

Saint Joseph Maronite Catholic Church



Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost

August 21, 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 Ephesians 3: 1-13

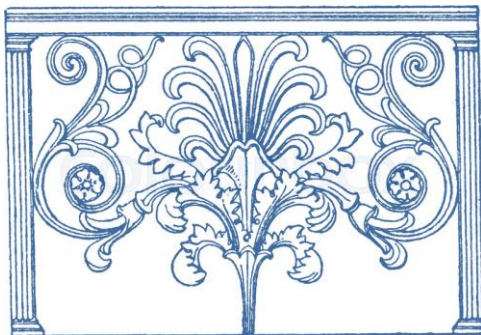
On this account, I, Paul, am a prisoner of *Jesus Messiah*, for the sake of you Gentiles:
if so be, ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God, which was given to me among you:

that by revelation there was made known to me the Mystery

(as I have written to you in brief, so that while ye read, ye might be able to understand my knowledge of the Mystery of the Messiah) – which in other generations was not made

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

known to the sons of men, as it is now revealed
to His holy legates and to His prophets,
by the Spirit;
that the Gentiles should be *sons* of His
inheritance, and partakers of His Body,
and of the Promise which is given in Him
by the Gospel;
of which I have been a minister,
according to the gift of the goodness of God,
which was imparted to me
by the operation of His power: --
to me, who am the least of all the saints,
hath this grace been given,
that I should announce among the Gentiles
the unsearchable riches of the Messiah,
and should show to all men
what is the dispensation of the Mystery,
which for ages was hidden in God,
the Creator of all:
so that, by means of the Church,
the manifold wisdom of God
might become known to the principalities
and powers that are in heaven,
which He *prepared before the ages*,
and He hath accomplished it
by Jesus *Messiah*, our Lord;
through Whom we have boldness and access,
in the confidence of *faith in Him*.
Therefore, I pray,
that you may not be discouraged
by my afflictions, which are for your sakes;
for this is your glory.



*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

Since last spring, the bishop and I have discussed when we might organize a visit to wilds of Maine. Happily, the weekend of **September 10/11** will be that occasion. We now celebrate.

It happens also 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.

On the weekends of **August 28th** and **September 4th**, near the St. Joseph statue at the front of the church, there will be sheets for individuals and families to sign indicating which prayers, sacrifices, or other alms they wish to offer for Saidna's intentions. These numbers will then be totaled and presented to him in a card during his visit.

² Homily 1.7.8 "on Ezechiel"

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 us to remain open during those difficult years, and the many faithful who benefitted as a result can 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.

Discuss among your families which prayers might be offered with generous love, a spirit of sacrifice, and profound gratitude. Commit yourselves to them, and then make those intentions and good works known on August 28th and September 4th, writing them up for the anniversary card.

Please note that we will **cancel the 11:00am Liturgy** on that Sunday,³ uniquely on this day, to make time for the Reception.

Thus, the schedule for that 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.

The Good One is ever rich in graces!



Schedule of Readings

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

August 21, 2022

Eph 3: 1-13

St. Matthew 15: 21-28

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

August 28, 2022

I Cor 3: 1-11

St. Luke 8: 1-15

³ September 11th

VOCATION ICON

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

Sun	Aug	21	Daja Gombojav & Family
Sun	Aug	28	Ira & Catherine Mandel
Sun	Sept	4	Dean & MaryAnn Carter
Sun	Sept	11	Michael & Gayle Misner
Sun	Sept	18	Steve & Allison Crate
Sun	Sept	25	Suzanne Paré

*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.



The Sanctuary Lamp burns
in August
in memory of the **Bernie**
and **Pat Thomas**.
at the request
of Michelle Cothran
and Nicole Thomas.

May their memory be eternal!

INTENTIONS FOR THE QOURBONEH (MASSES)

Sun	21	9:00am	For the Members of the Parish
		11:00am	†Roger Charette (Dame Fefa)
Mon	22	-----	
Tue	23		Israel Gombojav (Daja Gombojav)
Wed	24		†Albert Duguay (Suzanne Paré)
Thu	25		Ganchimeg Gombojav (Daja Gombojav)
Fri	26		†Sandra Sabbaq (Suzanne Paré)
Sat	27	Saturday, 10:00 am	†Darrell Mitchell (Donna-Jo Mitchell)
		4:00pm	Sunday Ramsho
		4:30pm	Vigil Private Intention
Sun	28	9:00am	For the Members of the Parish
		11:00am	Gemma Stone (Gayle Misner)
Mon	29	-----	
Tue	30		Christine Arbour (Suzanne Paré)
Wed	31		Israel Gombojav (Daja Gombojav)
Thu	1		Mireille Gray (Audrey Yotides)
Fri	2		Ganchimeg Gombojav (Daja Gombojav)
Sat	3	Saturday, 10:00 am	Ira Mandel (Misner-Elias Family)
		4:30pm	Sunday Vigil Private Intention
Sun	4	9:00am	For the Members of the Parish
		11:00am	Twenty-fifth anniversary †Ferris Ferris; Lennon & Bennett DeCreny (Ferris Family)

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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)

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

(Budgeted: \$3,100.00)

Regular Collection Last Two Weeks: \$4,030.00

(Budget Deficit 2022: \$28,290.00)⁴

An additional \$000.00 has come in this week toward the needed masonry construction and maintenance collection toward the last \$20,000.00.⁵

Total donations for the new stove and oven in the parish hall kitchen: \$7,605.00⁶

Donations to date to install next heat-pump in the church to burn cleaner, more efficiently, and lower fuel-oil costs: \$2,914.00⁷

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.



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.

⁶ Our projected goal to raise that is needed to finance the new appliances is \$6,000.00. Excellent work in covering this cost!

⁷ The next twelve-month contract for heating oil is set to cost over \$33,000.00! The projected cost for this heat-pump installation is \$8,000.00.

Twelfth 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*

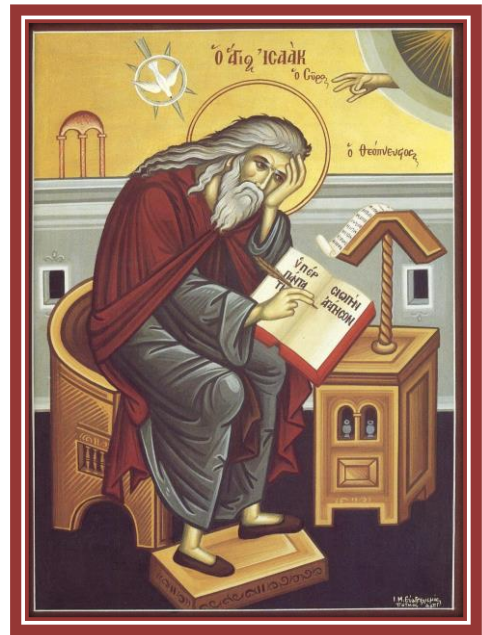
ANAPHORA:

Saint John the Apostle: p 815

Sign of Peace: SB *tou ba*

Communion: SB *O Lord, I am not worthy; For the Beauty*

Recessional: SB *Sing out Earth*



Saint Isaac of Nineveh

Confessor

August 23rd