

Saint Joseph Maronite Catholic Church



Revelation to Saint Joseph

December 15, 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." *Oriental 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* **Choir Director:** Dame Marie Fefa Deeb, DSG **Parish Council President:** Lisa Grard **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 1: 18-25

The generation of Jesus the Messiah happened in this way:

When His Mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph – but before they had come together – she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Now Joseph her husband was just and he did not wish to expose her to shame, so he thought to separate from her secretly.

While he pondered these things, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said to him, "Joseph, Son of David, do not fear to take in your wife Mary because what has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. She shall give birth to a Son, and you shall name Him *Yeshua'*, for He will save His People from their sins."

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

Now all this came about in order so that which had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet would be fulfilled:

*Behold, the virgin shall be with child
and she shall give birth to a son,
and they shall call him Immanuel,
which is interpreted,
"with us is our God".²*

When Joseph arose from his sleep, he did just as the angel of the Lord had commanded him, and he took her in as his wife.

But he did not know her 'til she gave birth to her Firstborn Son.

And she named Him *Yeshua'*.



*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)³

ABOUNA'S REFLECTIONS

We are each, life is.

Is this not esoteric?

SCHEDULE OF READINGS

THE REVELATION TO SAINT JOSEPH

December 15, 2019

Eph 3: 1-13

St. Matthew 1: 18-25

GENEALOGY SUNDAY

December 22, 2019

Rom 1: 1-12

St. Matthew 1: 1-17

VOCATION ICON

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

Sat	Dec	14	Jim & Lenore Boles
Sun	Dec	22	Chris & Diane Wyder
Sun	Dec	29	Bruce & Doreen White
Sun	Jan	5	Steve and Allison Crate
Sun	Jan	12	Sue Paré and Lolo Salazar
Sun	Jan	19	Lowell Hawes
Sun	Jan	26	Larry & Lisa Gard

*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, Louise Saliem, Virginia Poulin, and John Scarpa

² Isaiah 7: 14

³ Homily 1.7.8 "on Ezechiel"

INTENTIONS FOR THE QOURBONEH (MASSES)

- Sat 14 †Charles Owen
(the Parish)
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Sun 15 For the members of the Parish
- Mon 16 -----
- Tue 17 Anna Bearce
(Pam & Dan Casavant)
- Wed 18 Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Thu 19 †Janet George
(Nicholas Ghaphery)
- Fri 20 Private Intention
(Abouna James)
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Sat 21 †Charles Owen
(the Parish)
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Sun 22 For the members of the Parish
- Mon 23 -----
- Tue 24 9:00 Anna Bearce
(Pam & Dan Casavant)
4:00 For the members of the Parish
- Wed 25 Private Intention
(Abouna James)
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Thu 26 †Janet George
(Nicholas Ghaphery)
- Fri 27 Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Sat 28 †Charles Owen
(the Parish)
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Sun 29 For the members of the Parish
- Mon 30 -----
- Tue 31 4:00 For the members of the Parish
- Wed 1 Private Intention
(Abouna James)
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Thu 2 †Janet George
(Nicholas Ghaphery)
- Fri 3 Catholic Extension Society & Donors

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Regular Collection: \$145600

**SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION TODAY
FOR LEBANON**

*The totality of this collection will be confided to the two
bishops of the eparchies to transfer to the faithful of
Lebanon*

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

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

Entrance Hymn: LB *msheeho* 65B

Glory: SB *glory*

Qolo/Hymn: LB *soogheeto* 66

Creed p 748

PRE-ANAPHORA:

Transfer of Gifts: LB *The Lord Reigns*

Incense Hymn Offertory: SB *l'maryam yoldat*

ANAPHORA:

Saint John: LB p 815

Sign of Peace: SB *Gift of Peace*

Communion: SB *Your Body is our Food, Lord; Seek
ye first*

Recessional: SB *Father of Truth*

*LB=Liturgical Book SB=Song Book

The Nativity Fast

December 15-23rd inclusively

As we were reminded by our Patriarch in his recent Lenten Letter, it is our tradition to fast in preparation for the great feasts, and all are encouraged to do so faithfully, *par.* 25:

This fast is known as "The Fast of the Nativity", during which the faithful abstain from eating meat, dairy products, and eggs, from December 16th and ends December 24th.

NB for the faithful in the USA, who celebrate Christmas Eve much as Christmas, the dates are 15th-23rd December inclusively.

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 - this is most similar to a "vegan" diet as one would call it these days.

When a fast day falls on a Saturday or a Sunday (as will be the case this year on December 15th and on December 21-22nd) one can eat as they wish throughout the day, but should still abstain from all animal flesh and animal products.

These observances are **for all who have attained the age of the use of reason**, *par.* 22.

Choir Rehearsal for the Christmas Angels:

Thursday, 6:00pm,
December 19th

Many thanks for your devotion and attendance!



Congratulations to Jeanne Thomas for having won the Grand Raffle!!!

A Merry Christmas, indeed!



The Prophet Daniel and his three Companions

December 18th