Saint Joseph Maronite Catholic Church





January 6, 2020

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." 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 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* Choir Director: Dame Marie Fefa Deeb, DSG Parish Council President: Lisa Grard Ex-officio Council Members: Lenore Boles, *Religious Education*; Larry Mitchell, *Knights of Columbus*; Ruth Lunn, *Rosary Sodality*

ÓENDO'S GOSDEL¹ St. Luke 3: 15-22

And while the people were thinking about John, and were all wondering in their hearts whether he was the Messiah, John responded to them,

I baptize you in water, but He Who is to come is more powerful than I, the straps of Whose sandals

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

I am not worthy to untie.

He shall baptize you

with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

He holds the winnowing fork

in His hand, and He shall purge

His threshing floor

and gather the wheat into His storehouse,

but He will burn the chaff

with a fire that does not go out.

He also taught many other things, proclaiming the good tidings to the people.

But because John had rebuked Herod the Tetrarch concerning Herodias, the wife of his brother Philip (and concerning all the wicked things he had been doing) he² added this to them all: he locked John up in prison.

It happened that while all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized also. As He prayed, the heavens opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in the bodily form of a dove.

And there was a Voice from heaven that said, "You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased."





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

This year you have outdone yourselves in the gifts,

cards, and all around kindness and generosity you have shown to your pastor. Thank you for such thoughtfulness!

May the Lord of Wisdom and Light illumine your days all throughout this new year of grace!



Schedule of Readings

THE FINDING OF OUR LORD IN THE TEMPLE
January 5, 2020

Heb 7: 11-19 St. Luke 2: 41-52

THE GLORIOUS EPIPHANY
January 6, 2020

Titus 2: 11-3: 7 St. Luke 3: 15-22

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
January 12, 2020

II Cor 10: 1-11 St. John 3: 29-34

VOCATION ICON

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

Sun Jan	5	Steve and Allison Crate
Sun Jan	12	Sue Paré and Lolo Salazar
Sun Jan	19	Lowell Hawes
Sun Jan	26	Larry & Lisa Grard
Sat Feb	1	Jim & Lenore Boles
Sun Feb	9	Chris & Diane Wyder
Sun Feb	16	Bruce & Doreen White

ABOUNA'S REFLECTIONS

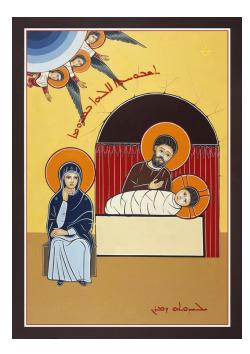
Everything -- animate, inanimate, living, and dead -- moves, willy-nilly, toward the great Manifestation!

² Herod

³ Homily 1.7.8 "on Ezechiel"

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, Louise Saliem, and Virginia Poulin



LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Regular Collection: \$1209.00

For years we have been short on **Altar Linens**. We have recently ordered a new set for the **Main Altar**, and for *those who may wish to assist* in the beauty and dignity of the Altar of the Lord, we had to spend **\$1,500.00**

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

INTENTIONS FOR THE QOURBONEH (MASSES)

Sat 4 †Malcolm Spencer

(Bodhi Spencer)

-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors

Sun 5 10:00am For the members of the Parish 4:00pm Catholic Extension Society

Mon 6 10:00 am Fr. Edward Perrone

(Edwin Laabs)

Tue 7 -----

Wed 8 Catholic Extension Society & Donors

Thu 9 †Mary Hawes (Shirley Thomas)

Fri 10 Private Intention

(Abouna James)

-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors

Sat 11 †Charles Owen (the Parish)

-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors

Sun 12 The Michaud Family

Mon 13 -----

Tue 14 Catholic Extension Society & Donors

Wed 15 Catholic Extension Society & Donors

Thu 16 †Mary Hawes (Shirley Thomas)

Fri 17 Private Intention

(Abouna James)

-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors

Sat 18 †Charles Owen

(the Parish)

-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors

Sun 19 For the Members of the Parish

Mon 20 -----

Tue 21 Catholic Extension Society & Donors

Wed 22 Catholic Extension Society & Donors

Thu 23 †Mary Hawes

(Pam & Dan Casavant)

Fri 24 Private Intention

(Abouna James)

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The Finding of our Lord in the Temple p 107

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

Entrance Hymn: LB Msheeho 75B

Glory: SB glory

Qolo/Hymn: LB shareero 76A

Creed p 748

PRE-ANAPHORA:

Transfer of Gifts: LB The Lord Reigns (Nativity) **Incense Hymn Offertory:** SB *l'maryam yoldat*

ANAPHORA:

Saint John Chrysostom: LB p 876

Sign of Peace: SB tou ba

Communion: SB O Body of my Savior; We three

Kings

Recessional: SB Joy to the World

*LB=Liturgical Book SB=Song Book



The Praises of Saint John the Forerunner

January 7th

Schedule for the Soly Days of Obligation in the Ehristmas Season

Besides the usual Sundays, each of the Christian Faithful are under *serious obligation* to assist at the Divine Sacrifice on these days, to be equally treated as one would a Sunday:

The Glorious Epiphany

Vigil of the Epiphany

Sunday, January 5, 2020 4:00 pm

Glorious Epiphany

Monday, January 6, 2020 10:00 am

Please note that there will be **no** Mass on the *morning* of Tuesday, **January** 7th