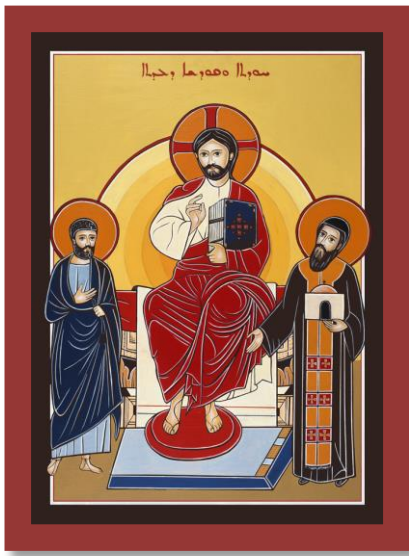


Saint Joseph Maronite Catholic Church



Renewal of the Church

November 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." Orientale 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* & K-1st; Shana Page, 3-5th **Choir Director:** Dame Fefa Marie 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. John 10: 22-42

It was the festival of the Dedication² in Jerusalem, and it was winter.

Jesus was walking in the Temple, in the porch of Solomon, and the Jews came around Him and were asking Him, "How long will You keep us in suspense? If You are the Messiah, tell us so plainly."

"I have told you," Jesus answered them, "and you do not believe.

The works that I do in My Father's Name testify to Me. Yet you do not believe, because you are not of My sheep, as I have told you.

My sheep hear My voice. I know them, and they follow Me. I give them eternal life. They will never perish,

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

² *Hanukkah*

and no one can snatch them from out of My hands.

My Father, Who has given them to Me, is greater than all, and no one can snatch anything out of His hand.

I and My Father are one.

Once again the Jews picked up stones to stone Him.

Jesus said to them,

I have shown you many good works from My Father. For which of these do you stone Me?

The Jews said to Him, "It is not for good works that we stone You, but because you speak blasphemy, since You, being a man, make Yourself God."

Jesus said to them,

Is it not written in your Law:

*"I have said you are gods"?*³

If He called them "gods",

since the word of God was with them –

and Scripture cannot be nullified –

is it because I have told you, "I am

God's Son" that you say

to the One the Father has sanctified

and has sent into the world,

"You speak blasphemy!"?

Unless I am doing the works of My

Father, do not believe Me.

But if I do do them,

even if you do not believe Me,

believe the works themselves,

that you may know and believe

that My Father is in Me

and I in the Father.

And again they tried to seize Him, but He escaped from their hands.

Then He went across the Jordan, to a place where John had been before when he was baptizing, and He remained there.

Many people came to Him and were saying, "John did not perform even one sign, but everything John said about this man is true."

And many believed in Him.

SUNDAY, RITE OF CATECHUMENATE:

St. John 3: 1-7

Now there was a man there, one of the Pharisees, whose name was Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews.

This man came to Jesus at night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know You are a teacher sent from God, for no one could do the signs You are doing unless God is with him."

Jesus answered him, "Amen, I say to you, unless a person is born again, they cannot see the kingdom of God."

"How can an old man be born?", Nicodemus asked Him.

"He cannot enter his mother's womb and be born a second time, can he?"

"Amen, I say to you", Jesus said in reply to him.

Unless a man is born of water

and the Spirit

he cannot enter the Kingdom of God.

What is born of the flesh is flesh,

and what is born of the Spirit is spirit.

Do not be surprised that I have told you, "you must all be born again".

The wind blows where it pleases

and you hear its sound,

but you do not know from where it comes or where it is going.

So it is with everyone

born of the Spirit.



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)⁴

³ Psalm 82:6

⁴ Homily 1.7.8 "on Ezechiel"

ABOUNA'S REFLECTIONS

This Sunday is the day that Alonzo (*Nemetallah*) and Lorenzo (*Steven*) Michaud enter formally on the path of the **catechumenate** and declare publicly their intention to be baptized at the Epiphany. We noted in September that there were three principal stages to the Baptismal Rites. In September, we witnessed ceremonies of **Naming**, the **Signing** with the Cross, and formal entrance into the church, which, as it were, was the moment that the Church took each of these young men under her wing and protection.

Today, we witness the **Exorcism, Renunciation of Evil**, and the **Profession of Faith** that each of us must profess and live out in order to enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

It is thus a solemn day, and we will replace the Liturgy of the Word from that of the Renewal of the Church with that taken from the Ceremonies of Baptism. You will find these texts in the blue booklets in the pews, beginning on **p. 10**. Note that the *Qadishat* will be sung according to that of the Epiphany on **p. 113** in the red missals.

As these young men are sixteen, their Baptism is considered one of adults and they will be fully Maronites, sons of Saint Maron, on the day of their full initiation in January.

As they take these steps toward becoming true sons of our holy father, *Mar Maroun*, we pray for them as today they take this significant step toward the Hidden Light, Who is the God of all consolation.
Barekhamor, aloho deelan!

SCHEDULE OF READINGS

RENEWAL OF THE CHURCH/CATECHUMENATE November 10, 2019

Heb 9: 11-15 / Titus 3: 4-7
St. John 10: 22-42 / St. John 3: 1-7

THE ANNOUNCEMENT TO ZECHARIAH November 17, 2019

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 10	Bruce & Doreen White
Sun	Nov 17	Steve and Allison Crate
Sun	Nov 24	Sue Paré and Lolo Salazar
Sun	Dec 1	Lowell Hawes
Sun	Dec 8	Larry & Lisa Gard
Sat	Dec 14	Jim & Lenore Boles
Sun	Dec 22	Chris & Diane Wyder

*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	9	†Charles Owen (the Parish) -- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
Sun	10	For the members of the Parish
Mon	11	-----
Tue	12	†Dan Bearce (Ghaphery Family)
Wed	13	Catholic Extension Society & Donors
Thu	14	†John Byrne (Nicholas Ghaphery) -- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
Fri	15	Private Intention (Abouna James) -- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
Sat	16	†Charles Owen (the Parish) -- Catholic Extension Society & Donors

- Sun 17 For the members of the Parish
- Mon 18 -----
- Tue 19 Anna Bearce
(Pam & Dan Casavant)
- Wed 20 †Sleiman & Latiffy George
(Ghaphery Family)
- Thu 21 †Nicholas & Nimnoom Ghaphery
(Ghaphery Family)
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Fri 22 Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Sat 23 †Charles Owen
(the Parish)
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Sun 24 For the members of the Parish
- Mon 25 -----
- Tue 26 Anna Bearce
(Pam & Dan Casavant)
- Wed 27 †Thomas & Adal George
(Ghaphery Family)
- Thu 28 †Carmen Welch
(Robert Welch)
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Fri 29 Private Intention
(Abouna James)
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors

Entrance Hymn: LB *msheeho* 50A

Glory: SB *al majdu*

Qolo/Hymn: LB *etow* 51

Creed p 748

PRE-ANAPHORA:

Transfer of Gifts: LB *The Lord Reigns*

Incense Hymn Offertory: SB *iqbal*

ANAPHORA:

The Twelve Apostles: LB p 754

Sign of Peace: SB *Peace like a river*

Communion: SB *Your Body is our Food; Holy Ground*

Recessional: SB *God bless America*

*LB=Liturgical Book SB=Song Book

Autumn Harvest Raffle

\$10,000 GRAND PRIZE!!!!

**RAFFLE TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE
AFTER EACH MASS EVERY WEEKEND!**

Cost of each ticket is \$100.00, with the winning ticket for the prize to be drawn Tuesday, December 3rd.

Buy a raffle ticket today. What would djidoo say?

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Regular Collection: \$1371.00

Second Collection, November 10th:

Maronite Patriarchal Charities

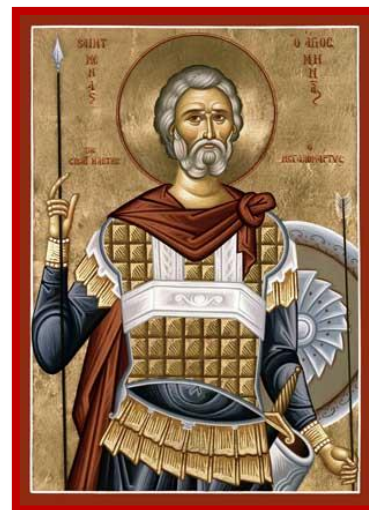
(All proceeds are sent directly to our Patriarch for his charitable works.)

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

Renewal of the Church

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



**Saint Mennas,
Martyr**

November 11th