

# Saint Joseph Maronite Catholic Church



## THE FINDING OF OUR LORD IN THE TEMPLE



December 30, 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

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**Catechists:** Lenore Boles, *Director & K-1<sup>st</sup>*; Shana Page, 3-5<sup>th</sup> **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*

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### TODAY'S EPISTLE Hebrews 7: 11-19

If, then, perfection came through the Levitical priesthood, on the basis of which the people received the Law, what need would there still have been for another priest to arise according to the order of Melchizedek, and not reckoned according to the order of Aaron?

When there is a change of priesthood, there is necessarily a change of law as well.

Now He of Whom these things are said belonged to a different tribe, of which no member ever officiated at the altar.

It is clear that our Lord arose from Judah, and in regard to that tribe Moses said nothing about priests.

It is even more obvious if another priest is raised up after the likeness of Melchizedek, who has become so, not by a law expressed in a commandment concerning physical descent, but

by the power of a life that cannot be destroyed.  
For it is testified:

*You are a priest forever  
according to the order of Melchizedek.*

On the one hand, a former commandment is annulled because of its weakness and uselessness, for the Law brought nothing to perfection; on the other hand, a better hope is introduced, through which we draw near to God.



## **ABOUNA'S REFLECTIONS**

*A love of beauty and of generosity  
can only give rise to happiness.<sup>1</sup>*

Joy is the response to possessing a good. This is a bit abstract, perhaps, but all that it means is that when we are in the presence of something good, something that we love, we have an emotional response that is called "joy". In the Scriptures, the verb that corresponds to the noun *agapé* (charity) most often signifies "to be content, satisfied, happy". It is often associated with "rejoicing".

Note that joy is not "exuberance" or "exultation," and although they are often confused they are not the same. When they *are* mixed up then those who do not feel exuberant often think themselves not to be joyful. This is altogether false. One can be exuberant without joy (think Friday night at the bar) and one can be joyful without exuberance (think Saint Sharbel in his hermitage).

Joy has depth, exuberance is outward expression. Joy brings contentedness and peace. Exuberance fosters noise and commotion. The person who is truly joyful is one who treasures the present good, and loves what they possess. Joy is most often quiet.

Exuberance is always loud. Joy can express itself in tears; exuberance never.

The joy of Christmas is one of knowledge and possession. It is the *knowledge* that the Divine Word has expressed Himself to us in these the last days through the womb of the most-holy Virgin. It is *possession*, because we have been offered – and have received – that divine Gift by grace and faith. So long as we have the Faith, and live in the state of God's grace, we possess the Eternal One made Man for our salvation. This is true joy.

This kind of joy is supernatural, of course, and often we "feel" it especially around the beauty of Christmas celebrations, but it is important to keep in mind that it is ongoing reality that we are supposed to possess all throughout the year.

Joy is what centers and lends depth to beatitude – our happiness as Catholics. As we possess by grace the infinite One of all consolation, the Eternal Light, the Creator-Word, the expression of this joy is strictly speaking ineffable – "unspeakable". Hence, this joy, as is it directed and rooted in the Hidden Light, is rather a participation in the happiness of heaven than it is in the mere temporal happiness of this earth. Christian joy is already a stable participation in the beatitude of God. Understood this way, joy lends *gravitas* to a life transformed by grace: know what we love, treasure it, and imitate what we have found.

In the end, the joy of the glorious Birth of the Messiah is something that can hardly be expressed, nevertheless it can be lived; and it is in living this joy that we become the "face of Christ" and manifest the reality of faith to those around us. This is the manner in which the Gospel has always been spread: person to person in supernatural joy.

What a perfect resolution for the new year of grace!

### **LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS**

**Regular Collection: \$2765.00**

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

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

**VOCATION ICON**

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

Sun Dec 30 Larry and Paula Mitchell  
 Sun Jan 6 Lowell & Mary Hawes  
 Sun Jan 13 Larry & Lisa Grard  
 Sat Jan 19 Jim & Lenore Boles  
 Sun Jan 27 Bruce & Doreen White

**SCHEDULE OF READINGS**

**FINDING OF OUR LORD IN THE TEMPLE**

December 30, 2018

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

**FEAST OF THE CIRCUMCISION**

January 1, 2019

**Heb 7: 1-10 St. Luke 2: 21-24**

**FEAST OF THE GLORIOUS EPIPHANY**

January 6, 2019

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

**INTENTIONS FOR THE QURBONEH (MASSES)**

Sat 29 †Agie Jankowski  
*(Gladys Avcollie & Badiha Spencer)*

Sun 30 For the members of the Parish

Mon 31 -----  
 4:00 pm For the members of the Parish

Tue 1 10:00 am Catholic Extension Society  
*(the Donors)*

Wed 2 Catholic Extension Society & Donors  
*(the Donors)*

Thu 3 †John Christensen  
*(Dan & Pam Casavant)*  
 -- Catholic Extension Society & Donors

Fri 4 †Claire Robyn  
*(Lenny & Robyn LeGrand)*  
 -- Catholic Extension Society & Donors

Sat 5 †Charles Owen  
*(the Parish)*  
 -- For the members of the Parish

Sun 6 Sr. Teresa Joseph Cerny, OP

Mon 7 -----

Tue 8 Catholic Extension Society  
*(the Donors)*

Wed 9 Catholic Extension Society & Donors  
*(the Donors)*

Thu 10 †John Mitchell  
*(Neal & Martha Patterson)*  
 -- Catholic Extension Society & Donors

Fri 11 †Paul LaVerdiere  
*(Neal & Martha Patterson)*  
 -- Catholic Extension Society & Donors

Sat 12 †Malcolm Spencer  
*(Badiha Spencer)*

Sun 13 For the members of the Parish

Mon 14 -----

Tue 15 Catholic Extension Society  
*(the Donors)*

Wed 16 Catholic Extension Society & Donors  
*(the Donors)*

***Coffee Schedule***

Dec 30 Mary Bard, Jody Veilleux  
 Jan 6 April Mitchell, Mary-Jo Hodgkin  
 Jan 13 Elaine Hoag, Cindy Elias  
 Jan 20 Jan Bourque, Shana Page  
 Jan 27 Dale Sturtevant & Elizabeth Wilson  
 Feb 2 Lauraine Mansur & Ruth Lunn  
 Feb 10 Mary Jo Hodgkin & Jody Veilleux  
 Feb 17 Pam Casavant & Shana Page

***Congratulations to all the winners of the Cash Calendar drawings!***

Thank you to all who have contributed to sustaining the future of this parish apostolate. These are the winners to date:

12/18/18 \$50 Christina Webber  
 12/19/18 \$75 Lenore Boles  
 12/20/18 \$100 Margaret Johnston  
 12/21/18 \$50 Lowell Hawes *(donated back to church)*  
 12/22/18 \$75 Phil Roy  
 12/23/18 \$25 Cindy Esancy  
 12/24/18 \$75 Sheila Bonenfant  
 12/25/18 \$150 Mary Bawcum



Many, many thanks for your generosity in these last weeks in Christmas gifts to the pastor and in generous donations to the parish and pledge fulfilments coming in for the endowment. You show yourselves ever generous.

May the Bright One lavish His choicest graces upon you and all your families over these days of Christmas, and fill you with the richness of His grace and love throughout a blessed and light-filled new year, 2019!

## Masses for the Holydays of Obligation during the Glorious Nativity

Feast of the Holy Circumcision  
**Vigil: 4:00 pm / New Year's Day:**  
 10:00 am

The **January Parish Council Meeting** will be on Tuesday, **January 8<sup>th</sup>.**

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, and Beverly Rideout.

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

**Entrance Hymn:** LB msheeho 75B

**Glory:** SB Angels We have heard

**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 *too ba*

**Communion:** SB *Here I am, Lord; Angel Carol*

**Recessional:** SB *Joyful, joyful*

\*LB=Liturgical Book SB=Song Book