

Saint Joseph Maronite Catholic Church



Our Lady of the Lebanon

May 2, 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: 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 EPISTLE¹

Saint James 3: 13-18

Who among you is wise and well-informed?
Let him show his works by his good manner of
life, together with humble wisdom.
But if there is any cruel jealousy among you, or
if you have quarrelsome hearts, do not lie and
think yourselves to be above the truth,

because this sort of wisdom does not come
down from above;
it is earthly, it comes from the thoughts of men,
and from demons.
For where such jealousy or quarreling is
present, trouble shall follow, and all sorts of
evil;

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

whereas the wisdom that does come from above is pure, peaceful, humble, obedient, merciful, and fruitful;
it does not show favoritism neither is it hypocritical;
and the harvest of righteousness is sown peacefully by those who make peace.



ABOUNA'S REFLECTIONS

*From the fairest daughter of man,
God clothed Himself with the form of a man
in the splendor of perfection.²*

Male and female are the two aspects of the one nature of the human creature³ made in the image of the Word of God Incarnate. Within the Divine Economy in the redemption and restoration of mankind, Mary of Nazareth is the unique creation who touches the very boundaries of Divinity through her participation in that act of Incarnation. Saint Ephraim called her the "ship bearing treasures" through this world, whose "cargo" is the Divine Son of the Hidden Father. She is, he also calls her, the sacred Vine that brought forth the "Cluster of Fire".

Maryam is the restoration of *woman* in the New Creation and she is thus the exemplar of all womanhood as it was intended to be from all eternity in the Divine Mind. Mary is to the world what Eve was meant to have been if not for the tragedy of Eden. One mother brought wounds and death, while the latter brought forth healing. The Hidden One Himself fulfilled the restoration of *masculinity* as the *New Adam*, in Whom we each find redemption into life eternal.

The Blessed Virgin is the *New Eve*, restored womanhood, the Immaculate⁴ Virgin, perfect daughter of creation, docile instrument of the Spirit of Holiness, Mother of the Word Incarnate, Co-

Redemptrix, Mother of Sorrows, unshaken Faithful One, Mother of the Light; she was assumed into Heaven, and in splendor she is now the Mediatrix of all graces. At the right of her glorious Son, she is the Mother of the Church and holds sway over the Mystical Body of Christ and all creation.

Intact, integral, whole, and virginal, Mary responded freely, and in every moment, to the luminous embrace of grace, fulfilled the promises made to Abraham and the Patriarchs; she was recipient of the prophecies made to Israel and Judea; she was manifestly the fulfilment of the "Daughter of Zion", and, among the *anawim*,⁵ in her humility, she collaborated with the initiative of the Good One to bring healing to the human race made possible by the appearance of the Eternal Word among us. From that day forward she has shown compassion and aid to all the fallen children of Eve. Her desire has been, and is, to heal, raise up, and re-integrate the children of Adam into the New Adam, in Whose Body we are uniquely saved.

In a small place and relative to all this, although it is great in itself, is the fact that she is Queen and Protector of the Lebanon, the mystic white mountains spoken of eloquently in the Sacred Scriptures. She is Queen of the nation that has grown up in the shadow of their presence.

Pray that this merciful Lady intercede and guide the wounded and suffering among us, and under her title as Protector of Lebanon that she might heal the turmoil of that country and region which is so much in need of her now.

SCHEDULE OF READINGS

OUR LADY OF THE LEBANON

May 2, 2021

St. James 3: 13-18 St. Luke 9: 23-27

SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

May 9, 2021

Rom 10: 1-13 St. Luke 24: 36-48

² Hoosoyoh, **Genealogy Sunday**, 1982 ed.

³ Genesis 5: 2

⁴ As *macula* means "stain" in Latin, to be "im-macula" thus means to be "unstained", "unblemished"

⁵ The little/simple ones over whom God shows special care.

VOCATION ICON

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

Sat	May	1	Jim & Lenore Boles
Sun	May	9	Chris & Diane Wyder
Sun	May	16	Michael & Gayle Misner
Sun	May	23	Steve & Allison Crate
Sun	May	30	Sue Paré & Lolo Salazar
Sun	June	6	Daja Gombojav & Family
Sun	June	13	Larry & Lisa Gard

Fri	7	All the Faithful Departed <i>(Misner-Elias Family)</i>
Sat	8	Simon Misner-Elias
Sun	9	9:00 For the Members of the Parish 11:00 Private Intention
Mon	10	-----
Tue	11	The Nicholas Family <i>(Mary Nicholas)</i>
Wed	12	9:00am -- Parishioners of Saint Joseph <i>(Misner-Elias Family)</i> 6:00pm -- Vigil of the Ascension For all the Members of the Parish
Thu	13	Misner-Elias Family
Fri	14	Fr. Doran <i>(Catherine & Ira Mandel)</i>
Sat	15	†George “Tony” Joseph <i>(Pam & Dan Casavant)</i>
Sun	16	9:00 For the Members of the Parish 11:00 Russell & Paulette Spera <i>(Mary Nicholas)</i>
Mon	17	-----
Tue	18	†Joan Gottardi <i>(Donna-Jo Mitchell)</i>
Wed	19	†Rachel and Joseph Salazar <i>(Rita Hikel)</i>
Thu	20	†George “Tony” Joseph <i>(Pam & Dan Casavant)</i>
Fri	21	Private Intention

LAST WEEK’S COLLECTIONS

(Budgeted: \$3,100.00)

Regular Collection Last Week: \$3,386.00

(Budget Deficit 2021: \$11,307.00)⁶

Today’s Special Collection is for
the National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon on
May 2nd.

*(All funds collected are sent from the Chancery
directly to our Basilica in North Jackson, Ohio.)*

An additional \$1,065.00 has come in this week
toward the combined collections of \$39,000.00.⁷

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	2	9:00 For the Members of the Parish 11:00 Private Intention
Mon	3	-----
Tue	4	†Tony Joseph <i>(Fefa Deeb)</i>
Wed	5	Philip Nicholas <i>(Mary Nicholas)</i>
Thu	6	The Nicholas Family

⁶ Deficit 2019: \$72,270.59/Deficit 2020: \$34,473.00

⁷ This makes the amount toward our matching Challenge Grant (20k), to be presently \$11,670.00. 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.

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

-- **Crowning of the Statue of the Most Holy Virgin** --

Entrance Hymn: LB fsheeto 187

Glory: SB *glory*

Qolo/Hymn: LB *salatouki ma'ana* 188

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 *I am the Vine; O Sanctissima*

Recessional: SB *Immaculate Mary*



**Saint
Monica,**
*Patron of
Mothers*

May 4th

*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, 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.

SERVERS OF THE DIVINE ALTAR

May 2nd:

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

May 16th:

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

11:00am: I. Misner-Elias

May 23rd:

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

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

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/ I. Misner-Elias