

Saint Joseph Maronite Catholic Church



Consecration of the Church

November 7, 2021

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: Sunday: (Vigil, Sat. 5:00pm) Sunday Morning 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 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* **Choir Director:** Dame Marie Fefa Deeb, DSG **Pastoral Council Chair:** Suzanne Paré

Pastoral Council Members: Gayle Misner-Elias, *Secretary*; Steve Crate, *Religious Education*; Larry Mitchell, *Knights of Columbus*; Ruth Lunn, *Rosary Sodality*; Matthew Stone, *Finance Committee*

This Day's Gospel¹

St. Matthew 16: 13-20

And when Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He questioned His disciples, and said:

What do men say concerning Me, that I, the Son of Man, am?

And they said:

Some say that John the Baptist; but others, Elijah; and others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets.

He said to them:

But, who do ye yourselves say that I am?

¹ Based on The New Testament, translated from the Syriac Peshitto Version, Gorgias Press, New Jersey, 2001, translated by James Murdock, STD, 1893

Simon Kepha answered and said:
Thou art the Messiah, the Son of the Living God.

Jesus answered, and said to him:
Blessed art thou, Simon, son of Jonah;
for flesh and blood have not revealed *this* to thee, but My Father Who is in heaven.
Also I say to thee, that thou are *Rock*, and upon this rock, I will build My Church: and the gates of *Sheol* shall not triumph over it.
To thee will I give the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven:
and whatever thou shalt bind on earth, shall be bound in heaven:
and whatever thou shalt unbind on earth, shall be unbound in heaven.
Then He enjoined on His disciples, that they should tell no man that He was the Messiah.



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

In our final stage of re-opening something of our regular parochial apostolate, the *Pastoral Council* will be once again set-up.

This consultative panel, along with the finance committee, is an aid to coordinate, discipline, and advance a parish's apostolic and parochial life. According to the Sacred Canons, a finance

committee is mandatory within a parish, while a pastoral council is not; but both of these are *consultative* and not directive boards; neither acts as any kind of board of trustees or board of directors for the parish. In them, stewardship is practiced, and thoughts, ideas, counsel, and advice are exchanged; after which it is sole responsibility of the pastor to judge and act.

The collaborators who make up these bodies are a great assistance to the heavy task of shepherding the flock of Christ for the spiritual well-being of all.

With much gratitude to all who generously have given of their time and effort in serving the parish in years gone-by, this new mandate will consist only of the *heads of the different apostolates* we have actually in the parish. A representative of the **Finance Committee** will also now be present in council. To all involved, this should allow a greater appreciation of the material needs and the requisite means that influence the apostolic work of the parish.

As our community is small, for this present mandate we will not have "members at large" for this three-year term, 2021-24. This will keep discussions more easily focused on co-ordination of the parish's apostolic life. Therefore, all the names of the council members are listed on the front of the bulletin for easy reference and, when need be, contact.

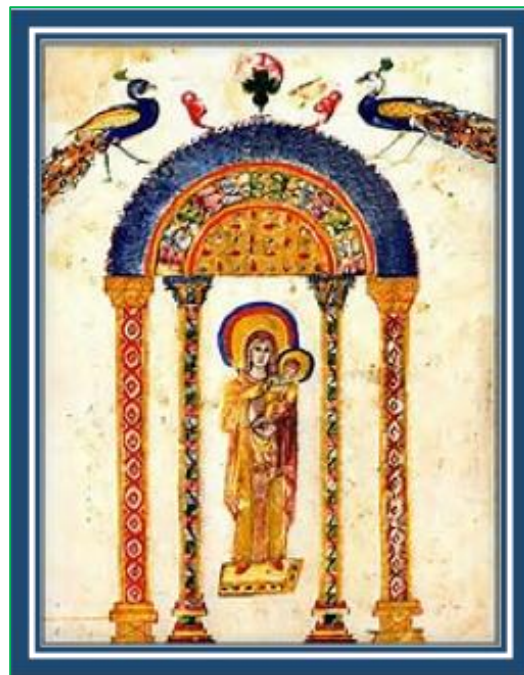
During the recent "apocalypse", the Knights of Columbus began to hold their meetings in the parish hall on the *second* Wednesday of each month. This having been done, and in order to allow for a more on-point representation by the KofC, we will hold the Parish Council meetings on the *third Tuesday of the month*. This will permit better representation of the Rosary Sodality, too, whose meetings are on the second Sunday of the month. Our first meeting of the new pastoral council will thus be on **Tuesday, November 16th**, at **6:00pm** in the parish hall.

Suzanne Pare and *Gayle Misner-Elias* have both graciously and generously accepted to coordinate the council for the next three years as chair and secretary respectively.

² Homily 1.7.8 "on Ezechiel"

A heartfelt thanks for the many years of devotion and service within the council are expressed to Lisa, Lenore, and to all those no longer continuing in council service and its apostolate – and this doubly so to **Lenore Boles** for her many years of transmitting the catechism to our little ones.

May the Unclouded Bright One illumine their days in His grace and render to them His blessing for their commitment; and may He radiate His light and guidance upon the new council that takes its seat for these next three years.



SCHEDULE OF READINGS

CONSECRATION OF THE CHURCH

November 7, 2021

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

ANNOUNCEMENT TO ZECHARIAH

November 14, 2021

Rom 4: 13-25 St. Luke 1: 1-25

VOCATION ICON

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

Sun	Nov	7	Larry & Lisa Grard
Sat	Nov	13	Jim & Lenore Boles
Sun	Nov	21	Chris & Diane Wyder
Sun	Nov	28	Michael & Gayle Misner
Sun	Dec	5	Steve & Allison Crate
Sun	Dec	12	Sue Paré & Lolo Salazar
Sun	Dec	19	Daja Gombojav & Family

LAST WEEK’S COLLECTIONS

(Budgeted: \$3,100.00)

Regular Collection Last Week: \$2,442.00

All Saints: \$191.00

(Budget Deficit 2021: \$35,813.00)³

The next special collection will be for the **Patriarchal Charities, November 14th**
(All funds are rendered entirely to our Patriarch for his apostolic works.)

An additional **\$000.00** has come in this week toward the needed construction collection of **\$39,000.00**.⁴

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.

³ Deficit 2019: \$72,270.59/Deficit 2020: \$34,473.00

⁴ This makes the amount toward our matching Challenge Grant (20k), to be presently **\$15,035.00**. This collection is being

made to cover the needed **building maintenance projects**, estimated at \$60,000.00.

INTENTIONS FOR THE QOURBONEH (MASSES)

Sun 7 9:00am For the Members of the Parish
11:00am †Joan Gottardi

Mon 8 -----

Tue 9 Nicholas Family
(Mary Nicholas)

Wed 10 †Elias & Gabrielle George
(Carol George)

Thu 11 †Fr. Dominique Bourmaud

Fri 12 †Patricia Thomas
(Nicole and Michelle)

Sat 13 †Darrell Mitchell
(Donna-Jo Mitchell)
Sunday Vigil 5:00pm Private Intention

Sun 14 9:00am For the Members of the Parish
11:00am †Jonathan Joseph
(Lorna Joseph and Family)

Mon 15 -----

Tue 16 Nicholas Family
(Mary Nicholas)

Wed 17 Fr. Doran
(Catherine & Ira Mandel)

Thu 18 †Joan Gottardi

Fri 19 Gwendoly Belt
(Daja Gombojav)

Sat 20 †John Marietta & Paul Thomas
(Pam & Dan Casavant)
Sunday Vigil 5:00pm Private Intention

Sun 21 9:00am For the Members of the Parish
11:00am Nicholas Family
(Mary Nicholas)

Mon 22 -----

Tue 23 Nicholas Family
(Mary Nicholas)

Wed 24 †Fr. Dominique Bourmaud
(Abouna)

Thu 25 †The Maroon Thomas Family
(Pam & Dan Casavant)

Fri 26 †Fr. Joseph Koterski
(Mary Nicholas)

The Life-giving Cross

Please, take notice of our present protocols:

- 1.) All Catholics, of whichever Ritual Church, are more than welcome at Saint Joseph. We are one Family of God and one Body of Christ.
- 2.) Those who are sick, or carry symptoms of sickness, must remain at home.
- 3.) Wearing a face-mask is optional, but is **recommended** for all those indoors.
- 4.) As discussed in parish council meetings prior to the pandemic, in order to bring greater security and peace of mind, the **doors** will be **locked** at the beginning of each Liturgy.
- 5.) Hand sanitizers remain available at the entrances and at the confessional.
- 6.) The ancient, canonical, and serious obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holydays has now been restored for all the Catholics of Maine.
- 7.) And, lastly, at the end of Mass, those who wish to **remain and pray** in the church are welcome to do so, but out of **respect** for the House of God and **charity** to one's neighbor **all are asked not to linger, socialize, or visit within the church.** If one wishes to visit, please do so outside or in the parish hall.



*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*

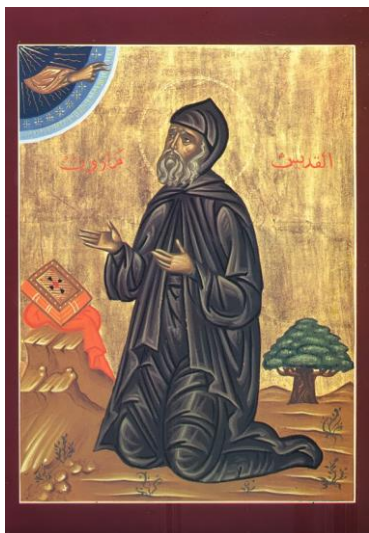
Those for whom we pray: Maureen Martin, Mary Morin, Madeleine Dombroski, Larry Grard, Sarah Grace Misner-Elias, Evan Domonkos, Catherine Mandel, Cindy Elias, David Bourque, Barbara Joseph, Sally Derosby, Tala Poulin, Richard Karter, Lolo Salazar, Charlotte Iserbyte, Rita Hikel, and all those who may suffer from illness, disease, want, or depression.

To encourage Lebanese citizens to register to vote.

It is so very important that those
outside Lebanon register to vote,
their voice could strengthen the country
at this difficult time.

Thank you for promoting this effort
for the good of Lebanon.

+ Gregory



Registration for the 2022 Lebanese Elections will take place from **October 1, 2021 to November 20, 2021.**

One is eligible to register as a non-resident voter if one holds the Lebanese **citizenship** and was born before March 30, 2001.

- Eligible voters will be able to register online at
<https://diasporavote.mfa.gov.lb/>

For more information visit:
<http://www.lebanonembassyus.org/2021/09/28/registration-for-the-2022-elections/>

Or

<http://www.nylebcons.org>

SERVERS OF THE DIVINE ALTAR

November 7th:

9:00am: A. Michaud/ M. Carter
11:00am: I. Misner-Elias/L. Michaud

November 14th:

9:00am: M. Carter/ N. Carter
11:00am: I. Misner-Elias/ S. Nappi

November 21st:

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

November 28th:

9:00am: M. Carter/ N. Carter
11:00am: S. Nappi/I. Misner-Elias

December 5th:

9:00am: A. Michaud/N. Carter
11:00am: L. Michaud/I. Misner-Elias

December 12th:

9:00am: M. Carter/ N. Carter
11:00am: L. Michaud/ S. Nappi

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

Entrance Hymn: LB *Msheeho natareh* 50A

Blessing of the Church: *The Church's Foundation*

Glory: SB *al majdu*

Qolo/Hymn: LB *toubaik 'eedto* 51

Creed p 748

PRE-ANAPHORA:

Transfer of Gifts: LB *The Lord Reigns*

Incense Hymn Offertory: SB *iqbal*

ANAPHORA:

Twelve Apostles: p 754

Sign of Peace: SB *tou ba*

Communion: SB *I am the Vine; Father of Truth*

Recessional: SB *Glorious in Majesty*



*Saint John of Antioch
"Chrysostomos"
Patriarch of Constantinople
Confessor*

November 13th

! مَلْعَمًا حَتَّجْجَه ! Priest

Shlomoh l'koulkhoun!

(literally: Peace [be] to all you!)

! وَهَسَا وَكُر ! People

W'am rouHoh deelokh!

(literally: and with spirit your!)