

Saint Joseph Maronite Catholic Church



Fifth Sunday of the Resurrection

May 19, 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*; Shana Page, *Rosary Sodality*

TODAY'S EPISTLE Ephesians 2: 1-10

You were dead through the transgressions and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient.

All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of the flesh and its

impulses; and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else.

But God, Who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ – by grace you have been saved – and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to

come He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in His kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing: it is the gift of God – not the result of works – so that no one may boast.

For we are His handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared beforehand to be our way of life.



ABOUNA'S REFLECTIONS

Henceforth, we know the constitutives
and the nature of this sovereign liberty.

It is the essence of a filial morality.

Only those who have God for their Father
are truly free.

This liberty is matured by the Holy Spirit
who frees us progressively from inherited servitudes.¹

Good morals, when we are immature, begin with law (learning “the rules”), they improve by becoming “second nature” as we mature so that we act in an honorable and virtuous way not simply because “we must”, but because they define the actions of the mature. Our actions express who we are. Yet they do not become “perfect” (and dispositive of entrance into the Kingdom of God at death) until they are performed as second nature *originating in filial love*, that is, inspired by divine charity. Anything less than this is a deficiency for the children of God.

Should we follow this path and allow its direction to lead our lives, we will arrive at holiness, become true disciples of Our Lord, and, finally, be made selfless in holiness as the offspring of the Good One.

Rules make us “obedient” as children; maturing in discipline, good action makes us “virtuous” in our youth; and with mature age, along with wisdom,

virtue when transformed by divine charity we are made “holy”.

Only love can make us truly free. To the degree that charity is absent from the motivation of our daily actions we are all the less virtuous and less free before the Holy One.

Because we must consciously break with our sins, faults, and even our bad habits – all the forms of servitude in human life – this is challenging; but the development is always possible as grace permeates our lives. It is the reason that Saint Paul often repeated that the Divine Spirit, the Promise of the Father and the Power from on High, has been given to believers.

All the same, it does make one stop and consider the magnitude and the importance of our actions. We only have one life in which to do these things. We must make every day have value toward the goal. Grace gives purpose and meaning, and to live apart from Christ is death.² Christians may live in a fallen world where ignorance, confusion, and darkness make inroads too often, but we are also bathed in the light of grace even as we approach judgement.

As Saint Peter once wrote, if judgement begins in the house of God, and *we* find it a challenge to be faithful, how much more stringent will it be for those who are without?³

SCHEDULE OF READINGS

FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

May 19, 2019

Eph 2: 1-10 St. John 21: 15-19

SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

May 26, 2019

Rom 10: 1-13 St. Luke 24: 36-48

THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

May 30, 2019

Acts 1: 1-14 St. Mark 16: 15-20

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

² *Sedro*, Thursday of the Glorious Resurrection

³ I Peter 4: 17

VOCATION ICON

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

Sun	May 19	Steve and Alison Crate
Sun	May 26	Lowell & Mary Hawes
Sun	June 2	Larry & Lisa Grard
Sat	June 8	Jim & Lenore Boles
Sun	June 16	Chris & Diane Wyder
Sun	June 23	Bruce & Doreen White

Mr. Amine Harb at amineharb@harbco.com or Mr. Louis Ragy at louisragy@gmail.com. One may also contact the person in Lebanon who is coordinating this effort: Patricia Sfeir at patricia.sfeir@wpcf.org.lb, or please contact Bishop Gregory directly.

Catechesis

The *Adult Religion Course* is **Wednesdays, 6:30.**
This week will be our last session until the fall.

LAST WEEK’S COLLECTIONS

Regular Collection: \$1418.00

Please remember that our *Lenten Assessment* is **\$4000.00**. Any funds lacking to this amount will need to be made up and then sent to the eparchy, so we still need to work to meet set our goal (\$2215 has been contributed thus far)

The Next Collection will be on **June 2nd** for the **Catholic Communications Campaign**
(Following the norms established by the USCCB, 50% of this collection is for national Catholic television, radio and other media, and 50% is retained by our Eparchy for the Maronite Voice and our other communication needs.)

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

INTENTIONS FOR THE QOURBONEH (MASSES)

- Sat 18 Fr. Chris Piselli
(the Parish)
- Sun 19 Fr. Chris Piselli
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Mon 20 -----
- Tue 21 Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Wed 22 †Marietta & John Thomas
(Pam & Dan Casavant)
- Thu 23 Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Fri 24 Private intention
(Abouna James)
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Sat 25 †Mary Smus
(Paula, David & Patricia Smus)
- Sun 26 †John Mansur
(Lorraine Mansur)
- Mon 27 -----
- Tue 28 Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Wed 29 †Marietta & John Thomas
(Pam & Dan Casavant)
6:00 For the members of the Parish
- Thu 30 Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Fri 31 Subdeacon Michael Shami
(Abouna James)
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Sat 1 Subdeacon Michael Shami
(Abouna James)
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Sun 2 Subdeacon Michael Shami
(Abouna James)

Our *Patriarch* is looking to engage business men and women in some of the charitable work being done in Lebanon. He also desires that business men and women do what they can to promote business interests with men and women of good will inside Lebanon

The effort is promoted under the working committee the Patriarch has established called: *The World Patriarchal Maronite Foundation for Integral Development*. Their website is www.wpcf.org.lb. Anyone interested is asked to send his name, email, home address, and phone number. Bishop Mansour will be glad to put them in touch with those involved in Lebanon.

There is also planned a Socio-Economic Forum in Bkerke for this August 2019. For more information please contact two of our men who plan to attend:

- Mon 3 -----
 Tue 4 Catholic Extension Society & Donors
 Wed 5 †Shawn Gilley
 (Pam & Dan Casavant)
 Thu 6 Catholic Extension Society & Donors
 Fri 7 Private Intention
 (Abouna James)
 -- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
 Sat 8 †Patriarch Sfeir
 (the Parish)

PRE-ANAPHORA:

Transfer of Gifts: LB *The Lord Reigns*

Incense Hymn Offertory: SB *l'maryam yoldat*

ANAPHORA:

Saint John Chrysostom: LB p 876

Sign of Peace: SB *too ba*

Communion: SB *O Lord, I am not worthy; Ye Sons and Daughters*

Recessional: SB *Joyful, joyful*

*LB=Liturgical Book SB=Song Book

MAY 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 at the Appleton Street Entrance.

MAY DEVOTIONS

This month's Altar Breads will be provided toward the Divine Qourban for the month of May *in memory of Sam & Lottie Deeb*. Donated in their names by Dame Marie Fefa, DSG

May they be brought into the fullness of the light and joy of the Kingdom.

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: Doreen Nader, Tala Poulin, Louise Saliem, Virginia Poulin, and Beverly Rideout.

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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 *imsheeho* 146B

Creed p 748



*Saints Constantine and Helen, Equal-to-the-Apostles
 May 21st*