

Saint Joseph Maronite Catholic Church



Sunday of the Holy Trinity

May 30, 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." Orientale 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 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 DAY'S GOSPEL¹

St. Matthew 28: 16-20

And the eleven disciples went into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them.

And when they beheld Him, they worshipped Him: but some doubted.

And Jesus came near, and discoursed with them, and said to them:

All authority is given to Me, in heaven and on earth. And as My Father sent Me, so also I send you.

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

Go ye, therefore, and instruct all nations; and baptize them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

And teach them to observe all that I have commanded you.

And, behold, I am with you all days, unto the consummation of the world. Amen.

Completion of the Holy Gospel as published by Matthew; and which he published in Hebrew, in the land of the Palestinians.



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

Knowledge of Him chased error away from mankind, who had become lost; the Evil One was led astray by Him and was confounded.

Knowledge of Him poured out all kinds of wisdom upon the nations.

Blessed is His fountain!³

Relief, in the midst of the Octave of Pentecostal wisdom, light, and glory, we have all received relief. Fire, light, wisdom, and charity are being proposed to all who believe. We are now able to move forward in mitigation and relief from under the burdens that have been imposed upon us all.

The Good One is never far from any of us, and He speaks to all those of good-will. For this reason, these many months have been simultaneously fearful, apprehensive, renewing, restorative,

transformative, and filled with both trials and hope.

As written up in previous bulletins, we can now start re-opening and renewing our little corner of the world as a parish.

We are not completely done with this public crisis yet, but we can say to *those who have been so; each is to be congratulated for their patience and hopeful charity throughout this last year.*

Protocols. By now everyone is aware of the recent lifting of most all pandemic protocols; indeed, it was impossible to restrain those who last Sunday, after the 11:00 Mass, with great energy, tore off the blue tape that has adorned our pews for more than one year. Serious we must remain, and we still have some directives, these will remain in the "protocol box" in the bulletin so long as there is a declared state of emergency.

Masks will no longer be required, but may be freely worn of course indoors or outdoors at any time. *Capacity limits* have been lifted and seating in the pews is freely open. All are asked to respect the wishes, insofar as possible, of those who may wish to sit apart.

Parents are the responsible parties for deciding whether their children are masked, not fellow parishioners, staff, or volunteers. ***No one is to approach another about this issue.***

We will still be scheduling *regular cleaning and sanitizing* of the church.

Liturgical Vigils. As commented on over the last months, we will proceed to re-establishing the liturgical Vigils over the summer. The numbers attending the Vigil of Pentecost were surprisingly low, but onward we go.

Historically, the parish numbers of those attending plummet in the summer (many apparently replace Mass with camp) so our need is somewhat mitigated for re-opening, along with the rest of the world, in these summer months.

² Homily 1.7.8 "on Ezechiel"

³ Saint Ephrem, *Hymns of the Resurrection*, I, trans. Sebastian Brock, *Hymns of Mary*, Oxford, 1975

There will be two 5:00pm Sunday Vigils in June and three in July, and *with the Feast of the Dormition/ Assumption* our schedule will be fully restored from that point onward.

Please note the bulletins for the dates. The Second and Fourth Sundays of June will be the next Sunday Vigils: **June 12th** and **June 26th**.

Fast of Saints Peter and Paul. Please note the directives from our Patriarch concerning the Fast of Saints Peter and Paul. There are still a few weeks before this liturgical fast begins, it is true, but I know that many of you devoted mothers (and fathers) like to plan your families' schedules and menus ahead of time.

Socializing. Upheavals have been the societal norm all around the world these last fifteen months. Part of our re-opening should also allow us to socialize in order to renew our conversations with one another and meet the new faces that have found their way to the parish during the storms of the pandemic. *We have happily been a place of refuge to many.*

Subdeacon Steve, his wife Allison, Suzanne Paré, Ruth Lunn, and others are organizing parish barbecues that will be held each month this summer. This will allow for outdoor gatherings with no worries, open space for conversation, and will permit us to rejoice in one another's company.

Each month – *third Friday* of June, *second* Friday of July, and the *first* Friday of August – there will be a parish barbecue on the grounds. They will be scheduled for **5:30 – 8:00pm**.

All parishioners who attend will be *completely dispensed from our traditional Friday fasting* – even during the Fast of the Apostles – in order to encourage the greatest numbers to participate. So, don't worry, there will be no grilled tofu, just traditional barbecue fare such as burgers and chicken Everything will be freely offered, but there will be donation box for those who wish to aid us in putting on these festivities throughout the summer.

Thus, **June 18th** will be our first parish social.

The last one (a grand finale so to speak) will be on the First Friday of August, which this year beautifully coincides with the great Feast of the Transfiguration: a perfect moment for us to celebrate our faith and the charitable bonds that unite us.

These barbecues should be moments of great joy, and already our organizers are getting completely into the spirit. They will certainly be providing a most attractive and as joyful a venue as is possible in present circumstances.

We look forward to seeing one another – without masks – and making new acquaintance among what are now our “historic” Maronites and our “recent” Maronites. We are all children of the Apostolic Faith, Catholics all, heirs of Saint Maron, and happily one family of Antioch.

Muffins. Again, as written up in an earlier bulletin, the Sunday muffins and coffee are set to reappear in September.

Parish Council. Also as written up in earlier bulletins, we will see the parish council meet once again in October for a new season. As this pandemic has changed so much, it has also called attention to the fact that we need to renew our council according to its own by-laws established in 2012.

Just before the pandemic, a couple members stood down and the last fifteen months have clearly shown that the parish has not reviewed our council membership and composition in many years. This will now be done over the summer, and we take this occasion *to thank all the present members* of the council for their years of edifying devotion to Saint Joseph.

Parish Council by-laws establish that members are to serve a *two- or three-year mandate*, which can be *renewed only once*; we need to re-assess where we are as an organization. The ex-officio members (Catechetics, Knights of Columbus, Rosary Sodality) necessarily remain on the council so long as they occupy those offices.

This summer then offers the opportunity to re-evaluate, renew, and re-establish our pastoral council. With patience, good-will, and charity for

all we will move forward, and by October all things should be in place for us to resume meetings.

It is my hope that in the foreseeable future we will be able to restore the **Holy Name Society** to the parish, making them counterparts to the ladies in the Rosary Sodality. Using the **Exercises of Saint Ignatius** of Loyola, we also hope to organize a silent retreat in the fall. Post-pandemic is the time for us to blossom and flourish apostolically.

Gradually and with care, we re-open and re-establish our apostolic endeavors at Saint Joseph: come August, the weekly scheduled Masses will be more numerous than they have been in many decades; we will have occasion each summer month to socialize around the barbecue, sharing with one another our parish's life; and, finally, we can look forward to a renewed and re-invigorated parochial and apostolic life with the coming of fall. God is good!

So it is that as the months advance, and summer deepens, we progress together, patiently united around the Divine and Forgiving Altar of the Lord, illuminated in the reciprocity of the Faith, fortified in hope, enlivened in charity, and even enjoying moments of togetherness in pure human friendship and love.



Would that the Sacred Heart cast His fire into all of our hearts, bringing light, faith, charity, and love for one another in this endeavor.

May the Luminous One find in us docile instruments for His apostolic work!

SCHEDULE OF READINGS

TRINITY SUNDAY

May 30, 2021

Rom 11: 25-36 St. Matthew 28: 16-20

THIRD SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

June 6, 2021

I Cor 2: 1-10 St. John 14: 21-27

VOCATION ICON

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

Sun	May	30	Sue Paré & Lolo Salazar
Sun	June	6	Daja Gombojav & Family
Sun	June	13	Larry & Lisa Grard
Sat	June	19	Jim & Lenore Boles
Sun	June	27	Chris & Diane Wyder
Sun	July	4	Michael & Gayle Misner
Sun	July	11	Steve & Allison Crate

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

(Budgeted: \$3,100.00)

Regular Collection Last Week: \$2,112.00

(Budget Deficit 2021: \$13,657.00)⁴

Last Week's Special Collection: \$226.00
Catholic Communications Campaign

An additional \$00.00 has come in this week toward the combined collections of \$39,000.00.⁵

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.

⁴ Deficit 2019: \$72,270.59/Deficit 2020: \$34,473.00

⁵ This makes the amount toward our matching Challenge Grant (20k), to be presently \$12,520.00. The combined

collections are needed to cover this year's Lenten **Bishop's Appeal (now paid)** and the **building maintenance projects** we need to do.

INTENTIONS FOR THE QOURBONEH (MASSES)

- Sun 30 9:00am --For the Members of the Parish
11:00am - Fr. Doran
(Misner-Elias Family)
- Mon 31 -----
- Tue 1 Elias Family
(Misner-Elias Family)
- Wed 2 †Tony George
(Joyce George)
- Thu 3 All the Faithful Departed
(Misner-Elias Family)
- Fri 4 Private Intention
- Sat 5 10:00 Fortieth Day for Jibryne Karter
(Jan Karter)
- Sun 6 9:00am --For the Members of the Parish
11:00am - †George "Tony" Joseph
(Sandra Napolitano)
- Mon 7 -----
- Tue 8 Tegshee Michael Gombojav
(Daja Gombojav)
- Wed 9 †Joan Sturchio
(the residents of Saint Francis de Sales)
- Thu 10 †Johanna Melania Brion-Beterans
(Diane Wyder)
- Fri 11 Private Intention
- Sat 12 10:00am †Norma Maroon
(John Maroon)
5:00pm Sunday Vigil Private intention
- Sun 13 9:00am --For the Members of the Parish
11:00am - †George "Tony" Joseph
(Sandra Napolitano)
- Mon 14 -----
- Tue 15 Libby Atkinson
(Gayle Misner-Elias)
- Wed 16 †Doria Frank
(Reitzel Family)
- Thu 17 Fr. Doran
(Catherine & Ira Mandel)
- Fri 18 †Joan Gottardi
(Donna-Jo 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 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: David Bourque, Barbara Joseph, Sally Derosby, Tala Poulin, Daja Gombojav, Richard Karter, Lolo Salazar, Charlotte Iserbyte, Rita Hikel, and all those who may suffer from disease, want, or depression.

The Fast of the holy Apostles

*Saints Peter and Paul (June 29th)
and the Twelve Apostles (June 30th)*

As we have been reminded by our Patriarch, it is our tradition to fast in preparation for the great feasts of Saints Peter and Paul, and all are encouraged to do so faithfully, *par. 23*:

*This fast is known as "The Apostles' Fast,
during which the faithful abstain from eating
meat, dairy products and eggs,
from June 17th -- 28th.*

We are reminded in *paragraph 21* of the same letter that "a fast" is *to go without all foods from midnight to noon*, after which we abstain from all animal flesh and animal products – more or less "vegan" as they would call it these days.

When a fast day falls on a Saturday or a Sunday (as will be the case on June 19-20 and 26-27 this year) one can eat as they wish, but should still abstain from all animal products and flesh.

This practice is applicable to all who have attained the age of the use of reason, *par. 22*.

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 vulnerable, elderly, and at-risk individuals should remain at home and follow the Liturgies as posted on the parish's website.
- 5.) The **Vigil** Masses are suspended until further notice and *will be gradually resumed over this summer*. Please note the bulletin for dates.
- 6.) Wearing of face-masks is optional.
- 7.) Hand sanitizers are available at the entrances and at the confessional.
- 8.) As discussed in parish council meetings before the pandemic, in order to bring greater security, **doors** will be **locked** at the beginning of each Liturgy.
- 9.) And, lastly, at the end of Mass, those who wish to **remain and pray** in the church are welcome to do so, but **all are asked not to linger, socialize, or visit within the church.** If one wishes to visit, please do so outside the church.

SERVERS OF THE DIVINE ALTAR

May 30th:

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

June 6th:

9:00am: M. Carter/ N. Carter
11:00am: L. Michaud/ S. Nappi

June 13th:

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

June 20th:

9:00am: M. Carter/ N. Carter
11:00am: L. Michaud/ S. Nappi

June 27th:

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

July 4th:

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

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

Entrance Hymn: LB *msheeho* 175B

Glory: SB *glory*

Qolo/Hymn: LB *bo'outho d'mor afrem* 176

Creed p 748

PRE-ANAPHORA:

Transfer of Gifts: LB *The Lord Reigns*

Incense Hymn Offertory: SB *iqbal*

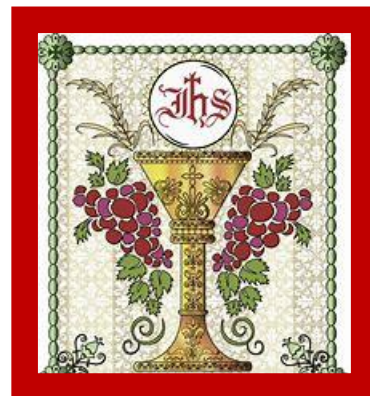
ANAPHORA:

Saint John Maron: LB p 897

Sign of Peace: SB *tou ba*

Communion: SB *Your Body is our Food; Come, Holy Spirit*

Recessional: SB *Glorious in Majesty*



Corpus Christi

June 3rd