

# Saint Joseph Maronite Catholic Church



## Sixth Sunday of the Resurrection

May 26, 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

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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 Romans 10: 1-13

Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God on their (*Israel*) behalf is for salvation. I testify with regard to them that they have zeal for God, but it is not discerning.

For in their unawareness of the righteousness that comes from God and their attempt to establish their

own righteousness, they did not submit to the righteousness of God.

For Christ is the end of the Law for justification of everyone who has faith.

Moses writes about the righteousness that comes from the Law,

*The one who does these things  
shall live by them.*

But the righteousness that comes from faith says,

Do not say within your heart, "Who shall go up into heaven?"

(that is, to bring the Messiah down)

or, "Who shall go down into the abyss?"

(that is, to bring the Messiah up from the dead).

But what does it say?

*The word is near you, in your mouth  
and in your heart*

(that is, the word of faith that we preach), for, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved.

For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.

For the Scripture says,

*No one who believes in Him  
shall be put to shame.*

For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek: the same Lord is Lord of all, enriching all who call upon Him. For,

*everyone who calls  
on the Name of the Lord  
shall be saved.*



## **ABOUNA'S REFLECTIONS**

The progressive deliverance is made of an absolute cult of truth and of light. It blossoms in love: salvation is being able to love freely and to dedicate oneself without holding anything back.<sup>1</sup>

Good morals and a Christian life are ultimately the expression of an illuminated mind and a strengthened will that are both confirmed and aligned with the immutable Truth that is God.

In the Hidden One goodness is a personal attribute, so He is *free* by His very existence; He cannot, metaphysically, be stained by the failure that is sin.

With us it is otherwise. We do not perceive eternal Goodness directly. We are limited creatures and thereby free to choose among many created things – unstably. This is why *Adom* was able to disobey in Paradise.

We are made free to the degree that we adhere to the creative Substantial and Subsistent Truth. *Adom* was created free, but he used his free-will to turn to creatures, to other goods that were not God. He made his love false in doing so, and this we call *sin*.

True love stabilizes the will, repairs its previous insufficient and damaged choices, and elevates it to its original Freedom in the Good One. We shall never be God, but we can allow ourselves to be made godlike through grace and God's initiative.

Charity initiates the desire within us to join to the Good Lord, and charity further strengthens that resolution in perseverance.

Because one loves, he dedicates himself fully to the Beloved. He allows himself to be joined to the Risen One.

Because one loves, grace moves him into righteousness, and finally into stable salvation. A life of holiness becomes easier in time, because the ascetic path strengthens and confirms. On the human level, this is the difference between the trained athlete and the ever-wavering dieting failure.

Because one loves, he enters the divine light and sees with "the eyes of God". (What enkindles the human heart then becomes expression in word and deed, as Saint Paul lays out in today's Epistle.)

Finally, because one loves, generosity blossoms in liberty, and we are re-made in the Image of God – godlike and free.

Could a purpose of life, and a meaning of existence be any more beautiful?

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<sup>1</sup> From **Charity and Liberty** by Rev. Fr. Ceslaus Spicq, OP

## Schedule of Readings

### SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

May 26, 2019

**Rom 10: 1-13      St. Luke 24: 36-48**

### THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

May 30, 2019

**Acts 1: 1-14      St. Mark 16: 15-20**

### SUNDAY AFTER THE ASCENSION

June 2, 2019

**Eph 1: 15-23      St. John 13: 31-35**

### VOCATION ICON

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

Sun	May 26	Lowell & Mary Hawes
Sun	June 2	Larry & Lisa Grard
Sat	June 8	Jim & Lenore Boles
Sun	June 16	Chris & Diane Wyder
Sun	June 23	Bruce & Doreen White
Sun	June 30	Steve and Alison Crate

### LAST WEEK’S COLLECTIONS

**Regular Collection: \$1387.00**

Please remember that our *Lenten Assessment* is **\$4000.00**. Any funds lacking to this amount will need to be made up and then sent to the eparchy, so we still need to work to meet set our goal (\$2215 has been contributed thus far)

The Next Collection will be on **June 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
for the **Catholic Communications Campaign**  
*(Following the norms established by the USCCB, 50% of this collection is for national Catholic television, radio and other media, and 50% is retained by our Eparchy for the Maronite Voice and our other communication needs.)*

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

### INTENTIONS FOR THE QOURBONEH (MASSES)

Sat	25	†Mary Smus <i>(Paula, David &amp; Patricia Smus)</i>
Sun	26	†John Mansur <i>(Lorraine Mansur)</i>
Mon	27	-----
Tue	28	Catholic Extension Society & Donors
Wed	29	†Marietta & John Thomas <i>(Pam &amp; Dan Casavant)</i> <b>6:00 For the members of the Parish</b>
Thu	30	Catholic Extension Society & Donors
Fri	31	Subdeacon Michael Shami <i>(Abouna James)</i> -- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
Sat	1	Subdeacon Michael Shami <i>(Abouna James)</i> -- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
Sun	2	Subdeacon Michael Shami <i>(Abouna James)</i>
Mon	3	-----
Tue	4	Catholic Extension Society & Donors
Wed	5	†Shawn Gilley <i>(Pam &amp; Dan Casavant)</i>
Thu	6	Catholic Extension Society & Donors
Fri	7	†Patriarch Sfeir <i>(the Parish)</i> -- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
Sat	8	†Patriarch Sfeir <i>(the Parish)</i> -- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
Sun	9	†Patriarch Sfeir <i>(the Parish)</i>
Mon	10	-----
Tue	11	Catholic Extension Society & Donors
Wed	12	†Marietta & John Thomas <i>(Pam &amp; Dan Casavant)</i>
Thu	13	Catholic Extension Society & Donors
Fri	14	Private Intention <i>(Abouna James)</i> -- Catholic Extension Society & Donors

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## MAY 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  
at the Appleton Street Entrance.*

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*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, Tala Poulin, Louise Saliem, Virginia Poulin, and Beverly Rideout.

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

**Entrance Hymn:** LB *fsheeto* 145

**Glory:** SB *glory*

**Qolo/Hymn:** LB *imsheeho* 146B

Creed p 748

### PRE-ANAPHORA:

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

**Incense Hymn Offertory:** SB *V'maryam yoldat*

### ANAPHORA:

**Saint John Chrysostom:** LB p 876

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

**Communion:** SB *O Lord, I am not worthy; Ye Sons and Daughters*

**Recessional:** SB *Joyful, joyful*

\*LB=Liturgical Book SB=Song Book

## MAY DEVOTIONS

**This month's Altar Breads** will be provided toward the Divine Qourban for the month of May *in memory of Sam & Lottie Deeb*. Donated in their names by Dame Marie Fefa, DSG

*May they be brought into the fullness of the light  
and joy of the Kingdom.*

## May 30<sup>th</sup>

## ASCENSION Thursday

The Glorious Ascension is a **Holy Day** which **obliges all the baptized to assist at Mass on that Day.**

Thus there will be, as usual, a Divine Qourban on the Vigil at **6:00 pm, Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>.**

The Eucharistic Sacrifice will be at the usual time, **9:00 am, on the Feast itself, Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>.**



*Saint Theodosia of Tyre, Martyr  
May 29<sup>th</sup>*