

Saint Joseph Maronite Catholic Church



Renewal of the Church

November 8, 2020

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

- Ourboneh:** 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 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 \$30; Altar Bread \$25; Sacramental Wine \$45

Catechism: Lenore Boles, *Director* **Choir Director:** Dame Marie Fefa Deeb, DSG **Parish Council President:** Ex-officio

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THIS DAY'S EPISTLE¹ Hebrews 9: 11-15

Now the Messiah Who has come is a high priest of the better things that He carried out. He entered the larger, perfect Tabernacle, one that was not constructed by human hand and did not belong to the created order. Furthermore, He did not enter it with goat-blood or calf-blood; it was with His very own Blood that He entered once the Holy Sanctuary, and there made possible an eternal salvation.

You see, if goat-blood and calf-blood, or the ashes of a young calf, were sprinkled on those who were impure - making them holy in the sense of being physically pure - then how much more shall the Blood of the Messiah, He Who offered Himself to God without fault through the eternal Spirit, purify our consciences from dead works so that we might serve the living God? It was on account of this that He became the Mediator of the New Covenant, so that by His Death He could become Salvation for people who had broken the original covenant,

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

and so that the people who had been called to an eternal inheritance would receive what had been promised.



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

We begin anew, but how? Is there a “why”? Last week it was mentioned that an annual confession – general and covering the whole year – is an old and excellent practice among Catholics, and one that brings untold rich graces and blessings in holiness and wisdom to one’s life.

As we live in a Protestant country and in, at best, a Protestant milieu culturally. Unknowingly, many Catholics have lost a great deal in their understanding of the Mystery of Penance. The Sacred Rozoh is not about merely listing wrongdoings, but is rather a discovery of the inner grace of healing from the Sacred Heart. It is a moment of application of the Blood of the Messiah (as we have been reading this last week in Saint Paul’s Letter to the Hebrews) and an opening of access into the uncreated Holy of Holies. It is not a mere listing of sins, but a discovery of causes and origins.

In the ancient shrine of Delphi there was a large sign announcing to the devotees of Apollo: **γνώθι σεαυτόν**,³ “**know thyself**”. While the shrine was pagan, the wisdom of the saying is perennially true. No one can advance in the spiritual life without wisdom, and wisdom is impossible to the ignorant. Unaware, we proceed nowhere.

Wisdom is the perception of things from their highest vantage point, vision of things from their causes and origins, and foresight into their effects. Even scientific research does not advance without this desire “to know”, which is why the traditional manner of approaching knowledge is to master the

field and then to go on to being a “teacher of the philosophy” of that field, “PhD”.

Wisdom, however, is higher, more thorough, and, ultimately, life-giving. Supernatural wisdom lifts the individual to view creation from the perspective of God; it raises one above this valley of tears even while remaining within it. It is *this wisdom* that we seek when we examine our consciences regularly and lay open our spirits to the consoling grace of the Sacred Heart.

We should look over each day as we pray and take stock of where we are in the spiritual life. The **examination of conscience**, for this reason, usually takes place at least once a day and in the evening, when the labors and frustrations of the day have come to a close.

We consciously and intentionally recollect ourselves, placing ourselves in the presence of the Hidden Father; we render adoration and gratitude for all that He does within our lives – known and unknown – and we ask for the grace to see ourselves as He sees us. Within this light, we examine our day in *thought, word, deed, or omission*. This practice, when it is done each day, becomes habitual and only takes a few minutes. We know what we are looking for, as it were. And this is precisely the point; in the light of the Good One we look over our daily lives in order to grow in wisdom: *to know ourselves profoundly in grace*.

The practice of examination, penance, and confession is to enter the paths of the Gospel and following of the Lord Jesus. Confession is not about rattling off a list of sins (that just shows that one knows the catechism) but a maturation of the individual Christian in the necessary self-knowledge in the grace of God: it is more than “what” we do, it is to arrive at knowing *why* we commit the sins that we do. This is the only way to break routine and abolish our habits of sin. As stated in the Anaphoras, we wish to develop our moral sense of goodness and grace: to become sensitive to all shortcomings, our faults and sins, hidden or seen, known or unknown.⁴ This is a process and does not happen overnight and requires us to persevere with regular practice.

² Homily 1.7.8 “on Ezechiel”

³ *gnōthi seauton*

⁴ Anaphora of Saint John Chrysostom, p. 887

It is only when we truly know ourselves that we can begin to accurately hear the voice of God and invest the needed effort in the imitation of Christ, rooting up our shortcomings, and advancing with determination along the luminous paths of grace.

wishes to visit, please do so outside the church, being *mindful of the proper physical distancing*.

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 are recommended to give contact information (a list is provided at the door) in order to inform you if need arise from a case of the virus.
- 5.) All vulnerable, elderly, and at-risk individuals should remain at home and follow the Liturgies as posted on the parish's website.
- 6.) The **Vigil** Masses are suspended until further notice.
- 7.) All who are retired, or who may have a freer weekday schedule, are asked to consider assisting at Mass during the weekdays, **Tues-Fri, 9:00am**; and on **Saturday at 10:00am**.
- 8.) **Everyone is asked to wear a face-mask** to safely control and cover all coughs, sneezes, etc.
- 9.) Hand sanitizers are available at the entrances and at the confessional.
- 10.) Seating at church must be "*first-come-first-served*" and will be closed at "50".
- 11.) Everyone must sit in such a way that there is *no one immediately in front* of them and *no one immediately behind* them. The pews have been blocked off for this purpose.
- 12.) To control crowd flow and bring greater security, **doors** will be **locked** at the beginning of each Liturgy.
- 13.) A *six-foot distancing* must be observed by those who approach the Divine Altar and wish to receive the Divine Eucharist in **Holy Communion**.
- 14.) And, lastly, at the end of Mass, those who wish to **remain and pray** in the church are welcome to do so, but all others are asked *not to linger and visit within the church*. Please exit through the Appleton Street doorway. If one

VOCATION ICON

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

Sun	Nov	8	Larry & Lisa Grard
Sat	Nov	15	Jim & Lenore Boles
Sun	Nov	22	Chris & Diane Wyder
Sun	Nov	29	Michael & Gayle Misner
Sun	Dec	6	Bruce & Doreen White
Sun	Dec	13	Steve & Allison Crate
Sun	Dec	20	Sue Paré & Lolo Salazar
Sun	Dec	27	Daja Gombojav & Family

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

(Budgeted: \$3,100.00)

Regular Collection: \$2,118.00

(Deficit 2020: \$30,813.00)

Today's Special Collection, November 8th,

Maronite Patriarchal Charities

(All proceeds go directly to our Patriarch.)

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	8	9:00	†Emily Fournier (Audrey Yotides)
		11:00	For the Members of the Parish
Mon	9	-----	
Tue	10		Annie Weymouth (Rosalie Gallant)
Wed	11		Catholic Extension Society & Donors
Thu	12		Joyce Black, Carrie Wilcox and Family (Rosalie Gallant)
Fri	13		Private Intention (Abouna James)

Monthly Memorial

The Sanctuary Lamp is being lighted this month by Dame Fefa *in memory of Sam, Lottie, and George Deeb.*



May their memories be eternal!

- Sat 14 William & Crystal Buzzard and Family
(Rosalie Gallant)
- Sun 15 9:00 For the Members of the Parish
11:00 Catholic Extension Society
- Mon 16 -----
- Tue 17 †Richard Elias
(Cindy Elias)
- Wed 18 Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Thu 19 Shaun & Kimberly Nibs and Family
(Rosalie Gallant)
- Fri 20 Private Intention
(Abouna James)
- Sat 21 Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Sun 22 9:00 For the Members of the Parish
11:00 Catholic Extension Society
- Mon 23 -----
- Tue 24 Gallant Family
(Rosalie Gallant)
- Wed 25 Intentions of the Misner Family
- Thu 26 †John & Margaret Allen
(Rosalie Gallant)
- Fri 27 Private Intention
(Abouna James)

SCHEDULE OF READINGS

RENEWAL OF THE CHURCH
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Heb 9: 11-15 St. John 10: 22-42

ANNOUNCEMENT TO ZECHARIAH
November 15, 2020

Rom 4: 13-25 St. Luke 1: 1-25

Renewal of the Church p. 7

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

Entrance Hymn: LB *msheeho* 50A

Glory: SB *al majdu*

Qolo/Hymn: LB *'eto* 51

Creed p 748

PRE-ANAPHORA:

Transfer of Gifts: LB *The Lord Reigns*

Incense Hymn Offertory: SB *l'maryam yoldat*

ANAPHORA:

Saint Peter, Chief of the Apostles: LB p 774

Sign of Peace: SB *tou ba*

Communion: SB *O Body of my Savior; For the Beauty*

Recessional: SB *Alleluia #1*

*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: Daja Gombojav, Anne El-Habre, Richard Karter, Lolo Salazar, Doreen Nader, and all those who suffer from disease, want, or depression.

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