

Saint Joseph Maronite Catholic Church



Fourth Sunday of the Holy Cross

October 10, 2021

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:** Sunday: (Vigil, Sat. 5:00pm) Sunday Morning 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 the Sunday 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 stipend: \$15
Monthly Memorials: Sanctuary Candles \$35; Altar Bread \$30; Sacramental Wine \$55
Catechism: Steve Crate, *Director* **Choir Director:** Dame Marie Fefa Deeb, DSG **Parish Council President:** Ex-officio
Council Members: Steve Crate, *Religious Education*; Larry Mitchell, *Knights of Columbus*; Ruth Lunn, *Rosary Sodality*; ,
Finance Committee

THIS DAY'S GOSPEL¹

St. Matthew 24: 45-51

Who then, is that faithful and wise servant,
whom his lord hath placed over his *domestics*,
to give them their food in its time?
Happy is that servant, whom, when his lord
shall come, he will find so doing.

Amen I say to you, He will place him over all
that he hath.
But if that servant, being wicked, shall say in
his heart,
My lord delayeth his coming;
and shall begin to beat his fellow-servants, and
shall be eating and drinking with drunkards;
the lord of that servant will come on a day he
will not expect, and in an hour he knoweth not,

¹ Based on The New Testament, translated from the Syriac Peshitto Version, Gorgias Press, New Jersey, 2001, translated by James Murdock, STD, 1893

and will cut him asunder, and will assign him his portion with the hypocrites: there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.



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

The **Priesthood of the New Law** flows forth from the abundance of the **Sacred Heart**. The Word Incarnate is the unique Priest of the New Testament, even as His Sacrifice is unique on Calvary.

Crowned in glory, our divine Lord now makes His unique priesthood extend outwardly through time and space in the **Mystery of Order** in those men who are called, and consecrated in each generation. From the Mystic (Last) Supper in the Upper Room, until the Day in which He will appear in full glory at the end of time, each generation of mankind benefits from these consecrated men's fidelity as the Lord God works through their weak lives, truly weak in human fragility, but which, anointed in Christic power, are strengthened in the Divine Mysteries so that glory and eternal life may radiate outwardly through them.

Jesus in the Blessed Eucharist reaches the last stage of His Sacrifice: Communion. After the immolation, the victim is consumed

² Homily 1.7.8 "on Ezechiel"

³ "the priest is another Christ"

⁴ "God is charity"

by the people.

And it is in this very state that Christ is the most complete model of the priest:

Sacerdos alter Christus.³

What would be the most fitting inscription for the tabernacle? Deus caritas est.⁴

Jesus loves us, and so much does He love His priest that He makes him another Christ.

This expresses in one word the dignity of the priest.

The priest should love Jesus

so as to become another Christ:

this gives you an idea of the sacerdotal obligations.⁵

Over the centuries, Christ's Unique Priesthood sanctifies the world and gathers the sheep into the One Fold, assuring their names be written in the Book of Life. The Apostolic Priesthood is the historical continuity from the Word Incarnate, the core and the "backbone" of the Body of Christ. Men are called generation after generation, from out of the baptized, to give up their own lives so that others might live forever in the fullness of the Kingdom of God. As established by Christ, the Catholic priesthood thus gives form, meaning, and structure to the Mystical Body of Christ, His Church.

Without merit on their part, this is true, these men, all sons of Adam, are called to go beyond the normal paths of humanity. It is also true that *without their free response to renounce all, there would be no Mysteries*, no Church, and no life-giving salvation. Mankind would not be snatched from the fires of damnation through the workings of the Messiah, as it is only in the Name of Jesus that one can be saved.⁶ It is a marvel to consider that these supernatural wonders the Savior has chosen to realize among men only through the sacramental priesthood.

Everything that has any true and eternal meaning here-below, therefore, we owe to the Lord Jesus' mercy and to His consecrated men for having responded with their personal "amen" to the call of the Sacred Heart. No priest is made such for himself, and each priest in turn is dependent on other priests in the "Order of Melchisedech" for his own salvation.

⁵ Our Priesthood, Rev. Joseph Bruneau, SSDD, B. Herder: St. Louis, MO, 1911; p. 133

⁶ Acts 4: 12

So, dependent on the merciful Savior one and all, we must each be grateful – priest or not – to the compassionate revelation of the Good One in His Divine Mysteries: thus it has been from the Last Supper to this day.

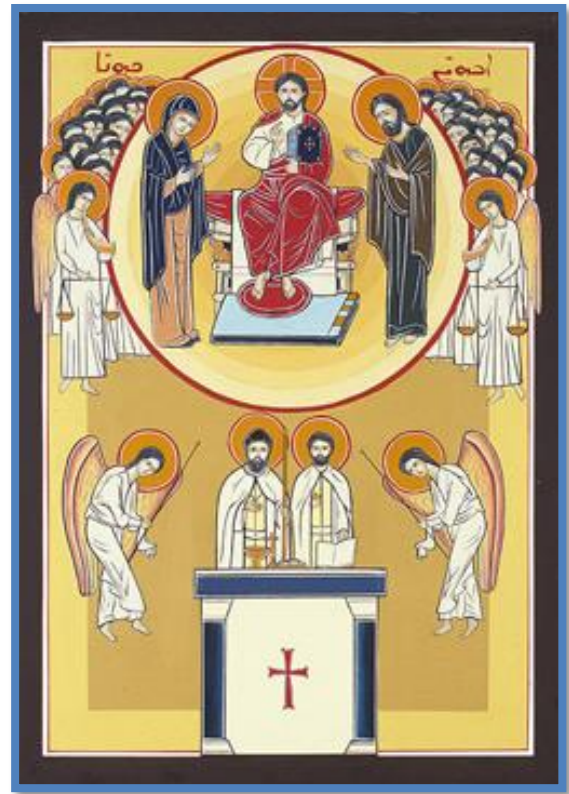
This Sunday, set aside for the **Order of Saint Sharbel**, is a good time for us to ponder these truths. The Order was established many years ago to assist through prayer and financial aid the formation of *seminarians*, and for the support of the *retired priests*. It is a beautiful organization that richly rewards its members through their real and personally sacrificial participation, indirect though it may be, in the glory of the Priesthood of the Word Incarnate. Because the members are supportive of these wonderful works, the Divine Rozeh continue, the Church grows, and the Mystery of Salvation is sustained for future generations. Faithful in this generation, we pass on treasures to those who will follow us so that God will become, finally, all in all.

The members of the Order of Saint Sharbel, generous souls all, form a spiritual family within the Maronite Church, where their prayers aid one another as well as the clergy, and they share most deeply in the mysteries of the Communion of Saints through their prayers, and through communications during the year, as well as at the annual gathering celebrated at the NAM Convention.

Take a moment today to reflect on your gratitude before the merciful Sacred Heart, and upon all that we must owe to the goodness of God. What could we possibly render in justice and in truth to the infinite mercy and benevolence of God?

There are application forms for membership to be found at both entrances of the church.

May the Unclouded Bright One brilliantly illumine your path and transfix your hearts in vibrant faith and love that can flow only from the eternal charity of the Sacred Heart, Who luminously manifests Himself in His Church, within His Kingdom, through His priesthood.



SCHEDULE OF READINGS

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE HOLY CROSS
October 10, 2021

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

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE HOLY CROSS
October 17, 2021

Phil 2: 12-18 St. Matthew 25: 1-13

VOCATION ICON

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

Sun	Oct	10	Michael & Gayle Misner
Sun	Oct	17	Steve & Allison Crate
Sun	Oct	24	Sue Paré & Lolo Salazar
Sun	Oct	31	Daja Gombojav & Family
Sun	Nov	7	Larry & Lisa Grard
Sat	Nov	13	Jim & Lenore Boles
Sun	Nov	21	Chris & Diane Wyder

The wine set forth to become the Living Blood of our Savior in the Divine Mysteries has been offered by the choir *for the month of October*

in memory of Rosanna Joseph

*May her memory be eternal
and may she receive
light and joy
in the fullness of the Kingdom!*



LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

(Budgeted: \$3,100.00)

Regular Collection Last Week: \$1,983.00

(Budget Deficit 2021: \$32,141.00)⁷

The next special collection will be on **October 24th**: World Mission Sunday

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

We recently have had to replace the **toilet** in the parish offices. Any good soul wishing to help with this project -- **\$200.00** came in this week! -- remaining expense: **\$150.00**.

An additional **\$800.00** has come in this week toward the needed collection of **\$39,000.00**.⁸

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

Please remember to sustain the apostolic work of this parish through regular contributions.

INTENTIONS FOR THE QOURBONEH (MASSES)

- Sun 10 9:00am For the Members of the Parish
11:00am †Richard Elias
(Cindy Elias)
- Mon 11 -----
- Tue 12 Fr. Doran
(Catherine & Ira Mandel)
- Wed 13 †Mr. & Mrs. Robert Doran
(Pam & Dan Casavant)
- Thu 14 †Antoinette & Fernand Mathieu
(Pam & Dan Casavant)
- Fri 15 †John Marietta & Paul Thomas
(Pam & Dan Casavant)
- Sat 16 Sarah Grace Misner-Elias
(Misner Family)
- Sunday Vigil 5:00pm Private Intention
- Sun 17 9:00am †Kathleen Hawes
(Lowell Hawes)
11:00am For the Members of the Parish
- Mon 18 -----
- Tue 19 †Joan Gottardi
(Donna-Jo Mitchell)
- Wed 20 †Mr. & Mrs. Robert Doran
(Pam & Dan Casavant)
- Thu 21 †Antoinette & Fernand Mathieu
(Pam & Dan Casavant)
- Fri 22 Fr. Scott Allen
(Rebecca Allen)
- Sat 23 †Charles Blake
Sunday Vigil 5:00pm Private Intention
- Sun 24 9:00am For the Members of the Parish
11:00am †Fr. Paul Coury
(Saint Joseph)
- Mon 25 -----
- Tue 26 †Richard Elias
(Cynthia Elias)

⁷ Deficit 2019: \$72,270.59/Deficit 2020: \$34,473.00

⁸ This makes the amount toward our matching Challenge Grant (20k), to be presently \$15,035.00. This collection is being

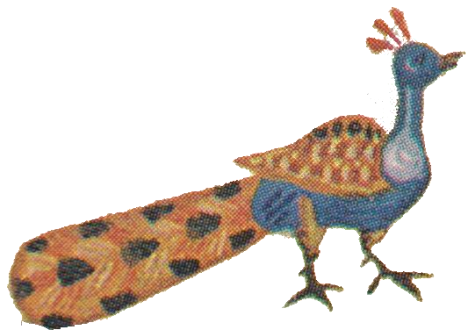
made to cover the needed **building maintenance projects**, estimated at \$60,000.00.

- Wed 27 †Darrell Mitchell
(Donna-Jo Mitchell)
- Thu 28 †Maroon Thomas Family
(Pam & Dan Casavant)
- Fri 29 Robert Riccomini
(Rebecca Allen)

The Life-giving Cross

Please, take notice of our present protocols:

- 1.) All Catholics, of whichever Ritual Church, are more than welcome at Saint Joseph. We are one Family of God and one Body of Christ.
- 2.) Those who are sick, or carry symptoms of sickness, must remain at home.
- 3.) Wearing a face-mask is optional, but is **recommended** for all those indoors.
- 4.) As discussed in parish council meetings prior to the pandemic, in order to bring greater security and peace of mind, the **doors** will be **locked** at the beginning of each Liturgy.
- 5.) Hand sanitizers remain available at the entrances and at the confessional.
- 6.) The ancient and serious obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holydays has now been restored for all the Catholics of Maine.
- 7.) And, lastly, at the end of Mass, those who wish **to remain and pray** in the church are welcome to do so, but out of **respect** for the House of God and **charity** to one's neighbor **all are asked *not to linger, socialize, or visit within the church.*** If one wishes to visit, please do so outside or in the parish hall.



This year, **October 10** is designated as **Order of Saint Sharbel Sunday** in our Eparchy. 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.

This year we have eight seminarians in formation for our Eparchy – six studying in Washington, and two in Lebanon. Please prayerfully consider joining the Order. You may enroll online at www.orderstsharbel.org or find forms for application at the entrances of the church.

*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: Larry Gard, Evan Domonkos, Sarah Grace Misner-Elias, Catherine Mandel, Cindy Elias, David Bourque, Barbara Joseph, Sally Derosby, Tala Poulin, Richard Karter, Lolo Salazar, Charlotte Iserbyte, Rita Hikel, and all those who may suffer from illness, disease, want, or depression.

Abouna's other Sermons are now available on the parish website

In addition to the normal website presence of the 9:00am Sunday Liturgies, it is a pleasure to announce that all of Father Doran's sermons – from the weekdays, the Saturdays, the Vigils, and the 11:00am Sunday *Alohyoh Qourbonoh* – are now being posted the parish website: <https://sjmaronite.org>.

Volunteers on some of the days are occasionally needed to help run the recording device.

Please contact **Ira Mandel** at imandel@aol.com or at **207-701-1575** for details.

SERVERS OF THE DIVINE ALTAR

October 10th:

9:00am: A. Michaud/ M. Carter

11:00am: L. Michaud/S. Nappi

October 17th:

9:00am: M. Carter/ N. Carter

11:00am: S. Nappi/I. Misner-Elias

October 24th:

9:00am: A. Michaud/N. Carter

11:00am: L. Michaud/I. Misner-Elias

October 31st:

9:00am: M. Carter/ N. Carter

11:00am: L. Michaud/ S. Nappi

November 7th:

9:00am: A. Michaud/ M. Carter

11:00am: I. Misner-Elias/L. Michaud

November 14th:

9:00am: M. Carter/ N. Carter

11:00am: I. Misner-Elias/ S. Nappi

PRE-ANAPHORA:

Transfer of Gifts: LB *The Lord Reigns*
(Holy Cross)

Incense Hymn Offertory: SB *iqbal*

ANAPHORA:

Twelve Apostles: p 754

Sign of Peace: SB *tou ba*

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

Recessional: SB *Immaculate Mary*



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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 *toubaik 'eedto* 234

Creed p 748

Saint Theresa of Avila,

Confessor

Doctor of the Church

October 15th