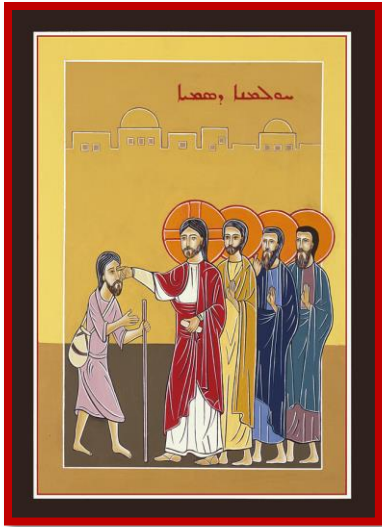


Saint Joseph Maronite Catholic Church



The Healing of the Blind Man

-- Hosanna Week --

Sixth Sunday of the Great Fast

March 21, 2021

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

Qourboneh: 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 the Sunday 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 stipend: \$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

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

THIS DAY'S EPISTLE¹

II Corinthians 10: 1-7

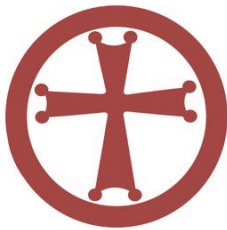
I, Paul, make of you a request, by the meekness and gentleness of the Messiah (I who am quiet when I am with you, but when I am far away I have much more confidence) and my request is that when I arrive I may not be forced, given how confident I am, to be what I would think of as bold towards those who think that we act in a worldly fashion.

Although we live in the flesh, we are not its servants, and the weapons we use for our service are not fleshly, but rather ones that are of God's power, weapons with which we can pull down rebellious fortresses. We demolish arguments and all pride that sets itself over and above the knowledge of God, and take captive all thought to make it obedient to the Messiah, being ready to punish every disobedience, once you yourselves are being fully obedient.

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

Look at what is before your eyes. If anyone is confident that he himself belongs to the Messiah, then let him properly appreciate that we too belong to the Messiah just as much as he.

For even if I boast a little too much of our authority, which the Messiah gave for building you up and not for destroying you, I shall not be put to shame.



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

With the abundance of information coming out with this bulletin, the *Reflections* will be kept to a minimum.

Please find below the **schedule** for the Great and Holy Week of the Passion.

Last year's **financial report** for the parish is also attached to this bulletin. This past year has been a trying time for everyone, filled with apprehension and re-ordering of life, but, as ever, each moment of time carries with it the salvific grace of redemption. You are to be congratulated that even with all the pain and uncertainty of these last twelve months your fidelity and generosity have been outstanding. You set the parish "in the black" for the first time in many years, and from this we can have hope for a bright future in our apostolic endeavor, from out of the riches of Antioch, should we persevere in our efforts.

May the Most Holy One touch the lives of each of us, raise each into His transforming Light, and strengthen the hearts of all in the hopefulness of enflamed charity.

ABOUNA'S REFLECTIONS

*Teach us now, O Lord, to fast and pray:
by fasting and prayer
our ancestors were sanctified
and returned to their Lord,
and sinners were led along the right path.
By fasting and prayer
the fathers mortified their human passion
so that Thou alone mightst live in them.
Allow us, then, to understand the power of fasting
and prayer throughout these holy days.
Help us to struggle during this Lent
in order to receive the gift
of the Spirit of Holiness.
Then our voices shall serve only to praise Thee;
our ears, to hear Thy word
and Thy teaching of life;
our hearts, to be pure temples nourished by Thy
Sacred Body and Blood;
and our souls, mirrors where Thy splendor
and beauty are reflected.³*



² Homily 1.7.8 "on Ezechiel"

³ From the *Sedro, Safro* on Mondays in Great Lent.



o thee, O blessed Joseph,
do we come in our tribulation, and having
implored the help of thy most holy Spouse,
we confidently invoke thy patronage also.



hrough that charity which bound thee to
the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and
through the paternal love with which thou didst
embrace the Child Jesus,
we humbly beseech thee graciously to regard the
inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased
by His Blood, and with thy power and strength
to aid us in our necessities.



ost watchful guardian of the Holy
Family, defend the chosen people of Jesus
Christ;

O most loving father, ward off from us every
contagion of error and corrupting influence;
show pity to us, O most mighty protector, and
assist us from heaven in our daily struggle with
the power of darkness.



s once thou didst rescue the Child Jesus
from the supreme peril of His life, so now
protect God's Holy Church from the snares of
the enemy and from all adversity;
shield each one of us by thy constant protection,
so that, supported by thine example and
strengthened by thine aid, we may be able to
live a holy life, die a happy death, and obtain
eternal joy in Heaven. Amen.⁴



The Sanctuary Lamp
burns in March
in memory of the
*deceased of the Maroon
Joseph Family*
at the request of
Barbara Joseph.

The Altar Breads have been donated in memory of
George Deeb by Dame Fefa, DSG

May their memory be eternal!



SCHEDULE OF READINGS

THE HEALING OF THE BLIND MAN

March 21, 2021

II Cor 10: 1-7 St. Mark 10: 46-52

HOSANNA SUNDAY

March 28, 2021

Phil 1: 1-13 St. John 12: 12-22

VOCATION ICON

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

Sun	Mar	21	Michael & Gayle Misner
Sun	Mar	28	Bruce & Doreen White
Sun	April	4	Steve & Allison Crate
Sun	April	11	Sue Paré & Lolo Salazar
Sun	April	18	Daja Gombojav & Family
Sun	April	25	Larry & Lisa Grard
Sat	May	1	Jim & Lenore Boles
Sun	May	9	Chris & Diane Wyder

⁴ This prayer was composed by **Pope Leo XIII** and introduced
in his encyclical, *Quamquam pluries*, in 1889. He asked that it
be added to the end of the Rosary, especially following its

recitation during the month of October (dedicated to the Most
Holy Rosary).

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

(Budgeted: \$3,100.00)

Regular Collection Last Week: \$2,675.00

(Budget Deficit 2021: \$7,681.00)⁵

Upcoming Special Collection combining the Bishop's Appeal⁶ and this year's maintenance projects: **March 28th**

An additional **\$120.00** has come in this week for the Lenten collections – the combined **\$39,000.00** we need to collect to cover the **Bishop's Appeal** and the **building maintenance projects** we will attempt to do this summer.⁷

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.

Mon 29 -----

Tue 30 †Elsie Chapman

Wed 31 **The Nicholas Family**
(Mary Nicholas)

Thu 1 **Private Intention**
(Abouna James)

Fri 2 †Preston Porter
(Antoinette Jamerson)

Sat 3 †Dana Alen Chapman

Sun 4 9:00 For the Members of the Parish
11:00 Private Intention

Mon 5 -----

Tue 6 †Philip Chapman

Wed 7 **All the Faithful Departed**
(Mary Nicholas)

Thu 8 †Joan Gottardi
(Dan & Pam Cassavant)

Fri 9 †Preston Porter
(Antoinette Jamerson)

INTENTIONS FOR THE QOURBONEH (MASSES)

Sun 21 9:00 For the Members of the Parish
11:00 Karen Misner

Mon 22 -----

Tue 23 †Rachel Salazar
(Suzanne Paré)

Wed 24 †Paul Ferris
(Steve & Allison Crate)

Thu 25 **Private Intention**
(Abouna James)

Fri 26 †Elsie Chapman
(Allison & Steve Crate)

Sat 27 **Darrell Mitchell**
(Donna-Jo Mitchell)

Sun 28 9:00 For the Members of the Parish
11:00 Private Intention

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.

⁵ Deficit 2019: \$72,270.59/Deficit 2020: \$34,473.00

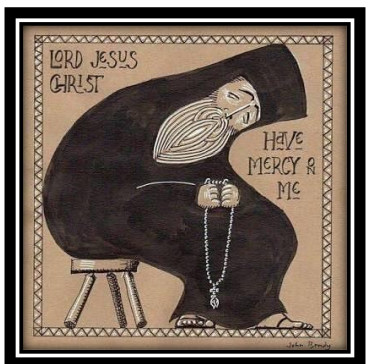
⁶ Assessed at \$4,000.00; the first stage of the building projects will cost around \$55,000.00

⁷ This makes the amount toward our matching Challenge Grant, to be presently \$6,345.00. Only \$29,000.00 to go to achieve the 55k we need for the first stage of our building works.

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

Prayer for the Gift of Tears

Almighty and merciful God,
 Who for Thy thirsting people didst bring forth
 from the rock a fountain of living water:
 draw forth, we beseech Thee,
 from the hardness of our hearts
 the waters of compunction, that we may weep
 for our sins, and by Thy bounty may merit
 to obtain their forgiveness.



Schedule for the Great and Holy Week of the Passion of our Lord and God

The Temptation of Jesus in the Wilderness

Friday, March 26th

Divine Qourbonoh: **9:00 am**

Stations and Benediction of the Life-giving Cross:
6:00pm

Lazarus Saturday

Saturday, March 27th

Divine Qourbonoh: **10:00 am**

Hosanna Sunday

Sunday, March 28th

Blessing of Palms and Entrance of our Lord
 into the Holy City

Divine Qourbonoh and Liturgy: **9:00 am**

Divine Qourbonoh: **11:00 am**

Great and Holy Tuesday

Tuesday, March 30th

Divine Qourbonoh: **9:00 am**

Great and Holy Wednesday

(Spy Wednesday)

Wednesday, March 31st

Divine Qourbonoh: **9:00 am**

The Rite of the Lamp: **6:00 pm**

Great and Holy Thursday of the Divine Mysteries

(Maundy Thursday)

Thursday, April 1st

Divine Qourbonoh and Liturgy: **6:00 pm**

Great and Good Friday of the Crucifixion

Friday, April 2nd
(remember to bring flowers)

Signing of the Chalice: 11:00 am
Collection for the Holy Land

Passion and Death of our Lord and God: 6:00 pm
Collection for the Holy Land

Great and Holy Saturday of the Light

Saturday, April 3rd

Rite of Forgiveness: 11:30 am
Vigil of the Glorious Resurrection: 5:00 pm

The Glorious Resurrection of our Lord and God

Sunday, April 4th

Divine Qourbonoh and the Rite of Peace: 9:00 am

Divine Qourbonoh: 11:00 am

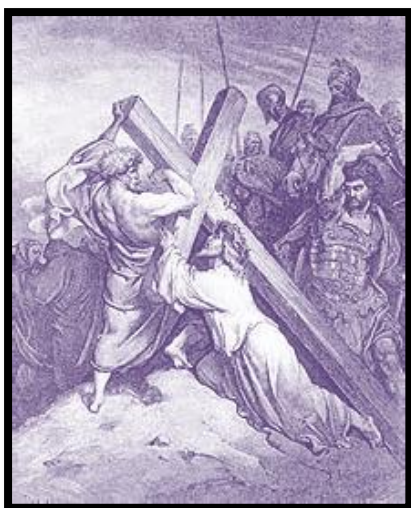
Blessing of Paschal/Easter Foods after each Mass

From February 17th through March 28th, you are invited to join other Christians for **40 Days for Life** – forty days of prayer and fasting

www.40daysforlife.com/augusta-maine

You are invited also to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside *Maine Family Planning* in Augusta. Please spread the word about this important community outreach.

For more information and to volunteer: contact Judy Iceenogle, 207-872-6558/ ricejuice@twc.com



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: Father Chris Piselli, Sally Derosby, Tala Poulin, Daja Gombojav, Anne El-Habre, Richard Karter, Lolo Salazar, Charlotte Iserbyte, Rita Hikel, and all those who suffer from disease, want, or depression.

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

Entrance Hymn: LB *enono nouhro shareero* 123

Glory: SB *irhamni*

Qolo/Hymn: LB *bo'outho d'moryo ya'qoub*
(*moryo moran*) 124

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 Bread of Life; Salatokee*

Recessional: SB *Immaculate Mary*

SERVERS OF THE DIVINE ALTAR

March 21:

9:00am: A. Michaud/ M. Carter

11:00am: I. Misner-Elias

Hosanna Sunday, March 28:

9:00am: A. Michaud/ N. Carter

11:00am: L. Michaud/ I. Misner-Elias

Glorious Resurrection, April 4:

9:00am: A. Michaud/M. Carter/N. Carter

11:00am: L. Michaud/I. Misner-Elias

New Sunday, April 11:

9:00am: M. Carter/ N. Carter

11:00am: L. Michaud/ I. Misner-Elias

April 18:

9:00am: A. Michaud/ N. Carter

11:00am: I. Misner-Elias

April 25:

9:00am: M. Carter/ N. Carter

11:00am: L. Michaud/ I. Misner-Elias

Choir Practices For Great and Holy Week

Mondays 4:30pm

March 22 and 29th

D.) All Fridays throughout the year are traditional days of fast and abstinence from all meat and dairy products.

E.) *In general, the sick, expectant mothers, and the elderly who need to eat regularly are exempted from fasting and abstinence, especially those who under medical care for chronic illnesses.*

F.) *Still observing the quality of food stuffs, Saturdays and Sunday are not, in the eastern tradition, days of fasting.*

G.) *Breaking the Fast is permitted also on the following feastdays:*

- 1.) Saint John Maron (March 2);
- 2.) The Forty Martyrs (March 9);
- 3.) Saint Patrick (March 17th);
- 4.) Saint Joseph (March 19th); and,
- 5.) The Annunciation (March 25th).

QUANTITY: *In our tradition, the fast means no food whatsoever between midnight and noon, only water and medication are permitted.*

QUALITY: *Also, in our traditional eastern tradition, the days of fast are in practice more or less vegan, that is, no meat, no seafood, no meat products, no dairy products, and no eggs are eaten.*

The Traditional and Patriarchal Norms for the Great Fast

A.) Ash Monday and the First Week of Great Lent and Great Week of the Passion and especially Great and Holy Friday of the Crucifixion through to noon on Saturday of the Great Light are Days of Fast and Abstinence according to our tradition.

B.) *For all, as a minimum requirement according to law, we must fast on Ash Monday and on Good Friday. Abstinence, minimally, must be observed on all Fridays of Great Lent. The days of fast are strictly to be meatless.*

C.) *From the age of reason onward, all are obliged to follow the abstinence from all meat, meat products, and dairy products on these fast days.*



The Annunciation to the Ever-Virgin Mary

March 25th