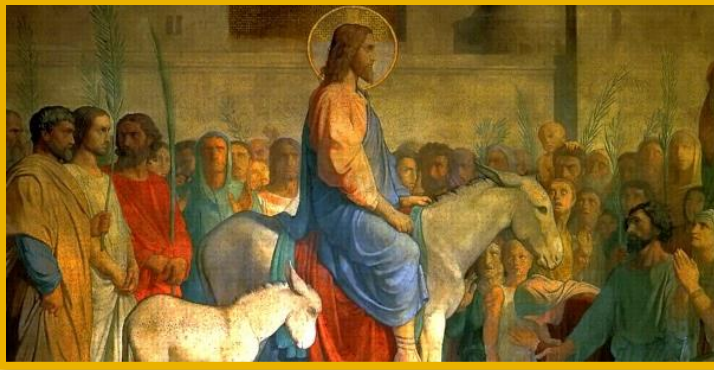


Saint Joseph Maronite Catholic Church



Hosanna Sunday

Coming into the Harbor

April 2, 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 11:00a.m.; Tues. – Fr. 9:00a.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 Emerita* **Pastoral Council Chair:** Suzanne Paré
Pastoral Council Members: Suzanne Paré, *Chair*; Jeanne Thomas, *Secretary*; Steve Crate, *Religious Education*; Ira Mandel, *Legion of Mary*; Larry Mitchell, *Knights of Columbus*; Ruth Lunn, *Almoner*; Judith Metzger, *Finance Committee*

THIS DAY'S EPISTLE¹ Philippians 1: 1-13

Paul and Timothy,
servants of Jesus the Messiah, to all the saints
that are in Jesus *Messiah* at Philippi,
with the elders and deacons.

Grace be with you,
and peace from God our Father,
and from our Lord Jesus *the Messiah*.

I thank my God
at the constant recollection of you,
in all my prayers respecting you;
and while I rejoice, I adore;
on account of your fellowship in the Gospel,
from the first day until now.
Because I am confident of this,
that He Who hath begun
the good works in you,
will accomplish them
until the Day of our Lord *Jesus Messiah*.

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

For thus it is right for me to think of you all,
because ye are permanently in my heart,
and because, both in my bonds
and in the vindication of the truth
of the Gospel, ye are my associates in grace.

For God is my witness,
how I love you
in the heart of Jesus *Messiah*. –

And for this I pray,
that your love may still increase and abound,
in knowledge,
and in all spiritual understanding:
so that ye may discern the things
that are suitable;
and may be pure and without offence,
in the Day of the Messiah,
and be full of fruits of righteousness
which are by Jesus *the Messiah*,
to the praise and glory of God.

And I would that ye might know, my brethren,
that the transaction in regard to me,
hath eventuated
rather for the furtherance of the Gospel;
so that my bonds, on account of the Messiah,
are manifested in all the court,
and to all others.

And many of the brethren in our Lord
have become confident,
on account of my bonds,
and more bold to speak the word of God
without fear. --
And they proclaim (it),
some from envy and contention;
but others with good will,
and with love for the Messiah.



*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

The New Law, for Law there is,
is first and foremost the Person of Christ,
His Doctrine, and His life itself,
which teach us to live as children of God.

It is more concretely the Holy Spirit

Whom He sends to us
and Who suggests to us
from within

the mentality and the morality of children of God.³

Who doesn't like a party? Human beings get in line and gather with others in celebration without always knowing what they are doing. Play now, ask later.

Exuberance: it's the spirit of the crowds meeting Our Lord outside of Bethphage. The feeling is understandable; this is the great Rabbi of Nazareth, Miracle-Worker, Compassionate, but curiosity is also a motive among the crowds. This is the One Who raised Lazarus from the dead just a few weeks beforehand. They come to see it all. *Curiosity*. This is the Man Whom the authorities wish to arrest. *Curiosity*.

² Homily 1.7.8 "on Ezechiel"

³ From **Charity and Liberty** by Rev. Fr. Ceslaus Spicq, OP

Any way, it's a party, so join the crowd! *Hosanna!* How quickly that jubilation will give way to shouts of "Crucify Him!" in a few days' time.

We know that the Gospel tells us that in the midst of this exuberance Our Lord wept. He knew what was in the heart of man.⁴ Being God, he could clearly see that for most among these crowds the inner heart and the outer actions were not the same.⁵ This is the path of Great Lent as we collaborate with grace to become fully integrated both within and without, a whole person with integrity. For many in these crowds, the reality within their minds did not correspond with the outward jubilation, and this disharmony would be echoed in the coming destruction of the Holy City. Left alone, curiosity, exuberance, and unguided feelings bring death and destruction.

The whole purpose of Our Lord's mission was to restore that supernatural love to creation which had been lost through the ingratitude of Adam and Eve. Love is the *rule* of the Gospel; and, yes, there is a "law" in the Gospel (this product *did* come with instructions and directions). It would be "so easy" if it were otherwise, but true love does not consist in vague feelings and sentimentality: *If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.*⁶

Love, as Scripture says, is as strong as death and a blazing fire.⁷ It has purpose, strength, and perseverance. Grace is present to reorient our spirits and hearts to God Incarnate and to attach us completely to the Person of Christ, *Mshecho* – the New Law Incarnate. Committed to this Person we become open to His teaching and His life; we become docile to the working of the Divine Spirit within us. Love brings subtlety and keen attention to the Hidden God of power and might. We imitate because we love. Love transforms us because it is a true power from the Hidden Good One, and not mere "feelings" originating from within us. Charity moves us from being idle and curious spectators to engaged lovers.

And *our* heart? The things we treasure point to its place. The path to heaven is not possessions or pleasure, this we already know, but is found in a

Person: the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Our "hosannas" must be more than once or twice a year, lest we, too, be only curiosity seekers inspired by self-interest, cheering as we meander along a directionless path that leads to destruction, death, and damnation.

Where lie our hearts and to what are they attached?
*For where your treasure is, there also shall be your heart.*⁸

Schedule of Readings

HOSANNA SUNDAY

April 2, 2023

Phil 1: 1-13

St. John 12: 12-22

THE GLORIOUS RESURRECTION

April 9, 2023

Phil 2: 1-11

St. Matthew 28: 1-10

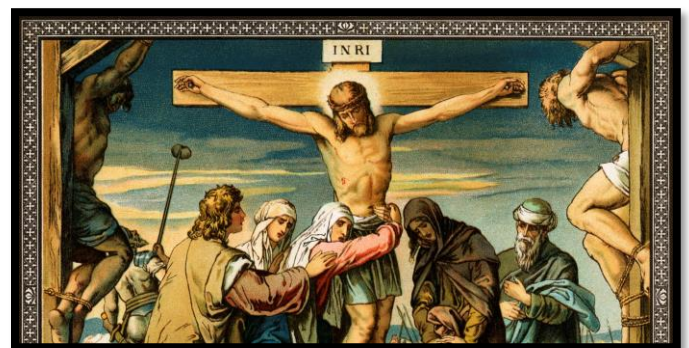
I Cor 15: 12-26

St. Mark 16: 1-8

VOCATION ICON

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

Sun	Apr	2	Suzanne Paré
Sun	Apr	9	Daja Gombojav & Family
Sun	Apr	16	Ira & Catherine Mandel
Sun	Apr	23	Dean & Mary Ann Carter
Sun	Apr	30	Michael & Gayle Misner
Sun	May	7	Steve & Allison Crate
Sun	May	14	Anne Marie Mathieu



⁴ St. John 2: 25

⁵ St. Luke 19: 41-42

⁶ St. John 14: 15

⁷ Canticle of Canticles 8:6

⁸ St. Matthew 6: 21

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



Sun Apr 2 Jeanne Thomas
Sun Apr 16 Diane Wyder
Sun Apr 30 Ira Mandel
Sun May 7 Jody Lachance
Sun May 21 Sava Nappi
Sun June 4 Suzanne Paré

INTENTIONS FOR THE QOURBONEH (MASSES)

Sun 2 9:00am Parishioners of Saint Joseph

No Mass, 11:00am

Mon 3 -----

Tue 4 Judy Casey
(Maureen Martin)

Wed 5 †Jerry Vachon
(Pam & Dan Casavant)

Thu 6 John Martin Family
(Mike & Maureen Martin)

Fri 7 †Edward Atkins
(Barbara Atkins)

Sat 8 11:30 The Rite of Forgiveness
**5:00 pm Ramsho and
Vigil of the Glorious Resurrection**
Tony Miklaszewski
(Virginia Miklaszewski)

Sun 9 10:00am Parishioners of Saint Joseph

Mon 10 -----

Tue 11 Joseph Martin
(Mike & Maureen Martin)

Wed 12 †Chris, Betty, Jo-Jo,
Hank & Mike Joseph
(Paul & Stephen Maroon)

Thu 13 †Roger Charette
(John & Monique Deschaine)

Fri 14 Nicholas Family
(Mary Nicholas)

Sat 15 10:00am Nicholas Family
(Mary Nicholas)

4:30pm Vigil of New Sunday
Private Intention

Sun 16 9:00am Parishioners of Saint Joseph
11:00am Cardinal Zen
(Mary Nicholas)

Mon 17 -----

Tue 18 †Jerry Vachon
(Pam & Dan Casavant)

Wed 19 Nicholas Family
(Mary Nicholas)

Thu 20 †Mary Bellamah Maroon
(Paul & Stephen Maroon)

Fri 21 James Martin
(Mike & Maureen Martin)

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

(Budgeted weekly: \$3,500.00)

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

(Running Budget Deficit, 2023: **\$9,685.00**)⁹

Now we begin gathering in the **Bishop's Lenten
Appeal and Assessment: \$4,000.00**
Collected thus far: **\$331.00**

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: \$180.00¹⁰

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

⁹ Deficit 2019: \$72,270.59 / Deficit 2020: \$34,473.00 / Deficit 2021: \$35,178.00 / Deficit 2022: \$29,423.00

¹⁰ Jan: \$670.00 / Feb: \$345.00 / March: Our contractual payment each month to DownEast is **\$2,455.00**.

Hosanna Sunday

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

Entrance Hymn: LB *fsheeto* p

Glory: SB *al majdu*

Qolo/Hymn: LB *toobaik 'eedto* p

Creed p 748

PRE-ANAPHORA:

Transfer of Gifts: LB *The Lord Reigns*

Incense Hymn Offertory: SB *I'maryam yoldat*

ANAPHORA:

Saint James, the Brother of the Lord: p 794

Sign of Peace: SB *tou ba*

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

Recessional: SB *Alleluia*



Sha'neenee Celebration and Brunch

after Mass

**Evening Liturgy of the
Coming into the Harbor:** 6:30 pm

Great and Holy Tuesday Tuesday, April 4th

Divine Qourbonoh: 9:00 am

Great and Holy Wednesday (Spy Wednesday) Wednesday, April 5th

Divine Qourbonoh: 9:00 am

The **Rite of the Lamp** and **Anointing:** 6:30 pm

Ramsho of Great and Holy Thursday
of the Mysteries: 8:00 pm

Great and Holy Thursday **of the Divine Mysteries** (Maundy Thursday) Thursday, April 6th

Divine Qourbonoh, Liturgy
and Eucharistic Adoration: 6:00 pm

Ramsho of Great and Holy Friday
of the Crucifixion: 8:00 pm

Schedule for the Great and Holy Week of the Passion of our Lord and God

Hosanna Sunday Sunday, April 2nd

Divine Qourbonoh and Liturgy,
the Blessing of Palms and Entrance of our Lord
into the Holy City: 9:00 am

Great and Holy Friday of the Crucifixion

Friday, April 7th

(remember to bring flowers for the Tomb)

Liturgy, the **Signing of the Chalice**:
11:30 am

Collections for the Holy Land
will be taken at both Liturgies

Liturgy of the Death, and Burial
of our Lord and God: 6:30 pm

Ramsho of Great and Holy Saturday
of the Light: 8:00 pm

Great and Holy Saturday of the Light

Saturday, April 8th

Liturgy of the **Rite of Forgiveness**:
11:30 am

Ramsho and **Vigil** of the Glorious
Resurrection: 5:00 pm

The Glorious Resurrection of our Lord and God

Sunday, April 9th

Divine **Qourbonoh**, Opening of the Tomb,
and the **Rite of Peace**: 10:00 am

Blessing of Paschal/Easter Foods
after Mass

*Please bring your baskets and foods
to the bema after the Liturgy*

The **Bishop's Lenten Appeal**: all contributions must be placed in an envelope marked for that purpose. Our assessment is **\$4,000.00**



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 feastdays:

- 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).

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.

!مُحَمَّدًا حَقَّ جُحْمُ :Priest

Shlomoh l'koulkhoun!

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

!هَؤُلَاءِ وَهَؤُلَاءِ :People

w'am rouHoh deelokh!

(literally: and with spirit your!)



The Redemption of the World

Incarnation, Death, and Creation Anew

April 7th