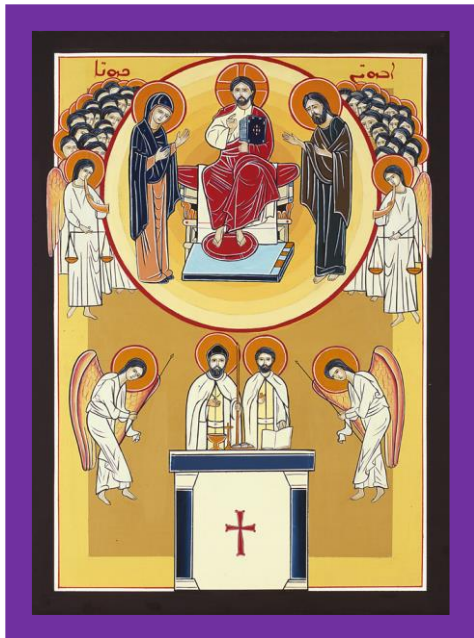


# Saint Joseph Maronite Catholic Church



## Commemoration of the Deceased Priests

January 24, 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:** 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<sup>1</sup>

#### I Timothy 4: 6-16

If you teach these things to the brethren, you will be a good servant of Jesus the Messiah, having been trained in the words of faith and good teaching that you have learned.

Stay away from foolish stories of old women; train yourself in righteousness. For the training of the body is beneficial for a time, but (training in) righteousness is beneficial in everything; and it has the promise of life for both the present time and the future – this saying is trustworthy and worthy of acceptance.

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

For it is on account of this that we labor and suffer shame, because we hope in the living God, Who is the Savior of all people, and especially of those who believe.

Teach and command such things.

Do not let anyone despise your youth, but rather become an example to believers in speech, conduct, charity, faith, and purity.

Until I arrive, continue to be diligent in reading, prayer, and in teaching.

Do not neglect the grace that is in you, which was given to you through prophecy and in the laying on of hands by the elders.

Meditate on these things, and give yourself fully to them so that your progress will be obvious to everyone.

Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching, persevering in them, for in doing these things you will save yourself and those who hear you.



*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>2</sup>

## **ABOUNA'S REFLECTIONS**

The messianic state of our Lord is threefold: He is Priest, Prophet, and King. The divine priesthood on earth, consecrated within the Eucharistic Heart of our Lord, exercises its office of sanctifying and government through its teaching. Doctrinal clarity is the greatest charity committed to her care, because without clarity of thought in the light of faith a person is ill disposed to receive the sanctifying grace of the Mysteries and is

directionless to follow the path to the fullness of the Kingdom.

The end of January calls to mind the Supreme Court decision that nationalized the procurement of abortion. This was a tragic moment for the legal world, but, sadly, it was merely indicative of the moral collapse that had been occurring for many years beforehand, indeed, for generations. Even before that infamous legal decision the national moral degeneration was in full swing, it is that which is the most worrying. Roe vs. Wade was a dramatic step in the national moral revolution that has been imposed from the Judicial Bench. We have wandered from the Gospel as a people, and its repudiation in the last decades was not unforeseeable. This type of demon is cast out only by prayer and fasting.

The Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops is organizing **a nationwide prayer vigil from Thursday, January 28 to Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup>**. This marks the forty-eighth anniversary of the US Supreme Court's decision.

**The National Prayer Vigil for Life** is being hosted in the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC, and for the first time it will be televised. Bishops in dioceses across the country then will take turns leading live-streamed Holy Hours each hour throughout the Vigil.

The Vigil will begin at **8:00PM EST on Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup>**, with the **National Rosary for Life**. Mass will then follow, opening the National Prayer Vigil for Life. The first **Holy Hour for Life** will take place at **9:45PM EST**.

The Mass and first Holy Hour will be televised by EWTN from 8:00-11:00PM.

After these and throughout the night starting at **11:00PM EST**, the Holy Hours will be broadcast on the USCCB's website: [prolife@usccb.org](mailto:prolife@usccb.org) / [www.usccb.org/prolife](http://www.usccb.org/prolife). The Vigil will conclude at **8:00AM EST** with Mass.

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<sup>2</sup> Homily 1.7.8 "on Ezechiel"

In these last forty-eight years over 60,000,000 Americans have been put to death in their mothers' wombs. Image the outrage and horror that there should be. The number of Jews said to have been exterminated during WWII is six million, but with abortion, and in the United States alone, the number of exterminations is *ten times* that wartime tragedy. The total number of human beings killed through abortion simply boggles the mind.

Death trammels our world freely, summoned as it were by selfishness, shortsightedness, commercial, and self-centered interests. One must not let himself be cowed in discussion by someone saying that he is simply "imposing Catholicism on others". This is false; it is a question of "*what is human life*" and what is the moral culpability of killing the innocent.

As Catholics, we must always keep in mind not only the natural law, but also the law of the Gospel. Abortion is killing of the innocent, and this is knowable to anyone of good-will, Christian or not. One need simply be intelligent to know that murder, especially of the helpless individual, is morally wrong. This **use of reason**, applied to objective reality, is source of what is called "the natural law". Natural law is also related to what is called, "conscience". Over and above this, however, *perfecting all in grace*, is the Law of the Gospel: the radiant source of healing and life that leads to the fullness of the Kingdom. We must never stunt or limit our knowledge and defense of our Lord's teaching by restricting them to what is merely apologetic or political.

True knowledge of God is born in charity and perfected through life-giving grace. Catholics, through infused faith, see everything in the light of God's full manifestation in both nature (creation) and supernature (revelation). The "natural law" remains true as a philosophical notion, but nature is itself a revelation of divinity although basic at its existential level. The illuminated mind sees nature as it is meant to be, understood and given its fullest meaning in the divine light. Nevertheless, philosophical debate and dialogue remain possible even with the unbeliever in the realm of natural knowledge and philosophy. As a philosophical abstraction, "natural law" allows for a commonality of experience and discourse with

those who have not yet received infused theological faith.

One Immutable Origin is both creator of all existence and nature, and the redeemer and perfecter of all things.

Abortion cannot be tackled, however, as if it were purely an issue of the natural law or an isolated moral and social problem. This crisis is complex involving human relations, family structure, moral responsibility, social welfare, poverty, and questions of human development: both biological and educational. When the ray of revelation illumines the human mind, experience, and thought it casts a great light on what nature and humanity are all about. Our minds must be filled with the light of the Gospel, and our knowledge must be fully integrated to see the world, and our lives in it, in the light of the Gospel. For the fully mature Catholic mind, there is no way that the two can be separated with the "world" on one side and our lives as Catholics on the other. This would be schizophrenic and a mutilation of the Redeemer's message of healing and re-integration.

Charity may be the origin of the true knowledge of God, but faith is the perfection of its wisdom, and hope is given to us to stabilize and anchor our course through this valley of tears.

Abortion is more than a medical procedure, it is more than the individual human life involved; it obliges us to address what is the nature and essence of *human life*, what is *parenthood*, what is *family*, and what is *human society* in commutative and distributive *justice*. For a Catholic, ultimately these are not merely natural, purely human matters; they involve the fullness of the divine economy - how the healing and elevation of grace in the living Gospel are meant to impact these.

Efforts made to stop abortions have often been unfruitful because they target the killing of the unborn as if it were isolated and unrelated to other concerns. There is, in fact, a web of other human and social problems. Praiseworthy though these efforts may be in themselves, they will remain insufficient so long as the motivation and vision are not of the whole.

We acknowledge that this is a difficult and complex problem, the solution of which is also complex. We cannot expect to make much progress against the injustice committed against the image of God that is human life without a full understanding of human life. Our project will be stifled to the extent that we ignore to heal family life and its securing network of relations, social solidarity, and the integrity of marital relations. Children are a gift that come *through* parents; they do not *belong* to parents. When parents are disoriented their offspring suffer, and sometimes die.

For these reasons, we must understand that the battle for innocent lives has to be integrated within the fullest Catholic vision – natural and supernatural – in which abortion, baptism, artificial birth-control, family life, divorce, social well-being are all of one piece and interrelated. Love, friendship, family, marriage, society, education, science, invention, and human flourishing are seen in their fullness and potential only within the same Light from which they have all originated.

The Dominicans of New Hope, Kentucky, have understood this necessity from the foundation of their community and apostolic labors. Theirs is truly a “life apostolate” in which they work to instruct, correct, and enlighten all in the intrinsic links between divorce/artificial birth-control/abortion.

Abortion, in the end, has been simply the final result and conclusion of a continuing decline and corruption of the Christian Faith and family life over the last two hundred years. Divorce came to the fore in the late nineteenth century, contraception was perfected in the twentieth, and the unwanted effect of man and woman’s intimate embrace can now be “terminated” with scientific precision. From this angle, it is a tragically sad world in which we live.

Fast and pray. Feed your minds, and learn the full beauty of the doctrine of the Church in all its splendor. She has always been the defender of human dignity in God’s image, the instructor of the beauty of Catholic family life, and the voice of true societal well-being. Abortion is less about “babies” and more about the fundamental questions of what is human life, and what is human family and society. At times, we will be able to labor only with

arguments on the philosophical level based on the “natural law”.

There is much to be done to stop contemporary moral hemorrhaging, to enlighten the weak, and to heal the broken heart that is the world’s. Although we might not bring every single person we meet to the Catholic faith, we must be channels of its life-giving knowledge and grace, always prepared to speak truth and act for God’s honor and glory.

*An orthodox and catholic Christian community respecting life will only come about when the community members are orthodoxly Catholic.* Until that day, we strive for the natural and fundamental dignity of human life as an image of the Most High. We prepare the way of the Lord and His supernatural healing and glory.

Abortion is a huge stain on modern society, but it is only one part of a much larger problem afflicting us. Same causes, same effects; until we remedy the causes the effects will remain ever fractured, wounded, and disordered.

Truly, the present global type of demon with which we are confronted will be cast out only by faith, charitable prayer, fasting, and action!

## **SCHEDULE OF READINGS**

### **COMMEMORATION OF ALL DECEASED PRIESTS**

January 24, 2021

**I Tim 4: 6-16**

**St. Luke 12: 42-48**

### **COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE RIGHTEOUS**

**AND THE JUST**

January 31, 2021

**Heb 12: 18-24**

**St. Matthew 25: 31-46**



The Sanctuary Lamp  
burns in January  
*in memory of Bernard  
Thomas*  
at the request of his  
daughters.

*May his memory be eternal!*



VOCATION ICON

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

Sun	Jan	24	Michael & Gayle Misner
Sun	Jan	31	Bruce & Doreen White
Sun	Feb	7	Steve & Allison Crate
Sun	Feb	14	Sue Paré & Lolo Salazar
Sun	Feb	21	Daja Gombojav & Family
Sun	Feb	28	Larry & Lisa Grard
Sat	Mar	6	Jim & Lenore Boles
Sun	Mar	14	Chris & Diane Wyder

LAST WEEK’S COLLECTIONS

(Budgeted: \$3,100.00)

**Regular Collection Last Week: \$2,469.00**

**(Deficit 2021: \$1,449.00)<sup>3</sup>**

**Today’s Second Collection:**

**United States Catholic Bishops’ Worldwide Charities**

(Combining **five** collections:

*Central and Eastern Europe, the Church in Latin America, the Church in Africa, Catholic Relief Services, and Operation Rice Bowl.)*

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

In November, we had to replace the **hot water heater for the bathrooms** in the parish hall. After a generous contribution of \$250.00 the cost remaining to us **\$346.40**.

God bless you for your generosity – you have done superbly – this week **\$520** came in to cover, and then some, the outstanding amount needed. Your generosity and devotion to our parish is a beautiful thing to witness.

*Please remember to sustain the apostolic work of this parish through regular contributions.*

INTENTIONS FOR THE QOURBONEH (MASSES)

Sun	24	9:00	For the Members of the Parish
		11:00	Private Intention
Mon	25	-----	
Tue	26		<b>Dana &amp; Linda Hayes</b> (Misner-Elias Family)
Wed	27		† <b>Barbara Nicholas</b> (Mary Nicholas)
Thu	28		† <b>Daisy Johnston</b> (Mary Nicholas)
Fri	29		† <b>Eva Hakim</b> (Alexis Dragatsi)
Sat	30		† <b>Sr. Stanislaus</b> (Mary Nicholas)
Sun	31	9:00	For the Members of the Parish
		11:00	† <b>Bernard Thomas</b> (Nicole & Michelle)
Mon	1	-----	
Tue	2		<b>Fr. Doran</b> (Misner-Elias Family)
Wed	3		† <b>Judith Kelley</b> (Dan & Pam Casavant)
Thu	4		<b>The Bryck Family</b> (Mary Nicholas)
Fri	5		<b>Mike &amp; Gayle Misner-Elias</b> (Isaac)
Sat	6		<b>Isaac Misner-Elias</b> (Misner Family)
Sun	7	9:00	For the Members of the Parish
		11:00	Private Intention
Mon	8	-----	
Tue	9		<b>Donette Nicholas</b> (Mary Nicholas)
Wed	10		<b>Terry Nicholas</b> (Mary Nicholas)
Thu	11		<b>Kathleen Baginski</b>
Fri	12		<b>Fortieth Day for Patricia Thomas</b> (Barbara Poulin)

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

# 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 is asked to wear a face-mask.**
- 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 "50".
- 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* is to 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*.

## Disinfecting Crews' Schedule

With deep gratitude to those who have stepped forward to aid in the health and security of our parish. Crew A: Crew B: Crew C: Crew D:  
Following Saturday morning:  
Following the Sunday Vigil:

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

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## Commemoration of the Deceased Priests p. 147

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

**Entrance Hymn:** LB *msheeho* 93A

**Glory:** SB *al majdu*

**Qolo/Hymn:** LB *bo'outho (minor)* 94A

**Creed** p 748

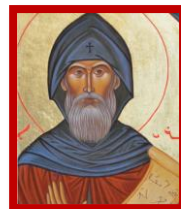
**PRE-ANAPHORA:**

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

**Incense Hymn Offertory:** SB *iqbal*

**ANAPHORA:**

**Saint John Maron:** LB p 897



**Sign of Peace:** SB *tou ba*

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

**Recessional:** SB *The Lord is with  
Us*

*Saint Ephraim, Confessor and Doctor of the Church  
January 28<sup>th</sup>*