

Saint Joseph Maronite Catholic Church



Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed

February 12, 2023

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* **Legion of Mary:** Sir Ira Mandel, KHS, *President*
Choir: Dame Marie Fefa Deeb, DSG, *Director* **Pastoral Council Chair:** Suzanne Paré
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THIS DAY'S EPISTLE¹

I Thessalonians 5: 1-11

But concerning the times and seasons,
my brethren, ye need not that I write to you:
for ye know assuredly,

that the Day of our Lord so cometh,
as a thief by night.

While people will be saying,
Peace and quietness,
then suddenly destruction
will burst upon them,

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

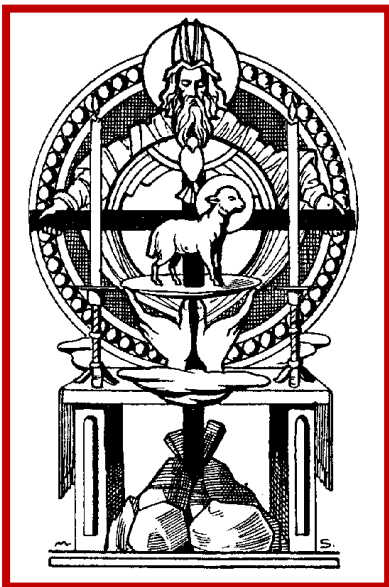
as distress upon a child-bearer,
and they will not escape.

But ye, my brethren, are not in darkness,
that that Day should overtake you as a thief.
For ye are all children of the light,
and children of the day;
and are not children of the night,
and children of darkness.

Let us therefore not sleep, like others;
but let us be vigilant and considerate.
For they who sleep, sleep in the night;
and they who are drunken,
are drunken in the night.

But let us who are children of the day,
be wakeful in mind,
and put on the breastplate of faith and love,
and *impose* the helmet of the hope of life.
For God hath not appointed us to wrath,
but to the acquisition of life,
by our *Lord Jesus Messiah*:
Who died for us,
that whether we wake or sleep,
we might live together with Him.

Therefore, comfort one another,
and edify one another,
as also ye have done.



*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

From our heartland to our hearts: as mentioned to you in the sermons on the Feastday of our Father Saint Maron, the **earthquakes and appalling destruction** that have wracked Turkey and Syria this last week have occurred in the original heartland of Beit Maroun and the place of Saint Maron's hermitage. *This destruction touches us profoundly as Maronites*, quite directly so as this is the place of our historic origins as a Church. We must pray for all those who have died, who are dying, who will die, and for those now without house, home, or refuge.

Is there more that we can do?

In response to these tragedies, we will be taking a **second collection today** for the inhabitants of those regions. Our eparchy has often helped the lands of Lebanon, Syria, and Palestine, and now we are asked *to open our hearts and our spirits* to grace and allow ourselves to be touched by the God of all consolation. This collection will be sent to our eparchy later this week, and it is our bishop and the eparchy that will send on these funds directly to those in need.

Please make out your checks to **Saint Joseph Maronite Church**, place a *note in the memo line that it is for the earthquake victims*, and gathering all together we will send on a single check to the eparchy within the week.

There will be no NGOs, no "middlemen", and no waste. What you donate will go completely to aiding our brothers and sisters in need. This is how true charity and alms should work among the Churches. We will be blessed for all that you generously and courageously give.

² Homily 1.7.8 "on Ezechiel"

*In this present time let your abundance
supply their want,
that their abundance also
may supply your want,
that there may be an equality.³*

Please be thoughtful, grateful in that which we have received, and generous to this cause. We have so much in our lives, and from so little merit to have received such. Their ample burden in carrying the cross supplies in suffering for our lack in grace in our ease, in such a manner that all might find balance and parity before the Most High.

Those who live in the historic lands of Saint Maron walk the same hills and valleys that our ancient Fathers and Mothers did and they live in their shadows, as it were; and while we all too often complain about things that really do not merit such griping, it does us good to consider and meditate on these discrepancies of providence before the hidden Merciful One. To do so is to judge our place better and our responsibilities to one another more equitably and fairly.

These sad events give us occasion to turn our concerns away from ourselves and outward to others who now actively labor, suffer, and die, toward those truly stripped of everything.

We must ask ourselves how much can we aid those in need with the goods and means that Providence has lavished upon us? What we are asked to suffer and offer is very little, in truth, in comparison to the want of so many in the world.

There are those in the land of Saint Maron who now bear the marks of the Crucified One.

May the Sacred Heart confirm your generosity and desire to do good, increase His grace within you, open your heart, illumine your spirit, and strengthen your resolve to graciously and magnanimously *walk behind Him* on the path of Calvary and so come to the aid of *those who now bear that Cross*.



Schedule of Leaders for the Recitation of the Rosary at 10:30 am on the first, third, and fifth Sundays of each month:



Sun	Feb	19	Jody Lachance
Sun	Mar	5	Sava Nappi
Sun	Mar	19	Suzanne Paré
Sun	Apr	2	Jeanne Thomas
Sun	Apr	16	Diane Wyder
Sun	Apr	30	Ira Mandel

VOCATION ICON

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

Sun	Feb	12	Suzanne Paré
Sun	Feb	19	Daja Gombojav & Family
Sun	Feb	26	Ira & Catherine Mandel
Sun	Mar	5	Dean & MaryAnn Carter
Sun	Mar	12	Michael & Gayle Misner
Sun	Mar	19	Steve & Allison Crate
Sun	Mar	26	Anne Marie Mathieu

³ II Corinthians 8: 14

*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: Joyce Black, Celina Knippling, Stephen Michaud, Dame Fefa, Kevin J. Michaud, Sheila Bonenfant, Gareth Belton, Katrina Nappi, Holly Perron, Christian Disuag, Daja Gombojav, Margaret Mae Lambert, Mary Morin, Larry Grard, Sarah Grace Misner-Elias, Cindy Elias, Barbara Joseph, Sally Derosby, Tala Poulin, Richard Karter, Rita Hikel, and all those who may suffer from illness, disease, want, or depression.

Super Bowl Breakfast and Raffle

today, February 12th,
following the 9:00am Liturgy



NB: there will be no 11:00 Liturgy
this day.

SCHEDULE OF READINGS

COMMEMORATION
OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED
February 12, 2023

I Thes 5: 1-11 St. Luke 16: 19-31

ENTRANCE INTO THE GREAT FAST:
THE FIRST SIGN AT CANA
February 19, 2023

Rom 14: 14-23 St. John 2: 1-11

INTENTIONS FOR THE QOORBONEH (MASSES)

Sun 12 9:00am Bishop Gregory
(Paula & Larry Mitchell)

No 11:00am Liturgy

Mon 13 -----

Tue 14 †Gary Violette
(Pam & Dan Casavant)

Wed 15 †Betty Serwin
(Jodi Gosselin)

Thu 16 Abouna

Fri 17 Mary Nicholas
(Mary Nicholas)

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

4:30pm Sunday Vigil
Private Intention

Sun 19 9:00am Parishioners of Saint Joseph
11:00am †Patsy Venezinno
(Pam & Dan Casavant)

Mon 20 **Ash Monday**
10:00am Nicholas Family
(Mary Nicholas)

6:00pm Ash Monday
Private Intention

Tue 21 -----

Wed 22 †Ron LeClair
(Pam & Dan Casavant)

Thu 23 †Peggy Serwin
(Durant Family)

Fri 24 †Mary Bellamah Maroon
(Paul & Stephen Maroon)

Sat 25 Saturday, 10:00am
Ginnaz for Mary Theresa Huebner
(Margaret Mae Lambert)

4:30pm Sunday Vigil
Private Intention

Sun 26 9:00am Parishioners of Saint Joseph
11:00am Benjamin Misner-Elias
(Abouna)

Mon 27 -----

- Tue 28 †Darrell Mitchell
(Donna-Jo Mitchell)
- Wed 1 †Sam & Nimera Nammour Maroon
(Stephen and Paul Maroon)
- Thu 2 Chorbishop Joseph Kaddo
(Abouna)
- Fri 3 †Elizabeth Serwin
(Pam & Dan Casavant)



After the Divine Mysteries,
at both 9:00 and 11:00am,
there is a gathering in the
parish hall for coffee and
freshly baked muffins
on the **second** and **fourth**
Sunday
of each month.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

(Budgeted: \$3,500.00)

Regular Collection Last Week: \$-----.00

(Budget Deficit 2023: \$3,414.00)⁴



Today, there will be a **second collection** taken
for our brothers and sisters in the Middle East
who have suffered
from the **horrendous earthquakes** this past week.
These funds will be distributed directly through
our own eparchy and our bishop.

Please be as generous as you can.

Second Sunday each month is a second collection
to cover our **monthly fuel-oil costs**. The next twelve
months will cost us **over \$26,000.00**.

Please be as generous as you can.

This month's fuel collection to date: **\$10.00⁵**

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

! مَكْمَلًا حَقِّقْهُ :Priest

Shlomoh l'koulkhoun!

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

! هَكْمَ وَهْمًا وَحُرًا :People

w'am rouHoh deelokh!

(literally: and with spirit your!)

Marfaa!



**Mardi Gras
Celebration
and luncheon**

Next week, Cana Sunday,
February 19th,
following the 11:00am Liturgy

⁴ Deficit 2019: \$72,270.59 / Deficit 2020: \$34,473.00 / Deficit
2021: \$35,178.00 / Deficit 2022: \$29,423.00

⁵ Jan: \$670.00 / Feb: Our contractual payment each month to
DownEast is \$2,455.00.

Stations and Benediction of the Life-giving Cross

Fridays of the Great Fast
6:30pm



From February 22, 2023, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Maine Family Planning on Gabriel Drive in Augusta, and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you'd like more information – and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact: Judy Icenogle 872-6558 or ricejuice@twc.com



Holyday Schedule

Ash Monday

Monday, February 20th

Mass: 10:00am

Evening Liturgy: 6:00pm

*Please note that there will
no public Liturgies on
Tuesday, February 21st*

SERVERS OF THE DIVINE ALTAR

February 12th:

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

10:00am: I. Gombojav / P. Carter

February 19th:

9:00am: N. Carter/ C. Gombojav

10:00am: J. Gamble / S. Nappi

February 26th:

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

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

March 5th:

9:00am: C. Gombojav / N. Carter

11:00am: S. Nappi/ I. Gombojav

March 12th:

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

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

Entrance Hymn: LB fsheeto 233

Glory: SB *al majdu*

Qolo/Hymn: LB *toobaik 'eedto* 234

Creed p 748

PRE-ANAPHORA:

Transfer of Gifts: LB *The Lord Reigns*

Incense Hymn Offertory: SB *I'maryam yoldat*

ANAPHORA:

Saint Sixtus, Pope of Rome: p 856

Sign of Peace: SB *tou ba*

Communion: SB *Father of Truth; Aboun d'b'shmayo*

Recessional: SB *Alleluia*



The Traditional and Patriarchal Norms for the Great Fast

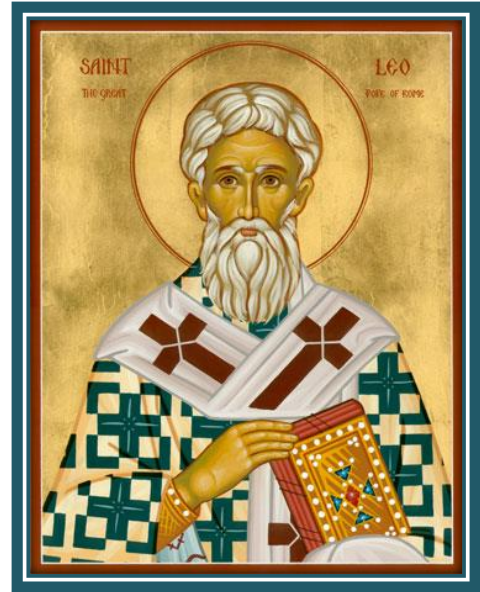
- A.) Although all the days of Lent are traditionally fast days, special effort is to be put in to observe fully the first and last weeks of the holy season: **the week of Ash Monday and Great and Holy Week.**
- B.) Ash Monday and the First Week of Great Lent and Great Week of the Passion and especially Great and Holy Friday of the Crucifixion through to noon on Saturday of the Great Light are *Days of Fast and Abstinence according to our traditions.*
- C.) *For all, as a minimum requirement according to the sacred canons, we must fast on **Ash Monday** and on **Good Friday**. Abstinence must be observed on **all Fridays** of Great Lent. The days of fast and those of abstinence are strictly to be free of all flesh meats.*
- D.) From the age of reason onward, all are obliged to follow the abstinence from all meat, meat products, and dairy products on these fast days.
- E.) All Wednesdays and Fridays throughout the year are traditional days of fast and abstinence from all meat and dairy products.
- F.) *In general, the sick, expectant mothers, those involved in heavy labor or exertion, and the elderly who need to eat regularly are exempted from fasting and abstinence, especially those who are under medical care for chronic illnesses.*

G.) Saturdays and Sundays in the eastern traditions are not days of fasting as are the weekdays.

- 1.) Traditionally, abstinence is still observed from all meat and meat products, from all dairy products, eggs, and from fish.
- 2.) Traditional mitigation on Saturday and Sunday does allow for the consuming of shellfish and wine (or other alcohol).
- 3.) There is no fast restriction of time. One may eat at any hour.
- 4.) In its celebration, fish may be eaten on Sha'neene (Hosanna Sunday/Palm Sunday)

H.) Breaking the Fast is permitted also on the following feastsdays:

- 1.) Saint John Maron (March 2);
- 2.) The Forty Martyrs (March 9);
- 3.) Saint Patrick (March 17th);
- 4.) Saint Joseph (March 19th); and,
- 5.) The Annunciation (March 25th).



*Saint Leo the Great,
Pope of Rome*

Confessor and Doctor of the Church

February 18th

QUANTITY: In our tradition, the weekday fast means no food whatsoever between midnight and noon, only water and medication are permitted.

QUALITY: Also, in our traditional eastern tradition, the days of fast are in practice more or less **vegan**, that is, no meat, no seafood, no meat products, no dairy products, and no eggs are eaten.