

# Saint Joseph Maronite Catholic Church



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Bright Week

April 9, 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."* Orientale 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

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## THIS DAY'S EPISTLE

### I Corinthians 15: 12-26

And if the Messiah is proclaimed,

as rising from the dead;  
how is it that there are some among you,  
who say, "there is no *reviviscence* of the dead"?  
And if there is no *reviviscence* of the dead,  
the Messiah also hath not risen.

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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

And if the Messiah hath not risen,  
our preaching is vain, and your faith also vain.

And we too are found false witnesses of God;  
for we have testified concerning God,  
that He raised up the Messiah,  
when He did not raise Him up.

For, if the dead will not arise,  
the Messiah also hath not risen.  
And if the Messiah rose not, your faith is *inane*;  
and ye are yet in your sins:  
and also doubtless,  
they who have fallen asleep in the Messiah,  
have perished.

And if, in this life only,  
we have hope in the Messiah,  
we are the most miserable of all men.

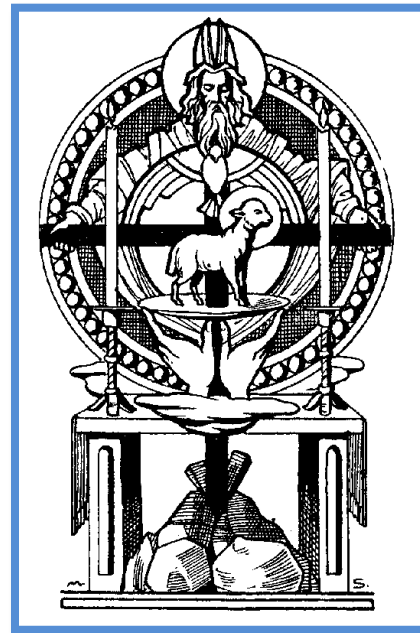
But now the Messiah hath risen from the dead,  
and become the first-fruits of them that slept.

And as by a man came death,  
so also by a man  
came the resurrection of the dead.  
For as it was by Adam, that all men die,  
so also by the Messiah they all live:  
everyone in his order;  
the Messiah was the first-fruits;  
afterwards, they that are the Messiah's,  
at His Coming.

And then will be the end,  
when He shall have delivered up the Kingdom  
to God the Father;  
when every prince,  
and every sovereign,  
and all powers shall have come to naught.

For He must reign,  
until He shall put all His enemies  
under His feet.

And the last enemy, death, will be abolished.



*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>2</sup>

## **ABOUNA'S REFLECTIONS**

While the weeks spent in pilgrimage to the Holy Lands were rewarding and rich in grace, I was especially pleased to return home. Pilgrimage or not, this had been a long and tiring voyage. You were all with me in the lands consecrated by the presence of the Word Incarnate, and you were never absent from my prayers, thoughts, or heart. Especially on Calvary many, many of you were prayed for even by name. May the Risen Savior console you in your crosses and confirm you in your faith. *Christ is risen!*

The beauty and cleanliness of the church upon my arrival was a splendid "welcome home". Thank you to all involved. It is a wonderful product of the many devoted hours of labor put into the healthy cleanliness and beauty of our parish church. It was encouraging and a great consolation to come home to such a scene. Thank you.

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<sup>2</sup> Homily 1.7.8 "on Ezechiel"

Many and profound **thanks** also to all who worked so hard to make Saint Joseph's festival, this Hosanna Sunday's celebration, Great and Holy Week of the Passion, and the Resurrection, and now Bright Week commemorations such beautiful reflections of God's glory. Your devotion and efforts are vital signs of the vibrancy of this community.

Thanks especially to Allison, Sue, and Ruth who organized the celebrations around Saint Joseph's Feastday and Sha'neene. The brunches were excellent and a joy to share.

The church was beautifully cleaned throughout the day on March 25<sup>th</sup> and during the week following. Especial thanks to Allison, Ruth, Sue, Jeanne, Anne Marie, Jodi, Dessi, and Patrick, Michael, and Nathan Carter.

I am told that the numbers were less than expected on March 25<sup>th</sup>, but that the work was excellently done and the collaboration was exceptional. A great amount of good cleaning was accomplished by well-coordinated teams:

- 1.) Each pew was individually washed with *Murphy Oil Soap* and then polished.
- 2.) All the pew seats were vacuumed.
- 3.) The Stations of the Cross were all washed, and all glass was cleaned.
- 4.) The walls and woodwork were dusted and polished.
- 5.) Cobwebs were removed from the walls and ceiling.
- 6.) The High Altar was cleaned, the choir loft scrubbed, and the confessional scoured.
- 7.) St. Jude's chapel was prepared for the painter.
- 8.) And, finally, everything was vacuumed.

Many, many thanks to Sava and his mother, Katrina, who then worked day in and day out to thoroughly clean the carpets throughout the church.



You have accomplished all these labors splendidly unto the beauty of the House of God, and you have brought honor to our parish by your devotion.

To all and everyone who helped out these last weeks: may the Glorious One bless you, raise you up, and transfigure you and your families in His Victory!

A most blessed Easter to you all!

*Mabrouk!*

### **Schedule of Readings**

#### **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**

#### **NEW SUNDAY**

**April 16, 2023**

**II Cor 5: 11-21**

**St. John 20: 26-31**



The Altar Breads and Wine for the month of April have been donated in memory of *Lolo Salazar* at the request of Suzanne Paré.

*May her memory be eternal!*



**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	16	Diane Wyder
Sun	Apr	30	Ira Mandel
Sun	May	7	Jody Lachance
Sun	May	21	Sava Nappi
Sun	June	4	Suzanne Paré
Sun	June	18	Jeanne Thomas

**VOCATION ICON**

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

Sun	Apr	9	Daja Gombojav & Family
Sun	Apr	16	Ira & Catherine Mandel
Sun	Apr	23	Dean & MaryAnn Carter
Sun	Apr	30	Michael & Gayle Misner
Sun	May	7	Steve & Allison Crate
Sun	May	14	Anne Marie Mathieu
Sun	May	21	Suzanne Paré

**INTENTIONS FOR THE QOURBONEH (MASSES)**

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		†Joan Gottardi (Donna-Jo Mitchell)
Wed	19		Nicholas Family (Mary Nicholas)
Thu	20		†Mary Bellamah Maroon (Paul & Stephen Maroon)
Fri	21		James Martin (Mike & Maureen Martin)



Sat 22 10:00am Thomas Martin  
(Mike & Maureen Martin)

4:30pm Sunday Vigil  
Private Intention

Sun 23 9:00am Parishioners of Saint Joseph

11:00am Robert Castonguay  
(Paul & Stephen Maroon)

Mon 24 -----

Tue 25 †John & Mary Mitchell  
(Barbara Atkins)

Wed 26 †George Neumayer  
(Mary Nicholas)

Thu 27 †Violet Elhilow  
(Paul & Stephen Maroon)

Fri 28 Special Intention  
(Mike & Maureen Martin)



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, Stephen Michaud, Dame Fefa, Paula Mitchell, 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.

### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

(Budgeted weekly: \$3,500.00)

Regular Collection Last Three Weeks:  
\$7,910.00

(Running Budget Deficit, 2023: \$12,275.00)<sup>3</sup>

Now we begin gathering in the **Bishop's Lenten Appeal and Assessment: \$4,000.00**  
Collected thus far: **\$1,385.00**

**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: **\$729.00<sup>4</sup>**

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



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.

<sup>3</sup> Deficit 2019: \$72,270.59 / Deficit 2020: \$34,473.00 / Deficit 2021: \$35,178.00 / Deficit 2022: \$29,423.00

<sup>4</sup> Jan: \$670.00 / Feb: \$345.00 / March: Our contractual payment each month to DownEast is \$2,455.00.

## *Servers of the Divine Altar*

 April 9<sup>th</sup>:

10:00am: P. Carter / L. Michaud  
(torchbearers: I. Gombojav / R. Gombojav)

April 16<sup>th</sup>:

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

April 23<sup>rd</sup>:

9:00am: L. Michaud / N. Carter  
11:00am: P. Carter / R. Gombojav

April 30<sup>th</sup>:

9:00am: C. Gombojav / N. Carter  
11:00am: S. Nappi / I. Gombojav

May 7<sup>th</sup>:

9:00am: M. Carter / R. Gombojav  
11:00am: R. Nappi / P. Carter

May 14<sup>th</sup>:

9:00am: C. Gombojav / N. Carter  
11:00am: I. Gombojav / S. Nappi

May 21<sup>st</sup>:

9:00am: R. Gombojav / L. Michaud  
11:00am: R. Nappi / P. Carter

May 28<sup>th</sup>:

9:00am: N. Carter / C. Gombojav  
11:00am: I. Gombojav / S. Nappi

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 *l'maryam yoldat*

ANAPHORA:

Saint John Chrysostom: p 876

Sign of Peace: SB *tou ba*

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

Recessional: SB *Alleluia*

## **The Glorious Resurrection of our Lord and God**

**Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>**

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*

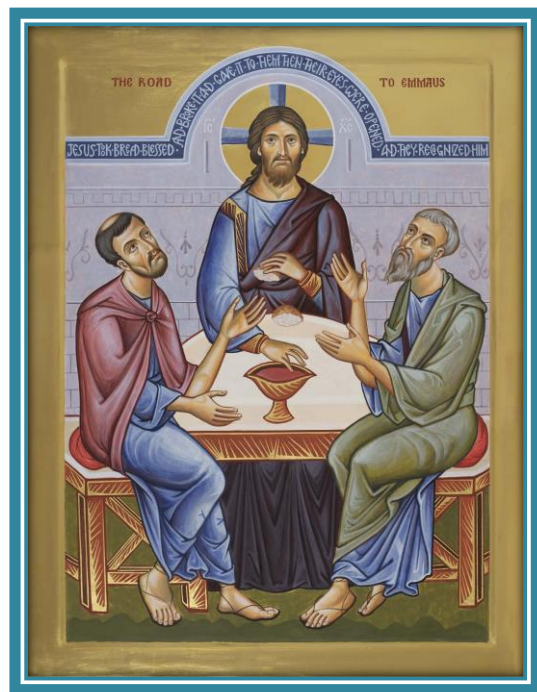
## **The Glorious Resurrection**

**p. 315**

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

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

(*literally*: and with spirit your!)



***Christ is risen!***

*He is truly risen!*

# The Redemption of the World

*Incarnation, Death, Resurrection,  
Creation Anew, and Encounter*

# Bright Week

April 9-15<sup>th</sup>