

# Saint Joseph Maronite Catholic Church



## Fourth Sunday after Epiphany



February 3, 2019

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."* *Orientalis 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 Grand **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** Romans 7: 1-6

Do you not know, brethren – for I am speaking to those who know the law – that the law is binding on a person only during that person's lifetime? Thus, a married woman is bound by the law to her husband as long as he lives; but if her husband dies, she is discharged from the law concerning the husband. Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she consorts with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man, she is not an adulteress.

In the same way, my friends, you have died to the Law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to Another: to Him Who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. While we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the Law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. But now we are released from the Law, dead to that which held us captive, so that we are slaves not under the obsolete letter, but in the newness of the Spirit.



## ABOUNA'S REFLECTIONS

The Savior came to free men from all servitude and, in order to do this, He proposed to them the Truth.

Satan holds men in slavery and, in order to do this, he keeps them under the lie.

And, just as the devil – a murderer from the beginning<sup>1</sup> – willed to kill Jesus, his “sons” seek always to snuff out the light and to massacre the witnesses to the Truth.<sup>2</sup>

The basis of Christian freedom is adherence to a Person. To become a disciple – “one who learns” – of Christ is to follow and adhere to Him. Not firstly an adherence to a “creed” or set of beliefs, it is by personal engagement that we receive Truth and walk in the Light toward final liberation.

Existence and birth are something “done to” us, but *shlomoh* and eternal Life are things to which we respond and toward which we move. Christianity is based on the personal response to grace followed by “faith” in the Person of the Word Incarnate, the Messiah, Our Lord Jesus Christ.

To explain the citation above, it must be noted that those who live according to whim, primarily according to their “feelings” and emotions – that is, those who firstly cherish their isolating self-centered existence – live in servitude to those whims and sinful caprices. Those who cherish their servitude are never able to tolerate the existence of those who have escaped from that self-enclosing life, those who have escaped “darkness”. Understanding this it is easy for us to see why our Lord spoke of persecutions for His disciples. It was not fear-mongering or depressing “negativism”; it was simply to note the psychology of human beings.<sup>3</sup>

“Misery loves company”, and the miserable insist that everyone be such. Perhaps this explains in large

part why there was an ovation in the New York legislature two weeks ago when they passed a law to allow the killing of children in the womb up until the day of their birth. An “ovation”? God have mercy on us all for the selfish world being created. Misery and darkness are its origin and the air it breathes.

May the Lord God, the Good One, give each of us the strength to move away from judgments based on personal expediency, away from sin, and enter radically and perseveringly along the path of Incarnate Wisdom, toward liberation and ultimate, permanent, freedom. Come what may.

### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

**Regular Collection:** \$1278.00

*United States Catholic Bishops' Worldwide Charities:*  
\$237.00

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

### VOCATION ICON

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

Sun	Feb 3	Larry and Paula Mitchell
Sun	Feb 10	Lowell & Mary Hawes
Sun	Feb 17	Larry & Lisa Grard
Sat	Feb 23	Jim & Lenore Boles
Sun	Mar 3	Bruce & Doreen White

### SCHEDULE OF READINGS

#### FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 3, 2019

**Romans 7: 1-6     St. John 4: 5-7, 9-26**

#### FEAST OF SAINT MARON

February 9, 2019

**II Timothy 3: 10-17     St. John 23-30**

#### COMMEMORATION OF PRIESTS

February 10, 2019

**I Timothy 4: 6-16     St. Luke 12: 42-48**

<sup>1</sup> St. John 8: 44

<sup>2</sup> From Charity and Liberty by Rev. Fr. Ceslaus Spicq, OP

<sup>3</sup> St. John 15: 18

INTENTIONS FOR THE QURBONEH (MASSES)

- Sat 2 †Charles Owen  
(the Parish)
- Sun 3 For the members of the Parish
- Mon 4 -----
- Tue 5 Catholic Extension Society & Donors  
(the Donors)
- Wed 6 Catholic Extension Society & Donors  
(the Donors)
- Thu 7 †Sumayah Ferris  
(Mariam Skinner)  
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Fri 8 Catholic Extension Society & Donors  
(the Donors)  
6:00 For the Members of the Parish
- Sat 9 10:00 Private intention  
(Abouna James)  
4:00 †Charles Owen  
(the Parish)
- Sun 10 For the members of the Parish
- Mon 11 -----
- Tue 12 Catholic Extension Society  
(the Donors)
- Wed 13 Estelle Arbour  
(Suzanne Pare)  
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Thu 14 Catholic Extension Society & Donors  
(the Donors)
- Fri 15 Catholic Extension Society & Donors  
(the Donors)
- Sat 16 †Charles Owen  
(the Parish)
- Sun 17 For the members of the Parish
- Mon 18 -----
- Tue 19 Catholic Extension Society & Donors  
(the Donors)
- Wed 20 Catholic Extension Society & Donors  
(the Donors)

**EPARCHY OF SAINT MARON OF BROOKLYN  
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP**

29 January 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The recent New York State Bill promoting abortion through the last trimester of pregnancy is a very sad reality. Sometimes we can only respond by prayer (and fasting).

Recently, the Eparchy gathered in Washington, DC to join the March for Life. We prayed with our feet and filmed this video. The photo is below and the link is here <https://youtu.be/FhcmYQdzonc>

But more is needed, and for this reason I echo the sentiments of the New York Bishops who have been courageous defenders of life here in the State and who have been clear that "the primary purpose of this legislation is to expand late term abortion". Professor Robby George, who after seeing the standing ovation given in the New York State Senate wrote that he was "physically ill" to see the applause for something so inhumane, and how we as a nation became so indifferent to the child in the womb and to her mother.

Dear Brothers and Sisters, the enemy of life is not people who disagree with us, the enemy is a certain way of thinking that promotes the rights of some and callously disregards the rights of others, namely the innocent child in the womb. Unfortunately, all of this passes under the false guise of science and/or progress. True science proves that life begins at conception. Please see the link <https://youtu.be/WH9ZJu4wRUE>

May God spare us from such thinking and help us promote and defend life courageously. May God restore us to be a nation of just laws and respect for life.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
+Gregory John Mansour

There will be a **Parish Council Meeting** on Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m.

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**FEBRUARY 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.

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THE DAILY INTERCESSION BEFORE THE FEBRUARY  
SYNOD IN ROME:

Remember, O Lord of goodness, Your holy Church, and have mercy on all her faithful. In Your compassion, heal the wounded and injured among Your Flock. Punish injustice, console hearts and strengthen all our brothers and sisters. Bestow the grace of conversion on all.

With Your indestructible power, strengthen the bishops of the true Faith that they may be upright and courageous in their apostolic office. May they show fidelity as they stand ever before Your eternal justice. Unto Your honor and glory, may they prove themselves upright, dauntless and persevering in the task confided to them: to lead all the faithful into the fullness of Your redeeming light and glory. We pray to You, O Lord.

*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 April Mitchell.

**The Super Bowl Pancake Breakfast is today,** Sunday, **February 3<sup>rd</sup>**, hosted by the Rosary Sodality after the Mass. Menu includes pancakes, bacon, juice, coffee, tea and milk. A donation of **\$5.00** is suggested, with children 12 and under free.

There will also be a **50/50 Super Bowl Squares Game** fundraiser that day.

*Coffee Schedule*

Feb 3	Lauraine Mansur, Ruth Lunn
Feb 10	Mary Jo Hodgkin, Jody Veilleux
Feb 17	Pam Casavant, Shana Page
Feb 24	Betty Michaud, Jane Lee
Mar 3	Sharon Crowe, Ruth Lunn
Mar 10	Mary Bard, Dale Sturtevant

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

**Entrance Hymn:** LB *msheeho* 81B

**Glory:** SB *al majdu*

**Qolo/Hymn:** LB *bo'outho* #82

**Creed** p 748

**PRE-ANAPHORA:**

**Transfer of Gifts:** LB *The Lord Reigns*

**Incense Hymn Offertory:** SB *l'maryam yoldat*

**ANAPHORA:**

**Saint John:** LB p 815

**Sign of Peace:** SB *Peace like a River*

**Communion:** SB *Your Body is our Food; Seek ye*

**Recessional:** SB *The Lamb*

\*LB=Liturgical Book SB=Song Book

The **Feast of Saint Maron** is **February 9<sup>th</sup>**. This is a **holyday of obligation for all Maronites**, which means that we all have a serious obligation of attending Mass and abstaining from all unnecessary labor as is done for a Sunday.

The **Divine Qourban** will be:  
Vigil at **6:00 p.m.**, Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup>;  
Saturday morning at **10:00 a.m.**



*Our Father in Christ, Saint Maron  
February 9<sup>th</sup>*