

Saint Joseph Maronite Catholic Church



Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 19, 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

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:** Lenore Boles, *Religious Education*; Larry Mitchell, *Knights of Columbus*; Ruth Lunn, *Rosary Sodality*

This Day's Gospel¹ St. John 1: 35-42

The next day, John was standing there, along with two of his disciples.

He looked at Jesus as He walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!"

His two disciples heard him when he said this, and they followed Jesus.

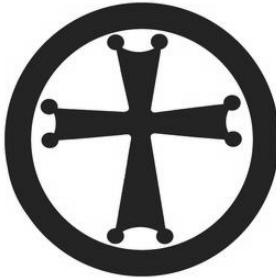
¹ *The Syriac Peshitta Bible with English Translation*, Gorgias Press, New Jersey, 2012, ed. George A. Kiraz and Andreas Juckel

Jesus turned and saw them following Him, and He said to them, "What are you seeking?" They said to Him, "Rabban,² where are you staying?"

"Come," He said to them, "and you shall see." They went and saw where He was staying, and they spent that day with Him. It was about the tenth hour.

One of those who had heard from John and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon's brother. This one first saw his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah!"

And he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon, son of John; you will be called *Kepha*."



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

The meteorological office in Gray seems to have terrified everyone last Sunday.

Although the numbers were small in attendance, last Sunday's baptism of the Michaud boys was glorious. It has been a many-months-long preparation, and was a long ceremony; for this reason we had divided the actual rite up into three parts. Last Sunday was but the last third. The congregation sang very well

² "our rabbi"

and the atmosphere was joyously beautiful. Our seminarian, Jakob Wyder, also had reorganized his schedule so that he might be with *Nemetallah* and *Stephen* on their great day. The choir did a noteworthy and admirable job to develop the qolo in the Hoosoyoh. Thank you to all who made such an effort to bring the day together for the honor of God!

Also, many, many thanks to all the ladies who prepared such an enjoyable luncheon afterward. Small numbers meant that there was plenty of food for each one present – which is probably just as well as Lorenzo and Alonzo had invited a good number of their high-school friends to join with them in this day's celebration. They brought along good appetites!

The day was crowned by the pleasant companionship of a family who drove all the way up from Boston to surprise the boys on their great day. Boston is much farther than Belgrade, so we are both edified by and grateful for their presence.

May the life-giving Savior, Shepherd of Men, reward each and every one of you for making the celebrations so beautiful and memorable.

And, of course, may the Good One surround our beloved altar servers with His light, grace, charity, wisdom, and strength of perseverance all throughout their lives.

Mabrouk!

SCHEDULE OF READINGS

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 19, 2020

II Cor 4: 5-15

St. John 1: 35-42

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 26, 2020

Gal 3: 23-29

St. John 3: 1-16

³ Homily 1.7.8 "on Ezechiel"

VOCATION ICON

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

Sun	Jan	19	Lowell Hawes
Sun	Jan	26	Larry & Lisa Grard
Sat	Feb	1	Jim & Lenore Boles
Sun	Feb	9	Chris & Diane Wyder
Sun	Feb	16	Bruce & Doreen White
Sun	Feb	23	Steve and Allison Crate
Sun	Mar	1	Sue Paré and Lolo Salazar

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: Doreen Nader, Louise Saliem, and Virginia Poulin

This year you have outdone yourselves in the gifts, cards, and all around kindness and generosity you have shown to your pastor. **Thank you for such thoughtfulness!**



May the Lord of Wisdom and Light illumine all your days throughout this new year of grace!

LAST WEEK’S COLLECTIONS

Regular Collection: \$1953.00

Upcoming collection next week: **United States Catholic Bishops’ Worldwide Charities**
(This combines four USCCB collections, which are divided accordingly: Central and Eastern Europe, Latin America, Catholic Relief Services, and Operation Rice Bowl.)

For years we have been short on **Altar Linens**. We have recently ordered a new set for the **Main Altar**, and for *those who may wish to assist* in the beauty and dignity of the Holy of Holies of the Lord, we have remaining expenses of **\$1,200.00**

Thank you to those who have already generously donated to this purpose!

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

INTENTIONS FOR THE QOURBONEH (MASSES)

- Sat 18 †Charles Owen
(the Parish)
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Sun 19 For the Members of the Parish
- Mon 20 -----
- Tue 21 Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Wed 22 Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Thu 23 †Mary Hawes
(Pam & Dan Casavant)
- Fri 24 Private Intention
(Abouna James)
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Sat 25 †Charles Owen
(the Parish)
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Sun 26 For the Members of the Parish
- Mon 27 -----
- Tue 28 Catholic Extension Society & Donors

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 (Pearly and Alice Lachance)
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Lighting of the Church: LB* p 5
 Jesus Christ, O Source of Light

Entrance Hymn: LB Msheeho 81B

Glory: SB glory

Qolo/Hymn: LB bashto 82

Creed p 748

PRE-ANAPHORA:

Transfer of Gifts: LB *The Lord Reigns (Epiphany)*

Incense Hymn Offertory: SB *l'maryam yoldat*

ANAPHORA:

Saint John Chrysostom: LB p 876

Sign of Peace: SB *tou ba*

Communion: SB *O Lord, I am not worthy; The Lamb*

Recessional: SB *The Lord is with us*

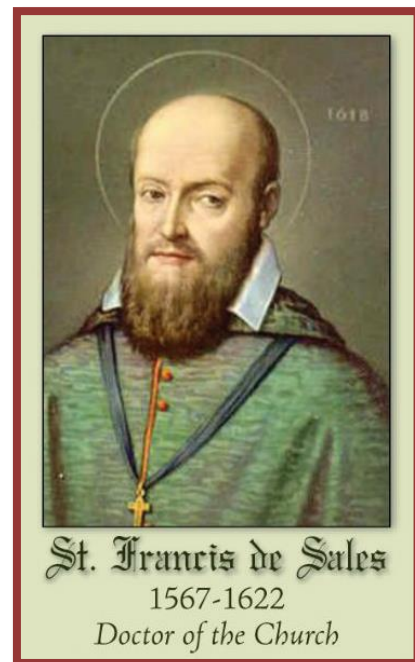
*LB=Liturgical Book SB=Song Book

The Feast of the Ascent of Our Lord to His Temple,
 also known as the Presentation of Our Lord,
 on **February 2nd**, lands on a Sunday this year.



It is the tradition of the Church to **bleed candles** on this day. Those who wish to have candles blessed may bring them in for the feastday either at the 4:00pm Qourbonoh or at the 10:00am on Sunday.

There will be a table set up at the front of the bema for you to place them. Please make sure that your package is well marked with your name to avoid confusion.



Saint Francis de Sales, Confessor

January 24th