

Saint Joseph Maronite Catholic Church



The Birth of John the Forerunner

&

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE MOST BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

December 8, 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." *Orientalis 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 at least **two months in advance**. Recommended stipends: weekday intentions \$10; weekend intentions \$15

Monthly Memorials: Sanctuary Candles \$20; Altar Bread \$25; Wine \$45

Catechists: Lenore Boles, *Director* **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*; Ruth Lunn, *Rosary Sodality*

Today's Gospel¹ St. Luke 1: 57-66

The time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she brought forth a son.

Her neighbors and relatives heard that God had increased His mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her.

It was on the eighth day, and they came to circumcise the child. They were going to call him by the name of his father Zechariah, but his

¹ *The Syriac Peshitta Bible with English Translation*, Gorgias Press, New Jersey, 2012, ed. George A. Kiraz and Andreas Juckel

mother responded to them, "Not so - he shall be called 'John' instead."

They said to her, "There is no one in your family called by this name."

They made signs to his father, to see what he wished to name him.

He asked for a tablet and wrote, "'John' is his name".

And everyone was amazed.

Immediately, his mouth and his tongue opened and he spoke, blessing God.

Fear came upon all their neighbors, and these things were talked about throughout the mountain district of Judaea.

All who heard pondered it in their hearts, saying, "What will this child become?"

And the hand of the Lord was with him.



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

We are each, life is.

SCHEDULE OF READINGS

THE NATIVITY OF JOHN THE FORERUNNER

December 8, 2019

Gal 4: 21-5: 1 St. Luke 1: 57-66

THE REVELATION TO SAINT JOSEPH

December 15, 2019

Eph 3: 1-13 St. Matthew 1: 18-25

VOCATION ICON

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

Sun	Dec	8	Larry & Lisa Grard
Sat	Dec	14	Jim & Lenore Boles
Sun	Dec	22	Chris & Diane Wyder
Sun	Dec	29	Bruce & Doreen White
Sun	Jan	5	Steve and Allison Crate
Sun	Jan	12	Sue Paré and Lolo Salazar
Sun	Jan	19	Lowell Hawes

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, Louise Saliem, Virginia Poulin, John Scarpa, and Beverly Rideout.

INTENTIONS FOR THE QOURBONEH (MASSES)

Sat	7	†Mary Hawes (Herb Joseph)
Sun	8	For the members of the Parish
Mon	9	-----
Tue	10	Anna Bearce (Pam & Dan Casavant)
Wed	11	Catholic Extension Society & Donors
Thu	12	†Mary Hawes (Ron Giroux)
Fri	13	Private Intention (Abouna James) -- Catholic Extension Society & Donors

² Homily 1.7.8 "on Ezechiel"

- Sat 14 †Charles Owen
(the Parish)
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Sun 15 For the members of the Parish
- Mon 16 -----
- Tue 17 Anna Bearce
(Pam & Dan Casavant)
- Wed 18 Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Thu 19 †Janet George
(Nicholas Ghaphery)
- Fri 20 Private Intention
(Abouna James)
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Sat 21 †Charles Owen
(the Parish)
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Sun 22 For the members of the Parish
- Mon 23 -----
- Tue 24 9:00 Anna Bearce
(Pam & Dan Casavant)
4:00 For the members of the Parish
- Wed 25 Private Intention
(Abouna James)
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Thu 26 †Janet George
(Nicholas Ghaphery)
- Fri 27 Catholic Extension Society & Donors

Entrance Hymn: LB *msheeho* 62B

Glory: SB *al majdu*

Qolo/Hymn: LB *shareero* 6

Creed p 748

PRE-ANAPHORA:

Transfer of Gifts: LB *The Lord Reigns*

Incense Hymn Offertory: SB *iqbal*

ANAPHORA:

Saint John Chrysostom: LB p 876

Sign of Peace: SB *Peace like*

Communion: SB *Here I am, Lord; Arsal Allah*

Recessional: SB *Marian*

*LB=Liturgical Book SB=Song Book

**Choir Rehearsals for the Christmas
Angels:**

Thursday, 6:00pm,
December 12th, and December 19th

Many thanks for your devotion and attendance!



*Our Lady of
Guadalupe,
Empress of
the
Americas*

December 12th

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Regular Collection: \$2204.00

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

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