

Saint Joseph Maronite Catholic Church



The Fourth Sunday after Holy Cross

October 11, 2020

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

- Qourboneh:** Masses: Sunday 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.; Tues. - Fr. 9:00 a.m.; Sat. 10:00a.m.
Sick Calls: To receive the Divine Eucharist and/or the Sacred Anointing, 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 at least **two months in advance**.
Recommended stipends: weekday intentions \$10; weekend intentions \$15
Monthly Memorials: Sanctuary Candles \$30; Altar Bread \$25; Sacramental Wine \$45
Catechism: Lenore Boles, *Director* **Choir Director:** Dame Marie Fefa Deeb, DSG **Parish Council President:** Ex-officio
Council Members: Lenore Boles, *Religious Education*; Larry Mitchell, *Knights of Columbus*; Ruth Lunn, *Rosary Sodality*

THIS DAY'S EPISTLE¹

I Thessalonians 5: 1-11

I do not need to write to you, brethren, about the times and the seasons, for you surely know that the Day of our Lord shall come like a thief in the night.

While they are saying, "there is peace and quiet", then suddenly destruction shall rise

against them, like labor pains for a pregnant woman, and they shall not escape. But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that that Day, as a thief, might overtake you. For you are all children of light and children of the day, neither of the night nor of the darkness. Therefore, let us not sleep as do others, but rather remain awake and alert, for those who

¹ *The Syriac Peshitta Bible with English Translation*, Gorgias Press, New Jersey, 2012, ed. George A. Kiraz and Andreas Juckel

sleep do so at night, and those who get drunk do so at night.

But we who are children of the Day should be alert in our minds wearing the breastplate of faith and charity and taking up the helmet of the hope of salvation.

For God has not appointed us for wrath but for the possession of life in our Lord Jesus the Messiah, Who died for our sake so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we might live together with Him.

On account of this, you should encourage one another and build up one another, just as you have been doing already.



You will progress in understanding the Holy Scriptures only to the degree that you yourself have made progress through contact with them.

St. Gregory the Great (AD 540-604)²

ABOUNA'S REFLECTIONS

Today.

The Life-giving Cross

Please, take notice of our present protocols:

- 1.) All Catholics, of whatever Ritual Church, are more than welcome at Saint Joseph. We are all one Body of Christ.
- 2.) During this pandemic, there is no obligation to assist at the Divine Sacrifice.
- 3.) Those who are sick, or carry symptoms of sickness, must remain at home.
- 4.) All are recommended to give contact information (a list is provided at the door) in order to inform you if need arise from a case of the virus. All information remains *confidential* to the *parish* and is not transferred to any state agency.

- 5.) All vulnerable, elderly, and at-risk individuals should remain at home and follow the Liturgies as posted on the parish's website.
- 6.) The **Sunday Vigil** Masses are suspended until further notice.

- 7.) All who are retired, or who may have a freer weekday schedule, are asked to consider assisting at Mass during the weekdays, **Tues-Fri, 9:00am**; and on **Saturday at 10:00am**. This would free up more room on Sunday for those who must work during the normal workweek.
- 8.) Please **do not use your hands** to cover sneezes and coughs. Everyone must wear a **face-mask** to safely control and cover all coughs, sneezes, congestion, etc.
- 9.) Hand sanitizers are available at the entrances and at the confessional.
- 10.) Seating at church must be "*first-come-first-served*". Seating will be closed at "50".
- 11.) Everyone must sit in such a way that there is **no one immediately in front** of them and **no one immediately behind** them. The pews have been blocked off for this purpose.
- 12.) Everyone will need to **charitably assist** one another to sit throughout the entire church, occupying **all** pews while respecting "physical distancing".
- 13.) To control crowd flow, **doors** will be **locked** at the beginning of each Liturgy.
- 14.) A **six-foot distancing** must be observed by those who approach the Divine Altar and wish to receive the Divine Eucharist in **Holy Communion**.
- 15.) And, lastly, at the end of Mass, those who wish **to remain and pray** in the church are welcome to do so, but all others are asked **not to linger and visit within the church**. Please exit through the Appleton Street doorway. If one wishes to visit, please do so outside the church, being *mindful of the proper physical distancing*.

VOCATION ICON

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

Sun	Oct	11	Bruce & Doreen White
Sun	Oct	18	Steve & Allison Crate
Sun	Oct	25	Sue Paré & Lolo Salazar
Sun	Nov	1	Daja Gombojav & Family
Sun	Nov	8	Larry & Lisa Grard
Sat	Nov	15	Jim & Lenore Boles
Sun	Nov	22	Chris & Diane Wyder
Sun	Nov	29	Michael & Gayle Misner

² Homily 1.7.8 "on Ezechiel"

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

(Budgeted: \$3,100.00)

**Regular Collections from last two weeks:
\$3,482.00**

(Deficit 2020: \$45,903.00)

Collection for **Peter's Pence**: \$58.00

**Next second collection, October 18th,
World Mission Sunday**

*(91% of this collection goes to
the Society for the Propagation of the Faith,
9% to the Catholic Near East Welfare
Association/CNEWA)*

We all get old and worn out.

The **refrigeration unit** had to be replaced and the
lines worked on. Our cost: **\$1,126.00**

Bonnie McGann, one of our beloved snowbirds,
has stepped forward to generously cover this
parish hall expense.

*May the Luminous One ever bless and guide her
and her family for this timely gift!*

Second Sunday each month is a second collection
to cover our **monthly fuel-oil bills**.

*Please remember to sustain the apostolic work
of this parish through regular contributions made
in the liturgical **collection** each week, by **mail**,
through the parish **website**,
or through **regular bank drafts** mailed in.*

INTENTIONS FOR THE QOURBONEH (MASSES)

Sun 11 9:00 For the Members of the Parish

11:00 Catholic Extension Society

Mon 12 -----

Tue 13 †Bernard Thomas

(Patricia Thomas, Michelle & Nicole)

Wed 14 Catholic Extension Society & Donors

Thu 15 †Maroon Thomas Family

(Pam & Dan Casavant)

Fri 16 Private Intention
(Abouna James)

Sat 17 †Maroon Thomas Family
(Pam & Dan Casavant)

Sun 18 9:00 Catholic Extension Society
11:00 For the Members of the Parish

Mon 19 -----

Tue 20 †Theresa Casavant
(Pam & Dan Casavant)

Wed 21 Catholic Extension Society & Donors

Thu 22 †John & Marietta Thomas
(Pam & Dan Casavant)

Fri 23 Private Intention
(Abouna James)

Sat 24 †John & Marietta Thomas
(Pam & Dan Casavant)

Sun 25 9:00 For the Members of the Parish
11:00 Catholic Extension Society

Mon 26 -----

Tue 27 †Theresa Casavant
(Pam & Dan Casavant)

Wed 28 Catholic Extension Society & Donors

Thu 29 †Mary & Leslie Gallant
(Rosalie Gallant)

Fri 30 Private Intention
(Abouna James)

*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 our Savior and Benefactor,
the Lord of lords and Weaver of crowns,
Thou art Lord and King of all. Amen*

Those for whom we pray: Richard Karter, Lolo Salazar, Rosanna Joseph, Doreen Nader, and all those who suffer from disease, want, and depression.

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Today is designated as “*Order of Saint Sharbel Sunday*” in our Eparchy.

On October 11, all Maronite parishes will be promoting the Order.

The Order of Saint Sharbel is vitally important in providing financial and spiritual support for our seminarians, who are crucial for the future of our Maronite Church.

This year we have *four* men studying in Washington and *two* in Lebanon for our Eparchy.

Please prayerfully consider joining the Order. You may enroll online at www.orderstsharbel.org or ask Father for more information.



*To Fr. Doran and
all the parishioners:*

Friends,

Thank you for your good wishes and prayers on my birthday - September 27th - it was a wonderful surprise and a bright spot during this tedious covid-19 pandemic.

*I loved the birthday songs, the card with all your kind remarks, and especially the “blueberry muffin birthday cake”! A very clever idea!!!
God bless us all! - Dame Fefa*

SCHEDULE OF READINGS

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER HOLY CROSS

October 11, 2020

I Thes 5: 1-11 St. Matthew 24: 45-51

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER HOLY CROSS

Oct 18, 2020

Phil 2: 12-18 St. Matthew 24: 1-13

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

Entrance Hymn: LB *safreh* 233

Glory: SB *glory*

Qolo/Hymn: LB *shareero* 234

Creed p 748

PRE-ANAPHORA:

Transfer of Gifts: LB *The Lord Reigns*

Incense Hymn Offertory: SB *iqbal*

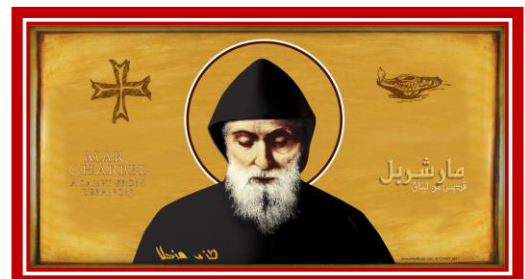
ANAPHORA:

Saint John, the Evangelist: LB p 815

Sign of Peace: SB *tou ba*

Communion: SB *Here I am, Lord; Father of Truth;
For the Beauty*

Recessional: SB *The Lord is with us*



Sunday of the Order of Saint Sharbel