

Saint Joseph Maronite Catholic Church



First Sunday after Holy Cross

September 16, 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

Choir Director: Dame Fefa Marie Deeb, DSG **Parish Secretary:** Paula Mitchell **Catechists:** Lenore Boles, Director & K-1st; Jane Lee, 2nd; Shana Page, 3-5th **Parish Council:** Sheila Bonenfant, Lisa Grard, Lowell Hawes, Rosanna Joseph, David Lee, Ruth Lunn, Kevin Michaud, Paula Mitchell, Elizabeth Wilson **Ex-officio council members:** Subdeacon Steve Crate; Lenore Boles, *Catechism*; Shana Page, *Rosary Sodality*; Larry Mitchell, *Knights of Columbus*

THIS DAY'S EPISTLE II Tim. 2: 1-10

You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus; and what you have heard from me through many witnesses entrust to faithful people who will be able to teach others as well.
Bear your share of hardship along with me like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No one serving in the army gets entangled in everyday affairs; the soldier's aim is to please the enlisting officer.

Likewise, in the case of the athlete, no one is crowned without competing according to the rules.
It is the farmer who does the work who ought to have the first share of the crops.
Think over what I am saying, for the Lord will give you understanding in all things.
Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David – such is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal.
But the word of God is not chained.

Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, together with eternal glory.



ABOUNA'S REFLECTIONS

Just as the entirety of the Governing of things by God, inspired by *agapé*, makes the whole order of the world efficaciously concur for the good of the elect (Rom 8: 28), the children of God give proof of the authenticity of their own charity by deploying it in good and admirable works, in maintaining it ever active and generous.¹

Love often makes people nuts. We speak about “falling in love” or “being smitten”. Both these images are violent ones, although they do describe the emotional turmoil that many times afflict the sufferer. However, as it has been said many times, love is an engagement of the whole person when it is truly *human* love – not merely a volcanic eruption of emotions – and divine love, infused *charity*, frees the person to an even higher engagement.

Animal passions, hormones and emotions may blind someone “in love” but the effects of grace in a soul are altogether otherwise. Ecstasy may take place, but that is only to lift us out of the banality of human existence into the arms of the Good One. Because grace originates in the immutable Hidden One it brings with it both a dynamic and a stabilizing effect. Charity is *dynamic* because it is the modification of a human life accomplished by the Living God of eternity. It *stabilizes* because it originates in the Eternal One of all life.

Charity declares itself present by the fact that it makes itself known, transforms the spirit of the recipient, acts through him and gives proof of its love in action. As Saint James wrote, “Faith without

works is dead”, and charity is this animator of faith. When the good works of alms are absent one can be certain that charity is also missing in that person’s life.

Charity cannot remain hidden within the human heart anymore than the one who has “fallen in love” can ignore (or even stop thinking about) the object of his affection. In both instances, love is **imperative**. Both the natural lover and the supernatural lover in grace must manifest his love. This brings about gift-giving, service and even self-sacrifice.

God has shown love toward us that is proper to Him alone. The entire realization of salvation in this world is the unfolding of Divine Love in the “Divine Economy”. It is this Charity that each is offered in order to call us into “the elect/the chosen ones” referred to by Saint Paul in the Epistle today. When we freely respond our lives begin to reflect the eternal divine Charity, making us the “children of God”, that is, the offspring of this Love. And that Love, rooted within us, transforms the spirit, mind and eventually the body through its stabilizing, fruitful and life-giving qualities.

Lifted up by grace, may we each treasure the gift of charity and pray that the Eternal Light remove all the obstacles in our way so that we may correspond to its presence. Then each can be transformed by hidden grace into visible examples of divine love – fittingly “children” of the Hidden Father, modeled on the Incarnate Hidden Son.

Children, after all, are the best reflection of the parents who have reared them. “If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.”²

SCHEDULE OF READINGS

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER HOLY CROSS

September 16, 2018

II Tim 2: 1-10 St. Mark 10: 35-45

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER HOLY CROSS

September 23, 2018

I Cor 15: 19-34 St. Matthew 24: 1-14

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

² St. John 14: 15



The parish today celebrates **Dame Fefa Deeb's** investiture into the Order of Saint Gregory the Great following the *Divine Qurban* at **10:00**.

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 *vitaly* 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.

VOCATION ICON

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

Sun	Sept 16	Larry and Paula Mitchell
Sun	Sept 23	Lowell & Mary Hawes
Sun	Sept 30	Larry & Lisa Grard
Sat	Oct 6	Jim & Lenore Boles
Sun	Oct 14	Bruce & Doreen White

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Regular Collection: \$1889.00
Second Collection for CUA: \$81.00

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

SEPTEMBER 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.

CATECHISM

The Religious Instruction Program this year will return to a weekly format, from the first Sunday in October through May.

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

The **Adult Religion Classes** will resume for the Fall Session on **Wednesday, October 10th**, and will continue through the week before Thanksgiving. They will resume again in January.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION AND PRAYER

TREASURES OF OUR LITURGICAL AND MUSICAL PATRIMONY

Our Maronite Sisters, Servants of Christ the Light, will be with us for the weekend of September 28-30 to present considerations on our *Syriac Liturgical*, and especially musical, *Patrimony*. They will guide us in a better understanding of the most recent translations from Syriac into the English found in our missals.

Saturday, September 29th

10:00 am

The day will begin with the *Alohoyo Qoorbonoh* (Mass)

11:00 am

Welcome and Conference on the Holy Rozeh (Sacraments) along with reflections on their impact to our faith and spiritual practice.

12:30 pm

Break for **lunch**. *Please bring a sack lunch*. Water and Coffee will be available.

1:45 pm

Second Conference on the Divine Liturgy in itself, the *Qoorbonoh*.

All will conclude around **3:00 pm**.

4:00 pm Sunday Vigil Mass

INTENTIONS FOR THE QURBONEH (MASSES)

- Fri 14 †John Mitchell
(Peter Maroon, Sr)
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Sat 15 †Charles Owen
(the parish)
- Sun 16 For the members of the Parish
- Mon 17 -----
- Tue 18 †Jean Hamel
(Jeanne Thomas)
- Wed 19 Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Thu 20 †Freda Nassar & Lucille Maroon
(Peter Maroon, Sr.)
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Fri 21 †Helga Pamucina
(Barbara Atkins)
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Sat 22 †Roy, Elaine & John Joseph
(Jeanne Cook)
-- For the members of the Parish
- Sun 23 †Anniversary of Darrel Mitchell
(Donna-Jo Mitchell and family)
- Mon 24 -----
- Tue 25 †Mary & Paul Maroon
(Stephen Maroon)
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Wed 26 †John Sleiman
(Barbara Atkins)
- Thu 27 †Caroline Nale
(Barbara Atkins)
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Fri 28 †Paul LaVerdiere
(Peter Maroon, Sr.)
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Sat 29 †Charles Owen
(the parish)
-- For the members of the Parish
- Sun 30 †George Deeb
(Herbert Joseph, Sr.)
- Mon 31 -----

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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AFTER HOLY CROSS**

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

Entrance Hymn: LB *fsheeto* 233

Glory: SB *al-majdu*

Qolo/Hymn: LB *etow* 234

Creed p 748

PRE-ANAPHORA:

Transfer of Gifts: LB *The Lord Reigns*

Incense Hymn: SB p 3 #8 *ikbal*

ANAPHORA:

St Mark: LB p 835

Sign of Peace: SB *tooba*

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

Recessional: SB *Alleluia #1*

*LB=Liturgical Book SB=Song Book