

fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost

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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 **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 Gard, 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 I Thes 2: 1-13

You yourselves know, brethren, that our coming among you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you well know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the Gospel of God in spite of great opposition.

For our appeal does not spring from delusion or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the Gospel, even so do we speak, not to please men, but to please God Who tests our hearts.

As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from men, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children.

So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the Gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

You remember our labor and toil, brethren; we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you while we proclaimed to you the Gospel

of God. You are witnesses, and God also, how pure, upright, and blameless our conduct has been toward you believers.

As you know, we dealt with each one of you like a father with his children – urging and encouraging you – and insisting that you lead a life worthy of God, Who calls you into His own Kingdom and glory.

We also constantly give thanks to God for this, that when you received the word of God that you had heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word, but as what it truly is, God’s word, which is now at work in you who believe.



ABOUNA’S REFLECTIONS

If charity is truly love,
it will be a power of assimilation and of imitation
and cannot help but tend to perfect concord
between the members of the same community:
*idem nolle et velle.*¹

There can be no profound union among men without a certain harmony of thoughts, of sentiments, and even of manners in living and feeling. This does not mean that we all must become *uniform*, but that where charity is present there will always be a unifying attitude among those who love. We note, however, that unity is not at all the same thing as uniformity.

Charity moves together those who love, toward oneness, but it respects the individual qualities and characteristics of each; indeed, it enhances all that is good within each person making the diversity of

mind and heart all the more brilliant: “unity in diversity”, the definition of *beauty*. The presence of charity thus will form beautiful social interaction and first and foremost this is to be within the Body of Christ, the Church.

The soulless modern media, the entertainment industry and the sticky Web all make “cookie-cutter” people, and woe to any who lay outside its dominion – he is not “PC” as they say. This contemporary reality that surrounds us produces an effect that is the complete opposite to that of charity. Charity modifies the talent and quality of each person and moves him into *harmony* with those around him, but modernity attempts to *format* us into uniformity and calls this “individuality”.

Living with one another, charity moves each person to adjust to others, to adapt oneself to others’ behavior. This of course is difficult to do, but for all that it is a proof that the Good One is working within our spirit.²

The spirit that is illuminated by the light of the faith and animated by charity in grace will always be one that is correctly “self-aware”. It will be attentive to the movements of divine action within the hidden recesses of its existence. Turned upward to the Hidden One of light, it will be all the more keen on developing the virtues, qualities and talents that have been bestowed by the Hidden One of eternal Beauty.

This is the foundational reason for the daily practice of the *examination of conscience*. This is not navel-gazing, nor is it the compilation of a “laundry list” of sins, rather, it is a wise practice that helps us to become self-aware and attentive to the movements of the Spirit within our lives.

The examination of conscience is a form of prayer. Each day, usually in the evening, we place ourselves before the Divine Light and ask that grace and knowledge be granted to us to look over our day. We then examine ourselves in thought, word, deed and omission. When we practice this daily it becomes entirely habitual and conscientious: we learn quickly where to look.

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

² cf Romans 15: 1-6. II Cor 13: 11. Phil 2: 2.

Once we have taken an account of our actions, we ask for forgiveness, usually through an “act of contrition”, and then, most importantly, we ask for God’s assistance to do better in the future. Should we note that we have clearly offended anyone, we should pray for his/her intentions right there and then and set ourselves on a path to rectify and heal any offense. We finish by thanking God for the illumination and grace that He has brought into our lives. This practice of prayer is one of the ways that charity moves the spirit and mind along the path of “assimilation” and of emulation.

Self-aware and attentive to others, we self-correct (this is called “conversion”), and corresponding to divine charity we are moved toward greater harmony with our fellows. We make reparation. This developed inner awareness can only make us more perceptive to our own natural talents and qualities that the Hidden Fountain of Light desires to elevate supernaturally by grace and virtue.

Charity enlarges the spiritual heart and sets it on a path of harmony and love that therapeutically heals our relation with both God and our fellow men. At the same time – as it moves us more perfectly toward the Kingdom – it eases that personal passage where within the heart of each God has established His riches.

SCHEDULE OF READINGS	
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST	
August 19, 2018	
I Thes 2: 1-13	St. Luke 10: 38-42
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST	
August 26, 2018	
I Thes 1: 1-10	St. Luke 7: 36-50

There will be **no muffins** and coffee during August – everyone’s at camp, apparently.

Giving Larry a well-deserved break, we will **resume** these social activities **September 9th**



Please remember in your prayers Fefa Deeb who will be invested as a *Dame of the Order of Saint Gregory the Great* on **August 24th** at our Maronite cathedral in Brooklyn.

The parish celebration of this event will be on **Sunday, September 16th** following the Divine Qurban at 10:00.

August Memorial Offerings

Altar Breads

In memory of George Deeb

Sanctuary Candle

In memory of Marion Maroon

Donated by *Peter Maroon, Sr.*

VOCATION ICON

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

Sun	Aug 19	Larry & Lisa Gard
Sun	Aug 26	Chris & Diane Wyder
Sat	Sept 1	Jim & Lenore Boles
Sun	Sept 9	Bruce & Doreen White
Sun	Sept 16	Larry and Paula Mitchell
Sun	Sept 23	Lowell & Mary Hawes

LAST WEEK’S COLLECTIONS

Regular Collection: \$1354.00

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

AUGUST 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.

INTENTIONS FOR THE QURBONEH (MASSES)

Sat 18 †Charles Owen
(the parish)

Sun 19 For the members of the Parish

Mon 20 -----

Tue 21 †Jean Hamil
(Jeanne & John Thomas)

Wed 22 Catholic Extension Society & Donors

Thu 23 Jacob Eberlein & Family
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors

Fri 24 †Darrell Mitchell
(Abouna James)
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors

Sat 25 †Charles Owen
(the parish)

Sun 26 †George Deeb
(Laya Joseph)
-- For the members of the Parish

Mon 27 -----

Tue 28 Rev. Mr. Donald Masoud, Silver Ann.
(Abouna James)
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors

Wed 29 Rev. Mr. Donald Masoud, Silver Ann.
(Abouna James)
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Thu 30 Rev. Mr. Donald Masoud, Silver Ann.
(Abouna James)

Fri 31 Casavant Family
(Pam & Dan Casavant)
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors

Sat 1 †Charles Owen
(the parish)
-- For the members of the Parish

Sun 2 †Ferris Ferris
(the Ferris Family)

Mon 3 -----

Tue 4 †Reginald J. Michaud
(Kevin Michaud and Family)

Wed 5 Catholic Extension Society & Donors

Thu 6 Robert Welch
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors

Fri 7 Gregory & Mary Jamerson
(Antoinette Jamerson)
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors

*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.

Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost

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

Entrance Hymn: LB *imsheeHo* 178A

Glory: SB *glory*

Qolo/Hymn: LB *had-zad* 179A

Creed p 748

PRE-ANAPHORA:

Transfer of Gifts: LB *The Lord Reigns*

Incense Hymn: SB p 3 #8 *ikbal*

ANAPHORA:

The Twelve Apostles: LB p 754

Sign of Peace: SB *Gift of Peace*

Communion: SB *O Bread of Life & This We pray*

Recessional: SB *Ha Salah*

*LB=Liturgical Book SB=Song Book