

Saint Joseph Maronite Catholic Church



Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul

July 3, 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
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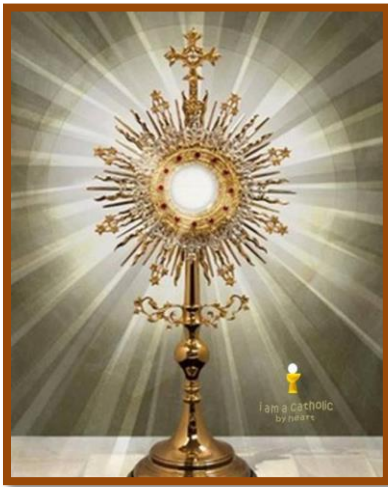
THIS DAY'S EPISTLE¹ II Corinthians 11: 21-30

I speak as if under contempt:
I speak as if we were impotent, through
deficiency of understanding;
that in whatever thing anyone is daring, I also
am bold.

If they are Hebrews, so I also:
or if they are Israelites, I also.
If they are the seed of Abraham, I too.
If they are ministers of the Messiah (in defect
of understanding, I say this) I am superior to
them:
in toils more than they,
in stripes more than they,
in bonds more than they,

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

in deaths many times.
 By the Jews, five times was I scourged,
 each time with forty stripes save one.
 Three times was I beaten with rods:
 at one time I was stoned:
 three times I was shipwreck, by day and by
 night; I have been in the sea, without a ship.
 In journeyings many, in peril by rivers, in peril
 by robbers, in peril from my kindred, in peril
 from Gentiles:
 I have been in peril in cities; I have been in
 peril in the desert, in peril in the sea, in peril
 from false brethren.
 In toil and weariness, in much watching, in
 hunger and thirst, in much fasting, in cold and
 nakedness:
 besides many other things, and the thronging
 around me every day, and my anxiety for all
 the churches.
 Who becometh weak, and I become not weak?
 Who is stumbled, and I do not burn?
 If I must glory, I will glory in my infirmities.



*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

Much love and the world's needs inspire us to pray for apostolic vocations. Because we are Catholics we treasure the priesthood; because we are Maronites we cherish a vision where priesthood is central to our faith. Beit Maroun is a monastic movement that originated with a priest of apostolic vision. The fountain of our traditions and observances is ascetic and monastic.

During these days of commemoration of the Holy Apostles we should stop to consider, honor, and imitate them in our lives.

The Christian Priesthood is especially cherished by the Maronite Church as our holy father was himself a priest, and ascetic and remote as his life may have been, his primary purpose (after the adoration of the Most High) was to bring the illumination of faith and healing grace to as many as possible. Before Lent, we have an entire week dedicated to all the deceased priests each year in recognition of this centrality to our Maronite and Catholic Faith.

What does it mean to be so profoundly touched by grace and faith that the communication of the Gospel becomes an imperative? Vocation haunts the men who receive it, and the gift of faith sets the human heart on fire to spread the tidings of life and grace to others. The Twelve Apostles are those who first received – touched, one might say³ – the Gospel directly from the Word Incarnate and who announced and spread the Good Tidings of life and salvation to all the world. They are the sowers and they are the seed, as it is beautifully stated in our Fenquitho.

In our parish, there is a quiet apostolic endeavor that has been engaged for many years now, in which families and individuals pray daily for the raising of sacerdotal vocations. This is being done through pilgrim icons of the Good Shepherd and prayer cards that are circulated weekly.⁴ Fundamentally grounded in hope, these prayerful individuals make appeal to the Lord of the Harvest that He fulfill His promise and send more laborers into His rich harvest.⁵

² Homily 1.7.8 "on Ezechiel"

³ I John 1: 1

⁴ The listing of those so praying is found under the "Vocation Icon" section in the bulletin.

⁵ St. Matthew 9: 35-38

This simple and humble prayer for vocations participates in the apostolic work of the Church. Especially when it is consciously joined to others of like mind and fervor, these prayers share in the Church's apostolate. It participates in an apostolic work that seeks to communicate, maintain, and spread the redemptive grace of salvation.

This persevering prayer, and rotating ministry of the faithful, is both simple and powerfully efficacious. It is an unseen act of faith and charity. Its zeal may be simple, but it is a powerful work in devotion for the Church of God. The icons being used have been laid on the forgiving altar during the Offering of the Divine Eucharist, so they carry this sublime grace into the households where they travel and sanctify the homes where they come to rest week by week.

We Maronites have another great work to benefit the Catholic Priesthood; this is the **Order of Saint Sharbel**, which labors through its prayers and material aid to support seminarians and the retired priests. This is a noble enterprise in which every Maronite possible should be engaged. It supports the priests – the old, now in the radiance of holiness in their battle fatigue, and the young still in their seminary formation – who receive from some (the members of the Order) so as to bring redemption to many others in their lives' priestly vocation and work.

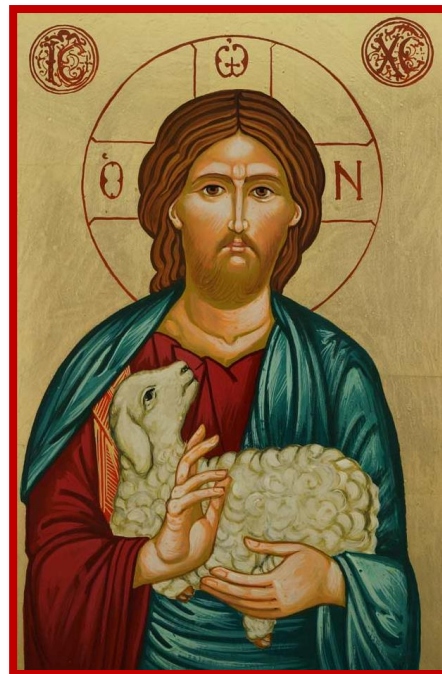
We must all together collaborate in hope and charity in order to dispose the ground and sustain the laborers so that the brilliance of the Sacred Heart might shine everywhere in the lives of all.

The continuous prayer for vocations is admirable in its efficacy and in its humble perseverance. *Generous souls are encouraged to sign up and expand the parish's apostolate of prayer and devotion; they then join themselves to other grace-filled hearts that already commit themselves to the raising up of apostles in the next generations.*

We pray for our sons so that they might become our fathers.

Understood correctly, those who commit themselves and animate this **parish apostolate of the vocation icon** become part of a privileged band

of zealous souls who honor the Apostles by being themselves apostolic, by treasuring the apostolic faith, by communicating the apostolic traditions, and who develop in present prayer and sacrifice the future endeavors and ministry of the apostles to come.



SCHEDULE OF READINGS

SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL
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II Cor 11: 21-30 St. Matthew 16: 13-20

SIXTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST
July 10, 2022

I Cor 12: 12-13, 27-30 St. Matthew 10: 16-25

VOCATION ICON

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

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
Sun	Aug	7	Steve & Allison Crate

*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.

- 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)

Please note that there will be no public Mass on Tuesday, July 5th.

INTENTIONS FOR THE QOURBONEH (MASSES)

- 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** -----



LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

(Budgeted: \$3,100.00)

Regular Collection Last Week: \$1,769.00

(Budget Deficit 2022: \$20,976.00)⁶

Special Collection: **Peter's Pence**: \$277.00

(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**.⁷

Donations to date on the appeal for the new **appliances** in the parish hall kitchen: **\$1,830.00**⁸

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.

Creed p 748

PRE-ANAPHORA:

Transfer of Gifts: LB *The Lord Reigns*

Incense Hymn Offertory: SB *l'maryam yoldat*

ANAPHORA:

Saint Peter, Chief of the Apostles: p 774

Sign of Peace: SB *tou ba*

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

Recessional: SB *Joyful, joyful*



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

May her memory be eternal!

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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 *ehnono noohro shareero* 222

⁶ Deficit 2019: \$72,270.59/Deficit 2020: \$34,473.00/Deficit 2021: \$35,178.00

⁷ 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.

⁸ Our projected goal to raise that is needed to finance the new appliances is **\$6,000.00**.

Servers of the DIVINE ALTAR

July 3rd:

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

11:00am: S. Nappi/

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/ M. Carter

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



SAINT MARIA GORETTI

Martyr

July 6th

! **مُعَلَّا حُكْبَه!** :Priest

Shlomoh l'koulkhoun!

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

! **هَكْم وَهَسَا وَكُر!** :People

W'am rouHoh deelokh!

(literally: and with spirit your!)