

# Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul

## Seventh Sunday of Pentecost



July 1, 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

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**Choir Director:** Fefa Deeb **Parish Secretary:** Paula Mitchell **Catechists:** Lenore Boles, Director & K-1<sup>st</sup>; Jane Lee, 2<sup>nd</sup>; Shana Page, 3-5<sup>th</sup> **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

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### THIS DAY'S EPISTLE II Cor 11: 21-30

What anyone dares to boast of (I am speaking in foolishness) I also dare.  
Are they Hebrews? So am I.  
Are they descendants of Abraham? So am I.  
Are they ministers of Christ? (I am talking like an insane person.) I am still more, with far greater labors, far more imprisonments, far worse beatings, and numerous brushes with death.

Five times at the hands of the Jews I received forty lashes minus one. Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked, I passed a night and a day on the deep; on frequent journeys, in dangers from rivers, dangers from robbers, dangers from my own race, dangers from the Gentiles, dangers in the city, dangers in the wilderness, dangers at sea, dangers among false brothers; in toil and hardship, through many sleepless nights, through hunger and thirst, through frequent fastings, through cold and exposure.

And apart from these things, there is the daily pressure upon me of my anxiety for all the churches.

Who is weak, and I am not weak?

Who is led into sin, and I am not indignant?

But if I must boast, I shall boast of the things that show my weakness.

We welcome with pleasure our Father in Christ, H.E., **Bishop Gregory Mansour**, of our Eparchy of Saint Maron, Brooklyn, who honors us this Sunday as we celebrate the life-giving priesthood of Our Lord God and Savior.



### **ABOUNA'S REFLECTIONS**

(The) complete individual household or family in Christ<sup>1</sup> has a definite purpose.

It works and exists *to glorify God in Christ* through the sanctification and the salvation of its members.

By reason of the charity which animates it in virtue of its very constitution, it also works to bring all the other inhabitants of its own locality into its company so that they too may enjoy the association with Christ and *the life in Him which can never be possessed apart from His Kingdom....*

Today we are given the great grace to commemorate and celebrate the boundless and life-

giving Mystery of Holy Orders, that apostolic chain of divine life that descends through each generation from the beginning of the Church. It is in this divine **Rozoh**<sup>2</sup> that men are consecrated throughout time and space into the temporal Incarnation of God on earth. These individual men have not merited this gift any more than the ass on Palm Sunday had merited carrying Our Lord through the jubilant crowds of welcome. All the same, it remains a wondrous reality.

The priestly charge is sheer gift, an act of divine mercy both to the man himself and to the community of redemption that is called the Church. The Catholic priest is both son of that Church in time and father to its next generation. Before this incarnational Mystery all mortal men should rightly tremble in awe. To this divine gift are men gratuitously called – and to its corresponding apostolic mission – this is the original and fundamental meaning of “vocation”.

There can be no celebration of mere men in any of this; they are simply the vehicles of the great act of love of the Sacred Heart of Hidden Son in whom *He* continues to extend the healing work of redemption to all mankind. In this way, the consecrated men whom we call *priests* are similar to the bread and wine that is used by the Lord God in the Divine Eucharist.

There is a transcendental relation between the Mystery of the Eucharist and the Mystery of Holy Orders. One cannot be had without the other; the Mass cannot exist without a validly ordained priest, and a priest without the Divine Sacrifice is nothing. This is beautifully expressed in our Syriac tradition where the ordaining bishop touches the Sacred Eucharist Elements on the altar with one hand while imposing the other hand on the head of the man to be ordained to the priesthood. The Eucharist Itself, as it were, ordains the man, who in the future will confect the Eucharist as a priest. As wine is pressed from grapes and flour is ground from grains of wheat, so the mortal man must be trodden and ground in order that the singular Light of the Hidden One be made manifest in this redemptive Mystery.

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<sup>1</sup> an eparchy or diocese

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<sup>2</sup> “Sacrament”

The Priest of the New Testament is one: Our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ. The Priesthood of the New Covenant is one, exercised by the Incarnate Son of God, the Lion of Judah, the living/slain Lamb of the Apocalypse, and High Priest according to the Order of Melchisedech.<sup>3</sup> There is one God, one Incarnate Word, one Gospel, one Death on Calvary, one Resurrection, one Parousia and one salvation in the divine Light.

The Merciful One invites every person to receive grace and enter into the healing light of salvation, but this mercy is even more pronounced toward the men called *priests*; in fact, this mercy is twofold. These men have been called to not only be recipients of salvation, as every human being requires, they have also been called to be conduits of that saving grace in their own generation. Praise be to God for His compassionate mercy and gentle path of salvation.

With gratitude for three decades of often overwhelming grace and blessings, and with my personal affection and gratitude to you all for your thoughtful acknowledgements throughout these last months, let us all turn to the Hidden God of mercy, the True-Hope-Who-never-Deceives, and raise adoration, thanksgiving and glory for having called us all to the extraordinarily sublime and beautiful Mystery of the Body of Christ.

The immediate purpose and function of the local Church is the Sacrifice of the Mass. Around this central and essential activity are gathered all the other operations God has assigned to the local Church.... And precisely because the Mass is a sacrifice, a *corporate and external expression* or manifestation of all the other public or private acts of worship, the Mass is necessarily the act in which the entirety of the local Church's corporate life finds its *expression and its meaning*.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>3</sup> Psalm 110: 4; Hebrews 7: 13-17

<sup>4</sup> From The Concept of the Diocesan Priesthood by Msgr. Joseph Fenton. Emphasis added.

## SCHEDULE OF READINGS

### SIXTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

June 24, 2018

I Cor 12: 12-13, 27-30

St. Matthew 10: 16-25

### SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

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II Cor 11: 21-30

St. Matthew 16: 13-20

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

**Regular Collection:** \$1426.00

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

## 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Maronite Convention

Houston, Texas July 11-15, 2018

Hosted by Our Lady of the Cedars Parish

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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	July 1	Lowell & Mary Hawes
Sun	July 8	Larry & Lisa Grard
Sun	July 15	Chris & Diane Wyder
Sat	July 21	Jim & Lenore Boles
Sun	July 29	Bruce & Doreen White
Sun	Aug 5	Larry and Paula Mitchell



## INTENTIONS FOR THE QURBONEH (MASSES)

Fri	29	Abouna James (the parish)
Sat	30	†Francis DePaola (Mrs. Doria Frank)
Sun	1	For the members of the Parish
Mon	2	Catholic Extension Society & Donors
Tue	3	†Marietta Thomas (Pam & Dan Casavant)
Wed	4	†John Thomas (Pam & Dan Casavant) -- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
Thu	5	†Theresa Casavant (Pam & Dan Casavant) -- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
Fri	6	The Palin Family (Pam & Dan Casavant)
Sat	7	†Carmen Welch (Robert Welch)
Sun	8	For the members of the Parish
Mon	9	-----
Tue	10	†John Thomas (Pam & Dan Casavant)
Wed	11	†Theresa Casavant (Pam & Dan Casavant) -- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
Thu	12	†Susan Mitchell (John & Jean Thomas) -- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
Fri	13	The Palin Family (Pam & Dan Casavant)
Sat	14	For the members of the Parish
Sun	15	†Susan Mitchell (Dave & Sandy Violette)
Mon	16	-----
Tue	17	†Susan Mitchell (Fefa Deeb)

## JULY 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.

*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.

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

**Entrance Hymn:** to bashlom LB fsheero 121

**Glory:** SB alhamna

**Qolo/Hymn:** LB shareero #122

Creed p 748

### PRE-ANAPHORA:

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

**Incense Hymn:** SB p 3 #8 ikbal

### ANAPHORA:

**Saint James, Brother of the Lord:** LB p 794

**Sign of Peace:** SB too ba

**Communion:** SB O Bread of Life, I am the Vine

**Recessional:** SB The Lamb

\*LB=Liturgical Book SB=Song Book