

Saint Joseph Maronite Catholic Church



Commemoration of the Priests

February 10, 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." *Oriental 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 \$20; Altar Bread \$25; Wine \$45

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

TODAY'S EPISTLE I Timothy 4: 6-16

If you put these instructions before the brethren, you will be a good minister of Christ Jesus, nourished on the words of the faith and of the sound teaching that you have followed.

Avoid profane and silly myths.

Train yourself for devotion, for, while physical training is of limited value, devotion is valuable in every respect, since it holds a promise of life both for the present and for the future.

This saying is trustworthy and deserves full acceptance. For this we toil and struggle, because we

have set our hope in the living God, Who is the Savior of all, especially of those who believe.

Command and teach these things. Let no one have contempt for your youth, but set an example for those who believe, in speech, conduct, charity, faith, and purity.

Until I arrive, attend to the reading, exhortation, and teaching.

Do not neglect the gift you have, which was conferred on you through the prophetic word with the imposition of hands of the presbyterate.

Be diligent in these matters, be absorbed in them, so that your progress may be evident to everyone.

Attend to yourself and to your teaching; persevere in both tasks, for by doing so you will save both yourself and those who listen to you.



ABOUNA'S REFLECTIONS

The Christian vocation is summed up in this:

“You have been called (to the faith)
in order to be free”¹.

On this Saint Thomas Aquinas comments:

“The just are not under the Law, because the interior movement and the instinct of the Spirit Who dwells in them has become their own instinct. It is, in fact, charity which gives one the inclination to do the very thing which is prescribed by the Law.

Since, therefore, the just have a law within them, they spontaneously do what the Law requires”^{2,3}

“Instinct” is part of our nature, something that guides us without reflexive thought. It is more primordial than virtuous; virtue is deliberately human and must be learned to be put into action, and when perfected, it becomes second nature to us. Sadly, sin, left to fester, becomes bad habit and second nature, too.

Although being “second nature” virtue is still a conscious thing, whereas instinct is unconscious in its action. The “instinct” in Christians is the Spirit of God working through the infused “gifts of the Holy Spirit”. Originating in the Hidden Divinity, the Spirit of Holiness transforms His human dwelling into a worthy vessel of divinity and in so doing redirects it toward the hidden reality of Divine Truth and eternal Charity.

Coming out from God, transforming the believer, and returning the believer into the Bosom of the Holy Trinity. This is “grace”, and clearly it detaches and brings freedom from all things base. When we freely

collaborate with this working of grace we are vivified as the children of God. Baptism is one thing; and although related, the life of grace is another. Baptism initiates the divine life within the individual, but only by living faith does the believer pierce the veil of death into eternity.

The grace of redemption is not a personal possession, it is a full reality only in “corporate form”, that is, when it is communicated and shared with others. This is why, in the Creed, we proclaim our belief “in the Catholic Church” as it is as members of the Body of Christ that we must be saved.

Christian freedom is not individualistic, it becomes apostolic and flourishes in the fruits of the Holy Spirit.⁴ When we think of it, this makes sense. Fruit is the result of a living being, it contains the seed of future life and it is enjoyable. This is, in fact, the origin of the word: *frui* in Latin means “to enjoy”. “Fruit” is that in which joy is found. As containing the germ of life we emphasize the life-producing seed that is found also in fruit.

In the believer’s life, transformed by grace, these fruits of the Holy Spirit become communicative of divine life, drawing others to the Eternal Light. When we, as the present members of this parish, show the vitality of the life of Christ within our lives (in charity, grace, prayer, and fasting) others will be brought to the Light and the parish will flourish.

This is how things have always worked in the Body of Christ. Redemption spreads by redeeming.

LAST WEEK’S COLLECTIONS

Regular Collection: \$1436.00

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

VOCATION ICON

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

Sun	Feb 10	Lowell & Mary Hawes
Sun	Feb 17	Larry & Lisa Gard

¹ Galatians 5: 13

² Commentary on the Epistle to the Galatians, V, lect. 5

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

⁴ Galatians 5: charity, joy, peace, patience, benignity (kindness), goodness, longanimity (generosity), mildness (gentleness), faith, modesty, continency (self-control), and chastity

Sat Feb 23 Jim & Lenore Boles
 Sun Mar 3 Bruce & Doreen White
 Sun Mar 10 Larry and Paula Mitchell

Mon 25 -----

Tue 26 Catholic Extension Society & Donors
(the Donors)

Wed 27 Catholic Extension Society & Donors
(the Donors)

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.

INTENTIONS FOR THE QURBONEH (MASSES)

Sat 9 10:00 Private intention
(Abouna James)
 4:00 †Charles Owen
(the Parish)

Sun 10 For the members of the Parish

Mon 11 -----

Tue 12 Catholic Extension Society
(the Donors)

Wed 13 Estelle Arbour
(Suzanne Pare)
 -- Catholic Extension Society & Donors

Thu 14 Catholic Extension Society & Donors
(the Donors)

Fri 15 Catholic Extension Society & Donors
(the Donors)

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
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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 Fortier
(Knights of Columbus)

Coffee Schedule

Feb 10 Mary Jo Hodgkin, Jody Veilleux
 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

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 6th, 6:30 p.m.

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

Entrance Hymn: LB *msheeho* 93A

Glory: SB *glory*

Qolo/Hymn: LB *bo'outho* 94A

Creed p 748

PRE-ANAPHORA:

Transfer of Gifts: LB *The Lord Reigns*

Incense Hymn Offertory: SB *l'maryam yoldat*

ANAPHORA:

Twelve Apostles: LB p 754

Sign of Peace: SB *tooba*

Communion: SB *I am the Vine; Here I am, Lord*

Recessional: SB *The Lord is with us*

*LB=Liturgical Book SB=Song Book

*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: Jerry Fortin, 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 3rd**

Following the Divine Qourban
Mac & Cheese for those not keen on lentils
salad and dessert
\$5.00

Super Bowl Lottery winners:

Rita Karter, first quarter, \$15
Suzanne Pare, second quarter, \$30
Lenore Boles, third quarter, \$45
Sylvia Cobb, final quarter, \$60

SCHEDULE OF READINGS

COMMEMORATION OF PRIESTS

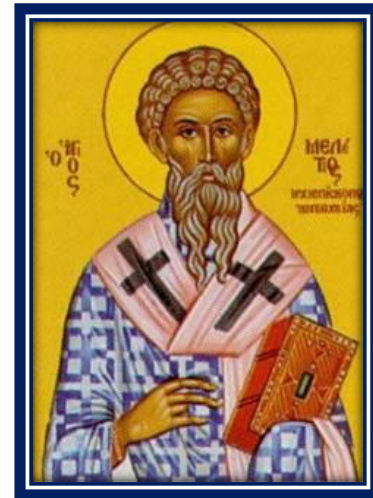
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I Timothy 4: 6-16 St. Luke 12: 42-48

SUNDAY OF ALL THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE JUST

February 17, 2019

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



*Saint Meletius of Antioch, Confessor
February 12th*