

Saint Joseph Maronite Catholic Church



Our Lady of Lebanon

May 5, 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*; Shana Page, *Rosary Sodality*

TODAY'S EPISTLE II Timothy 2: 8-13

Remember *Yeshua Msheeho*, raised from the dead, a descendant of David – such is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal.

But the word of God is not shackled.

Therefore, I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they too may obtain the salvation that is in *Msheeho Yeshua*, together with eternal glory.

The saying is trustworthy:

*If we have died with Him,
we shall also live with Him;
if we persevere,*

*we shall also reign with Him;
but if we deny Him,
He will deny us;
if we are unfaithful,
He remains ever faithful
– for He cannot deny Himself.*



ABOUNA'S REFLECTIONS

Jesus is a legislator, but not a legislator like others.

He is a legislator Who gives a Law which cannot be practiced by man left to himself.

His Law is the law of the New Man,
and as if of another world.

It is a Law establishing relations
which transcend the man who addresses himself to God,
and which transcend also the man
who addresses himself to other men....¹

Standing before Mary Magdalene, the Risen One makes clear that all relationships will be different from what they had been prior to His arrest and passion: “Do not cling to me. I have not ascended to My God and to your God, to My Father and to your Father”.²

This statement and its associated action even today remain as part of the relic of Saint Mary Magdalene’s skull in southern France. A small part of skin still remains on the forehead of the skull as a testimony of the morning of the Resurrection: it records the place where our risen Lord had gently pushed her back from hugging His knees when she first recognized Him in the garden and had fallen in adoration before Him.

Do not cling, and elevate your mind on high.

This is the entire theme of the Paschal Season. As Saint Paul reminded us last Sunday, if we have known any “according to the flesh”, even if it be Our Lord, we know them no longer in such a manner. All things have been renewed in this New Creation. “Being spiritual” does not mean that we leave this world, but that all things are viewed, possessed, and utilized in a manner inspired by faith and charity. “Being spiritual”, as Saint Peter would put it, is to live in this world transformed by a spirit of reverence.³ Everything we see, everything we touch, everything we hold, everything we love, and everything that happens in our lives are to be seen in the light of the Risen One. A New Creation, indeed, and a new manner of loving this is.

Within this New Creation there is a Law, the law of the Gospel. It requires of Christian disciples a way to see and to act, and an objective to which they must be oriented. It is a “law” because it governs our actions in view of some purpose and goal, but we note that it

is a “law” that is, according to mere nature, unobservable if left to ourselves. The ways of God can never be attained by mere mortals as the divine thoughts of God infinitely transcend the preoccupations of humanity.⁴ This is a “Law” for a “new human person”, the action and vision of a person “of another world”.

This is hard, because it is impossible for a human being to accomplish on his own. This Law of the Good Tidings establishes entirely new relations between God and man and between human beings themselves. Without assistance, this is all impossible. “Without Me, you can do nothing”.⁵

For these reasons, we pray. We petition grace and aid to become the new human beings that the Good One requires of us when we place ourselves on the path of Discipleship of the Risen Lord. We ask that a new form of love animate our lives and that a new vision with reverence allow us to see everything as coming from the Hand of the Hidden God of all goodness. Finally, we root ourselves in hope, as we walk the path of Resurrection as we know that it will lead us up the hill of Golgotha. We know that the Cross is the first Face of eternal Life in resurrection.

We must no longer cling to our far too human conceptions of religion – or our childish manner of seeing God or our lives. We should follow Saint Mary Magdalene as she turns her loving gaze toward the Risen One and follow Him into exile. We all must wish to become true *pelegrini*, pilgrims, not clinging to things here below, but using all things in reverence, and hoping finally to attain the Divine Presence in eternal light and glory.

*If we have **died with Him**,
we shall also live with Him;
if we **persevere**,
we shall also reign with Him;
but if we **deny Him**,
He will deny us;
if we are **unfaithful**,
He remains ever faithful
– for He cannot deny Himself.*

¹ From **Charity and Liberty** by Rev. Fr. Ceslaus Spicq, OP

² St. John 20:17-18

³ I Peter 1: 17

⁴ Isaiah 55: 8

⁵ St. John 15: 4-6

Catechesis

The *Adult Religion Course* is **Wednesdays, 6:30**

VOCATION ICON

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

Sun	May 5	Chris & Diane Wyder
Sun	May 12	Bruce & Doreen White
Sun	May 19	Steve and Alison Crate
Sun	May 26	Lowell & Mary Hawes
Sun	June 2	Larry & Lisa Grard
Sat	June 8	Jim & Lenore Boles

SCHEDULE OF READINGS

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II Tim 2: 8-13 **St. Luke 24: 13-35**

FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

May 12, 2019

Heb 13: 18-25 **St. John 21: 1-14**

Msheeho gom men qabro!

May the Unclouded Bright One reward you all for your generosity at the occasion His Son's Resurrection for the gifts and kindness shown to the pastor, along with all the gifts and financial donations that have come into the parish for our ongoing maintenance costs and expenses in the Lenten Assessment.

Thank you for putting first these (*your*) apostolic endeavors!

MAY CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FOOD BANK

Family sized items: stews, ravioli, jiffy mixes, condiments, toilet paper and personal care items.

Please place these items in the box near the church's Appleton Street entrance.

As a parish, we will present a Spiritual Bouquet to *Fr. Chris Piselli* for his **50th Anniversary** Celebration of Priestly Ordination.

There is a card in the back of the church for those who wish to commit themselves to *reciting three rosaries for his intentions* and in so doing, sign their names. In addition, we will be celebrating *the Divine Qourban for his intentions* on the 17th, 18th and 19th of May.

May the Good One shower him with His richest blessings and graces for such fidelity!

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Regular Collection: \$2055.00

Please remember that our *Lenten Assessment* is **\$4000.00**. Lent being finished, any funds lacking will need to be made up from our usual account and then sent to the eparchy, so we still need to work to meet our goal (**\$2015** has been contributed thus far)

Plumbing Work done on the *Rectory Water Main:* **\$937.84**, this has been generously covered by **Richard Karter**. May the Good One bless him with the fullness of grace for this generosity.

Last week's **Catholic Home Missions Appeal:**
\$144.00

Today the **second collection** is for the upkeep of our **national basilica of Our Lady of Lebanon**

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

Parish Council Meeting

last of the year, on Tuesday, **May 7th at 6:30 pm**

MAY DEVOTIONS

The month's **Altar Breads** will be provided toward the Divine Qourban for the month of May *in memory of Sam & Lottie Deeb*. Donated in their names by Dame Marie Fefa, DSG

May they be brought into the fullness of the light and joy of the Kingdom.

INTENTIONS FOR THE QOURBONEH (MASSES)

- Sat 4 †Gerald Fortin
(Sheila Bonenfant)
- Sun 5 For the members of the Parish
- Mon 6 -----
- Tue 7 Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Wed 8 †Marietta & John Thomas
(Pam & Dan Casavant)
- Thu 9 †Blanche Boles
- Fri 10 Private intention
(Abouna James)
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Sat 11 Vivian Gibbons
- Sun 12 For the members of the Parish
- Mon 13 -----
- Tue 14 Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Wed 15 †Marietta & John Thomas
(Pam & Dan Casavant)
- Thu 16 Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Fri 17 Fr. Chris Piselli
(the parish)
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Sat 18 Fr. Chris Piselli
(the parish)
- Sun 19 Fr. Chris Piselli
(the parish)
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Mon 20 -----
- Tue 21 Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Wed 22 †Marietta & John Thomas
(Pam & Dan Casavant)
- Thu 23 Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Fri 24 Private intention
(Abouna James)
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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.

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

Entrance Hymn: LB *fsheeto* 187

Glory: SB *glory*

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

Creed p 748

PRE-ANAPHORA:

Transfer of Gifts: LB *The Lord Reigns*

Incense Hymn Offertory: SB *l'maryam yoldat*

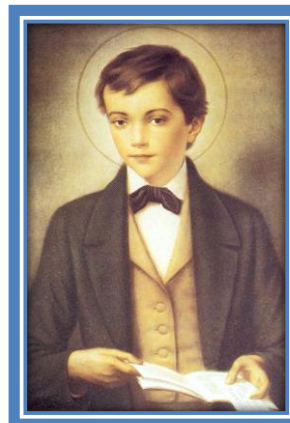
ANAPHORA:

Saint John Chrysostom: LB p 876

Sign of Peace: SB *Peace*

Communion: SB *Holy Mary; Hail, Holy Queen*

Recessional: SB *Immaculate Mary*



*LB=Liturgical Book SB=Song Book

Saint Dominic Savio
1842-1857
Monday, May 6th