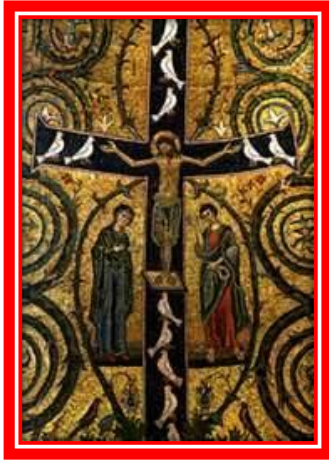


# Saint Joseph Maronite Catholic Church



## Seventh Sunday after Holy Cross

### SUNDAY OF CHRIST THE KING

October 28, 2018



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 Rom 12: 9-21

Let love be sincere; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good. Love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor.

Do not grow slack in zeal. Be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord.

Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.

Contribute to the needs of the holy ones, exercise hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Do not be wise in your own conceits.

Do not repay anyone evil for evil, be concerned for what is noble in the sight of all.

If it is possible – so far as it depends on you – live at peace with all.

Beloved, do not seek revenge, but leave room for the wrath, for it is written:

*Vengeance is Mine, I shall repay, says the Lord.*

Rather, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they be thirsty, give them something to drink; for in doing so you shall heap burning coals upon their heads”.<sup>1</sup>

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil by good.



## ABOUNA'S REFLECTIONS

If God is love and if Christians are His sons, their relationships will be defined by charity.<sup>2</sup>

The revolutionary, and truly history-changing idea introduced to mankind by the Messiah is that God desires a relation of intimate love with those creatures whom He calls to Himself, and that, in response, they are given the ability – by grace – to love Him in return.

The Christian notion of religion is thus radically different from any other on earth: conversion, profession of belief, and obedience to truth are all to be done in love, and not merely in justice.

While other religions may claim to be obedient to God, or to follow His precepts, or to be on some path to an Unknown Reality, it is only Catholicism – Christianity in its fullness – that claims this obedience to be preceded by a more fundamental relation: charity. The Hidden One of all majesty has revealed Himself to be “Father” in grace, indeed in the much more intimate term, *Abba* – “papa/daddy”. This was a shock and scandal to many in Israel, and an object of mockery to the pagans, but to the Christians it was, and is, the transformative beauty of cherished truth.

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<sup>1</sup> Proverbs 25: 21-22 “... and the LORD will vindicate you.”

The conferral of God’s love is done principally in the Holy Mysteries, where the supernatural virtue of charity is developed. In the Divine Rozeh Heaven comes to earth, reveals the Kingdom to believers, manifests the children of God; and in this sacred interchange human hearts rise upward toward Heaven. Eternity meets this present moment and transforms it – if we allow it to do so in our lives. Truly, is there anything more worthy of greater praise and gratitude?

Ultimately, our Lord taught us that we must think and act in conscious imitation of the love that He shows to us. It is because religion is identified with supernatural charity that Our Lord can require of us the things Saint Paul lists in his letter to the Romans. The virtues and noble actions contained in today’s epistle are known to us, but they merit to be meditated upon. It is only in this way that they can be assimilated. Without being assimilated they are never put into practice; but once assimilated, we can hope, for our part, “to live at peace with all”.

Of course, to love one’s enemies and to do good to those who oppose us grates against every earthly human “feeling”. We naturally seek vengeance. It is only in “holding fast to what is good” that we can ever hope to be transformed in mind in such a way that we seek what is honorable and attempt to practice what is noble “in the sight of all”. Nevertheless, this is what it means to be a “child of God”: touched, raised up and transformed as the “offspring” – or “offshoots” – of the God Who is infinite Love. The Compassionate One personally entered human history in *Yeshua Msheeho* so that we might become manifestations and extensions of Him.

Only in this way can we ever hope to leave aside vindictiveness and pursue “the good” first and foremost, especially when it is necessary to “overcome evil by good”. Love conquering all, and charity as the principle inspiration of our lives in grace, *this* is the beauty of the Gospel and what it means to be called, and truly to be, *bnai d’Aloho*. As Saint Irenaeus brilliantly wrote at the end of the second century: “God became man so that man might become God.”

<sup>2</sup> From Charity and Liberty by Rev. Fr. Ceslaus Spicq, OP

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

**Regular Collection:** \$1731.00

The upcoming second collection is for the **Maronite Patriarchal Charities** on November 11th.

*(All proceeds from this collection will be sent directly to our Patriarch for his charitable works.)*

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

*Coffee Schedule*

<b>Oct 28</b>	Elaine Hoag, Cindy Elias
<b>Nov 4</b>	Jan Bourque, Shana Page
<b>Nov 11</b>	-----
<b>Nov 18</b>	Dale Sturtevant, Elizabeth Wilson
<b>Nov 25</b>	Lauraine Mansur, Ruth Lunn
<b>Dec 2</b>	Mary Hawes, Mary Nader

SCHEDULE OF READINGS

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER HOLY CROSS

October 28, 2018

**Rom 12: 9-21      St. Matthew 25: 31-46**

FEAST OF ALL THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE JUST

November 1, 2018

**Heb 12: 18-24      St. Matthew 5: 1-12**

CONSECRATION OF THE CHURCH

(NEW LITURGICAL YEAR)

November 4, 2018

**Heb 9: 1-12      St. Matthew 16: 13-20**

**CATECHISM**

Following the Sunday Mass there will be classes for the youngsters *one half hour each week following the Divine Qoorbonoh.*

**Adult Religion Classes** are on **Wednesdays, 6:30 pm.**

There will a *break* in classes on **October 31<sup>st</sup>** and **November 7<sup>th</sup>.**

The *last three classes* will take place on Wednesday, **November 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>** and the last on **November 28<sup>th</sup>.** Courses will resume at the end of January.

VOCATION ICON

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

Sun	Oct 28	Lowell & Mary Hawes
Sun	Nov 4	Larry & Lisa Grard
Sat	Nov 10	Jim & Lenore Boles
Sun	Nov 18	Bruce & Doreen White
Sun	Nov 25	Larry and Paula Mitchell

OCTOBER 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.*

INTENTIONS FOR THE QURBONEH (MASSES)

<b>Sat</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>Catholic Extension Society &amp; Donors</b> <b>-- For the members of the Parish</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>†George Deeb</b> <i>(Herbert Joseph, Sr.)</i>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>29</b>	-----
<b>Tue</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>†Ernest &amp; Louis Maroon</b> <i>(Peter Maroon, Sr)</i> <b>-- Catholic Extension Society &amp; Donors</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>9:00 am</b> <b>†Marion Maroon</b> <i>(Peter Maroon, Sr)</i> <b>-- Catholic Extension Society &amp; Donors</b> <b>6:00 pm</b> <b>For the members of the Parish</b>
<b>Thu</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>†George Deeb</b> <i>(Stephen Maroon)</i> <b>-- Catholic Extension Society &amp; Donors</b>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>†Sumayah Ferris</b> <i>(Dan &amp; Pam Casavant)</i> <b>-- Catholic Extension Society &amp; Donors</b>

# FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, is a *holyday of obligation*. This is to be treated as a Sunday in regard to manual labor and the obligation of assisting at Mass.

Masses will be at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, and on Thursday at 9:00 am.

*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 Marie Lessard.

# SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER HOLY CROSS

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

**Entrance Hymn:** LB *fsheeto* 233

**Glory:** SB *glory*

**Qolo/Hymn:** LB *etow* 234

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**PRE-ANAPHORA:**

**Transfer of Gifts:** LB *The Lord Reigns*

**Incense Hymn Offertory:** SB *ikbal*

**ANAPHORA:**

**St Mark:** LB p 835

**Sign of Peace:** SB *too ba*

**Communion:** SB *Bread of Life; The King of Glory*

**Recessional:** SB *Glorious in Majesty*

\*LB=Liturgical Book SB=Song Book

- Sat 3 †Ray & Grace Dougherty  
(Alice & Ron Montgomery)
- Sun 4 †Paul Mitchell  
(Herbert Joseph, Sr.)  
-- For the members of the Parish
- Mon 5 -----
- Tue 6 Catholic Extension Society & Donors  
(the Donors)
- Wed 7 Catholic Extension Society & Donors  
(the Donors)
- Thu 8 †John Mitchell  
(Stephen Maroon)  
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Fri 9 †Violet Elhilow  
(Stephen Maroon)  
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Sat 10 For the members of the Parish
- Sun 11 Saliem Family  
(Louise Saliem)
- Mon 12 -----
- Tue 13 Catholic Extension Society & Donors  
(the Donors)
- Wed 14 †Sumayah Ferris  
(Steve & Allison Crate)

## Cooking Schedule for the Bazaar

**Wed. 10/31** 4:30 pm Meat Pies

**Thurs. 11/1**

10:30 am De-leaf Cabbage

12:00 noon Spinach Pies (LOTS OF THEM!!)

6:00 pm Set up

**Fri. 11/2** 10:30 am

✦ Roll Cabbage

✦ Make Kibbee

✦ Chairs work on respective tables PLEASE!!

**Sat. 11/3** 8:00 am All personnel on duty  
for a pleasant and successful day of fundraising