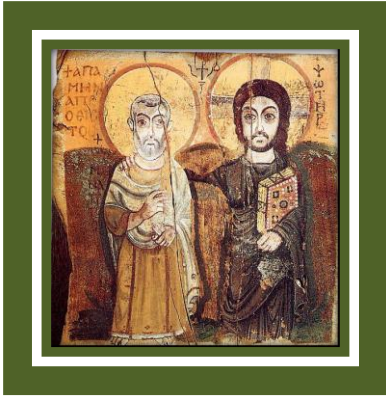


# Saint Joseph Maronite Catholic Church



## Second Sunday after Epiphany



January 20, 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 **three months in advance**. Recommended stipends:  
weekday intentions \$10; weekend intentions \$15

**Monthly Memorials:** Sanctuary Candles \$20; Altar Bread \$25; Wine \$45

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**Catechists:** Lenore Boles, *Director & K-1<sup>st</sup>*; Shana Page, 3-5<sup>th</sup> **Choir Director:** Dame Fefa Marie Deeb, DSG **Parish Council President:** Lisa Grard **Ex-officio Council Members:** Subdeacon Steve Crate; Lenore Boles, *Religious Education*; Larry Mitchell, *Knights of Columbus*; Shana Page, *Rosary Sodality*

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### TODAY'S EPISTLE II Corinthians 4: 5-15

And even though our gospel is veiled, it is veiled for those who are perishing, in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, so that they may not see the light of

the gospel of the glory of Christ, Who is the Image of God.

For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your slaves for the sake of Jesus.

For the God Who said, "Let light shine out of darkness,"<sup>1</sup> has shone in our hearts to bring to

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<sup>1</sup> Genesis 1: 3

light the knowledge of the glory of God on the face of Christ.

But we hold this treasure in earthen vessels, that the surpassing power may be of God and not from us.

We are afflicted in every way, but not constrained; perplexed, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our body. For we who live are constantly being given up to death for the sake of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you. Since, then, we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I have believed, therefore I spoke,"<sup>2</sup> we too believe and therefore speak, knowing that the One Who raised the Lord Jesus shall raise us also with Jesus and place us with you in His Presence.

Everything indeed is for you, so that the grace bestowed in abundance on more and more people may cause the thanksgiving to overflow for the glory of God.



## **ABOUNA'S REFLECTIONS**

Our Lord Jesus Christ, possessing the very Nature of God, a Nature of Light,<sup>3</sup> speaking only of what He had heard at the side of God ... presented Himself to the world as the faithful and truthful Witness, the *Amen* of the Father....<sup>4</sup>

Our Lord is present in the world as liberator: the One who overcomes ignorance and shatters the bonds of sin. He conquers death in this mission of liberation. As the great "Amen" His task is to turn human beings back toward the Hidden God of Mercy, that is, to turn them from their own preoccupations – the source of many of our sins – and redirect all of us in affirmation to the world as God has intended it to be.

The primary goal of the work of redemption thus is healing: healing the mind, the spirit and ultimately the body in the resurrection, at which point all the cosmos itself will be renewed. This therapeutic healing begins with the virtue of faith, which is an illumination, a light that shines in our mind in order to give us sight. This vision and knowledge heal the person even as grace strengthens the will and transforms our actions.

We think little of how much we are creatures of habit, and not all of those habits are good ones. We often develop twitches and quirks in our lives and these readily come from our own expectations or selfishness; in short, they give rise to our sins. Unthinking, mechanical routine aimlessly imploding in misdirection.

By enlightening the mind grace and faith give a new sight that transcends the misguided aspects of our routine lives. They illuminate the dark places of our souls and by doing so free us from our selfish illusions. We must pray for an increase of this luminous restored vision: "Lord, that I may see"<sup>5</sup>.

Our Lord in His grace is liberator. Should we never see those sins, we are doomed to repetitively circle in their orbits, live in illusion and die in darkness. Thanks be to God that the Divine Light has entered our world.

The Rosary Sodality would like to extend deepest appreciation to all the parishioners who donated so generously to this year's *Giving Tree*. ***The Family Violence Project*** received an abundance of items for the families they serve in our community.

<sup>2</sup> Psalm 116: 10

<sup>3</sup> I John 1: 5

<sup>4</sup> From **Charity and Liberty** by Rev. Fr. Ceslaus Spicq, OP

<sup>5</sup> St. Luke 18: 41

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS**

**Regular Collection: \$1124.00**

**Upcoming Second Collection, January 27<sup>th</sup>: United States Catholic Bishops' Worldwide Charities**

*(This collection combines the four USCCB collections: Central and Eastern Europe, Latin America, Catholic Relief Services and Operation Rice Bowl.)*

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

**VOCATION ICON**

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

- Sat Jan 19 Jim & Lenore Boles
- Sun Jan 27 Bruce & Doreen White
- Sun Feb 3 Larry and Paula Mitchell
- Sun Feb 10 Lowell & Mary Hawes
- Sun Feb 17 Larry & Lisa Grard

**SCHEDULE OF READINGS**

**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

January 20, 2019

**II Cor 4: 5-15 St. John 1: 35-42**

**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

January 27, 2019

**Gal 3: 23-29 St. John 1: 1-16**

**INTENTIONS FOR THE QURBONEH (MASSES)**

- Sat 19 †Charles Owen  
*(the Parish)*
- Sun 20 For the members of the Parish
- Mon 21 -----
- Tue 22 Bob & Nancy Sturtevant  
*(Karla Sturtevant)*
- Wed 23 Catholic Extension Society & Donors  
*(the Donors)*

- Thu 24 †Paul LaVerdiere  
*(Neal & Martha Patterson)*  
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Fri 25 Catholic Extension Society & Donors  
*(the Donors)*
- Sat 26 †Charles Owen  
*(the Parish)*
- Sun 27 For the members of the Parish
- Mon 28 -----
- Tue 29 Catholic Extension Society  
*(the Donors)*
- Wed 30 †Sumayah Ferris  
*(Marianne Skinner)*  
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Thu 31 Catholic Extension Society & Donors  
*(the Donors)*
- Fri 1 †Christine Arboun  
*(Suzanne Pare)*  
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Sat 2 †Charles Owen  
*(the Parish)*
- Sun 3 For the members of the Parish
- Mon 4 -----
- Tue 5 Catholic Extension Society & Donors  
*(the Donors)*
- Wed 6 Catholic Extension Society & Donors  
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**JANUARY 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.

## Coffee Schedule

Jan 20	Jan Bourque, Shana Page
Jan 27	Dale Sturtevant & Elizabeth Wilson
Feb 2	Lauraine Mansur & Ruth Lunn
Feb 10	Mary Jo Hodgkin & Jody Veilleux
Feb 17	Pam Casavant & Shana Page
Feb 24	Betty Michaud, Jane Lee

The Super Bowl Pancake Breakfast, Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, will be hosted by the Rosary Sodality after the Mass. Menu will include pancakes, bacon, juice, coffee, tea and milk. A donation of \$5.00 is suggested, with children 12 and under free.

There will also be a **50/50 Super Bowl Squares Game** fundraiser that day.

See details on the flyers at the church entrances.

*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, Louise Saliem, Virginia Poulin, Beverly Rideout, and April Mitchell.

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

**Entrance Hymn:** LB *msheeho* 81A

**Glory:** SB *al majdu*

**Qolo/Hymn:** LB *bo'outho* #82

**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 *O Body of my Savior; Holy Ground*

**Recessional:** SB *I am the Bread Life*

\*LB=Liturgical Book SB=Song Book



*Conversion of Saint Paul  
January 25<sup>th</sup>*