

# Saint Joseph Maronite Catholic Church



## Consecration of the Church

November 1, 2020

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:** Masses: Sunday 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.; Tues. - Fr. 9:00 a.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 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 \$30; Altar Bread \$25; Sacramental Wine \$45

**Catechism:** Lenore Boles, *Director* **Choir Director:** Dame Marie Fefa Deeb, DSG **Parish Council President:** Ex-officio

**Council Members:** Lenore Boles, *Religious Education*; Larry Mitchell, *Knights of Columbus*; Ruth Lunn, *Rosary Sodality*

### THIS DAY'S EPISTLE Hebrews 9: 1-12

Now in this original (covenant) there were regulations of service and a holy temple that belonged to this world.

The first tabernacle to be constructed had inside it a menorah, an altar, and the show-bread; it was called the "the holy place", while the inner tabernacle in the space behind the second veil was called the "holy of holies". In this latter, there was the gold censer and the ark of the covenant that was completely covered with gold.

Within this there was also the golden pot containing the manna, the rod of Aaron that had sprouted leaves, and also the tablets of the Covenant, and on the top there were the cherubim of glory that stretched out over the mercy seat.<sup>2</sup>

But we do not have time to discuss each one of these and how they were arranged.

The priests used to enter the outer tabernacle and perform their service there, but only the high priest entered the inner tabernacle, once a year, by himself, together with the blood sacrifice that he was offering on his own behalf and on behalf of the sins of the people.

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

<sup>2</sup> *The Hoosoyoh*.

Now the Holy Spirit was showing through this that the path to holiness had not as yet been revealed, so long as the original tabernacle continued to exist.

It was a symbol for that time, in which offerings and sacrifices were made that were unable to restore the conscience of the person bringing the offering.

They were made only of food and drink and involved different sorts of washing, things that are material regulations instituted only until the time for setting things right.

Now the Messiah Who has come is the High Priest of the better things that He has carried out.

He entered the larger, more perfect Tabernacle, the One that was not constructed by hand and which did not belong to the created order.

And further, He did not enter it with the goat-blood or calf-blood; it was with His very own Blood that He entered the Holy Temple, only once, and there made possible an eternal salvation.



*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>3</sup>

## **ABOUNA'S REFLECTIONS**

We begin anew. The commencement of the Liturgical Year is always filled with hope for the future, but, as the years pass by, it is also instilled with a renewed awareness of *where we are at present in our lives*, especially in the practice of the Faith and in the fidelity we exercise in the imitation of our Lord through charity.

"He who seeks his life shall lose it."<sup>4</sup> When we look to ourselves *in the light of God* we become "builders" as Saint Paul spoke in last week's Epistle of those who "sow in the spirit". This disposition

raises our minds into the Spirit of Holiness and allows the attentive individual to be transformed in the spirit. "Since the wisdom of this contemplation is the language of God to the soul – of Pure Spirit to pure spirit – all that is less than spirit, such as the sensory, fails to perceive it."<sup>5</sup> Nature, in itself, is deaf to the Luminous Voice.

The paradox of the Gospel is that when we turn inward (focused and preoccupied on our concerns and worries – "self") we "sow in the flesh", resulting in corruption. This pulls down and destroys the individual himself first and foremost, but does so also among the things of God and in His work of salvation. Here, carnal and fleshly, the individual "tears down" and does not build up.

The beginning of a new Liturgical Year is an excellent time to make a thorough examination of conscience of our place before the Lord at this moment, and then commit our wounds to the consoling mercy of the Sacred Heart by making *a full and general confession of the past year within the Mystery of Penance*.

We begin anew. Let us be "builders", those who edify in and through the Spirit of God. This heals and moves us forward in the very best and most charitable manner possible. It instills hope and peace. Although there have been recent global spikes in the spread of the corona virus, and lockdowns are re-appearing in many places, with the beginning of this new year – and insofar as we are able – we hope to try to re-establish the Liturgical Vigil before the Holy Nativity. Stay tuned, and remain safe, secure, and at peace.

This Festival of consecration and renewal, which once commemorated a building in Jerusalem, now glories in the Church Herself, the Body of Christ. This is our path of salvation as it is only in the Messiah that we find the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Our path is made clear in the doctrines of that Church, and our minds are illuminated by the life-giving Faith. Only in the Apostolic and Holy Church is the supernatural Life that is Christ offered to us and made available to us. The *luminous eye* and the *lucid heart* give clarity to this path and make the way secure.

<sup>3</sup> Homily 1.7.8 "on Ezechiel"

<sup>4</sup> St. Matthew 16: 25

<sup>5</sup> Saint John of the Cross referring to infused contemplation and the perfection of the individual by grace, The Dark Night, chap. 17: 4

# The Life-giving Cross

Please, take notice of our present protocols:

- 1.) All Catholics, of whatever Ritual Church, are more than welcome at Saint Joseph. We are all one Body of Christ.
- 2.) During this pandemic, there is no obligation to assist at the Divine Sacrifice.
- 3.) Those who are sick, or carry symptoms of sickness, must remain at home.
- 4.) All are recommended to give contact information (a list is provided at the door) in order to inform you if need arise from a case of the virus.
- 5.) All vulnerable, elderly, and at-risk individuals should remain at home and follow the Liturgies as posted on the parish's website.
- 6.) The **Vigil Masses** are suspended until further notice.
- 7.) All who are retired, or who may have a freer weekday schedule, are asked to consider assisting at Mass during the weekdays, **Tues-Fri, 9:00am**; and on **Saturday at 10:00am**.
- 8.) Everyone must wear a **face-mask** to safely control and cover all coughs, sneezes, congestion, etc.
- 9.) Hand sanitizers are available at the entrances and at the confessional.
- 10.) Seating at church must be "*first-come-first-served*" and will be closed at "100".
- 11.) Everyone must sit in such a way that there is *no one immediately in front* of them and *no one immediately behind* them. The pews have been blocked off for this purpose.
- 12.) To control crowd flow and bring greater security, **doors** will be **locked** at the beginning of each Liturgy.
- 13.) A *six-foot distancing* must be observed by those who approach the Divine Altar and wish to receive the Divine Eucharist in **Holy Communion**.
- 14.) And, lastly, at the end of Mass, those who wish to **remain and pray** in the church are welcome to do so, but all others are asked *not to linger and visit within the church*. Please exit through the Appleton Street doorway. If one wishes to visit, please do so outside the church, being *mindful of the proper physical distancing*.

## VOCATION ICON

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

Sun	Nov	1	Daja Gombojav & Family
Sun	Nov	8	Larry & Lisa Grard
Sat	Nov	15	Jim & Lenore Boles
Sun	Nov	22	Chris & Diane Wyder
Sun	Nov	29	Michael & Gayle Misner
Sun	Dec	6	Bruce & Doreen White
Sun	Dec	13	Steve & Allison Crate
Sun	Dec	20	Sue Paré & Lolo Salazar

### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

(Budgeted: \$3,100.00)

**Regular Collection: \$1,425.00**

(Deficit 2020: \$29,831)

Next special collection, November 8<sup>th</sup>,

Maronite Patriarchal Charities

(All proceeds go directly to our Patriarch.)

**Second Sunday each month** is a second collection to cover our **monthly fuel-oil costs**.

Please remember to sustain the apostolic work of this parish through regular contributions made in the liturgical **collection** each week, by **mail**, through the parish **website**, or through **regular bank drafts** mailed in.

### INTENTIONS FOR THE QOURBONEH (MASSES)

Sun	1	9:00	Catholic Extension Society
		11:00	For the Members of the Parish
Mon	2	-----	
Tue	3		Intentions of the Misner Family
Wed	4		Catholic Extension Society & Donors
Thu	5		†Theresa Casavant (Pam & Dan Casavant)
Fri	6		William Martin (Michael & Maureen Martin)
Sat	7		David Black (Rosalie Gallant)

# Monthly Memorial

The Sanctuary Lamp is being lighted this month by Dame Fefa *in memory* of **Sam, Lottie, and George Deeb.**



*May their memories be eternal!*

**SCHEDULE OF READINGS**

**CONSECRATION OF THE CHURCH**  
November 1, 2020

Heb 9: 1-12      St. Matthew 16: 13-20

**RENEWAL OF THE CHURCH**  
November 8, 2020

Heb 9: 11-15      St. John 10: 22-42

- Sun 8 9:00 †Emily Fournier  
(Audrey Yotides)  
11:00 For the Members of the Parish
- Mon 9 -----
- Tue 10 Annie Weymouth  
(Rosalie Gallant)
- Wed 11 Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Thu 12 Joyce Black, Carrie Wilcox and Family  
(Rosalie Gallant)
- Fri 13 Private Intention  
(Abouna James)
- Sat 14 William & Crystal Buzzard and Family  
(Rosalie Gallant)
- Sun 15 9:00 For the Members of the Parish  
11:00 Catholic Extension Society
- Mon 16 -----
- Tue 17 †Richard Elias  
(Cindy Elias)
- Wed 18 Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Thu 19 Shaun & Kimberly Nibs and Family  
(Rosalie Gallant)
- Fri 20 Private Intention  
(Abouna James)

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*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:** Daja Gombojav, Anne El-Habre, Richard Karter, Lolo Salazar, Doreen Nader, and all those who suffer from disease, want, or depression.

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- Lighting of the Church:** LB\* p 5  
*Jesus Christ, O Source of Light*
- Entrance Hymn:** LB msheeho 50A
- Glory:** SB glory
- Qolo/Hymn:** LB 'eto 51
- 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 *tou ba*
- Communion:** SB *Your Body is our Food; Father of Truth*
- Recessional:** SB *Glorious in Majesty*