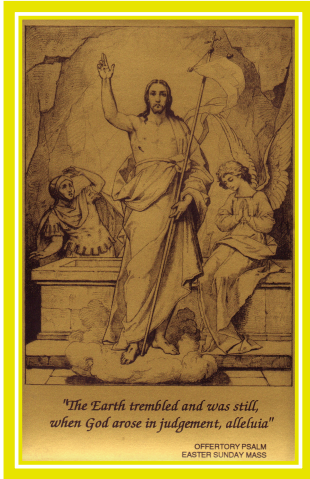


# Fourth Sunday of the Resurrection



April 22, 2018

## Saint Joseph Maronite Catholic Church



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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

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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 21: 1-14

After this Jesus revealed Himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and He revealed Himself in this way.

Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of His disciples were together. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." And they said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the beach; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.

And Jesus said to them, "Children, have you any fish?" They answered Him, "No."

He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, for the quantity of fish.

The disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!"

When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his clothes, for he was stripped for work, and sprang into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for

they were not far from the shore, but about a hundred yards off.

When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish lying on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them. And although there were as many, the net was not torn.

Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast."

Now none of the disciples dared ask Him, "Who are You?" They knew it was the Lord.

Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish.

This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after He was raised from the dead.



### **ABOUNA'S REFLECTIONS**

Far to the East there is the sacred grove of Paradise. It is always flooded with spring's soft sunshine. The weather continually remains most agreeable.

Neither sorrow nor sickness nor death are known there.

The grove is watered by a crystal-clear spring; its high trees are laden with luscious fruit, which never falls to the ground.

A **Phoenix**, the **Bird of Paradise**, is the grove's sole inhabitant.

At the first gleam of dawn this bird bathes

in the limpid stream and drinks from the spring.

Then it flies to the Tree of Life and there awaits the sunrise.

It greets the first beam of sunlight with a song more beautiful than any earthly music.

After the sun is fully risen, it beats its wings with a ringing sound as its wings glitter in the sunlight like a rainbow.

When a thousand years have passed, the phoenix senses that its course is run. It leaves its home and paradise, and flies into the world where death holds sway.

Soon its wings have carried it to **Phoenicia**, where it stops to rest in some remote place. It selects the highest palm tree and builds there a nest to serve as a grave.

Now the phoenix dies only in order that it might live, and be created anew. Therefore it gathers the finest spices of every land, beds itself therein, and dies.

The carcass, being set on fire by the sun's heat, generates life as it burns to ashes. For in these ashes is the germ of new life. Soon there comes

forth a milk-white egg which, transforming itself like the caterpillar into a butterfly, becomes a phoenix and nourishes itself on heavenly dew.

Whoever sees it is amazed by its beauty.

Its plumage shimmers with beautiful colors, its eyes sparkle like a hyacinth, and a crown of light encircles its head.

No bird, and certainly no animal, rivals it in glory.

It is royal in appearance and thought gigantic in size flies gracefully and without effort. Thus the Phoenix appears to admiring eyes. The birds of the sky gather as an escort, but the Phoenix flies back alone to its haven, the sacred Grove of Paradise.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> The Legend of the Phoenix according to Lactantius

## SCHEDULE OF READINGS

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

April 22, 2018

Heb 13: 18-25      St. John 21: 1-14

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

April 29, 2018

Eph 2: 1-10      St. John 21: 15-19



# FOOD

Our annual Lebanese dinner fundraiser is quickly approaching on **Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>**. ALL HANDS ON DECK!

## Annual Lebanese Dinner

Lieutenant-General Fefa has outlined the following schedule:

**Friday, April 27, 10:00 a.m.:** Deleaf *Cabbage*

**Saturday, April 28, 10:00 a.m.:** Roll Grape Leaves, Roll Cabbage Leaves and Bake Kibbee.

**Sunday, April 29:**

11:30 Set up tables

2:00 Prepare Salad

3:00 Cupcakes should be in the hall by this time

3:30 **ALL ON DUTY**, servers and crew

**5:00 – 6:30      *Supper fundraiser.* Come with hearty appetites and bring all you family and friends.**

A heartfelt thanks to all the volunteers who make this enjoyable meal, an important fundraiser for the parish, a successful reality.

*May the God of all Consolation  
bless all our volunteers  
in the triumphant light of the New Creation!*

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

**Regular Collection:** \$1677.00

Second Collection

**Catholic Home Missions Appeal:** \$212.00

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

## Maronite formation Classes

The **Maronite Formation Classes** for adults began on Wednesday, **April 11<sup>th</sup>**, at **6:30 p.m.** in the parish hall. There has been an enthusiastic response and our first meeting was a successful and enjoyable moment to explore and develop the understanding of our Catholic faith and Antiochene heritage. Thanks be to God.

We ask that no children (under 18) be brought, as this is "adults free night out".

We will continue each Wednesday through to the end of May.

We will be using as a text Captivated by Your Teachings by Fr. Anthony Salim. Although it is out of print, you may find copies on-line.

## 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Maronite Convention

Houston, Texas July 11-15, 2018

Hosted by Our Lady of the Cedars Parish  
**Register Today:**

[NAMconvention2018.com](http://NAMconvention2018.com)  
[NAMnews.org](http://NAMnews.org) / 1-914-964-3070

## COFFEE SCHEDULE 2018

|                 |                                 |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>April 22</b> | Lauraine Mansur & Marie McMahon |
| <b>April 29</b> | Dale Sturtevant & Jody Veilleux |
| <b>May 6</b>    | Elizabeth Wilson & Mary Bard    |
| <b>May 13</b>   | Jan Bourque & Lenore Boles      |
| <b>May 20</b>   | Pam Casavant & Sharon Crowe     |

## INTENTIONS FOR THE QURBONEH (MASSES)

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| Sat | 21 | †Helen Franco<br>(Mr. & Mrs. L. J. Reitzel)                               |
| Sun | 22 | For the members of the Parish   |
| Mon | 23 | -----   |
| Tue | 24 | Catholic Extension Society & Donors                                       |
| Wed | 25 | †Ernest & Charles Maroon<br>(Stephen Maroon)                              |
| Thu | 26 | †Lucille Paré<br>(Suzanne Paré)<br>-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors |
| Fri | 27 | Catholic Extension Society & Donors                                       |
| Sat | 28 | Eddie Belanger<br>(Mr. & Mrs. L. J. Reitzel)                              |
| Sun | 29 | For the members of the Parish   |

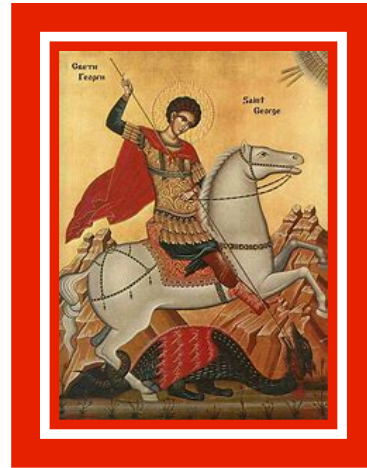
## VOCATION ICON

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

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| Sun | April 22 | Lowell & Mary Hawes      |
| Sun | April 29 | Larry & Lisa Grard       |
| Sun | May 6    | Chris & Diane Wyder      |
| Sat | May 12   | Jim & Lenore Boles       |
| Sun | May 20   | Larry and Paula Mitchell |

*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, Virginia Poulin, Beverly Rideout, Paul Laverdiere, Marie Lessard and Mary Nader.



*Saint George,  
Martyr, April 23<sup>rd</sup>*

## fourth Sunday of the Resurrection

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

**Entrance Hymn:** LB fsheeto #145

**Glory:** SB al majdu

**Qolo/Hymn:** LB msheeha #146A

**Creed** p 748

### PRE-ANAPHORA:

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

**Incense Hymn:** SB p 3 #8 ikbal

### ANAPHORA:

**St. John Chrysostom:** LB p 876

**Sign of Peace:** SB too ba

**Communion:** SB I am the Vine & The Strife is Over

**Recessional:** SB Joyful, joyful

\*LB=Liturgical Book SB=Song Book