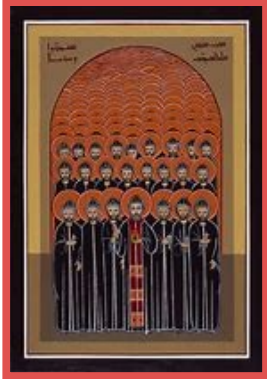


# Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost



July 29, 2018

## Saint Joseph Maronite Catholic Church



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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 **three months in advance**. Recommended stipends:  
weekday intentions \$10; weekend intentions \$15
- Monthly Memorials:** Sanctuary Candles \$20; Altar Bread \$25; Wine \$45

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**Choir Director:** Fefa Deeb **Parish Secretary:** Paula Mitchell **Catechists:** Lenore Boles, Director & K-1<sup>st</sup>; Jane Lee, 2<sup>nd</sup>; Shana Page, 3-5<sup>th</sup> **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

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### THIS DAY'S EPISTLE Ephesians 2: 17-22

He came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near, for through Him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the holy ones and members of the Household of God, built upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, with Christ Jesus Himself as the capstone. Through Him the whole structure is held together and grows into a temple sacred in the Lord.

In Him you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.





A final *heartfelt thanks* to you all once again for the beautiful weekend in celebration of my thirtieth anniversary of priestly ordination. The Knights of Columbus did an excellent and generous work in their cooking, showing hospitality to all.

Your generosity in time, organization and gifts has been touching and the faith you have shown deeply edifying. Please forgive me for falling behind in personally thanking each of you individually.

*May the Good One reward each of you  
with grace and blessing  
for the kindness you have shown to His servant.*

### ABOUNA'S REFLECTIONS

Full of delicacy and a very refined moral sense, charity is quite grateful for every favor received and it seeks to express adequate thanks.<sup>1</sup>

The essence of supernatural charity – and of even mundane love – is **benevolence** and **beneficence**. Love transforms human vision so that firstly we see the good around us, and then both wish good to expand (benevolence) and to accomplish good for others (beneficence) when occasion allows. Recognizing the good that exists and the good that is possible to do makes an individual grateful.

**Gratitude** is thus a characteristic of charity. The New Testament asserts that there is a distinction between worldly (mundane) love and infused charity. That which enters the world through the Incarnation and grace is self-giving and selfless. The example of the crucifixion, the miracles and the healing compassion all show us the path of divine charity; grace permits us to share in its beauty. It costs, however, and grace burns the soul. It requires death to selfishness and the normal self-

<sup>1</sup> From Charity and Liberty by Rev. Fr. Ceslaus Spicq, OP

centered interestedness that comes so naturally to us all.

The insistence in the New Testament is on the contrast between sinners and the children of this world – who naturally love those who love them – and the children of God, the children of the light, who love and give without expecting anything in return.<sup>2</sup> Because it is natural for us to love those who love us, it is also a sad characteristic of human nature to form barriers, build walls, to segment out and isolate “the other” whom we do not know and who, for that reason, do not love us. They are thus foreign to our personal interests. Worldly love is always prey to insecurity and jealousy.

Charity, on the other hand, changes our sight and in permitting us to see “the good” moves us to do good *because it is good* and not because of any other, ulterior motive of gain. It is grace alone that can make us overcome our natural and primary preoccupation with “numero uno”.

Furthermore, due to this elevated perception of good, one transformed by charity is strengthened to overlook evil treatment received.<sup>3</sup> This does not mean that we become impervious to pain, but that we are strengthened to practice good even in the face of suffering and betrayal. We imitate the crucified Messiah.

In the end, this strengthening of mind and heart by charity means that we are enabled more keenly to perceive the good around us and to pursue the good that should be accomplished – because it is good and without calculating personal gain. This is another characteristic of charity: **disinterestedness**.<sup>4</sup>

Setting aside self-interest is as difficult as it is God-like,<sup>5</sup> but it is this which makes us “children” of God. Those who have come to learn from the Hidden One and follow in the footsteps He once traced along the paths of Galilee and Jerusalem are both disciples and imitators of divine charity.<sup>6</sup>

<sup>2</sup> St. Luke 6: 32-34

<sup>3</sup> Romans 8: 28

<sup>4</sup> I Cor 13: 5

<sup>5</sup> St. Matthew 5: 43-48

<sup>6</sup> Romans 15: 1-6

## SCHEDULE OF READINGS

### ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

July 29, 2018

Ephesians 2: 17-22    St. Luke 19: 1-10

### TWELFTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

August 5, 2018

Ephesians 3: 1-13    St. Matthew 15: 21-28

## August Memorial Offerings

### Altar Breads

In memory of George Deeb

Donated by *Peter Maroon, Sr.*

At the time of the writing of this bulletin we received news that **John Mitchell** passed from this world on the morning of July 25<sup>th</sup>. Our condolences and prayers are with the family who so beautifully surrounded him during his last days.

*May the Compassionate One embrace him  
and lead him into the fullness of Light in the  
Kingdom.*

The **Wake** will take place at the church on Tuesday, July 31<sup>st</sup>, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

The **Incense Ceremony** will be at 6:00 p.m.

The **Funeral Liturgy** and **Ginnaz** will be on Wednesday, **August 1<sup>st</sup>**, at 11:00 a.m.

There will be *no* Mass at 9:00 a.m.

### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Regular Collection:    \$1140.00

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

### AUGUST CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FOOD BANK

Family sized items: stews, ravioli, jiffy mixes, condiments, toilet paper and personal care items. Please place these items in the box near the church's Appleton Street entrance.

July 29<sup>th</sup> is our last social gathering after Sunday Qoorbonoh. There will be **no muffins** and coffee during August

- everyone's at camp, apparently.

Giving Larry a well-deserved break, we will **resume** these social activities **September 9<sup>th</sup>**



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### VOCATION ICON

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

Sun	July 29	Bruce & Doreen White
Sun	Aug 5	Larry and Paula Mitchell
Sun	Aug 12	Lowell & Mary Hawes
Sun	Aug 19	Larry & Lisa Grard
Sun	Aug 26	Chris & Diane Wyder
Sat	Sept 1	Jim & Lenore Boles



INTENTIONS FOR THE QURBONEH (MASSES)

- Sat 28 †Charles Owen  
(the parish)
- Sun 29 For the members of the Parish
- Mon 30 -----
- Tue 31 Veilleux Family  
(Pam & Dan Casavant)  
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Wed 1 †John Mitchell  
(his family)
- Thu 2 †Paul Mitchell  
(Pam & Dan Casavant)  
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Fri 3 Veilleux Family  
(Pam & Dan Casavant)
- Sat 4 †Charles Owen  
(the parish)
- Sun 5 †Jibryne & Jeannette Karter  
(Jan Bourque)  
-- For the members of the Parish
- Mon 6 -----
- Tue 7 †Clem Boulette  
(Pam & Dan Casavant)  
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Wed 8 †Theresa Casavant  
(Pam & Dan Casavant)  
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors

*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, Louise Saliem, Virginia Poulin, Beverly Rideout, Paul Laverdiere, and Marie Lessard.

## Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost "B" p 492

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

**Entrance Hymn:** LB *imsheeHo* 178A

**Glory:** SB *glory*

**Qolo/Hymn:** LB *zadeqeh* 179A

Creed p 748

PRE-ANAPHORA:

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

**Incense Hymn:** SB p 3 #8 *ikbal*

ANAPHORA:

**The Twelve Apostles:** LB p 754

**Sign of Peace:** SB *Gift of Peace*

**Communion:** SB *I am the Vine & The St. Francis Prayer*

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

\*LB=Liturgical Book SB=Song Book