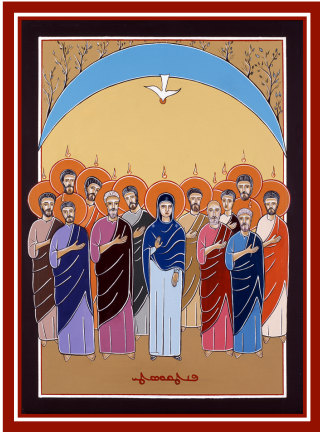


Pentecost Sunday

May 20, 2018

Saint Joseph Maronite Catholic Church



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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

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 **three months in advance**. Recommended stipends: weekday intentions \$10; weekend intentions \$15
Monthly Memorials: Sanctuary Candles \$20; Altar Bread \$25; Wine \$45

Choir Director: Fefa Deeb **Parish Secretary:** Paula Mitchell **Catechists:** Lenore Boles, Director & K-1st; Jane Lee, 2nd; Shana Page, 3-5th **Parish Council:** Sheila Bonenfant, Lisa Grard, Lowell Hawes, Rosanna Joseph, David Lee, Ruth Lunn, Kevin Michaud, Paula Mitchell, Elizabeth Wilson **Ex-officio council members:** Subdeacon Steve Crate; Lenore Boles, Catechism; Shana Page, Rosary Sodality; Larry Mitchell, Knights of Columbus

THIS DAY'S EPISTLE Acts 2: 1-21

When the Day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they

were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. And they were amazed and wondered, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"

But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the Eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day; but this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out My Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, And your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; yes, and on My servants and My handmaids in those days I will pour out My Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth beneath, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; the sun shall be turned into darkness and the moon into blood, before the Day of the Lord comes, the great and manifest day. And it shall be that whoever calls on the Name of the Lord shall be saved.



ABOUNA'S REFLECTIONS

And so, now I call upon you, since I love you more,
O Neophyte, dear to me, always be
what you have been called,
one newly baptized everywhere.
Pleasing on every occasion, beautiful always,
Not a bridegroom today and unwed tomorrow,
For this has married you to the Lord,

our Resurrection.¹

We almost never think of Baptism as being a form of wedding, that in the Sacred Rozoh we have been united to the Messiah, the Word Incarnate – as being joined to God for eternity. If we thought of Baptism in this way we could more easily call to mind the beauty, honor and glory that it is to be Christian. This consideration, inspired by divine nobility, would in turn make it all the more easy to fulfill our responsibilities to the Beloved.

We could not possibly imagine a marriage in which the spouses separated shortly after the nuptial celebration; and yet, sadly, this is how many Catholics live. Having been baptized decades ago it has little impact on them – neither in the way they think nor in the way they act. Indeed, for some, it seems they have an aversion to the consecrated House of the Divine Bridegroom, our Lord Jesus Christ. They rarely cross His threshold and stingily do they make occasional visits, if any. Yet, even more strangely, they consider themselves "good with God". What loving relationship could ever sustain such separation, indifference and coldness?

Even as a marriage is impossible to sustain without communication and love, so it is with Baptism: without living the sacred reality of the Sacrament on a regular and constant basis, the baptized individual dies to eternal life. Without reciprocated friendship and love, the union is broken, charity runs cold and the path to the Eternal Light crumbles.

In the early centuries of the Eastern Church, the newly baptized were crowned with garlands of flowers. Probably taken from the secular world around them, the custom signified victory, triumph and joy, themes that were easily translatable to the crown of heavenly glory and incorruptibility that the Sacred Rozoh of Baptism initiated in the person being baptized.

Let us look to these floral garlands, and remember the transcendent Beauty in Which we each have been consecrated, and to Whom we have been wed,

¹ Saint Romanos, sixth-century melodist

and for Whom we have been crowned. Then let our lives reflect virtuously and faithfully that knowledge and wisdom.

Let us live in supernatural charity and faithfully pursue divine goodness, perseveringly praying and garbing ourselves in divine grace: spouse today, tomorrow and forever.

SCHEDULE OF READINGS

PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 20, 2018

Acts 2: 1-21 St. John 14: 15-20

MOST HOLY TRINITY

May 27, 2018

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

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Regular Collection: \$1732.00

Ascension Thursday Holy Day: \$238.00

National Basilica of Our Lady of Lebanon: \$310.00

Upcoming Second Collection, May 27th **Catholic Communications Campaign**

Following the norms established by the USCCB, 50% of this collection is sent to them for national Catholic television, radio and other media, and 50% is retained by our Eparchy for the *Maronite Voice* and any other communication needs we may have.

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

55th Annual Maronite Convention

Houston, Texas July 11-15, 2018

Hosted by Our Lady of the Cedars Parish

Register Today:

NAMconvention2018.com

NAMnews.org / 1-914-964-3070

VOCATION ICON

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

Sun	May 20	Larry and Paula Mitchell
Sun	May 27	Lowell & Mary Hawes
Sun	June 3	Larry & Lisa Grard
Sun	June 10	Chris & Diane Wyder
Sat	June 16	Jim & Lenore Boles

Maronite formation Classes

The **Maronite Formation Classes** for adults are an enjoyable moment to explore and develop the understanding of our Catholic faith and Antiochene heritage. All adults are welcome.

We will continue each Wednesday through to the end of May.

We will be using as a text Captivated by Your Teachings by Fr. Anthony Salim. Although it is out of print, you may find copies on-line.

Prayer for a transfigured life in fidelity

O Lord, grant us the blessings of Your Resurrection that we may experience the salvation for which we hope.

Let us walk on the path of life,
believe in every good work,
and be a pleasing fragrance to You,
a perfume of life for Life;
then we shall glorify You each day and forever.
Amen²

² *Safro*, Monday of the Resurrection, Second Prayer



INTENTIONS FOR THE QURBONEH (MASSES)

- Sat 19 †Helen Franco
(Mr & Mrs Wm. Frank)
-- For the members of the Parish
- Sun 20 †Kathleen Hawes
(Mr & Mrs Hawes)
- Mon 21 -----
- Tue 22 †Fr. Daniel Cooper
(Abouna James)
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Wed 23 †Salem & Latifa Deeb
(Judy Lynn and Family Nassar)
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Thu 24 †Brent & Jordan Maroon
(Judy Lynn and the Nassar Family)
- Fri 25 †Marion Maroon
(Judie Lynn and the Nassar Family)
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Sat 26 †Mary Smus
(Smus Family)
- Sun 27 For the members of the Parish

May Memorial Offerings

Altar Breads / Altar Wine
In memory of Marion Maroon
Donated by Scott Maroon

Please note that this is the permanent intercession that will be recited each weekend in the *Alohoyo Qoorbonoh*:

Intercession for Fostering Priestly Vocations (to follow last among the intercessions of the living)

Remember, O Lord, Your holy Church that You established on the solid rock of the true Faith, and send her vocations to the holy priesthood and religious life.

In a world of distractions, which pull us away from properly loving You and our neighbor, may those whom You have called to serve Your holy Church respond to You and have the courage to follow Your will. We pray to You, O Lord.

The *National Apostolate of Maronites* (NAM) is looking for a new Executive Director. The general mailing is printed below as to the responsibilities of the office. Everyone is encouraged to consider this worthy work for the honor of our Lord.

Executive Director National Apostolate of Maronites

Job Description

In accordance with the National Apostolate of Maronites By-Laws, the Executive Director is responsible for the successful leadership and management of the Organization according to the strategic direction set by the Board of Directors in consultation with the Bishops.

The Executive Director performs some or all of the following:

- Participate with the Board of Directors in developing a vision and strategic plan to guide the Organization
- Identify, assess and inform the Board of Directors of internal and external issues that affect the Organization
- Act as a professional advisor to the Board of Directors on all aspects of the Organization's activities

- In addition to the President of NAM, act as a spokesperson for the Organization
- Conduct official correspondence on behalf of the Board as appropriate and jointly with the Board when appropriate
- Represent the Organization at community activities to enhance the Organization's community profile
- Perform the day-to-day operations of the National Office, which can be located anywhere
- In conjunction with the education Chair, supervise NAM's scholarship applications and awards
- Maintain up to date, true and accurate financial records
- Report on the financial standing of the Organization on a monthly, quarterly and annual basis
- Supervise the receipt and disbursement of all funds of the Organization and shall authorize deposits and withdrawals of all monies under such conditions as shall be imposed by the Board and in accordance with an approved budget
- Maintain current records of membership and delegates/representatives
- With the Chairman of Finance, prepare and present to the Board, the National Convention Report and the annual financial statements
- Serve as the Convention Coordinator working in close collaboration with the Bishops, host Pastors and chairpersons of national and regional conventions as well as the organizing committees
- Serve as a non-voting member of the Executive Committee
- In cooperation with the Public Relations committee, maintain a website for the Organization
- Perform all other duties as delegated by the Board of Directors, and all other duties that customarily devolve for the Office, not specifically mentioned herein

In addition to the above, the Executive Director must work with the Bishops on a regular basis.

Qualifications

- Knowledge of Maronite history and heritage
- Understand and believe in NAM's Mission
- Computer skills in Microsoft programs, as well as web design
- Participate in and understand Maronite traditions and interact with the Maronite Bishops, Clergy and laity
- Perform efficiently and on-time all aspects of office operations
- Knowledge of convention planning and hotel negotiations
- Ability to travel, when needed, throughout the year
- Ability to present well to the general public as the face of the Maronite Church
- Abide by all Catholic teaching and morality and practice the Catholic Faith with sincerity
- Ability to prepare, understand and present financial reports
- Bookkeeping Ability
- Bachelor's degree preferred, but not required
- Bilingual, English and Arabic preferred, but not required

For further information, or to be considered for this position, please contact
 Father Albert Constantine at (818) 416-3839 or
fralbertconstantine@gmail.com

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.

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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: Jerry Fortin, Doreen Nader, Tala Poulin, Virginia Poulin, Beverly Rideout, Paul Laverdiere, Marie Lessard and Mary Nader.

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*Saint Constantine the Great and Saint Helen,
 Equal-to-the-Apostles
 Feastday, May 21st*

Lighting of the Church: LB* p 5

Jesus Christ, O Source of Light

Entrance Hymn: LB msheeHo natareh #177
 (recite)

Glory: SB glory

Qolo/Hymn: LB bo'outho d'mor ya'qoub #173
 (recite)

Creed p 748

PRE-ANAPHORA:

Transfer of Gifts: LB The Lord Reigns

Incense Hymn: SB p 3 #8 ikbal

ANAPHORA:

St. James, Brother of the Lord: LB p 794

Sign of Peace: SB Too ba

Communion: SB O Bread of Life

Recessional: SB Glorious in Majesty

*LB=Liturgical Book SB=Song Book