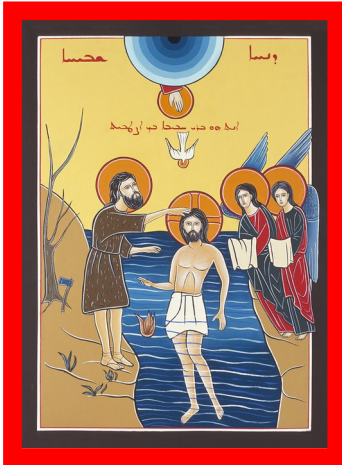


# The Glorious Epiphany

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# The First Sunday after the Epiphany



January 6-7, 2018

## Saint Joseph Maronite Catholic Church



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*"The Eastern Rites are the Treasure of the Catholic Church"* Saint John XXIII, Pope

- 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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**Choir Director:** Fefa Deeb **Parish Secretary:** Paula Mitchell **Catechists:** Lenore Boles, Director & K-1<sup>st</sup>; Jane Lee, 2<sup>nd</sup>; Shana Page, 3-5<sup>th</sup> **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

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### THIS DAY'S GOSPEL St. John 1; 29-34

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, Who takes away the sin of the world!

This is He of Whom I said, 'After me comes a Man Who ranks before me, for He was before me.'

I myself did not know Him; but for this I came baptizing with water, that He might be revealed to Israel."

And John bore witness, "I saw the Spirit descend as a dove from Heaven and remain on Him.

I myself did not know Him; but He Who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He upon Whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is He Who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.'

And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.”



**ABOUNA’S REFLECTIONS**

Day is dawning upon us;  
the power of darkness is fading away.  
From the true Light there arises for us  
the Light Which illumines our darkened eyes.<sup>1</sup>

Light - it allows us to see the world around us. In it we see and learn. It permits us to look upon those whom we love. From sight, and experience, we develop the fuller sense of “light” in all its rich meaning: not only physical sight, but also clarification of the mind, knowledge and wisdom.

Epiphany means “manifestation” in Greek. In this feast we celebrate and honor the appearance of God among us. He entered time, born of the ever-virgin Mary. Every intelligent being has been created to know and love God. So that we, as men, might arrive at this noble purpose He chose to enter our world. In the Epiphany, we honor His Incarnation, His Birth in Bethlehem, His revelation to the Jewish shepherds, His star guiding the Gentile Magi and the theophany in His Baptism by John the Precursor. Epiphany is the original “Christmas” that recognizes and celebrates Immanuel, “God-with-us”.

Being a festival of the “divine manifestation,” it is also a celebration of the illumination of the human mind made possible by the coming of the Messiah. We live and act the way we think<sup>2</sup> and so it is fitting to honor the divine Light that has come into the world. It heals our minds, elevates our hearts,

<sup>1</sup> *Nuhro*, daily safro

<sup>2</sup> otherwise we are doomed to think [rationalize] the way we act

unifies our lives and allows us by grace to become what God is by nature.

Understanding this, it is easy for us to see that Immanuel did not come to make us merely upright citizens and good, moral people – one need not be a Christian for this – but that we might be transformed into the children of God and heirs of the eternal Kingdom.<sup>3</sup> This transformation is impossible without grace and the Gospel, for this reason “orthodox” means both “correct belief” and “correct praise,” that is, correct knowledge and worship.

When we freely enter by faith and baptism into the divine Light of the Incarnate Son, baptized in the Jordan, we are made children of the Light; but for this to happen we must allow ourselves to be enlightened by the teaching, life and grace of the Messiah. We must choose to be formed and transformed by the Divine Liturgy and the Sacred Mysteries. The divine light of doctrine and grace “illumines our darkened eyes.”

**LAST WEEK’S COLLECTIONS**  
**Regular Collection:** \$1121.00  
*Blessed be the Hidden One Who gives us the ability  
to sustain the apostolate of our Savior*

**VOCATION ICON**

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

Sun	January 7	Chris & Diane Wyder
Sun	January 14	Greg & Marianne Gillespie
Sun	January 21	Larry & Paula Mitchell
Sun	January 28	Lowell & Mary Hawes
Sun	February 4	Larry & Lisa Grard
Sun	February 11	Chris & Diane Wyder
Sat	February 17	Lenore Boles
Sat	February 24	Audrey Yotides

<sup>3</sup> The God of Christianity is not an unknown God or a divine force, but rather One Who has become man so that men might become God.

Sincere **thanks** to you all for the generosity shown to this parish and its pastor during these sacred days of the **Glorious Nativity** of Our Lord.

May God **reward** your generosity to His servants all throughout the coming **new year** of grace.

**THERE WILL BE NO PARISH COUNCIL IN JANUARY**



**SECOND PRAYER OF RAMSHO OF THE GLORIOUS EPIPHANY**

Eternal God and Son of the Eternal Father,  
 Thou didst become incarnate  
 and wast baptized to give us the inheritance  
 of sons and daughters which makes us  
 able to call Thy Father, "Aboun,"<sup>4</sup>  
 while we await our divine inheritance.  
 Enlighten us, then, O God,  
 with the light of Thy Baptism,  
 that we may praise Thee on this Feast of Lights.  
 For Thou art Light from Light,  
 and hast come to enlighten all  
 who come into the world.  
 May we glorify Thee, Thy Father  
 and Thy Holy Spirit, now and for ever.  
 Amen

**INTENTIONS FOR THE QURBONEH (MASSES)**

- Sat 6 For the members of the Parish
- Sun 7 †Malcolm Spencer  
*(Badiha Spencer)*
- Mon 8 -----
- Tue 9 Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Wed 10 †Darrell Mitchell  
*(Michael Karter)*  
 -- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Thu 11 †Darrell Mitchell  
*(Sandra Stevens)*  
 -- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Fri 12 Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Sat 13 †Gabrielle George  
*(Carol George)*
- Sun 14 For the members of the Parish
- Mon 15 -----
- Tue 16 Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Wed 17 Catholic Extension Society & Donors

**READERS' SCHEDULE**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY**

II Cor 10; 1-11	St. John 1; 29-34
January 6	Lenore Boles

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY**

II Cor 4; 5-15	St. John 1; 35-42
January 13	Lila Hallowell

**Liturgical notes:** † = Deceased, SI = Special Intention, AV = Anniversary, H = Health

<sup>4</sup> Syriac for "Our Father"

*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, Albert Joseph, Doreen Nader, Tala Poulin, Virginia Poulin, Beverly Rideout, Gordon Webber, Melissa Karter, Maxine Morrisette and Paul Mitchell

### COFFEE SCHEDULE 2017-2018

Jan 7	Elaine Hoag & Mary Jo Hodgkin
Jan 14	Laya Joseph & Rosanna Joseph
Jan 21	Jane Lee
Jan 28	Lauraine Mansur
Feb 4	Betty Michaud & April Mitchell

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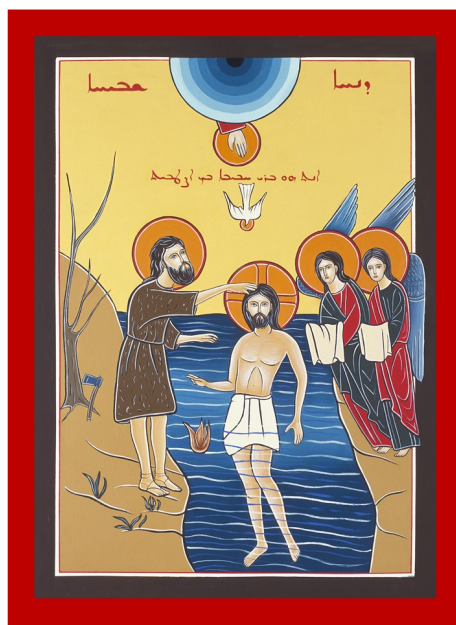
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**Lighting of the Church:** SB\* p 21 #135/LB p 5  
Jesus, Christ, O Source of Light

**Entrance Hymn:** LB p *Msheeho*

**Glory:** SB p 1 # *Al majdu*

**Qolo/Hymn:** LB\* p

**Creed** p 748

### PRE-ANAPHORA:

**Transfer of Gifts:** LB p 750 The Lord Reigns  
**Incense Hymn:** SB p 3 #8 *Ikbal*

### ANAPHORA:

**St. James, Brother of the Lord:** LB p 794

**Sign of Peace:** SB p St. Francis

**Communion:** SB p Minuet Noel, Angel Carol

**Recessional:** SB p Joy to the World

*\*LB=Liturgical Book SB=Song Book*