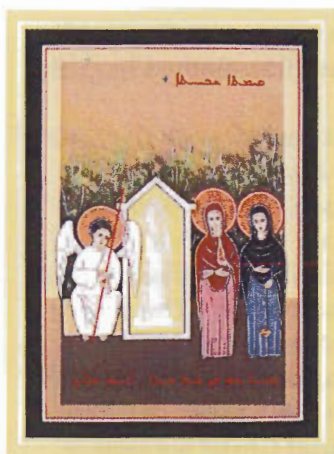


The Glorious Resurrection The Week of Hawareyeen/Bright Week



April 1, 2018

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"For us, the men and women of the East are a symbol of the Lord Who comes again." *Oriente 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

Choir Director: Fefa Deeb **Parish Secretary:** Paula Mitchell **Catechists:** Lenore Boles, Director & K-1st; Jane Lee, 2nd; Shana Page, 3-5th **Parish Council:** Sheila Bonenfant, Lisa Grard, Lowell Hawes, Rosanna Joseph, David Lee, Ruth Lunn, Kevin Michaud, Paula Mitchell, Elizabeth Wilson **Ex-officio council members:** Subdeacon Steve Crate; Lenore Boles, Catechism; Shana Page, Rosary Sodality; Larry Mitchell, Knights of Columbus

THIS DAY'S GOSPEL St. Mark 16: 1-8

And when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices so that they might go and anoint Him. And very early on the first day of the week, they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who shall roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe. And they were amazed.

And he said to them, "Do not be afraid; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, Who was crucified. He has risen, He is not here. See the place where they laid Him.

But go, tell His disciples and Peter that He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see Him, as He told you."

And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them. And they said noting to anyone, for they were afraid.



ABOUNA'S REFLECTIONS

You removed from creation the ancient sadness,
and gathered the nations to worship You
and to announce Your salvation in every place.¹

Death was consumed on Calvary, transformed from something permanent to a mere transit in time. Death, attempting to extinguish the great Rabbi of Nazareth was, in a sense, absorbed by Him. Being the eternal Living One, death could have no hold on Him. In the agony² that took place twenty centuries ago outside Jerusalem it was Life that ultimately prevailed as death was extinguished in the divine Consuming Fire. The "harrowing of hell" or "the descent into hell" means this: entering the realm of the dead, Our Lord consoled the faithful departed and shattered Sheol's gates and bolts.

The Incarnate Word transformed His humanity into the perfect instrument for the restoration, salvation and divinized well-being of mankind. The Lord's Passover from human death to the life of glory confers eternal life on all the human race – *in principle, radically*; but this life is made a reality only "incarnationally", that is, step by step, moment by moment, as it extends throughout time and space over the centuries until the Final Day of Renewal – the Day of the Lord. In the meantime, the baptized, the children of the Light, are to be that historical and incarnate transformative communication. This understood, Easter, the glorious Resurrection, is properly appreciated.

It is in this radiant triumph that Our Lord was made the "New Adam", a new source of a renewed humanity.³ He ransoms us into His corporate

personality that is manifested in the divine reality that we call "the Church", which is for that reason also known as "the Body of Christ". It is here that each human being is enabled to find the now possible, new, and intimate union with God in the Holy Spirit. We re-enter Paradise, clothed in grace.

We find this risen life in our contact with the Living Messiah. It is in the Divine Mysteries, especially the Eucharist, where we touch Him, or perhaps more properly, He touches us. The Sacred Rozeh are the place where the Risen Lord applies to us all that He obtained in His Resurrection. The simple logic is that the more we enter into the sacred Mysteries – and live the liturgical life of His Body – the more we are transformed in Christ. In Christ we alone can live, and without Christ we cannot find restoration and life. Without the Risen Lord men die, and die *eternally*; but all things have been made new, and by His triumph over death Christ became a "vivifying Spirit".⁴

By grace, faith and baptism then we are each called to "be Christ" in this glorious freedom. We are meant to be the conduit and channel of divine life within our daily experience. Truly, we are expected to bring the grace of redemptive freedom to those around us, not as its source, of course, but as organic extensions of the Living One. Care is needed here, as this is not done by trumpeting or trying to convince by force of argument. The work is far more difficult: we are called to live in a manner that would be otherwise impossible without grace. Life is seen in actions and deeds, not in words alone.

We have been touched by the Resurrection in such a way as to rise ourselves above this fallen world that still awaits the fullness of time for its definitive redemption. Each of us is called to be the face of Christ within the world. Although demanding, could we ask for any more beautiful embrace?

¹ *Qolo*, Sunday of the Glorious Resurrection

² Remember that the Greek word "agonia" means a struggle, or combat.

³ II Cor 4: 6 "For it is the God Who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," Who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ." ~~Remember that the Greek word "agonia" means a struggle, or combat.~~

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⁴ II Cor 3: 17 "Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being changed into His likeness from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord Who is the Spirit."

Maronite formation Classes

The Maronite Formation Classes for adults, delayed by the impressive snowstorms, now will begin on Wednesday, April 11th, at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall. This should be an enjoyable moment as we explore and develop the understanding of our faith and Antiochene heritage. We ask that no children (under 18) be brought, as this is "adults free night out".

We will be using as a text Captivated by Your Teachings by Fr. Anthony Salim, pastor of our Maronite parish in Olean, New York. Although it is out of print, you may find copies on-line.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Regular Collection: \$1609.00
Eparchial Lenten Appeal to date: \$1223.00

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

VOCATION ICON

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

Sun	April 1	Chris & Diane Wyder
Sun	April 8	Jim & Lenore Boles
Sat	April 14	Larry and Paula Mitchell
Sun	April 22	Lowell & Mary Hawes
Sun	April 29	Larry & Lisa Grard

SCHEDULE OF READINGS

THE GLORIOUS RESURRECTION

April 1, 2018

I Cor 15: 12-26 St. Mark 16: 1-8

NEW SUNDAY

April 8, 2018

II Cor 5: 11-21 St. John 20: 26-31

INTENTIONS FOR THE QURBONEH (MASSES)

Sat	31	†Otis Evan Peter Root (Abouna James) -- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
Sun	1	For the members of the Parish
Mon	2	-----
Tue	3	Catholic Extension Society & Donors
Wed	4	†For all the Faithful Departed (Deacon Andre)
Thu	5	†Mr. & Mrs. Albert Bellamah (Stephen Maroon)
Fri	6	†Mr. & Mrs. Sam Deeb (Stephen Maroon) -- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
Sat	7	Catholic Extension Society & Donors
Sun	8	†Richard Elias (Cynthia Elias)

COFFEE SCHEDULE 2018

April 8	Laya Joseph & Rosanna Joseph
April 15	Alice Lachance & Jane Lee
April 22	Lauraine Mansur & Marie McMahon
April 29	Dale Sturtevant & Jody Veilleux
May 6	Elizabeth Wilson & Mary Bard
May 13	Jan Bourque & Lenore Boles
May 20	Pam Casavant & Sharon Crowe

APRIL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FOOD BANK

Stews, ravioli, jiffy mixes and personal care items. Please place these items in the box near the church entrance.

God bless you for your generosity to His "little ones"

Prayer of Resurrection

O Lord, the Fragrant Sea,
the women carried perfume to the tomb
in order to embalm Your holy body.
You are the sweet Aroma for the life of every soul.

Accept our prayers and grant that,
like the blessed women, we may hasten to You,
and be refreshed by Your life-giving fragrance.

Make us worthy to rise spiritually
in the company of the wise virgins,
and enter Your Kingdom,
so that we may together glorify and praise You,
now and forever. Amen

*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, Virginia Poulin, Beverly Rideout, Gordon Webber, Paul Laverdiere, Charlene & Dominic Fabrizio, Marie Hessard and Mary Nader.

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

Entrance Hymn: LB *fsheeto* #145

Glory: SB *glory*

Qolo/Hymn: LB *imsheeha* #146A

Creed p 748

PRE-ANAPHORA:

Transfer of Gifts: LB The Lord Reigns
Incense Hymn: SB p 3 #8 *Ikbal*

ANAPHORA:

St. James, Brother of the Lord: LB p 794

Sign of Peace: SB Saint Francis

Communion: SB Alleluia, He is risen

Recessional: SB Alleluia, Let the Holy Anthem

*LB=Liturgical Book SB=Song Book

