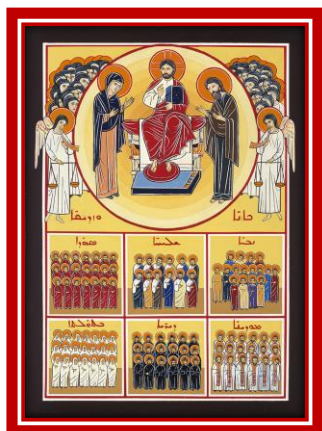


# Saint Joseph Maronite Catholic Church



## All Saints, Commemoration of the Righteous and the Just



February 17, 2019

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

**Qoorboneh (Masses):** Saturday 4:00 p.m.; Sunday 10:00 a.m.; Tues. – Fr. 9:00 a.m. in the St. Jude Chapel  
The Miraculous Medal and the St. Jude Novenas are on Tuesday following the 9 a.m. Liturgy  
**Sick Calls:** To receive the Eucharist and/or the Anointing of the Sick, please call the rectory.  
**Confessions:** One half-hour before weekend 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 **three months in advance**. Recommended stipends: weekday intentions \$10; weekend intentions \$15  
**Monthly Memorials:** Sanctuary Candles \$35; Altar Bread \$25; Wine \$45

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**Catechists:** Lenore Boles, *Director & K-1<sup>st</sup>*; Shana Page, 3-5<sup>th</sup> **Choir Director:** Dame Marie Fefa Deeb, DSG **Parish Council President:** Lisa Grard **Ex-officio Council Members:** Subdeacon Steve Crate; Lenore Boles, *Religious Education*; Larry Mitchell, *Knights of Columbus*; Shana Page, *Rosary Sodality*

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### TODAY'S EPISTLE Hebrews 12: 18-24

(17. You know that later, when he [Esau] wished to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, even though he sought the blessing with many tears.)

You have not approached something that could be touched, to a blazing fire and gloomy darkness and storm, and a trumpet blast and a voice speaking words such that those who had heard begged that no

message be further addressed to them, for they could not bear to hear the command:

*If even an animal touches the mountain,  
it shall be stoned (to death).*

Indeed, so fearful was the spectacle that Moses himself said, "I am terrified and trembling".  
No, you have approached **Mount Zion**  
and the **City of the Living God**,  
the **heavenly Jerusalem**,  
and to **countless angels in festal gathering**,

and before the **assembly of the firstborn** enrolled in Heaven,  
and to God – the Judge of All – and to the **spirits of the just made perfect**,  
and to Jesus, the Mediator of the New Covenant, and to the sprinkled Blood that speaks more eloquently than that of Abel.

(25. See that you do not refuse the One Who is speaking to you: for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the One Who warns us from heaven! [26.] At that time His voice shook the earth, but now He has promised:

*Yet once more I will shake not only the earth,  
but also the heavens.)*



## **ABOUNA'S REFLECTIONS**

The absolute quality of the Pauline enunciations shows that the freedom in question is not simply virtue .... It is the Christian life itself in one's soul, its source and its mode of being, in its most formal aspects: the Holy Spirit, the Grace of God, the Charity of Christ.<sup>1</sup>

Beauty is **unity in diversity**, a harmonious whole that is perceived by the mind intellectually. Like the many petals in a single flower, or in the variety of tones united in a symphony, beauty is an underlying wholeness within a diversity of things. This unity is often inexpressible, ineffable, and when discovered in magnitude or in an object that is majestic – such as a mountain range – it causes a sense of awe.

Beauty is the purpose of creation. The Divinity pours forth existence and life so that Eternal Goodness might be made manifest outside Itself, and, in turn, be shared in by creation itself. All creatures participate in this Goodness to one degree or another, and the vast variety of being and goodness all in one “cosmos” exemplifies the very definition of created

beauty. This is why *Genesis* portrays the Creator as commenting at the end of each “day” of creation that it was “good”. But when the author arrives at the end of the Sixth Day, when all is complete, he writes that God said, “It is *very* good”. Existence and life are good in themselves, but the functioning of the whole in harmony is “very good”.

The world does not exist for any individual creature, but for all. And as much as modern man would have it otherwise, it is not the individual upon whom the sun rises and sets. Understanding this instills humility and a proper understanding of each our places in the cosmos. Things are *the way they are*, and perhaps not the way I would wish them to be.

As we all know, the basic definition of psychosis is the illness of a mind that does not see or correspond with reality – the way things actually are. In a profoundly true sense the modern era is one of insanity and unhealthy mental hygiene. There is a modern attempt to redefine everything, especially in morals, rather than enter into the beautiful details of how things actually are in their diverse natures.

The only thing that has “disturbed” this natural harmony was the entrance of the Eternal One into time. This event finished by the eruption of a New Creation in the Resurrection. This disruption in history must be correctly understood, however, as it had always been the intent of the Creator to enter personally into creation. Mankind, *adom*, after all, had been created as a reflection of this eternally foreseen moment. Each human being has been created in the image of the Word Incarnate.

Looked at from this perspective, the Bright One came to perfect in a unique way what could only be limited in its existence. Our Lord God and Savior, the Messiah, came among us to reveal both the Hidden One to us and what we are meant to be as human beings. He is wholly God and wholly Man, therefore we find our perfection in likeness to Him, much as a painting will be “perfect” to the degree that it corresponds to the original idea of the artist. Nevertheless, the Divine Image being infinite, we can only be conformed to its perfection by grace.

This is the “likeness” spoken of in *Genesis* where it is stated that *adom* was created in the “image” and

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<sup>1</sup> From **Charity and Liberty** by Rev. Fr. Ceslaus Spicq, OP

“likeness” of God. By the rejection and self-assertion of *adom* in Paradise this “likeness” and friendship with the Divine were lost. Now wounded, mankind had to wait the day of restoration by the One Whom he had “unfriended” in the Garden.

The restored friendship is grace and holiness: the re-integration of transcendent and the temporal elements in human life. This wholeness, ordering, and well-being is called *shlomoh*. Note once again that the first goal of Christianity is not to make men morally “good”, it is to make them “holy”.

The saints are those who have discovered the fundamental beauty of what it means to be human: to be conformed to the Holy One born in Bethlehem. When we give priority in our lives to what is purely natural – jobs, school, shopping, career, recreation, etc. – we distort our existence. With a purely horizontal view, we become lopsided. Only when we place the divine at the center of our lives do we become fully balanced and healthy according to the original creative intent. This is not a quantitative question but a qualitative one; what holds first importance in our lives? The Faith and grace? Or is it rather in our mundane obligations and earthly concerns? The proper balance of the natural and supernatural orders in our lives is what brings about the *unity in diversity* that is beauty joining both the temporal and transcendent.

Only the saints and the righteous, thus, are fully human, because it is only they who are fully conformed to the Divine Reality in which men were created. All others are deficient, wounded, and lost to the degree that they lack this transformative grace. The modern scourges of loneliness, addiction, morbid obesity, violence, disease, and mental instability are only symptoms of a much deeper problem: the absence of healing grace and illuminative splendor. Human life lacking this healing grace remains fundamentally human, but it falls short of its original destiny: the reflected unity of the One Image, radiant from the Hidden Father.<sup>2</sup>

Discover all this, and we discover true beauty. Discover this, and we unveil what it is to be fully alive. Discover this, and we fall in love with the Eternal Lover and infinite Beauty.

<sup>2</sup> As modern society distances itself from the Divine Son and His healing Gospel, it progress farther along the pathological path of self-inflicted wounds. As moderns, we are “into” self-harm.

When all is said and done, the saints are no different from the rest of us, *except* that they have seen what it is to be completely human because they have seen Beauty and have fallen in love. Having opened themselves to Eternal Charity, they have been transformed into the fullness of what it is to be human.

They have entered *the City of the Living God*.

## **SCHEDULE OF READINGS**

### **SUNDAY OF ALL THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE JUST**

February 17, 2019

**Heb 12: 18-24      St. Matthew 25: 31-46**

### **COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

February 24, 2019

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

## **VOCATION ICON**

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

Sun	Feb 17	Larry & Lisa Grard
Sat	Feb 23	Jim & Lenore Boles
Sun	Mar 3	Bruce & Doreen White
Sun	Mar 10	Larry and Paula Mitchell
Sun	Mar 17	Lowell & Mary Hawes

## **LAST WEEK’S COLLECTIONS**

**Regular Collection: \$3111.00**

*Blessed be the Merciful One Who gives us the ability to sustain this apostolate.*

## **FEBRUARY CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FOOD BANK**

Family sized items: stews, ravioli, jiffy mixes, condiments, toilet paper and personal care items. Please place these items in the box near the church’s Appleton Street entrance.

“Hell” is not a prison where we are “sent”, it is a state of being we freely create; being a “place” is the subsequent result. The truth of all this is experienced in “judgement”.



# FOOD and MUSIC!

SUNDAY, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019

## ANNUAL LEBANESE Public Supper

ST. JOSEPH'S ANTIOCHENE SYRIAC CATHOLIC CHURCH  
3 APPLETON STREET, WATERVILLE, MAINE 04901

**4:00 PM - 6:00 PM**

Join us for an evening of fellowship & authentic  
Lebanese Cuisine - eat in or take out! Everyone is Welcome.



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019

## FALL MEDITERRANEAN FESTIVAL - Hafli

Winslow VFW  
175 VETERAN'S DRIVE - Winslow, MAINE

**11:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

Join us for an afternoon of celebration  
with authentic Lebanese Cuisine, Cash Bar, & Dancing!

Live Middle Eastern Music Featuring  
George Maalouf, 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM.

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## INTENTIONS FOR THE QURBONEH (MASSES)

Sat	16	†Charles Owen (the Parish)
Sun	17	For the members of the Parish
Mon	18	-----
Tue	19	Catholic Extension Society & Donors (the Donors)
Wed	20	Catholic Extension Society & Donors (the Donors)
Thu	21	Catholic Extension Society & Donors (the Donors)
Fri	22	Catholic Extension Society & Donors (the Donors)
Sat	23	†Charles Owen (the Parish)
Sun	24	†Gerald Fortin (Knights of Columbus)
Mon	25	-----
Tue	26	Dolores Salazar (Suzanne Paré) -- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
Wed	27	†Jack Braun (Dan & Pam Casavant) -- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
Thu	28	Catholic Extension Society & Donors (the Donors)
Fri	1	Catholic Extension Society & Donors (the Donors)
Sat	2	†Charles Owen (the Parish)
Sun	3	†Sumayah Ferris (Herbert Joseph)
Mon	4	-----
Tue	5	Catholic Extension Society & Donors (the Donors)
Wed	6	Catholic Extension Society & Donors (the Donors)
Th	7	†Kathleen Griffin (Suzanne Paré)

## Coffee Schedule

Feb 17	Pam Casavant, Shana Page
Feb 24	Betty Michaud, Jane Lee
Mar 3	Sharon Crowe, Ruth Lunn
Mar 10	Mary Bard, Dale Sturtevant
Mar 17	April Mitchell, Shana Page
Mar 24	Elaine Hoag, Rosanna Joseph
Mar 31	Jan Bourque, Shana Page

## THE DAILY INTERCESSION BEFORE THE FEBRUARY SYNOD IN ROME:

Remember, O Lord of goodness, Your holy Church, and have mercy on all her faithful. In Your compassion, heal the wounded and injured among Your Flock. Punish injustice, console hearts and strengthen all our brothers and sisters. Bestow the grace of conversion on all.

With Your indestructible power, strengthen the bishops of the true Faith that they may be upright and courageous in their apostolic office. May they show fidelity as they stand ever before Your eternal justice. Unto Your honor and glory, may they prove themselves upright, dauntless and persevering in the task confided to them: to lead all the faithful into the fullness of Your redeeming light and glory. We pray to You, O Lord.

## Catechesis

The *Adult Religion Course* will resume on the first Wednesday of March and run through the end of May for the spring session.

March 6<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.

From **March 6 through April 14, 2019** you are invited to join other Christians for **40 Days for Life** – 40 days of *prayer and fasting* to bring an end to the aborted deaths of the innocent.

You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside of Maine Family Planning in Augusta.



**Bishop Robert Deeley** will be speaking at the 40 Days for Life Kick-Off event, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in front of Maine Family Planning. For more information please contact Judy Icenogle at 872-6558 or [ricejuice@twc.com](mailto:ricejuice@twc.com) or visit [www.40daysforlife.com/augusta-maine](http://www.40daysforlife.com/augusta-maine)

*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 the Savior and Benefactor,  
the Lord of lords and Weaver of crowns,  
Thou art Lord and King of all. Amen*

**Those for whom we pray:** Doreen Nader, Tala Poulin, Louise Saliem, Virginia Poulin, Beverly Rideout, and April Mitchell.

### **Mjadara Dinner and Talent Show**

brought to you by Dame Marie Fefa

Sunday, **March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Following the Divine Qourban

Mac & Cheese for those not keen on lentils  
salad and dessert

**\$5.00**

## All Saints, Commemoration of all the Righteous and the Just p 157

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

**Entrance Hymn:** LB *msheeho* 96B

**Glory:** SB *al majdu*

**Qolo/Hymn:** LB *bo'outho* 91

**Creed** p 748

### **PRE-ANAPHORA:**

**Transfer of Gifts:** LB *The Lord Reigns*

**Incense Hymn Offertory:** SB *ikbal*

### **ANAPHORA:**

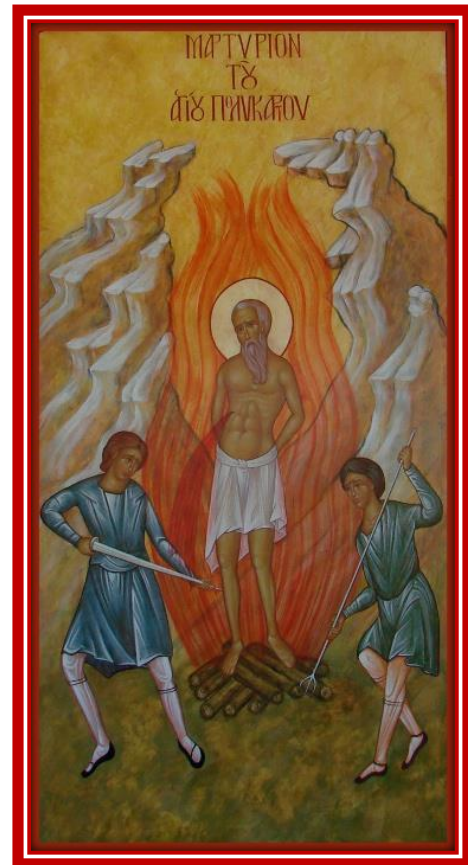
**Saint James, the Brother of the Lord:** LB p 794

**Sign of Peace:** SB *Gift of Peace*

**Communion:** SB *O Bread of Life; For the Beauty*

**Recessional:** SB *Glorious in Majesty*

\*LB=Liturgical Book SB=Song Book



*Saint Polycarp of Smyrna, Martyr  
February 23<sup>rd</sup>*