

Saint Joseph Maronite Catholic Church



Fifth Sunday of Pentecost

July 7, 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." *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 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. Matthew 10: 1-7

He called His twelve disciples, giving them authority to drive out unclean spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve Apostles: the first of them was Simon, called *Kepha*, and his brother Andrew; James, son of Zebedee, and his brother John;

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

Philip, Bartholomew, Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James, son of Halphai, and *Labee*, surnamed *Thaddai*;

Simon the Canaanite, and Judah Iscariot, who betrayed Him.

Jesus sent out these twelve and commanded them, "Do not go along the way of the pagans, nor enter any town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. As you go, proclaim, 'The Kingdom of Heaven has arrived.'"



ABOUNA'S REFLECTIONS

Much in the modern world is convoluted and complex, which means that much has to be "disentangled" by a thinking Catholic. At times it can be overwhelming. The *faith* illuminates the human mind so that it can see correctly, reflect soundly, and judge coherently amidst the complexity that surrounds us, and with recent legislation in Maine our world has become more and more complex: the extension and public payment of abortions, the recent surge in immigrants, and legally assisted suicide.

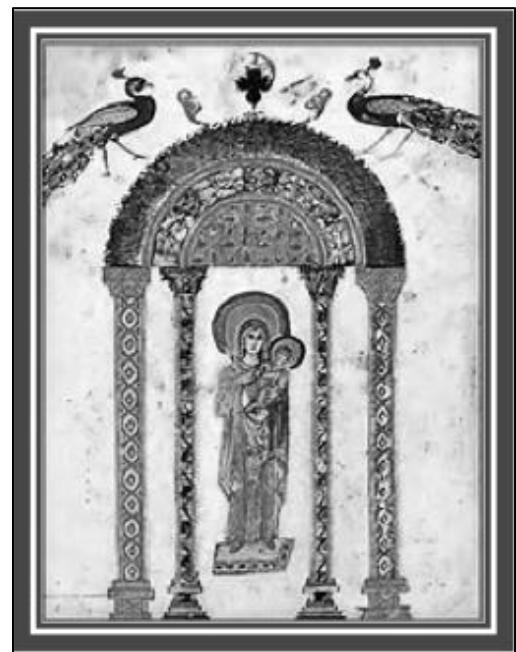
What should we think of these things as Christians?

To begin with, we must always keep in mind that our first duty in all issues, both public and private, when we deal with people is to retain *respect* and *patience*. We must respect all because of their intrinsic dignity having been created in the image of God. Every human being has, and is, loved by God or else he would not exist. There are philosophical arguments behind this statement, but suffice it to say that the act of creation is one of free choice on the part of the Divine and that divine freedom originates in the fact that God is Eternal Charity. No one would have been created at all if he had not first been loved from all eternity.

The second reason for this respect is that every person, regardless of where they land among the religions of the world, has been *redeemed* by the Precious Blood of the Savior. They may not have availed themselves of this redemption personally, but they have been redeemed all the same and the *potential* for their salvation is real. Thus, acknowledging this double predilection of divine love (creation and redemption) we recognize the dignity of each person.

Lastly, especially in dealing with non-Christians, our thoughts and actions in treating with others must be softened by *patience* as we recognize that they "do not know" much of what we take for granted from our catechism and the teaching of the Church. They are, as stated in the Gospel, like sheep without a shepherd.²

Their lack of understanding and absence of vision should provoke compassion in us. This should be our habitual stance. In honoring the Lord, we show respect for these people in who they are by the Hand of God, and we must exercise patience in regard to where they are and what they have made of their lives. At the same time, we pray for the transcendent light to shine upon their spirits and hearts that they may be freed from confusion and darkness.



² St. Matthew 9: 36

SCHEDULE OF READINGS

FIFTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

July 7, 2019

Phil 3: 7-14 St. Matthew 10: 1-7

SIXTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

July 14, 2019

I Cor 12: 12-13/27-30 St. Matthew 10: 16-25

VOCATION ICON

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

Sun	July 7	Lowell & Mary Hawes
Sun	July 14	Larry & Lisa Grard
Sat	July 20	Jim & Lenore Boles
Sun	July 28	Chris & Diane Wyder
Sun	Aug 4	Bruce & Doreen White
Sun	Aug 11	Steve and Allison Crate

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Regular Collection: \$1317.00

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

INTENTIONS FOR THE QOURBONEH (MASSES)

Sat	6	†Charles Owen (the Parish) -- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
Sun	7	For the members of the Parish
Mon	8	-----
Tue	9	Catholic Extension Society & Donors

Wed	10	†Roland Carter (Pam & Dan Casavant) -- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
Thu	11	Catholic Extension Society & Donors
Fri	12	Private Intention (Abouna James) -- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
Sat	13	†Joseph Smus (Paula, David & Patricia Smus) -- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
Sun	14	For the members of the Parish
Mon	15	-----
Tue	16	Catholic Extension Society & Donors
Wed	17	†Marietta & John Thomas (Pam & Dan Casavant) -- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
Thu	18	Catholic Extension Society & Donors
Fri	19	Private Intention (Abouna James) -- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
Sat	20	†Charles Owen (the Parish) -- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
Sun	21	For the members of the Parish
Mon	22	-----
Tue	23	Catholic Extension Society & Donors
Wed	24	†Marietta & John Thomas (Pam & Dan Casavant) -- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
Thu	25	Catholic Extension Society & Donors
Fri	26	Private Intention (Abouna James) -- Catholic Extension Society & Donors



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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: Herbert Joseph, Mary Hawes, Doreen Nader, Tala Poulin, Louise Saliem, Virginia Poulin, Mary Morin, and Beverly Rideout.

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

Entrance Hymn: LB *safreh* 200

Glory: SB *al majdu*

Qolo/Hymn: LB *shreero* 201A

Creed p 748

PRE-ANAPHORA:

Transfer of Gifts: LB *The Lord Reigns*

Incense Hymn Offertory: SB *l'maryam yoldat*

ANAPHORA:

Saint Mark, the Evangelist: LB p 835

Sign of Peace: SB *Gift of Peace*

Communion: SB *O, Bread of Life; O Sanctissima*

Recessional: SB *Alleluia #1*

*LB=Liturgical Book SB=Song Book



*Saint Benedict, Abbot
July 11th*

