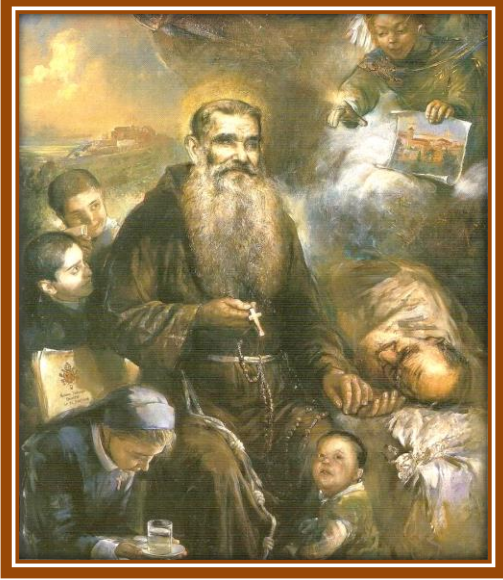


Saint Joseph Maronite Catholic Church



Fourth Sunday of Pentecost

June 26, 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 I Corinthians 2: 11-16

For what man is there, who knoweth that which is in a man, except it be the spirit of the man, which is in him?
So also, that which is in God, no one knoweth, except the Spirit of God.

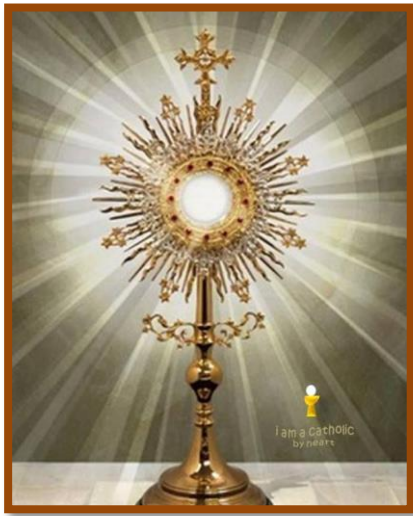
Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is from God; that we might know the free gifts, which are given to us by God.
Which things we also speak; not in the teaching of the words of man's wisdom, but in the teaching of the Spirit; and we compare spiritual things with spirituals.

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

For a man in his natural self does not receive
spiritual gifts;
for they are foolishness to him.
Neither can he know them;
for they are discerned by the Spirit.
But he that is spiritual, judgeth all things:
and he is judged of by no one.

*For who hath known the mind of the Lord,
that he should instruct Him?²*

But we have the mind of *Messiah*.



*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)³

ABOUNA'S REFLECTIONS

Much love and many memories permeate the walls and space of the basement parish hall. There have been floods of sweat and devotion spread into the very foundations of the church. Built by hand, it has been a work of the heart.

As you know, a letter went out last week announcing a project to replace the aged oven and

worn stove of the hall's kitchen. This is a work that has needed to be done for a couple years now. It comes at a time when we are all doing a lot of heavy lifting financially in our personal lives, and happens also when the parish herself is laboring to find the funds to cover both the hot-water heater in the same kitchen and the large masonry work that needs to be done on the church building. Fortunately, the generosity of several has allowed us to cover the costs of the hot-water heater; and the generosity of many has matched **\$20,000.00** to the **Challenge Grant** that was set up two years ago.

These large projects take a great deal of effort and time to realize.

With last week's donation of another **\$1,000.00**, we move toward covering the last **\$20,000.00** needed for the masonry project that is in the works.

These financial concerns have been running and reported in the weekly parish bulletins now for two years, so you are familiar with them.

Now we need to consider replacing major kitchen appliances. The Knights of Columbus are actively participating in this by covering half the project, but the rest of the parish will need to raise the remaining **\$6,000.00**. We have made a good start with **\$750.00** having already come in this week.

In the midst of the kitchen's renewal, it was asked to put up a plaque honoring those who have devoted, and who now devote so much time, labor, and love to turning out suppers, meals, and muffins.

Quite rightly it was asked that Larry Mitchell's name should hold the place of honor firstly on this plaque in recognition of all the devotion with which he works and watches over the church's plant, night and day, and in recognition of his unstinting fidelity to the kitchen and the church's maintenance; to the Knights of Columbus who have renovated, reworked, restored, and also labored with much energy to the good of the hall; and, finally, to the other good souls who have cooked, cleaned, baked, served, and labored over many decades in this same kitchen.

² Isaiah 40: 13

³ Homily 1.7.8 "on Ezechiel"

To this last category – as an added incentive – for those who wish to contribute **\$250.00** toward the new kitchen appliances in this fundraising campaign, they can also add **a name they wish inscribed on the same memorial plaque of honor.** When you make this donation, please add a note of the name you wish inscribed on the plaque.

Now is the time and opportunity to memorialize sitoo, djidoo, or the aunts who by their labors and devotion created the beloved memories of Saint Joseph's.

In this transition, we now make the effort to memorialize and recognize the kitchen's past, the love and memories that permeate her current space, and her needs in present renovation and future renewal that so many support.

As was also mentioned in last week's letter, once the funds are raised, the appliances purchased and installed, there will be a parish festivity to celebrate the renovations and honor Larry, the Knights of Columbus, and those other devoted souls so commemorated. We should celebrate and honor this love and devotion that are irreplaceable.

Gratitude must be ours as we have watched the multi-year progress being made toward covering the large masonry project's costs. And now we saddle up for the added expenses of the parish hall's kitchen; but we do what we have to, and work to accomplish all needs. Between these two projects, then, we have **\$25,000.00** we need to raise – in addition to our regular operating expenses and all this being done in the midst of rising prices that shock us all.

Times are hard financially, and our parish's fuel-oil costs and utilities' expenses next year are going to be astronomically high (very likely \$24,000.00--\$30,000.00 for fuel-oil alone to heat the parish buildings) but God is ceaselessly good, and the generosity of so many is therefore all the more admirable in these times.

Teshboohto l'moryo! Praise be to the Lord!

May the God of Consolation encourage all our hearts, strengthen our resolve, and edify us in ability to build up the Kingdom of Heaven in our corner of the world.

Schedule of Readings

FOURTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

June 26, 2022

I Cor 2: 11-16 St. Luke 10: 21-24

SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

July 3, 2022

II Cor 11: 21-30 St. Matthew 16: 13-20

VOCATION ICON

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

Sun	June	26	Steve & Allison Crate
Sun	July	3	Suzanne Paré
Sun	July	10	Daja Gombojav & Family
Sun	July	17	Ira & Catherine Mandel
Sun	July	24	Dean & MaryAnn Carter
Sun	July	31	Michael & Gayle Misner

*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: 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 26 9:00am For the Members of the Parish
11:00am †Richard Elias
(his family)

Mon 27 -----

Tue 28 †Darrell Mitchell
(Donna-Jo Mitchell)

5:00pm
Ramsho of Saints Peter and Paul

Wed 29 Abouna
(anniversary)

Thu 30 †William Blais
(Michael & Maureen Martin)

Fri 1 Nicholas Family
(Mary Nicholas)

Sat 2 Saturday, 10:00 am
Special Intention
(Michael & Maureen Martin)

4:30pm Sunday Vigil
Private intention

Sun 3 9:00am For the Members of the Parish
11:00am Children and Grandchildren
(Michael & Maureen Martin)

Mon 4 -----

Tue 5 -----

Wed 6 Nicholas Family
(Mary Nicholas)

Thu 7 †John Marietta & Paul Thomas
(Pam & Dan Casavant)

Fri 8 Gayle Misner-Elias
(Michael Misner-Elias)

Sat 9 Saturday, 10:00 am
Nicholas Family
(Mary Nicholas)

4:30pm Sunday Vigil
Private intention

Sun 10 9:00am For the Members of the Parish
11:00am Phil Gosselin
(Jodi Gosselin)

Mon 11 -----

Tue 12 †Rosanna Joseph
(Paula & Larry Mitchell)

Wed 13 Curtis Gosselin
(Jodi Gosselin)

Thu 14 All Faithful Departed of Saint Joseph
(Audrey Yotides)

Fri 15 -----

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

(Budgeted: \$3,100.00)

Regular Collection Last Week: \$2,280.00

(Budget Deficit 2022: \$19,645.00)⁴

Today's Second Collection: **Peter's Pence**

(All funds are earmarked for the Holy Father for his use
to assist with emergency financial aid
to the most needy throughout the world.)

An additional **\$000.00** has come in this week
toward the **needed masonry construction and
maintenance** collection toward the last **\$20,000.00**.⁵

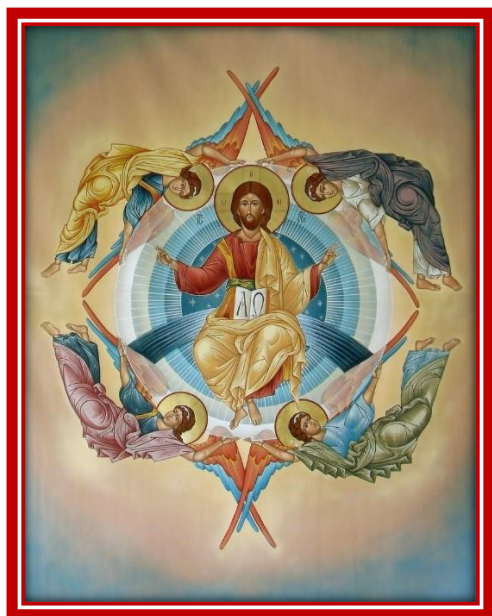
Second Sunday each month is a second collection
to cover our **monthly fuel-oil costs**.

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

⁴ Deficit 2019: \$72,270.59/Deficit 2020: \$34,473.00/ Deficit 2021: \$35,178.00

⁵ 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.



Fourth Sunday of Pentecost "A"

p. 425

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

Entrance Hymn: LB *b'koolhoon safreh* 200

Glory: SB *glory*

Qolo/Hymn: LB *ehnono noohro shareero* 201A

Creed p 748

PRE-ANAPHORA:

Transfer of Gifts: LB *The Lord Reigns*

Incense Hymn Offertory: SB *I'maryam yoldat*

ANAPHORA:

Saint Mark the Evangelist: p 835

Sign of Peace: SB *tou ba*

Communion: SB *O Bread of Life; Salatookee*

Recessional: SB *Praise God from Whom*

Servers of the Divine Altar

June 26th:

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

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

July 3rd:

9:00am: M. Carter/ N. Carter

11:00am: S. Nappi/ I. Misner-Elias

July 10th:

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

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

July 17th:

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

11:00am: L. Michaud/ P. Carter

July 24th:

9:00am: M. Carter/ N. Carter

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

July 31st:

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

11:00am: I. Misner-Elias / L. Michaud

August 7th:

9:00am: M. Carter/ N. Carter

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

*Generosity fosters gratitude,
mutual emulation, and
abundant encouragement!*



!مُحَمَّدًا حَقِّقْهُ : Priest

Shlomoh l'koulkhoun!

(literally: Peace [be] to all you!)

!هَؤُلَاءِ وَهَؤُلَاءِ : People

W'am rouHoh deelokh!

(literally: and with spirit your!)

The Fast of the Holy Apostles

Saints Peter and Paul (June 29th)
and the **Twelve Apostles (June 30th)**

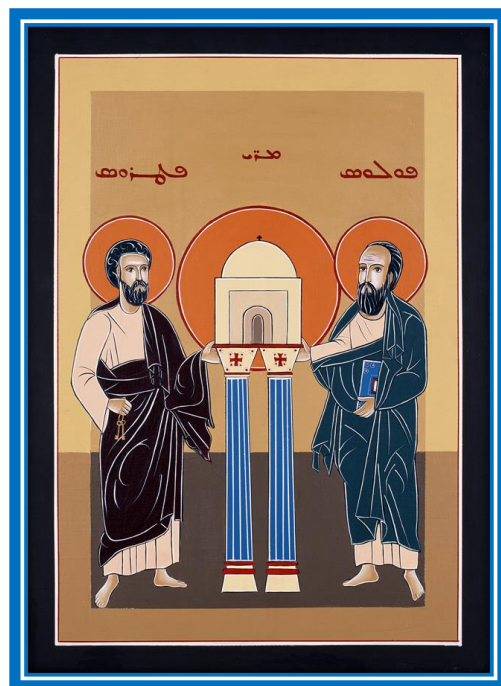
Reminded by our Patriarch, it is our tradition to fast in preparation for the great feasts of Saints Peter and Paul, and all are encouraged to do so faithfully, *par.* 23:

This fast is known as "The Apostles' Fast, during which the faithful abstain from eating meat, dairy products, and eggs, from June 21st -- 28th.⁶

We are reminded in *paragraph 21* of the same letter that "a fast" is **to go without all foods from midnight to noon**, after which we abstain from all animal flesh and animal products – more or less "vegan" as they would call it these days.

When a fast day falls on a Saturday or a Sunday (as will be the case on **June 18-19** and **25-26** this year) one can eat when they wish, but should still abstain from all animal products and flesh. Shellfish is permissible on Saturday and Sunday.

This practice is applicable to all who have attained the age of the use of reason, *par.* 22.



SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

Princes of the Apostles

June 29th



Sanctuary Lamp burns in June in memory of the **Sam, Lottie, George, and Jean Deeb** at the request of Dame Fefa.

May their memory be eternal!

⁶ Date modified by our Patriarch (from June 17th in the original encyclical) in February 2021.