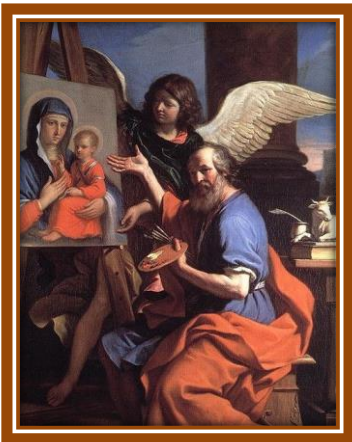


Saint Joseph Maronite Catholic Church



Fifth Sunday after Holy Cross

October 14, 2018



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

- 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

Catechists: Lenore Boles, *Director & K-1st*; Shana Page, 3-5th **Choir Director:** Dame Fefa Marie Deeb, DSG **Parish Council President:** Lisa Gard **Ex-officio Council Members:** Subdeacon Steve Crate; Lenore Boles, *Religious Education*; Larry Mitchell, *Knights of Columbus*; Shana Page, *Rosary Sodality*

TODAY'S EPISTLE Phil 2: 12-18

So then, my beloved, obedient as you have always been, not only when I am present but all the more now when I am absent, work out your salvation with fear and trembling. For God is the One Who, for His good purpose, works in you both to desire and to work.

Do everything without grumbling or questioning, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine like stars in the

world, as you hold on to the word of Life, so that my boast on the day of Christ may be that I did not run in vain or labor in vain.

But, even if I am poured out as a libation over the sacrificial offering of your faith, I rejoice and share my joy with all of you.

In the same way, you also should be glad and rejoice with me.



ABOUNA'S REFLECTIONS

Not only the initial gift of love
is of celestial origin (II Thess 2: 10)
but every increase of this charity can only be
obtained by divine favor...¹

In the modern world, if one thinks of salvation at all, it is often with the idea that it is attained on our own volition, or even, that it simply "happens because God is good". Often this may happen, but it is not Christianity. The healing of the human spirit and the restoration of human life as it had been intended in Paradise - Salvation - is a divine gift and freely given by the Hidden One of compassion. One cannot merit salvation. One cannot enter the Beatific Vision ("Heaven") on one's own. To hold a contrary opinion is heresy and was already argued over, intensely, and condemned in the fourth century. This erroneous doctrine is called "**Pelagianism**", and Pope Benedict XVI even before he was Pontiff called attention to its resurgence as a predominant error and stumbling block to the modern world.

Salvation is completely and entirely a gift of God. It is merited, in truth, only by the life, death and resurrection of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ. For the rest of us, we are given the *possibility* to share in this work through the Faith and the Divine Mysteries. Once we are in the state of grace we must pray daily that God increase and develop the supernatural life within us.

This is the meaning in today's Reading where Saint Paul writes that "for His good purpose", God is the One Who works in us "both to desire and to work". God initiates therapeutic salvation, fosters its growth, and brings it to fruition.

For these reasons, Saint Augustine stated that when God *rewards* the saints, He does nothing other than *crown* His own work. While Our Lord in strict justice does merit the salvation of the world by His Death on Calvary, the saints "merit" Heaven in an analogous manner, that is, it is in *collaborating* with God's work by grace that they enter into divine life.

This Catholic vision is completely other than the many modern one prevailing such as "getting to Heaven on one's own", "being nice is sufficient" or that by simply dying one goes "to a better place". These may be contemporary notions in which some find consolation, but they are not Christian ones.

On the contrary, Saint Paul makes it clear today that salvation is obtained through effort in *collaboration* with the One Who works in us. Salvation requires a collaborative effort with this Hidden God, in which we must "run" and "labor". In the end - using sacrificial images - poured out as a sacrifice at the divine altar, Saint Paul has confidence that the "offering" of our faith will lead us to the joy of the Divine Light. It all requires effort.

We all desire "the crown", so we must pray daily for the grace and aid from God to both "desire" and to "work" within the transformative grace of the Resurrection.

Let us strive to do as the saints before us: to shine like stars in the "midst of a crooked and perverse generation" - and be ever grateful for having the opportunity to do so.

SCHEDULE OF READINGS

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER HOLY CROSS

October 14, 2018

Phil 2: 12-18 **St. Matthew 25: 1-13**

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER HOLY CROSS

October 21, 2018

Gal 6: 1-10 **St. Matthew 25: 14-30**

VOCATION ICON

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

Sun	Oct 14	Bruce & Doreen White
Sun	Oct 21	Larry and Paula Mitchell
Sun	Oct 28	Lowell & Mary Hawes
Sun	Nov 4	Larry & Lisa Grard
Sat	Nov 10	Jim & Lenore Boles

¹ From Charity and Liberty by Rev. Fr. Ceslaus Spicq, OP

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Regular Collection: \$1559.00

The upcoming second collection will be on
October 21st: World Mission Sunday

(As established by the USCCB, 91% of this collection goes to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, and 9% to the Catholic Near East Welfare Association.)

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



Dame Marie Fefa Deeb, DSG sends a word to all the parishioners:

I am overwhelmed by the love you have shown me on the celebration of my induction into the Order of Saint Gregory the Great. The Pot Luck Luncheon was the most bountiful display of Saint Joseph's wonderful cooks and the beautiful cake was the frosting on the entire event. Thank you to all!!

Your hard work, effort and contributions made this a great success. It is all truly appreciated. Let's continue all to work for Saint Joseph. I am here to help, God willing. God bless us all!

ORDER OF SAINT SHARBEL

This year **October 14** is designated as "Order of Saint Sharbel Sunday" in our Eparchy. On October 14, all Maronite parishes will be promoting the Order.

The **Order of Saint Sharbel** is *vitally* important in providing financial and spiritual support for our seminarians, who are crucial for the future of our Maronite Church.

Please prayerfully consider joining the Order. You may enroll online at www.orderstsharbel.org.

HEY! OUR OWN DSG ALSO SAYS, "DON'T FORGET THE ANNUAL WINTER BAZAAR IS ON NOVEMBER 3RD, 9:00-2:00"

OCTOBER 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.

Coffee Schedule

- Oct 14** Mary Bard, Jody Veilleux
- Oct 21** April Mitchell, Mary-Jo Hodgkin
- Oct 28** Elaine Hoag, Cindy Elias
- Nov 4** Jan Bourque, Shana Page
- Nov 11** -----
- Nov 18** Dale Sturtevant, Elizabeth Wilson
- Nov 25** Lauraine Mansur, Ruth Lunn

GATECHISM

The Religious Instruction Program this year will **return to a weekly format.**

Following the Sunday Mass there will be classes for the youngsters *one half hour each week following the Divine Qoorbonoh.*

The **Adult Religion Classes, Wednesdays, 6:30 pm,** will continue through the week before Thanksgiving and resume in the second half of January.

INTENTIONS FOR THE QURBONEH (MASSES)

- Sat 13 †Charles Owen
(the parish)
- Sun 14 For the members of the Parish
- Mon 15 -----
- Tue 16 †Kathleen Hawes
(Peter Maroon, Sr.)
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Wed 17 †Charles & Brent Maroon
(Peter Maroon, Sr)
- Thu 18 †Ernest & Louis Maroon
(Peter Maroon, Sr)
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Fri 19 †Marion Maroon
(Barbara Atkins)
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Sat 20 †Ray & Grace Dougherty
(Alice & Ron Montgomery)
- Sun 21 †Kathleen Hawes
(the Hawes Family)
-- For the members of the Parish
- Mon 22 -----
- Tue 23 †John Mitchell
(Janet George)
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Wed 24 Catholic Extension Society & Donors
(the Donors)
- Thu 25 †William & Sadie Ayoob
(Mary Ayoob)
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Fri 26 †Sumayah Deeb
(the parish)
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Sat 27 Catholic Extension Society & Donors
(the Donors)
-- For the members of the Parish
- Sun 28 †George Deeb
(Herbert Joseph, Sr.)
- Mon 29 -----

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, and Marie Lessard.

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

Entrance Hymn: LB fsheeto 233

Glory: SB glory

Qolo/Hymn: LB etow 234

Creed p 748

PRE-ANAPHORA:

Transfer of Gifts: LB *The Lord Reigns*

Incense Hymn Offertory: SB *ikbal*

ANAPHORA:

St Mark: LB p 835

Sign of Peace: SB *Gift of Peace*

Communion: SB *I am the Vine; Eagles' Wings*

Recessional: SB *The Lamb*

*LB=Liturgical Book SB=Song Book