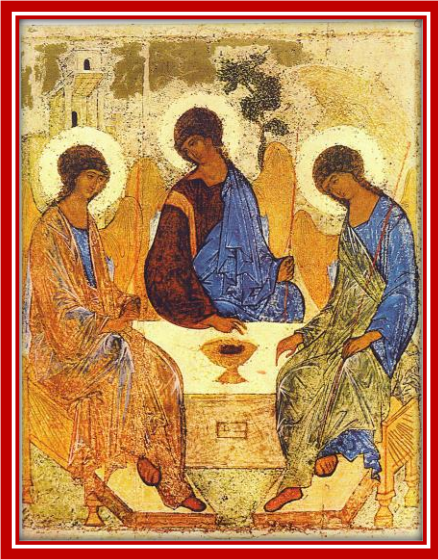


# Saint Joseph Maronite Catholic Church



## Sunday of the Most Holy Trinity

June 12, 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  
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### THIS DAY'S EPISTLE<sup>1</sup> Romans 11: 25-36

And that ye, my brethren, may not be wise in your own apprehension, I wish you to know this Mystery, that blindness of heart hath in some measure befallen Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles shall come in: and then, will all Israel *live*.  
As it is written:

A deliverer will come from Zion, and will turn away iniquity from Jacob.<sup>2</sup> And then will they have the *covenant* that proceedeth from me, when I shall have forgiven their sins.  
Now, in the gospel, they are enemies for your sake; but in the election, they are beloved for the sake of the fathers.  
For God is not changeable in His free gift and in His *calling*.

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

<sup>2</sup> Isaiah 59: 20-21 (LXX)

For as ye too were formerly disobedient to God, and have now obtained mercy, because of their disobedience;

so also are they now disobedient to the mercy which is upon you, that there may be mercy on them likewise.

For God hath shut up all men in disobedience, that upon all He might have mercy.

--- O the depth of the riches, and the wisdom, and the knowledge of God!  
For man hath not searched out His judgments; and His ways are inscrutable!  
For who hath known the mind of the Lord?  
Or who hath been a counselor to Him?<sup>3</sup>  
Or who that first given to Him,  
and then received from Him?<sup>4</sup>  
Because all is from Him, and all by Him,  
and all through Him:  
to Whom be praises and benedictions,  
forever and ever. Amen.



*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)<sup>5</sup>**

## **ABOUNA'S REFLECTIONS**

How does one attain to salvation? How does that which has been accomplished in the glorified Christ – the redemption of the human race – become a reality for the individual? Merely being human does not achieve this; wounded human nature is precisely what needs healing.

The individual person must somehow touch, attain, and enter into the Mystery of Christ in order to benefit from His Redemption and Victory. This contact is what allows the grace of universal salvation flow from the Messiah to the particular man.

Faith, in its largest sense, is a response and trust to something perceived, heard, or learned. Faith is a hearing; faith is an orientation; and faith brings personal knowledge. Faith is the necessary disposition of human life that opens it to transcendence, it allows that life to go beyond itself and reorder its vision beyond its own usually, and painfully, self-centered concerns.<sup>6</sup> As faith opens the mind and spirit, it allows the Victorious One to apply the effects of His redemption to the individual.<sup>7</sup>

Faith means we are listening and open to change. Faith and trust, even on a merely natural level, are how the child (anyone, in fact) learns, grows, and matures. To some degree, we must trust in order to learn just about anything. Faith is the disposition in which one can be taught. Openness means that Christ can work in His grace to heal the individual, illumine her spirit, and raise her life beyond the “ego”.

Understood correctly, faith is necessary in one's life, and without it salvation is impossible, not from the point of view of God but from the man who closes himself to that salvation. Salvation – like all health, growth, and well-being – is a question of choices and freedom. It is the process of healing directed to flourish in the Beatific Vision of the Divine Presence.

Without faith and prayer, life and its journey are grim. Wounded, we are weakened; afflicted, we are disoriented; damaged, we limp. While this state might be the source of sorrow, it is not bleak unless one chooses to remain there, fixed in weakness and sensuality – confusing momentary distraction and entertainment for happiness. If this

<sup>3</sup> Isaiah 40: 13-14

<sup>4</sup> Job 35: 7; 41: 11

<sup>5</sup> Homily 1.7.8 “on Ezechiel”

<sup>6</sup> O God, enlighten our understanding with the rays of Your Holy Spirit, and awaken our souls from the sleep of selfishness.

**First Prayer, Safo of Pentecost**

<sup>7</sup> Hebrews 11: 6 *No one can please God without faith, for whoever comes to God must have faith that God exists and rewards those who seek him.*

is the case, then life is truly dark. By nature, sentiments, passions, emotions roam freely, randomly, and habitually in disorder, so we must learn how to see and to love, because God directs creation by beauty, order, splendor, and harmony – not in random disorder. Without the healing balm of grace, our state remains crippled, frail, and in darkness; and as with all chronic sickness this condition is degenerative.

Salvation's goal to which we are invited is intimacy with the three-fold Person of God: the most holy Trinity. What is called "trinity" is not a speculative teaching or an abstract theological quibble; it is the revelation of the richness of divine personality: it speaks of "who" God is. One God in the infinite abundance of personality, by whom we have been created, in whose image we are made, and into whose love we are called to ascend, forever.

The friendship of God, and grace's intimacy *is* redemption/salvation. We must be made whole so that we can enter communion with the Most Holy One. Faith in the theological sense, and ultimately, is a free gift: light is offered from the Unseen Father, the individual responds, supernatural faith is given, and the enlightened person thus enters the divine light, a light that carries genuine knowledge. Salvation then begins its work in that person.

Our daily prayer must be ordered and disciplined to increase in faith; to learn to discern spirits; and to attain to a grace-filled stability in a world that seeks to trip us up as we pursue virtue and goodness. Grace reinforces and encourages that pursuit. Herein we are taught in beauty, splendor, and love.

We must learn continually to love supernaturally with surety and confidence. As our Lord instructed us, we need to trust as little children and perceive all things in wonder. From out of trust one grows.<sup>8</sup>



<sup>8</sup> St. Matthew 18: 3

## SCHEDULE OF READINGS

### TRINITY SUNDAY

June 12, 2022

**Romans 11: 25-36      St. Matthew 28: 16-20**

### THIRD SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

June 19, 2022

**I Cor 2: 1-10      St. John 14: 21-27**

## VOCATION ICON

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

Sun	June	12	Dean & MaryAnn Carter
Sun	June	19	Michael & Gayle Misner
Sun	June	26	Steve & Allison Crate
Sun	July	3	Suzanne Paré
Sun	July	10	Daja Gombojav & Family
Sun	July	17	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:** 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.

*Amen I say to you, unless you be converted, and become as little children, you shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.*

## INTENTIONS FOR THE QOORBONEH (MASSES)

Sun 12 9:00am For the Members of the Parish

11:00am †JoAnn Sulzen

Mon 13 -----

Tue 14 **Gayle Misner-Elias**  
(Sarah Grace Misner-Elias)

Wed 15 **Sulzen Family**

Thu 16 †Michael Perron  
(Michael & Maureen Martin)

Fri 17 †David Cosgrove  
(Pam & Dan Casavant)

Sat 18 **Saturday, 10:00 am**  
†Joan Gottardi  
(Donna-Jo Mitchell)

**4:30pm Sunday Vigil**  
*Private intention*

Sun 19 9:00am For the Members of the Parish

11:00am **Tony Miklaszewski**  
(Ginny Miklaszewski)

Mon 20 -----

Tue 21 †Carmen Blais  
(Sarah Grace Misner-Elias)

Wed 22 †George Aaron Johnson  
(Lynette Deming Johnson)

Thu 23 **Nicholas Family**  
(Mary Nicholas)

Fri 24 **Ben Gosselin**  
(Gosselin Family)

Sat 25 **Saturday, 10:00 am**  
**Marissa Gosselin**  
(Jodi Gosselin)

**4:30pm Sunday Vigil**  
*Private intention*

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)

Wed 29 **Abouna**  
(his anniversary)

Thu 30 †William Blais  
(Michael & Maureen Martin)

Fri 1 **Nicholas Family**  
(Mary Nicholas)

## *Annual Parish Barbecue*

Many thanks to Subdeacon Steve for taking it all in hand, to Gombojav Co. who set up the tents, to Sue and Ira who manned the grills, and to all who labored to make this event such a pleasure to all who attended!



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

*May their memory be eternal!*



## *Servers of the Divine Altar*

### June 5<sup>th</sup>:

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

### June 12<sup>th</sup>:

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

### June 19<sup>th</sup>:

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

### June 26<sup>th</sup>:

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

### July 3<sup>rd</sup>:

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

### July 10<sup>th</sup>:

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

### July 17<sup>th</sup>:

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

*Generosity fosters  
gratitude and abundant  
encouragement!*



<sup>9</sup> Deficit 2019: \$72,270.59/Deficit 2020: \$34,473.00/ Deficit 2021: \$35,178.00

<sup>10</sup> 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

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

(Budgeted: \$3,100.00)

Regular Collection Last Week: \$2,127.00

(Budget Deficit 2022: \$18,417.00)<sup>9</sup>

An additional **\$000.00** has come in this week toward the **needed masonry construction and maintenance** collection of **\$39,000.00**.<sup>10</sup>

**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 *msheeho natareh l'eedtokh*  
175A

**Glory:** SB *glory*

**Qolo/Hymn:** LB *bo'outho d'mor ya'qoob (Moryo moran)* 176

Creed p 748

**PRE-ANAPHORA:**

**Transfer of Gifts:** LB *The Lord Reigns*

**Incense Hymn Offertory:** SB *iqbal*

will come from the challenge grant and matching funds: \$40,567. This leaves a remainder of \$20,000.00 to cover the whole project.

**ANAPHORA:**

**Saint Mark the Evangelist:** p 835

**Sign of Peace:** SB *tou ba*

**Communion:** SB *Your Body is our Food; All Hail, Trinity Adored*

**Recessional:** SB *Ha Salah*

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.

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

! مَلْعَا حُطْبَه :Priest

***Shlomoh l'koulkhoun!***

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

! هَحْم وَهَسَا وَحَر :People

***W'am rouHoh deelokh!***

(literally: and with spirit your!)

## **The Fast of the holy Apostles**

*Saints Peter and Paul (June 29<sup>th</sup>)  
and the Twelve Apostles (June 30<sup>th</sup>)*

As we have been 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 17<sup>th</sup> -- 28<sup>th</sup>.*

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.



## **CORPUS CHRISTI**

*June 16<sup>th</sup>*

### **FEAST OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**

**Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>  
3:00 p.m.**



**A Holy Hour  
on the Most  
Holy  
Eucharist**

*Come and celebrate Christ's love  
for us!!*

**Blessed Sacrament Chapel  
in Waterville**

**Homilist: Fr. Dan Baillargeon**

**Benediction: Fr. Jacques Dolbec**