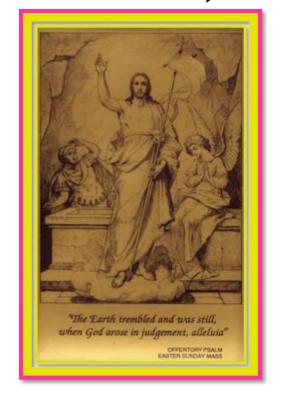
Saint Joseph Maronite Catholic Church





April 4, 2021

Welcome all visitors to the beautiful heritage of Antioch

3 Appleton Street Waterville, ME 04901 **Office Phone:** 207-872-8515

Pastor: Rev. Fr. James Doran, KHS Subdeacon: Mr. Stephen Crate website: http://www.sjmaronite.org e-mail: stjoesinmaine@yahoo.com

"For us, the men and women of the East are a symbol of the Lord Who comes again." Orientale Lumen, John Paul II

Oourboneh: 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 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 \$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 Oay's Edistle Philippians 2: 1-11

Therefore, if you have consolation in the Messiah, comfort in charity, spiritual

fellowship, compassion, or mercy, complete my joy by being of one mind, one charity, one soul, and one way of thinking.

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

Do not do anything in strife or selfishness, but rather, in humility of mind, let each esteem of his neighbor as more excellent than himself. No one should be preoccupied with his own well-being, but rather that of his neighbor. You should all think in the same manner as Jesus the Messiah, Who, although He was the Image of God, did not consider equality to God as a thing to be exploited, but rather emptied Himself, took the form of a slave, and was born in the likeness of man.

And being found in the form of man, He humbled Himself, and was obedient unto death, even the death of the Cross.

On account of this, God has also greatly exalted Him and given Him the Name that is far beyond all other names, so that, at the Name of *Yeshu'*, every knee should bend – in heaven, on the earth, and under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that *Yeshu' Msheeho* is Lord, to the glory of God His Father.





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

May the glorious and life-giving life of the Resurrection ever radiate throughout your lives. A most blessed and happy Easter to you all!

² Homily 1.7.8 "on Ezechiel"

The Old Testament "Passover" was called "Pesach", and so our Syriac version of the same linguistic family is "PesHoh". The life, death, and resurrection of the Word Incarnate is the "passing over" from earth to existential glory that transforms assumed humanity in that unique sacred human nature of the Sacred Heart. Hence, our term for "rising" from qom, which gives us the Syriac meaning for "Easter" – Italy "eedoh daqyomthoh" – the Feast of the Ressurection.

Presence is a choice, not merely a question of existence. The choice God made to create the universe as a *manifestation of His goodness*, and, for creatures, as a *participation in that goodness* was perfected by **personal** *theophany in the incarnation* and the *resurrection*. Hidden Divinity freely chose to be personally **present** among us. His glorious ascension crowns His humanity in His eternal majesty through victory.

What could be more striking than the light, triumph, and glory that was manifested on the morning of divine charity that is the Glorious Resurrection? Creation has been renewed, hope is offered to mankind, spirits are uplifted, and love is enkindled in the Divine Flame.

The Divine Presence that once only accompanied Israel, followed them into Captivity, manifested Himself in the Flesh, by Resurrection was made radiant for participation by those consecrated in faith and baptism. It is by our orthodox Catholic faith and in its baptism that we enter into the Divine Presence in Christ.

Our lives are meant to be transformed in glory, beginning even here below in this valley of tears, *this* is the Divine Economy. The infinitely transcendent Good One opens His Presence to us – more than simply accompanying men as was done under the Old Law – and by engrafting us into His glorious Victory He restores and elevates His image within us.

In this, time is renewed and given purpose; human life recovers its purpose and meaning; and all creation is reoriented to its destiny of the Kingdom.

Let us then embrace the Life given to us, and rejoice in the possibilities of grace, so that our own lives become truly what God intends them to be for His glory and our well-being in the victorious, luminous, and glorious King.

Schedule of Readings

THE GLORIOUS RESURRECTION
April 4, 2021

Phil 2: 1-11 St. Matthew 28: 1-10

NEW SUNDAY April 11, 2021

II Cor 5: 11-21 St. John 20: 26-31



Herald of the New Creation

VOCATION ICON

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

Sun	April	4	Steve & Allison Crate
Sun	April	11	Sue Paré & Lolo Salazar
Sun	April	18	Daja Gombojav & Family
Sun	April	25	Larry & Lisa Grard
Sat	May	1	Jim & Lenore Boles
Sun	May	9	Chris & Diane Wyder
Sun	May	16	Michael & Gayle Misner



المحسل مع محزا! Msheeho qom men qabro!

Christ is risen!

! po Liii.
Shareeroeeth qom!
He is truly risen!

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

(Budgeted: \$3,100.00)

Regular Collection Last Week: \$1,415.00

(Budget Deficit 2021: \$9,563.00)3

An additional \$1,250.00 has come in this week for the Lenten collections - the combined \$39,000.00 we need to collect to cover the Bishop's Appeal and the building maintenance projects we will attempt to do this summer.4

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 4 9:00 For the Members of the Parish 11:00 Private Intention

Mon 5 -----

Tue 6 †Philip Chapman

Wed 7 All the Faithful Departed (Mary Nicholas)

Thu 8 †Joan Gottardi

(Dan & Pam Cassavant)

Fri 9 †Preston Porter

(Antoinette Jamerson)

Sat 10 The Nicholas Family (Mary Nicholas)

Sun 11 9:00 For the Members of the Parish 11:00 Private Intention

Mon 12 -----

Tue 13 †Darrell Mitchell (Donna-Jo Mitchell)

Wed 14 All the Faithful Departed (Mary Nicholas)

Thu 15 Gayle Misner-Elias (Misner Family)

Fri 16 Fr. Doran (Catherine & Ira Mandel)

Sat 17 †Sam Novak

(Ira & Catherine Mandel)

Sun 18 9:00 For the Members of the Parish 11:00 †Joan Gottardi

(Donna-Jo Mitchell)

Mon 19 -----

Tue 20 †All the Faithful Departed (Mary Nicholas)

Wed 21 †Rachel Salazar (the LaChance Family)

Thu 22 All Deceased Maronite Priests (Mary Nicholas)

Fri 23 †Bernice Glenn (Marc & Antoinette Jamerson)

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: Barbara Joseph, Father Chris Piselli, Sally Derosby, Tala Poulin, Daja Gombojav, Anne El-Habre, Richard Karter, Lolo Salazar, Charlotte Iserbyte, Rita Hikel, and all those who suffer from disease, want, or depression.

مُوزِيْل كَيهُونِ ﴿

achieve the 59k we need for the first stage of our building works.

³ Deficit **2019**: \$72,270.59/Deficit **2020**: \$34,473.00

⁴ This makes the amount toward our matching Challenge Grant, to be presently **\$9,945.00**. Only \$30,000.00 to go to



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.
- 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 **Vigil** Masses are <u>suspended</u> until further notice.
- 7.) Everyone is asked to wear a face-mask.
- 8.) Hand sanitizers are available at the entrances and at the confessional.
- 9.) Seating at church must be "first-come-first-served" and will be closed at "100".
- 10.) 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.
- 11.) To control crowd flow and bring greater security, **doors** will be **locked** at the beginning of each Liturgy.
- 12.) A *six-foot distancing* is to be observed by those who approach the Divine Altar and wish to receive the Divine Eucharist in **Holy Communion**.
- 13.) 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*

<u>linger</u>, <u>socialize</u>, <u>or visit</u> within the church.

Please exit through the Appleton Street doorway. If one wishes to visit, please do so outside the church, being *mindful of masking* and observing proper physical distancing.



The Sanctuary Lamp burns in April in memory of the *Nancy Joseph* at the request of the Herbert Joseph Family.

The Altar Breads have

been donated in memory of *Deeb and Sumayah Ferris* by Steve and Allison Crate

May their memory be eternal!

Servers of the divine altar

Glorious Resurrection, April 4:

9:00am: A. Michaud/M. Carter/N. Carter 11:00am: L. Michaud/I. Misner-Elias

New Sunday, April 11:

9:00am: M. Carter/ N. Carter 11:00am: L. Michaud/ I. Misner-Elias

April 18:

9:00am: A. Michaud/ N. Carter 11:00am: I. Misner-Elias

<u>April</u> 25:

May 2:

9:00am: A. Michaud/ M. Carter 11:00am: I. Misner-Elias

May 9th:

9:00am: M. Carter/ N. Carter 11:00am: L. Michaud/ I. Misner-Elias



The Glorious Resurrection p. 315

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

Entrance Hymn: LB fsheeto 145

Glory: SB glory

Qolo/Hymn: LB msheeho 146B

Procession: Ya soe ad am

Creed p 748

PRE-ANAPHORA:

Transfer of Gifts: LB The Lord Reigns

Incense Hymn Offertory: SB l'maryam yoldat

ANAPHORA:

Saint John Chrysostom: LB p 876

Sign of Peace: SB tou ba

Communion: SB O Bread of Life; The Holy

Anthem Rise

Recessional: SB Christ is Risen

Great and Holy Saturday of the Light

Saturday, April 3rd

Rite of Forgiveness: **11:30 am** (*Confessions* at 10:30)

Vigil of the Glorious Resurrection: 5:00 pm

The Glorious Resurrection of our Lord and God

Sunday, April 4th

Divine Qourbonoh and the Rite of Peace: 9:00 am

Divine Qourbonoh: 11:00 am

Blessing of Paschal/Easter Foods after each Mass



The New Creation

April 4th