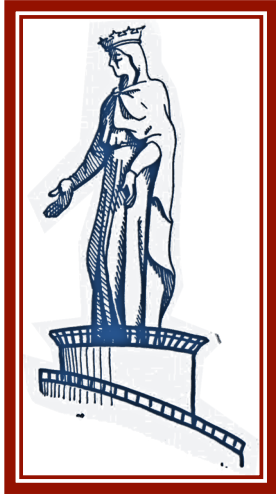


Sixth Sunday of the Resurrection

Our Lady of Lebanon



May 6, 2018

Saint Joseph Maronite Catholic Church



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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

Choir Director: Fefa Deeb **Parish Secretary:** Paula Mitchell **Catechists:** Lenore Boles, Director & K-1st; Jane Lee, 2nd; Shana Page, 3-5th **Parish Council:** Sheila Bonenfant, Lisa Grard, Lowell Hawes, Rosanna Joseph, David Lee, Ruth Lunn, Kevin Michaud, Paula Mitchell, Elizabeth Wilson **Ex-officio council members:** Subdeacon Steve Crate; Lenore Boles, Catechism; Shana Page, Rosary Sodality; Larry Mitchell, Knights of Columbus

THIS DAY'S EPISTLE Romans 10: 1-13

Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but it is not enlightened.

For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. For Christ

is the end of the Law, that everyone who has faith may be justified.

Moses writes that the man who practices the righteousness which is based on the Law shall live by it. But the righteousness based on faith says, "Do not say in you hear, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) or "Who will descend into the abyss?" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart (that is, the word of faith which we preach); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

For man believes with his heart and so is justified, and he confesses with his lips and so is saved.

The Scripture says, "No one who believes in Him will be put to shame."

For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and bestows His riches upon all who call upon Him.

For, "everyone who calls upon the Name of the Lord shall be saved".



ABOUNA'S REFLECTIONS

Amen, Amen, I say to you,
I am the **Door** of the sheep.

All who came before Me were thieves and robbers;
but the sheep did not heed them.

I am the door; if anyone enters by Me, he will be
saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy;
I have come that they may have life
and have it more abundantly.

I am the good **Shepherd**.
The good Shepherd lays down His life
for the sheep.¹

In the Gospel of Saint John our Lord refers to Himself as both Shepherd and Gate/Door. The images do not seem to align, at least not at first.

These images strike our western modern ears as slightly unusual – if indeed we even stop to think about it. We are not farmers, or shepherds, so sometimes our Lord's images lose their full meaning and impact on us.

The ancient middle-eastern enclosure for sheep was simply a ring of mounded earth piled high, with one opening. On the upper ridge of the mound, dried thorns were laid. In the evening, when the sheep were corralled, any wolf or other predator trying to attack the sheep would knock off the thorns and wake the shepherd.

Of course, the first thought is why the predator even tries to climb the wall and does not simply enter by the single opening by which the sheep themselves entered for the night. In this ancient arrangement, the wolf would not enter by the opening because it was there that shepherd slept for the night. Any animal wishing to attack the sheep would need to scale the wall in order to get to the flock, but, as we have said, this acted as a "security system" by the rustling sound of the falling dry thorns that would sound the alarm. Thus, the one shepherd was able to maintain his watch over the flock at night while at the same time protecting it from infiltration.

It is now clear how it is that our Lord is both Shepherd and Gate of the Divine Flock of the baptized. Day after day the Shepherd leads His flock out to pasture to nourish and feed them, and then returning at night He guards them by placing Himself as Door for their security. For this reason our Lord says in the same place that anyone trying to get into the flock bypassing the Shepherd is an interloper and a thief. There is only one flock and one shepherd in the pastures of salvation.

Let us frequently render thanks, and work daily to possess a spirit of gratitude for having been called to this Divine Flock where the Divine Shepherd sacrificed Himself on Calvary and rose in Glory so as to make Himself the unique Gate to the one Fold of eternal life and salvation – the Gate through which each of us has been invited to enter and by which we arrive at eternal life in the eternal Kingdom.

¹ St. John 10: 7-11

SCHEDULE OF READINGS

SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

May 6, 2018

Ro 10: 1-13 St. Luke 24: 36-48

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

May 13, 2018

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

May Memorial Offerings

Altar Breads / Altar Wine

In memory of Marion Maroon

Donated by *Scott Maroon*

Music and Dance on Friday, May 18th
7:00-10:00 p.m.

A parish gathering is scheduled for those who wish a bit of camaraderie, entertainment and enjoyable company. The *nationally-famous* DJ David Lee will spin that night.

Bring what munchies and beverages you may wish that suit your fancy. A cover of \$10 is suggested.

Annual Lebanese Dinner

Supper benefit was \$2809.00

A heartfelt thanks to all the volunteers who made this enjoyable meal a success – it was said that we had never had as many volunteer their time and talent as this year. These fundraisers are an important way that we cover and fill-up what is wanting to our usual weekly collections. God bless you all!

**May the God of all Consolation
bless all our volunteers
in the triumphant light
of the New Creation!**

Maronite Formation Classes

The **Maronite Formation Classes** for adults began on Wednesday, **April 11th**, at **6:30 p.m.** in the parish hall. There has been an enthusiastic response. This is an enjoyable moment to explore and develop the understanding of our Catholic faith and Antiochene heritage. We will continue each Wednesday through to the end of May.

We will be using as a text Captivated by Your Teachings by Fr. Anthony Salim. Although it is out of print, you may find copies on-line.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Regular Collection: \$1715.00

Second Collection *today, May 6th*
National Basilica of Our Lady of Lebanon

Upcoming Second Collection, May 27th
Catholic Communications Campaign

Following the norms established by the USCCB, 50% of this collection is sent to them for national Catholic television, radio and other media, and 50% is retained by our Eparchy for the *Maronite Voice* and any other communication needs we may have.

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

55th Annual Maronite Convention

Houston, Texas July 11-15, 2018

Hosted by Our Lady of the Cedars Parish
Register Today:

NAMconvention2018.com
NAMnews.org / 1-914-964-3070

COFFEE SCHEDULE 2018

May 6	Elizabeth Wilson & Mary Bard
May 13	Jan Bourque & Lenore Boles
May 20	Pam Casavant & Sharon Crowe

Prayer for a transfigured life in fidelity

O Lord, grant us the blessings of Your Resurrection, that we may experience the salvation for which we hope.

Let us walk on the path of life,
believe in every good work,
and be a pleasing fragrance to You,
a perfume of life for Life;
then we shall glorify You each day and forever.
Amen

INTENTIONS FOR THE QURBONEH (MASSES)

Sat	5	Novena in Thanksgiving (Lawrence Parikh)
Sun	6	Novena for Zelig Temple (Lawrence Parikh) -- For the members of the Parish
Mon	7	Novena for Zelig Temple (Lawrence Parikh)
Tue	8	Novena for Zelig Temple (Lawrence Parikh) -- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
Wed	9	10:00 Funeral Mass for Charles Owen -- Novena for Zelig Temple (Lawrence Parikh) 6:00 p.m. For the members of the Parish
Thu	10	† Richard Salazar (Dolores Salazar)
Fri	11	† Fr. Daniel Cooper (Abouna James) -- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
Sat	12	† Charlene Ferris LaVerdiere (Audrey Yotides)
Sun	13	For the members of the Parish
Mon	14	-----
Tue	15	† Edward Atkins (Barbara Atkins)
Wed	16	† Fr. Daniel Cooper (Abouna James) -- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
Thu	17	† Edward & Freda Nassar (Judy Lynn and the Nassar Family)
Fri	18	† Salem & Nimerah Maroon (Judie Lynn and the Nassar Family) -- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
Sat	19	† Helen Franco (Mr & Mrs Wm. Frank)
Sun	20	† Kathleen Hawes (Mr & Mrs Hawes)



Please note that **Ascension Thursday** is on **May 10th**. This is a Holy Day of Obligation, which means that we are to observe it as a Sunday:

- 1.) we have a *serious* obligation to assist at Mass;
- 2.) and to desist from servile labor, dedicating the day to the Lord God.

Masses will be on **Wednesday** at **6:00 p.m.** and on **Thursday** morning at **9:00 a.m.** in the church.

With sincere condolences to their families, we announce the deaths of **George Deeb** and **Charles Owen**.

May the Living One grant them dwellings of joy in the light and fullness of the His Kingdom.



Please note that this is the permanent intercession that will be recited each weekend in the *Alohooyo Qoorbonoh*:

Intercession for Fostering Priestly Vocations
(*to follow last among the intercessions of the living*)

Remember, O Lord, Your holy Church that You established on the solid rock of the true Faith, and send her vocations to the holy priesthood and religious life.

In a world of distractions, which pull us away from properly loving You and our neighbor, may those whom You have called to serve Your holy Church respond to You and have the courage to follow Your will. We pray to You, O Lord.

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 near the church's Appleton Street entrance.

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34 Temple Street * Waterville, ME 04901
207-873-7813

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259 Main Street - Waterville, ME 04901 tel. 207-872-8132

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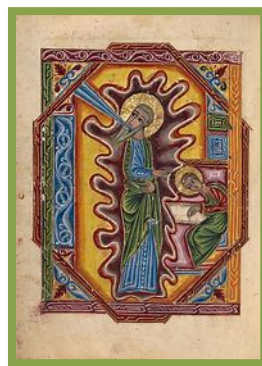
VOCATION ICON

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

Sun	May 6	Chris & Diane Wyder
Sat	May 12	Jim & Lenore Boles
Sun	May 20	Larry and Paula Mitchell
Sun	May 27	Lowell & Mary Hawes
Sun	June 3	Larry & Lisa Grard

*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, Virginia Poulin, Beverly Rideout, Paul Laverdiere, Marie Lessard and Mary Nader.



*Saint John the
Theologian,
Son of Zebedee,
Beloved of the Lord,
May 8th*

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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 *msheeho* #146A

Creed p 748

PRE-ANAPHORA:

Transfer of Gifts: LB *The Lord Reigns*

Incense Hymn: SB p 3 #8 *ikbal*

ANAPHORA:

St. John Chrysostom: LB p 876

Sign of Peace: SB *Too ba*

Communion: SB *Here I am, Lord*

Recessional: SB *The Lamb*

*LB=Liturgical Book SB=Song Book