60,000.00, two-thirds of which

will come from the Challenge Grant and matching funds: **\$40,567**. This leaves a remainder of **\$19,000.00** to cover the whole project.

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**.



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- 2.) By appointment to browse in the library:
(207) 872-7072

fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost "A"

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

Entrance Hymn: LB *ehnono nouhro shareero* 178A

Glory: SB *glory*

Qolo/Hymn: LB *Msheeho natareh l'eedtokh* 179

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 *I am the Vine; Salatooke*

Recessional: SB *Praise the Lord*



*The Nativity of the Holy
ever-Virgin Mary*

September 8th