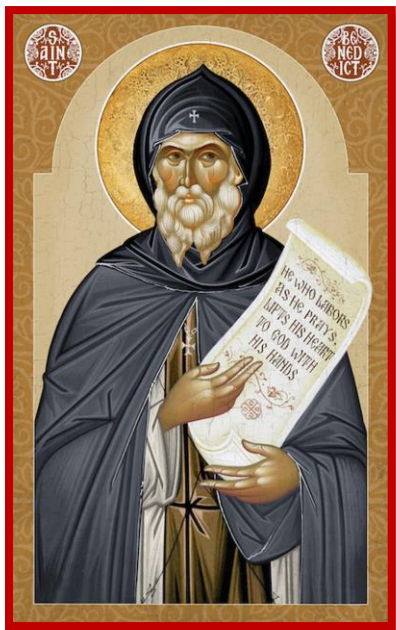


Saint Joseph Maronite Catholic Church



Eighth Sunday of Pentecost

July 11, 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." *Oriente 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 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: 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 GOSPEL¹

St. Matthew 12: 14-21

And the Pharisees went out and held a consultation against Him, that they might destroy Him.

But Jesus knew; and He retired from there.

And great multitudes followed Him: and He cured them all. And He charged them not to

make Him known: that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah² might be fulfilled, saying:

*Behold My servant,
in whom I have complacency;
My beloved, in whom My soul delighteth.
I will put My spirit upon him;
and he shall proclaim judgement
to the Gentiles.*

*He shall not contend, nor be clamorous,
nor shall any one hear his voice
in the public street.*

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

² Isaiah 42: 1-4

*The crushed reed he will not break;
and the flickering lamp
he will not extinguish;
until he bring justice to a victory.
And in his name shall the Gentiles trust.*



*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)³

ABOUNA'S REFLECTIONS

Yesterday's Feastday held an illustrative example to the considerations in last week's bulletin. July 10th is the annual commemoration of the **Blessed Massabki Brothers**, martyred in Damascus in 1860. All three were laymen. They gave testimony by their death during a tumultuous period similar to the unrest going on in that region today: religious, economic, political, and ethnic, all turmoils rolled into one. During more than two years of unrest, 1859-60, beginning in the Lebanon and then descending into Damascus, there were from 20,000 to 30,000 dead (no one knows the exact number of those killed during the upheaval). Among these many thousands were the brothers, Francis, Abdel-Mohti,⁴ and Raphael Massabki.

The Massabki family lived in Damascus, Syria, for many centuries, but between the twelfth and the

fifteenth century they were forced to migrate to Cyprus where they lived for three centuries.

Greatly respected by the people, the family was given their name, taken from the neighborhood where they lived in Damascus, by the populace. The patriarch – *djidoo* – of this branch of the martyrs' family had been a married man ordained to the priesthood in the 12th century. Following the death of his wife, he was consecrated a bishop. Religious persecutions compelled him to emigrate with his family to Cyprus. Blessed Raphael, Abdel-Mohti, and Francis were descendants of centuries-long faithful Maronites and the sons of martyrs.

The edifying story of the martyrs in 1860 is easily accessible, so we will consider only a few of the pertinent details. These three brothers were not martyred in their homes or in a Maronite church; they died alongside five Franciscans. While being Maronite to the core, scions of a centuries-old Maronite family, they were great devotés of the Franciscan Friars in Damascus. It is there they assisted at Mass most often. The three brothers had entered the city's Christian Quarter that evening in July – even as it was being set ablaze and pillaged – to see if they could help the friars.

The rioting had followed the incendiary sermons in the mosques that Friday in July 1860. Days before the houses and businesses had been marked with either a “†” or a “☩”. These signified that “nasrani”, that is, Christians lived or worked in the place. The Maronite cathedral was across a narrow street from the Franciscans. It too was destroyed that night.

The Massabkis were martyred after professing their faith in the face of the attacking Muslims trying to force their apostasy. Around midnight, in the dark Franciscan church, with children among the witnesses, the Massabkis were killed, slashed and stabbed. Raphael had the singular glory of being savagely beaten, cut down, and stomped upon before the altar of the Mother of God. He had had a life-long devotion to the Blessed Mary, Ever-Virgin and had been praying before her altar during that night of darkness.

³ Homily 1.7.8 “on Ezechiel”

⁴ This is a variation on an Arabic name meaning “servant of the Giver”.

The bodies of five friars and these three laymen, martyred all together that night in July, were thrown into a well. These precious relics were subsequently recovered. Pope Pius XI beatified these men together in 1926. Let us pray that they also soon be canonized together in recognition of the glory of their witness to the true Faith.

As Damascenes, Maronites, and Catholics, the Massabkis lived fully the universal vocation of the Faith. They died side by side with Latin Franciscan friars from the Latin Church. Not locked in petty nationalism or singular preoccupation with self, the Massabki Martyrs clearly perceived the objective reality of the Gospel of salvation, destined as it is for all, and fructifying cultures all over the world. They lived this truth accordingly.

On a completely different note: a number of people have commented recently on how beautiful the grounds of Saint Joseph – especially the hedge and flower bed – look this summer. This is due to the devotion of **Jim** and **Richard Boles** who have kept the grass trimmed and the hedge sculpted. **Allison Crate** receives full credit for the flowerboxes and the little garden in front of the rectory. These parishioners are heartily thanked for the hard work and devotion they show.

May Saint Joseph intercede before the Face of the Hidden Father to obtain the riches of grace and blessings for the them and their families.

Although it was a great disappointment to have to cancel last Friday’s BBQ, the warnings of flashfloods and torrential rains simply did not allow for safe travel, but we can now look forward with even more expectation to the one scheduled for **August 6th**. That date will be a triple celebration: the *Feast of the Transfiguration*, a *First Friday*, and our finale for the summer parochial gatherings. Many thanks to all those who are working hard to make these BBQs successful.

It should be noted that we will resume our annual **Hafli** this year, to be celebrated on the last Saturday of September, as was done two years ago. This year it being on **September 25th**.

As we move among these celebrations, enriching our contacts with one another, may the Good One

enrich our minds with wisdom, fill our spirits with radiant knowledge as He leads us down a trail emblazoned by His Divine Son, illumined by the Spirit of Holiness, anchoring us in hope.

SCHEDULE OF READINGS

EIGHTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST
July 11, 2021

Rom 8: 1-11 St. Matthew 12: 14-21

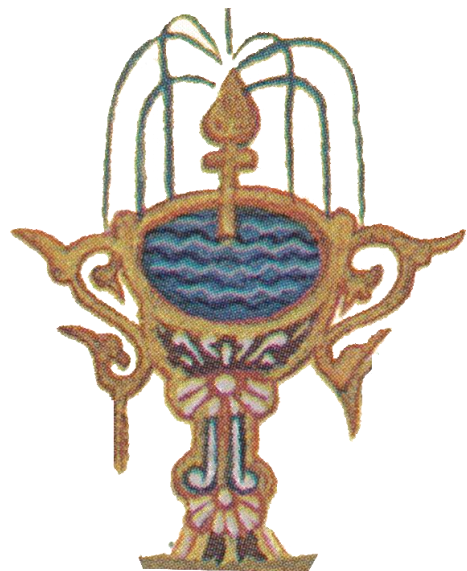
NINTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST
July 18, 2021

II Cor 5: 20 – 6:10 St. Luke 4: 14-21

VOCATION ICON

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

Sun	July	11	Steve & Allison Crate
Sun	July	18	Sue Paré & Lolo Salazar
Sun	July	25	Daja Gombojav & Family
Sun	August	1	Larry & Lisa Grard
Sat	August	7	Jim & Lenore Boles
Sun	August	15	Chris & Diane Wyder
Sun	August	22	Michael & Gayle Misner



LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

(Budgeted: \$3,100.00)

Regular Collection Last Week: \$2,556.00

(Budget Deficit 2021: \$18,590.00)⁵

An additional **\$325.00** has come in this week
toward the needed collection of **\$39,000.00**.⁶

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.*

INTENTIONS FOR THE QOURBONEH (MASSES)

Sun 11 9:00am --For the Members of the Parish

11:00am - Isaac Madore
(Gombojav Family)

Mon 12 -----

Tue 13 Special Intention
(Rita Hikel)

Wed 14 Donna Boudreau
(Pam & Dan Casavant)

Thu 15 Nicholas Family
(Mary Nicholas)

Fri 16 Private Intention
(Abouna)

Sat 17 10:00am Elijah Misner-Elias
(Misner Family)

Sun 18 9:00am --For the Members of the Parish

11:00am - †Joan Gottardi
(Donna-Jo Mitchell)

Mon 19 -----

Tue 20 †Mary & Paul Maroon
(Misner Family)

Wed 21 Victoria Elias
(Gayle Misner)

Thu 22 Fr. Doran
(Catherine & Ira Mandel)

Fri 23 Tegshee Michael Gombojav
(Daja Gombojav)

Sat 24 10:00am Ginnaz for Tony Joseph
(Joseph Family)

5:00pm Sunday Vigil Private Intention

Sun 25 9:00am --For the Members of the Parish
11:00am - Fr. Doran
(Misner Family)

Mon 26 -----

Tue 27 †Darrell Mitchell
(Donna-Jo Mitchell)

Wed 28 Nicholas Family
(Mary Nicholas)

Thu 29 †Joan Gottardi
(Donna-Jo Mitchell)

Fri 30 Michael Vorhis
(Gombojav Family)

*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: David Bourque, Barbara Joseph, Sally Derosby, Tala Poulin, Daja Gombojav, Richard Karter, Lolo Salazar, Charlotte Iserbyte, Rita Hikel, and all those who may suffer from disease, want, or depression.

⁵ Deficit 2019: \$72,270.59/Deficit 2020: \$34,473.00

⁶ This makes the amount toward our matching Challenge Grant (20k), to be presently **\$13,345.00**. The combined

collections are needed to cover this year's Lenten **Bishop's Appeal (now paid)** and the **building maintenance projects** we need to do.



*The Wine, Altar
Breads,
and the Sanctuary
Lights devoted
to our Lord God and
Savior
upon His Forgiving
Altar
for the Alohoyoh
Qourbonoh
have been offered for
the month of July*

*by Lolo Salazar and Suzanne Paré
in memory of Robert and Sharon Doran*

*May they receive light and joy
in the fullness of the Kingdom!*

and holydays has now been restored for all the Catholics of Maine.

9.) **Sunday Vigil** as we re-open will be re-established, 5:00pm:

10th Sunday of Pentecost, July 24th;

11th Sunday of Pentecost, July 31st;

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From the **Vigil of the Assumption** onward, August 14th, all Liturgical Vigils for Holy Days and Sundays will be fully restored, as will be the proper *transfer of Peace* during the Alohoyoh Qourbonoh.

10.) 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 the church.

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.) Those who are sick, or carry symptoms of sickness, must remain at home.
- 3.) All vulnerable, elderly, and at-risk individuals should remain at home and follow the Liturgies as posted on the parish's website.
- 4.) Wearing of face-masks is optional.
- 5.) As discussed in parish council meetings before the pandemic, in order to bring greater security and peace of mind, the **doors** will be **locked** at the beginning of each Liturgy.
- 6.) The final **Parish Social** and **Barbecue** will be on **August 6th**. All those attending this event are *dispensed from the Friday Fast*.
- 7.) Hand sanitizers remain available at the entrances and at the confessional.
- 8.) *The universal suppression of the canons concerning the Mass on holydays has been lifted.* The canonical obligation to assist at the Sacrifice of the Mass has been re-established by the bishops as of **June 20th** (for **Latin Catholics**) and **June 27th** (for the **Maronites**). The **ancient and serious obligation to attend Mass on Sundays**

SERVERS OF THE DIVINE ALTAR

July 11th:

9:00am: A. Michaud/ M. Carter

11:00am: I. Misner-Elias

July 18th:

9:00am: M. Carter/ N. Carter

11:00am: L. Michaud/ S. Nappi

July 25th:

9:00am: A. Michaud/ M. Carter

11:00am: I. Misner-Elias/S. Nappi

August 1st:

9:00am: M. Carter/ N. Carter

11:00am: L. Michaud/ S. Nappi

August 8th:

9:00am: A. Michaud/N. Carter

11:00am: I. Misner-Elias/S. Nappi

August 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* 178A

Glory: SB *glory*

Qolo/Hymn: LB *Hdaow zadeeqeh* 179

Creed p 748

PRE-ANAPHORA:

Transfer of Gifts: LB *The Lord Reigns*

Incense Hymn Offertory: SB *I'maryam yoldat*

ANAPHORA:

Twelve Apostles: LB p 754

Sign of Peace: SB *tou ba*

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

Recessional: SB *The Lord is with us*



Our Lady of Mount Carmel

July 16th