

Saint Joseph Maronite Catholic Church



Feast of the Blessed Massabki Brothers

July 10, 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; Memorial Candle before St. Joseph \$40

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 Hebrews 12: 1-9

Therefore, let us also, who have all these witnesses surrounding us like clouds, cast from us all burdens, and sin, which is always prepared for us; and let us run with patience the race that is appointed for us.

And let us look on Jesus, Who hath become the commencement and the completion of our faith;
Who, on account of the joy there was for Him, endured the Cross, and surrendered Himself to opprobrium; and is seated on the right hand of the throne of God.

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

Behold, therefore, how much He suffered from sinners – from them who are adversaries of their own selves – that ye may not be discouraged, nor your soul become remiss. Ye have not yet come unto blood, in the contest against sin.

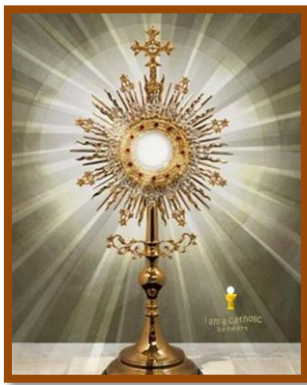
And ye have forgotten the monition, which saith to you, as to children, My son, disregard not the chastening of the Lord; nor let thy soul faint, when thou art rebuked by Him.

For, whom the Lord loveth, He chasteneth; and He scourgeth those sons, for whom He hath kind regards.²

Therefore, endure ye the discipline; because God is dealing with you as with sons. For what son is there, whom his father doth not discipline?

But if ye are without that chastisement, with which everyone is chastened, ye are become strangers and are not sons.

And if our fathers of the flesh chastened us, and we revered them, how much more ought we to be submissive to the Father of spirits and live?



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

Abortion is no longer “nationalized”. The juridical decision of the Supreme Court on the question of abortion has been a relief to many, of course, but its more important effect is that it now shifts the public and political discussion.

For the last forty years, public debate has centered around “legality”, “constitutionality”, and “legal right”, which, although understandable, have never truly been the problem. In fact, legalistic and modern liberal⁴ political jargon obscures the subject. Worse is the recent attempt to derail the whole subject and pervert it by a redefinition: to place it in a debate about “healthcare”. This is as shocking as it is falsifying. The termination of the lives of unborn children is hardly “healthcare”.

The Supreme Court, by removing the national regard from *federal legal protection in the killing of children*, and by returning legislation back to the state and local communities, has opened to all the possibility of real debate, consideration, and discussion about the true subject and issue at hand:

What is human life?

What is human personality?

What is family?

Who is truly a human person?

What is the relationship between parent and child?

What are the modern stresses on families and their children?

What is the status of being a legal “person”?

These questions are similar to the ones in the debate that raged around slavery in the first half of the 19th century. As an economic and societal reality slavery was constitutional and legal, but was it morally acceptable? The *status of human persons and personal relations* were then too in play.

There are some who now complain that “everything is politicized”, but this makes little sense. All public and community discourse on how to “run things” is necessarily “political”. All public

the whole philosophical and religious project of the last two hundred years of secular political revolution that attempts to replace the Kingdom of God. Ultimately, the “liberal order” seeks to fully establish the City of Man as the sole reality.

² Deuteronomy 8: 5; Proverbs 3: 12; Apocalypse 3: 19

³ Homily 1.7.8 “on Ezechiel”

⁴ This is a philosophic and theological term before it is a political one. In the Church’s use, the term “liberal” does not refer to the dialectic “conservative/liberal”, but rather names

debate and involvement of how we wish to organize and run our communities is necessarily “political” as the very definition of the word is applied to all that involves the running of the “polis”, that is, the city, community, or state. It is also necessarily a “public” debate and discussion; though it can be said that the contemporary loss of social courtesies and politeness, and the advent of social media have made public discourse strident, with a discordant tone that is at times abrasive. For all that, reality and truth must still be discussed.

Inevitably in public discourse⁵ there is disagreement, but our task as Catholics is to speak with clarity, definition, understanding, and charity. We must never allow political discourse to degenerate into sentimentality, mushy thinking, and emotionalism. This is all cerebral death. We must hold firm to clarity of thought – know what we think and why we think it – that is, we must be informed by good philosophy and faith. Although sane natural philosophy is sufficient in the question of abortion, the faith adds further lucidity and order to all human thought. Define from the beginning the terms used; be sympathetic to the plight of some, and attempt to be understanding to all; whereas charity should instill radiant courage and patience.

The Church of God has for two-thousand years sojourned in the midst of the world, it has trodden for centuries in this valley of tears, and it has to live simultaneously in a world without the Gospel (darkened by this absence and by human selfishness) all the while keeping her illuminated eyes fixed on the Hidden God of majesty as her goal. Our Lord was not “of” this world,⁶ nor is His Kingdom, but it remains a human reality just as it is a divine one and the vehicle of God’s divine plan. The Kingdom of God, so long as she is a pilgrim on this earth, must maneuver with the presence of the City of Man. She serves the God of all consolation, but lives in the “polis” – that is, she is ever “political”.

⁵ This is especially true as community life fractures and fragments. There are fewer personal experiences and expected civic views that are shared any longer, and the few that do remain seem to evaporate day by day. Loss of common understanding leads to loss of common purpose, and the loss of common purpose results in the dissolution of society. This

It is now time, my friends and fellow pilgrims (as the children of God) to discuss publicly, frankly, openly, and charitably, of a better human vision for our communities.

SCHEDULE OF READINGS

FEAST OF THE BLESSED MASSABKI BROTHERS
July 10, 2022

Heb 12: 1-9 St. Luke 12: 6-10


SEVENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST
July 17, 2022

II Cor 3: 1-6 St. Luke 10: 1-7

VOCATION ICON

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

Sun	July	10	Daja Gombojav & Family
Sun	July	17	Ira & Catherine Mandel
Sun	July	24	Dean & MaryAnn Carter
Sun	July	31	Michael & Gayle Misner
Sun	Aug	7	Steve & Allison Crate
Sun	Aug	14	Suzanne Paré



The **Memorial Candle** before Saint Joseph burns this month *in memoriam* of **Lolo Salazar** as requested by Suzanne Paré

May her memory be eternal!

is what happened in the decades that led up to the American Civil War. Dissolution of a public and communal vision led to the dissolution of public union that led to outright conflict and war.

⁶ St. John 17: 16-20

*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 Gard, 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 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 -----

Sat 16 Saturday, 10:00 am
Private intention

4:30pm Sunday Vigil
†Joseph Smus
(Patricia, Paula, & David)

Sun 17 9:00am For the Members of the Parish
11:00am Elijah Misner-Elias
(Misner Family)

Mon 18 -----

Tue 19 †Fortieth Day of Jean Deeb
(Dame Fefa)

Wed 20 †Joan Gottardi
(Donna-Jo Mitchell)

Thu 21 †Lolo Salazar
(Paula & Larry Mitchell)

Fri 22 Tony Miklaszewski
(Ginny Miklaszewski)

Sat 23 Saturday, 10:00 am
†Lolo Salazar
(Suzanne Paré)

4:30pm Sunday Vigil
Private Intention

Sun 24 9:00am For the Members of the Parish
11:00am †Ramon Managad
(KofC 11303)

Mon 25 -----

Tue 26 †Sam & Nimera Maroon
(Paul & John Maroon)

Wed 27 †Darrell Mitchell
(Donna-Jo Mitchell)

Thu 28 †Lolo Salazar
(Suzanne Paré)

Fri 29 †Ernest & Freda Maroon
(Paul & John Maroon)

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

(Budgeted: \$3,100.00)

Regular Collection Last Week: \$2,530.00
(Budget Deficit 2022: \$21,546.00)⁷

An additional \$000.00 has come in this week toward the needed masonry construction and maintenance collection toward the last \$20,000.00.⁸

⁷ Deficit 2019: \$72,270.59/Deficit 2020: \$34,473.00/Deficit 2021: \$35,178.00

⁸ 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:

Donations to date for the new appliances in the parish hall kitchen: \$3,680.00⁹

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.

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

Entrance Hymn: LB fsheeto 221

Glory: SB *al majdu*

Qolo/Hymn: LB *bo'outho d'mor ya'coub* 222

Creed p 748

PRE-ANAPHORA:

Transfer of Gifts: LB *The Lord Reigns*

Incense Hymn Offertory: SB *l'maryam yoldat*

ANAPHORA:

Saint John Maron: p 897

Sign of Peace: SB *tou ba*

Communion: SB *O Lord, I am not worthy; Holy, Holy, Holy*

Recessional: SB *Joyful, joyful*

SERVERS OF THE DIVINE ALTAR

July 10th:

9:00am: A. Michaud/ I. Misner-Elias
11:00am: P. Carter /

July 17th:

9:00am: A. Michaud/M. Carter
11:00am: / L. Michaud

July 24th:

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

July 31st:

9:00am: A. Michaud/ M. Carter
11:00am: / L. Michaud

August 7th:

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

August 14th:

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

July 3rd:

9:00am: M. Carter/ N. Carter
11:00am: S. Nappi/



Saint Vladimir the Great

Confessor

July 15th

\$40,567. This leaves a remainder of \$19,000.00 to cover the whole project.

⁹ Our projected goal to raise that is needed to finance the new appliances is \$6,000.00.