

# Sunday of the Most Holy Trinity



May 27, 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."* *Oriente 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-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 Rom 11: 25-36

Lest you be wise in your own conceits, I wish you to understand this mystery, brethren: a hardening has come upon part of Israel, until the full number of the Gentiles come in, and then all Israel shall be saved; as it is written:

*The Deliverer shall come from Zion,  
He will banish ungodliness from Jacob;  
and this shall be My covenant with them when  
I take away their sins.*

As regards the Gospel they are enemies of God, for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers.  
For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable.

Just as you were once disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now become disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may receive mercy.

For God has delivered all men to disobedience, that He may have mercy upon all.

O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways!

*For who has known the mind of the Lord,  
or who has been His counselor?  
Or who has given a gift to Him  
that He might be repaid?*

For from Him and through Him and unto Him are all things.  
To Him be glory forever. Amen.



### **ABOUNA'S REFLECTIONS**

Christians are indistinguishable from other people either by nationality, language or customs. .... Their teaching is not based upon reveries inspired by curiosity. Unlike some other people, they champion no purely human doctrine. With regard to dress, food and manner of life in general, they follow the customs of whatever city they happen to be living in, whether it is Greek or foreign.

And yet there is something extraordinary about their lives. They live in their own countries as though they were only passing through. They play their full role as citizens, but labor under all the disabilities of aliens. Any country can be their residence, but for them their homeland, wherever it may be, is a foreign country. ....

They pass their days upon earth, but they are citizens of heaven. Obedient to the laws, they yet live on a level that transcends the law.

Christians love all, but all persecute them. Condemned because they are not understood, they are put to death; but they are raised to life again. ... They are defamed, but vindicated.

A blessing is their answer to abuse,  
deference their response to insult.<sup>1</sup>

There is little that needs to be added by way of commentary to this stunningly beautiful text from the early Church. It describes well the true meaning of "parish".

In these days of Pentecost (and bowing before the sublime Triune Mystery of the Hidden One) during which we commemorate the Presence of the Divine Fire in the sacred Body of the Church, we ask that God enflame our minds in wisdom and enliven our wills in strength that we might each follow such lofty example and replicate it in our own generation.

### **SCHEDULE OF READINGS**

#### **MOST HOLY TRINITY**

May 27, 2018

**Rom 11: 25-36      St. Matthew 28: 16-20**

#### **THIRD SUNDAY OF PENTECOST**

June 3, 2018

**I Cor 2: 1-10      St. John 14: 21-27**

### **LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS**

**Regular Collection: \$1682.00**

#### **Second Collection, May 27<sup>th</sup> 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.*

<sup>1</sup> From the *Letter to Diognetus*, second century AD

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

Houston, Texas July 11-15, 2018

Hosted by Our Lady of the Cedars Parish

**Register Today:** [NAMconvention2018.com](http://NAMconvention2018.com)

[NAMnews.org](http://NAMnews.org) / 1-914-964-3070

## VOCATION ICON

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

Sun	May 27	Lowell & Mary Hawes
Sun	June 3	Larry & Lisa Grard
Sun	June 10	Chris & Diane Wyder
Sat	June 16	Jim & Lenore Boles
Sun	June 24	Larry and Paula Mitchell

## Maronite formation Classes

The **Maronite Formation Classes** for adults are an enjoyable moment to explore and develop the understanding of our Catholic faith and Antiochene heritage. All adults are welcome.

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.

## 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<sup>2</sup>

<sup>2</sup> *Safro*, Monday of the Resurrection, Second Prayer



## INTENTIONS FOR THE QURBONEH (MASSES)

Sat	26	†Mary Smus (Smus Family)
Sun	27	For the members of the Parish
Mon	28	-----
Tue	29	†Ernest & Charlotte Maroon (Judie Lynn and the Nassar Family) -- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
Wed	30	†Marietta Thomas (Pam & Dan Casavant) -- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
Thu	31	†John Thomas (Pam & Dan Casavant)
Fri	1	†Charles & Louis Maroon (Judie Lynn and the Nassar Family) -- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
Sat	2	†Helen Franco (Mr & Mrs W. Frank)
Sun	3	For the members of the Parish

## May Memorial Offerings

Altar Breads / Altar Wine  
**In memory of Marion Maroon**  
Donated by *Scott Maroon*

Please note that this is the permanent intercession that will be recited each weekend in the *Alohooy 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.

The *National Apostolate of Maronites (NAM)* is looking for a new Executive Director. The general mailing is printed below as to the responsibilities of the office. Everyone is encouraged to consider this worthy work for the honor of our Lord.

### **Executive Director National Apostolate of Maronites**

#### **Job Description**

In accordance with the National Apostolate of Maronites By-Laws, the Executive Director is responsible for the successful leadership and management of the Organization according to the strategic direction set by the Board of Directors in consultation with the Bishops.

The Executive Director performs some or all of the following:

- Participate with the Board of Directors in developing a vision and strategic plan to guide the Organization
- Identify, assess and inform the Board of Directors of internal and external issues that affect the Organization
- Act as a professional advisor to the Board of Directors on all aspects of the Organization's activities
- In addition to the President of NAM, act as a spokesperson for the Organization
- Conduct official correspondence on behalf of the Board as appropriate and jointly with the Board when appropriate
- Represent the Organization at community activities to enhance the Organization's community profile
- Perform the day-to-day operations of the National Office, which can be located anywhere
- In conjunction with the education Chair, supervise NAM's scholarship applications and awards
- Maintain up to date, true and accurate financial records
- Report on the financial standing of the Organization on a monthly, quarterly and annual basis
- Supervise the receipt and disbursement of all funds of the Organization and shall authorize deposits and withdrawals of all monies under such conditions as shall be imposed by the Board and in accordance with an approved budget
- Maintain current records of membership and delegates/representatives
- With the Chairman of Finance, prepare and present to the Board, the National Convention Report and the annual financial statements
- Serve as the Convention Coordinator working in close collaboration with the Bishops, host Pastors and chairpersons of national and regional conventions as well as the organizing committees

- Serve as a non-voting member of the Executive Committee
- In cooperation with the Public Relations committee, maintain a website for the Organization
- Perform all other duties as delegated by the Board of Directors, and all other duties that customarily devolve for the Office, not specifically mentioned herein

In addition to the above, the Executive Director must work with the Bishops on a regular basis.

### **Qualifications**

- Knowledge of Maronite history and heritage
- Understand and believe in NAM's Mission
- Computer skills in Microsoft programs, as well as web design
- Participate in and understand Maronite traditions and interact with the Maronite Bishops, Clergy and laity
- Perform efficiently and on-time all aspects of office operations
- Knowledge of convention planning and hotel negotiations
- Ability to travel, when needed, throughout the year
- Ability to present well to the general public as the face of the Maronite Church
- Abide by all Catholic teaching and morality and practice the Catholic Faith with sincerity
- Ability to prepare, understand and present financial reports
- Bookkeeping Ability
- Bachelor's degree preferred, but not required
- Bilingual, English and Arabic preferred, but not required

For further information, or to be considered for this position, please contact Father Albert Constantine at (818) 416-3839 or [fralbertconstantine@gmail.com](mailto:fralbertconstantine@gmail.com)

### **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.

#### **CENTURY 21 - SURETTE REAL ESTATE**

Pam Casavant -- Partner/ Associate Broker  
Tel: 207-873-5634 Ext 219  
e-mail: [pcasavant@surette-realestate.com](mailto:pcasavant@surette-realestate.com)

#### **LEBANESE CUISINE**

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

#### **GALLANT FUNERAL HOME INC.**

10 Elm Street \* Tel 873-3393 \* Website: [gallantfh.com](http://gallantfh.com)

#### **GHM Insurance Agency**

Auto \* Home\* Business \* Life \* Benefits  
51 Main Street - Downtown Waterville  
Tel: 207-873-5101 [www.ghmagency.com](http://www.ghmagency.com)

#### **GRONDIN'S CERTIFIED DRY CLEANERS**

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

#### **SII Investments, Inc.**

29 Mt. Merici Ave. - Tel: 207-872-8689

#### **Waterville Florist**

287 Upper Main Street  
Tel: 207-872-7422 also 888-616-4880

*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:** LB *msheeHo natareh* #175A  
(recite)

**Glory:** SB *al majdu*

**Qolo/Hymn:** LB *bo'outho d'mor ya'qoub* #172A  
(recite)

Creed p 748

**PRE-ANAPHORA:**

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

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

**ANAPHORA:**

**St. James, Brother of the Lord:** LB p 794

**Sign of Peace:** SB *America the Beautiful*

**Communion:** SB *O Bread of Life*

**Recessional:** SB *God bless America*

\*LB=Liturgical Book SB=Song Book



*Feast of Corpus Christi  
May 31, 2018*