

Saint Joseph Maronite Catholic Church



Sunday of the Most Holy Trinity

June 16, 2019

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." *Oriente 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 at least **two months in advance**. Recommended stipends:
weekday intentions \$10; weekend intentions \$15

Monthly Memorials: Sanctuary Candles \$20; Altar Bread \$25; Wine \$45

Catechists: Lenore Boles, *Director* & K-1st; Shana Page, 3-5th **Choir Director:** Dame Fefa Marie Deeb, DSG **Parish Council President:** Lisa Gard **Ex-officio Council Members:** Subdeacon Steve Crate; Lenore Boles, *Religious Education*; Larry Mitchell, *Knights of Columbus*; Ruth Lunn, *Rosary Sodality*

Today's Gospel¹ St. Matthew 28: 16-20

But the eleven disciples went to the mountain in Galilee that Jesus had indicated to them.
When they saw Him, they bowed down before Him; but some of them doubted.

Jesus drew near and spoke with them. "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me," He told them.

"As My Father sent me, I am sending you. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, and baptize them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit; and teach them to obey everything

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

I have commanded you. And, behold, I am with you all the days, until the end of the age (world). Amen.”

CONCLUSION OF THE HOLY GOSPEL
PROCLAMATION OF THE APOSTLE MATTHEW,
WHO SPOKE IN HEBREW IN PALESTINE.



ABOUNA'S REFLECTIONS

To live fully as a Christian does not require us to do something other than what we must do to live, but it does fundamentally alter *how* we must live in doing those necessary things. Catholics do not leave the world to follow the Gospel, but they do radically change the way they see the world. It is in this manner that they are “not of this world” and are “parish”, only passing through.² This is why last week’s reflections were about “seeing” Christ, and “living in Christ”.

We are each one unique substance, one human person, and how the mind operates and the will functions in its freedom are completely unique to each in personal liberty (excepting in the case of mental illness or severe mental handicaps). Although not a psychological illness in the medical sense, sin, and especially vice, is disease to the spirit and does blind the mind. For this reason, rational thought, free choice, and faith are all consonant with one another. Even as there is a difference between presently experiencing something (seeing the flowers in our neighbor’s yard right now) and remembering a past action (such as seeing the flowers that are in my yard) are different, so faith and rational thought are diverse, but they are not in opposition to one another. There is no clash between “faith and reason” as the modern mythology attempts to portray. There are many things in revelation that may exceed human discernment, but they are not for all that “irrational”.

Being above reason, transcending its natural abilities, makes revealed realities *supra*-rational. As an example from the natural world, in the world of

physical objects we do not fail “to believe” that gravity is real even though we are unable to express or explain *what* it is as a force. In the divine realm we also experience a presence that is as inexpressible, but just as real. Sadly, this experience is absent in many lives because the noise and cacophony in the mind drowns out observation. Modern men make themselves unable to hear the voice of God. Nevertheless, to be blind is not a proof of light’s non-existence. Just as it would be absurd for the person born blind to insist that light and color do not exist, so too is it for the worldly to insist that revelation does not.

The world is seductive and highly distracting. This distraction and surface existence of men has broken out recently as an extensive collapse of many through addiction to one thing or another. Living in the modern world, we can more easily understand our Lord’s warning, and His instruction, that we must be as wise as serpents, but as guileless as doves.³ As sheep among wolves He has called us to act in the world, not in another age or generation, but in this year, this month: we must be clever in the ways of God. Cleverness is the result of wisdom and vision, and these things result from grace and prayer – not sentimentality or emotionalism.

Identifying all knowledge with the senses, living at the level of sense, the modern devotion to material things, and seeking wealth as an end, means that the collective god of the modern world is matter and not spirit. The “religious” manifestation of this disorder is self-centered sentimentality (regardless of what it calls itself).

Morality, on the contrary, is conformity to an objective good – ultimately derived from the Hidden and Divine Word. The modern “wolfish” world confuses morality with *expediency*, and this is source of the confusion in people who think that because they are faithful citizens they are good Christians. This is not at all the same thing; all good Christians are good citizens, but not all good citizens are good Christians, even if they are baptized. Materialism is the art, life, and practice of doing much in the pursuit of what is, in final judgement, *nothing* that satisfies man’s essential happiness. Hence, we are presently a nation of addicts in our escape from misery.

² I Peter 1: 17

³ St. Matthew 10: 16

From today's Gospel we can clearly see that the Redeemer's intent was that all the nations of the world are meant to learn from Him, to become His "disciples". He does not tell the Apostles to whisper religion to a few in a café or at someone's birthday party, but to make *nations* adhere to the Gospel of life. Whole peoples are to embrace the Gospel and find restoration through grace. It is the desire of our Lord that all humanity be fundamentally happy, refreshed, and whole.

Christianity is a public religion and it must be lived publicly. Every aspect of human life has been redeemed: personal, familial, social, economic, and political. This is a difficult thing to hear, because we have been inundated by propaganda for the last two centuries to insist that religion is "a personal affair", to which they add, "not to be discussed in polite company". This is profoundly untrue.

The purpose of our Lord's mandate at the end of the Gospel of Saint Matthew is to establish the world in health for the restoration of the cosmos - in the meantime with human lives extricated from materialistic traps, filled with the light and knowledge of the Transcendent One, oriented toward life and healing - and finally recapitulated in Christ, at the end of days. *Maranatha*.

SCHEDULE OF READINGS

SUNDAY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
June 16, 2019

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF PENTECOST
June 23, 2019

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

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| Sun | June 16 | Chris & Diane Wyder |
| Sun | June 23 | Bruce & Doreen White |
| Sun | June 30 | Steve and Alison Crate |
| Sun | July 7 | Lowell & Mary Hawes |
| Sun | July 14 | Larry & Lisa Grard |
| Sat | July 20 | Jim & Lenore Boles |

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Regular Collection: \$1960.00

Upcoming Second Collection, June 30th
Peter's Pence
(The entire collection is sent to the Holy Father to assist with emergency financial assistance to the neediest throughout the world.)

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

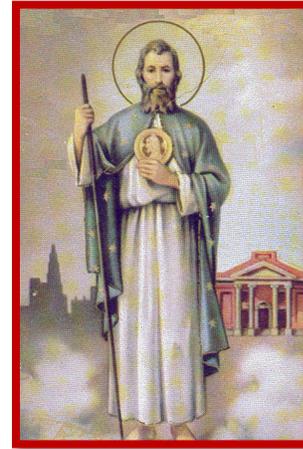
INTENTIONS FOR THE QOURBONEH (MASSES)

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| Sat | 15 | †Charles Owen
<i>(the Parish)</i>
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors |
| Sun | 16 | For the members of the Parish |
| Mon | 17 | ----- |
| Tue | 18 | Catholic Extension Society & Donors |
| Wed | 19 | †Marietta & John Thomas
<i>(Pam & Dan Casavant)</i>
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors |
| Thu | 20 | Catholic Extension Society & Donors |
| Fri | 21 | Private Intention
<i>(Abouna James)</i>
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors |
| Sat | 22 | †Charles Owen
<i>(the Parish)</i>
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors |
| Sun | 23 | For the members of the Parish |
| Mon | 24 | ----- |
| Tue | 25 | Catholic Extension Society & Donors |
| Wed | 26 | †Marietta & John Thomas
<i>(Pam & Dan Casavant)</i>
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors |
| Thu | 27 | Catholic Extension Society & Donors |
| Fri | 28 | Private Intention
<i>(Abouna James)</i>
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors |
| Sat | 29 | 60 th Anniv. of Bunny and Herb Karter
<i>(Barbara Gosselin)</i> |

Sun 30 For the members of the Parish
 Mon 1 -----
 Tue 2 Catholic Extension Society & Donors
 Wed 3 †Marietta & John Thomas
 (Pam & Dan Casavant)
 -- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
 Thu 4 Catholic Extension Society & Donors
 Fri 5 Private Intention
 (Abouna James)
 -- Catholic Extension Society & Donors

abstain from all animal flesh and animal products.

This binds all who have attained the age of the use of reason, *par.* 22.



Saint Jude Thaddeus, Apostle
 June 19th

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

Entrance Hymn: LB *imsheeho* 175B

Glory: SB *glory*

Qolo/Hymn: LB *bo'outho* 176

Creed p 748

PRE-ANAPHORA:

Transfer of Gifts: LB *The Lord Reigns*

Incense Hymn Offertory: SB *l'maryam yoldat*

ANAPHORA:

Saint James, Brother of the Lord: LB p 794

Sign of Peace: SB *Gift of Peace*

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

Recessional: SB *Glorious in Majesty*

*LB=Liturgical Book SB=Song Book

*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: Doreen Nader, Tala Poulin, Louise Saliem, Virginia Poulin, and Beverly Rideout.

The Fast of the holy Apostles

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

As we were reminded by our Patriarch in his recent Lenten Letter, 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 - "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 22nd and 23rd this year) one can eat as they wish, but must still