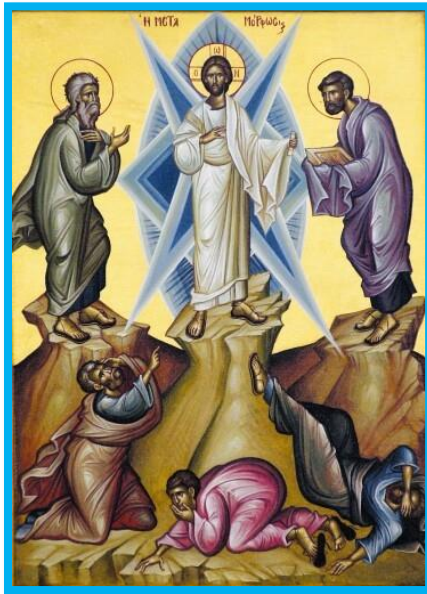


Saint Joseph Maronite Catholic Church



Solemnity of the Holy Transfiguration

August 8, 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 \$35; Altar Bread \$30; Sacramental Wine \$55

Catechism: Lenore Boles, *Director* **Choir Director:** Dame Marie Fefa Deeb, DSG **Parish Council President:** Ex-officio

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

This Day's Gospel¹ St. Mark 9: 1-7

And He said to them:

Amen I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste of death, until they shall see the Kingdom of God coming with power.

And after six days, Jesus took *Kepha* and James and John, and led them to a high mountain, apart. And He was transformed before *their* eyes.

And His raiment shone and was very white, like snow, so as men on earth can never whiten.

And there appeared to them Moses and Elijah in conversation with Jesus.

And *Kepha* said to Him:

Rabbi, it is delightful for us to be here. And let us make three booths; one for Thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah.

(But he did not know what he said, for they trembled with fear.)

¹ Based on The New Testament, translated from the Syriac Peshitto Version, Gorgias Press, New Jersey, 2001, translated by James Murdock, STD, 1893

And there was a cloud, and it overshadowed them. And a voice issued from the cloud, which said:
This is My Beloved Son. Hear ye Him.



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

ABOUNA'S REFLECTIONS

The final BBQ of our summer season, on the glorious feast of the Transfiguration, was again a great success, and, even more importantly, a resounding occasion for joy. We were even able to honor and celebrate the 90th birthday of our beloved **Lowell Hawes**.

A great thanks once again to **Steve** and **Allison Crate** who took in hand the workings, preps, and needs to pull off this familial gathering. Many, many thanks to them and to all those who grilled, prepared the sides, did all the set-up of the tents, grills, and tables, who served, and, the grand finale – brilliantly took down everything at the end, leaving all remarkably clean. The Good One bless you all with His apostolic grace.

Schedule of Readings

SOLEMNITY OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

August 8, 2021

II Cor 3: 7-17 St. Mark 9: 1-7

ASSUMPTION OF THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

August 15, 2021

Rom 12: 9-15 St. Luke 1: 46-55

VOCATION ICON

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

Sat	August	7	Jim & Lenore Boles
Sun	August	15	Chris & Diane Wyder
Sun	August	22	Michael & Gayle Misner
Sun	August	29	Steve & Allison Crate
Sun	Sept	5	Sue Paré & Lolo Salazar
Sun	Sept	12	Daja Gombojav & Family
Sun	Sept	19	Larry & Lisa Grard

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

(Budgeted: \$3,100.00)

Regular Collection Last Week: \$2,749.00

(Budget Deficit 2021: \$22,474.00)³

An additional **\$00.00** has come in this week toward the needed collection of **\$39,000.00**.⁴

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.

INTENTIONS FOR THE QOURBONEH (MASSES)

Sun 8 9:00am --For the Members of the Parish
11:00am - John & Katie Martin Family
(Michael & Maureen Martin)

Mon 9 -----

Tue 10 †Shirley Lowry
(Pam & Dan Casavant)

Wed 11 Robert Riccomini
(Rebecca Allen)

Thu 12 Tia Timmons
(Pam & Dan Casavant)

Fri 13 Louis & Jacinta Sigaud
(Armelle Sigaud)

² Homily 1.7.8 "on Ezechiel"

³ Deficit 2019: \$72,270.59/Deficit 2020: \$34,473.00

⁴ This makes the amount toward our matching Challenge Grant (20k), to be presently **\$13,385.00**. This collection is being

made to cover the needed **building maintenance projects**, estimated at \$60,000.00.

Sat 14 10:00am Tegshee Michael Gombojav
(Daja Gombojav)
Sunday Vigil 5:00pm Private Intention

Sun 15 9:00am --For the Members of the Parish
11:00am - Joseph Martin
(Michael & Maureen Martin)

Mon 16 -----

Tue 17 †Pat & Bernie Thomas
(Michelle Cothran & Nicole Harmon)

Wed 18 †Joan Gottardi
(Donna-Jo Mitchell)

Thu 19 Fr. Doran
(Catherine & Ira Mandel)

Fri 20 10:00am Ginnaz for Joan Gottardi
(Donna-Jo Mitchell)

Sat 21 10:00am James Martin
(Daja Gombojav)
Sunday Vigil 5:00pm Private Intention

Sun 22 9:00am --For the Members of the Parish
11:00am - †Robert Doran
(Catechism Group)

Mon 23 -----

Tue 24 †Robert Doran
(Badiha Spencer)

Wed 25 Thomas Martin
(Michael & Maureen Martin)

Thu 26 Mike and Maureen Martin
(Michael & Maureen Martin)

Fri 27 †Darrell Mitchell
(Donna-Jo Mitchell)

Those for whom we pray: Cindy Elias, David Bourque, Barbara Joseph, Sally Derosby, Tala Poulin, Richard Karter, Lolo Salazar, Charlotte Iserbyte, Rita Hikel, and all those who may suffer from disease, want, or depression.

The Life-giving Cross

Please, take notice of our present protocols:

- 1.) All Catholics, of whichever Ritual Church, are more than welcome at Saint Joseph. We are one Family of God and the Body of Christ.
- 2.) Those who are sick, or carry symptoms of sickness, must remain at home.
- 3.) Wearing of face-masks is optional.
- 4.) As discussed in parish council meetings prior to the pandemic, in order to bring greater security and peace of mind, the **doors** will be **locked** at the beginning of each Liturgy.
- 5.) Hand sanitizers remain available at the entrances and at the confessional.
- 6.) *The universal suppression of the canons concerning the Mass on holydays has been lifted.* The ancient and serious obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holydays has now been restored for all the Catholics of Maine.
- 7.) From the **Vigil of the Assumption** onward, August 14th, all Liturgical Vigils for Holy Days and Sundays will be fully restored.
- 8.) And, lastly, at the end of Mass, those who wish to **remain and pray** in the church are welcome to do so, but out of **respect** for the House of God and **charity** to one's neighbor **all are asked *not to linger, socialize, or visit within the church.*** If one wishes to visit, please do so outside the church.

*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*

The Fast of the Dormition

*The Assumption of the Ever-Virgin Mary
into Heaven, body and soul (August 15th)*

As we were reminded by our Patriarch in his encyclical, it is our tradition to fast in preparation for the great feasts, and all are encouraged to do so faithfully, *par.* 24:

This fast is known as "The Fast of the Virgin", during which the faithful abstain from eating meat, dairy products, and eggs, from August 7th until August 14th inclusively.

We are also reminded in *paragraph 21* of the same letter that "a fast" is to go without all foods *from midnight to noon*, after which we *abstain from all animal flesh and most all animal products* – this is most similar, but not exactly the same, to a "vegan" diet.

When a fast day falls on a Saturday or a Sunday (as will be the case on August 7th, 8th and 14th this year) one can eat as they wish, but should still abstain from animal flesh and animal products.

These observances are for all who have attained the age of the use of reason, *par. 22*

SERVERS OF THE DIVINE ALTAR

August 8th:

9:00am: A. Michaud/N. Carter
11:00am: I. Misner-Elias/S. Nappi

August 15th:

9:00am: M. Carter/ N. Carter
11:00am: L. Michaud/ S. Nappi

August 22nd:

9:00am: A. Michaud/ M. Carter
11:00am: I. Misner-Elias

August 29th:

9:00am: M. Carter/ N. Carter
11:00am: L. Michaud/ S. Nappi

September 5th:

9:00am: A. Michaud/ M. Carter
11:00am: I. Misner-Elias/S. Nappi

September 12th:

9:00am: M. Carter/ N. Carter
11:00am: L. Michaud/I. Misner-Elias

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

Entrance Hymn: LB *ehnono noohro shareero* 200

Glory: SB *glory*

Qolo/Hymn: LB *msheeHo natareh l'eedtokh* 201A

Creed p 748

PRE-ANAPHORA:

Transfer of Gifts: LB *The Lord Reigns*

Incense Hymn Offertory: SB *l'maryam yoldat*

ANAPHORA:

Saint James, Brother of the Lord: LB p 794

Sign of Peace: SB *tou ba*

Communion: SB *O Bread of Life; Father of Truth*

Recessional: SB *Glorious in Majesty*



*Saint Clare
of Assisi
hermitess and
foundress*

August 11th