

Saint Joseph Maronite Catholic Church



Sunday after the Ascension

May 16, 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 \$30; Altar Bread \$25; Sacramental Wine \$45
Catechism: Lenore Boles, *Director* **Choir Director:** Dame Marie Fefa Deeb, DSG **Parish Council President:** Ex-officio
Council Members: Lenore Boles, *Religious Education*; Larry Mitchell, *Knights of Columbus*; Ruth Lunn, *Rosary Sodality*

THIS DAY'S GOSPEL¹ St. John 13: 31-35

And Jesus said: Now is the Son of Man glorified; and God is glorified in Him. And if God is glorified in Him, God will glorify Him in Himself; and will glorify Him speedily. My children, a little longer I am with you; and ye will seek for Me; and, as I said to the Jews,

Whither I go ye cannot come, so I now say to you.

A new commandment I give to you, that ye be affectionate to each other. As I have loved you, do ye also love one another.

By this will everyone know that ye are My disciples, if ye have love for each other.

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



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

*When He Himself God.*³

With need so.

SCHEDULE OF READINGS

SUNDAY OF ASCENSIONTIDE

May 16, 2021

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

PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 23, 2021

Acts 2: 1-21 St. John 14: 15-20

² Homily 1.7.8 "on Ezechiel"

³ Hymns to Mary, Brock, Oxford, 1988 ed., Hymn 5

⁴ Deficit 2019: \$72,270.59/Deficit 2020: \$34,473.00

⁵ This makes the amount toward our matching Challenge Grant (20k), to be presently \$12,020.00. The combined

VOCATION ICON

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

Sun	May	16	Michael & Gayle Misner
Sun	May	23	Steve & Allison Crate
Sun	May	30	Sue Paré & Lolo Salazar
Sun	June	6	Daja Gombojav & Family
Sun	June	13	Larry & Lisa Grard
Sat	June	19	Jim & Lenore Boles
Sun	June	27	Chris & Diane Wyder

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

(Budgeted: \$3,100.00)

Regular Collection Last Week: \$1,952.00

(Budget Deficit 2021: \$12,179.00)⁴

The Next Special Collection will be on **May 23rd**.
Catholic Communications Campaign
(50% of this collection is sent to the USCCB for national Catholic television, radio, and other media; 50% is retained by our Eparchy for the Maronite Voice and any other communication needs we may have.)

An additional **\$000.00** has come in this week toward the combined collections of **\$39,000.00**.⁵

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 16 9:00 For the Members of the Parish
11:00 Russell & Paulette Spera
(Mary Nicholas)

Mon 17 -----

collections are needed to cover this year's Lenten **Bishop's Appeal (now paid)** and the **building maintenance projects** we need to do.

- Tue 18 †Joan Gottardi
(Donna-Jo Mitchell)
- Wed 19 †Rachel and Joseph Salazar
(Rita Hikel)
- Thu 20 †George "Tony" Joseph
(Pam & Dan Casavant)
- Fri 21 Private Intention
- Sat 22 10:00am - Sarah Bierbrauer
(Daja Gombojav)
5:00pm - Vigil of Pentecost
Private Intention
- Sun 23 9:00am --For the Members of the Parish
11:00am - All the Faithful Departed
(Misner-Elias Family)
- Mon 24 -----
- Tue 25 Anna Evans
(Daja Gombojav)
- Wed 26 Robert Violette
(Pam & Dan Casavant)
- Thu 27 †Darrell Mitchell
(Pam & Dan Casavant)
- Fri 28 Private Intention
- Sat 29 10:00am - Kristina Evans
(Daja Gombojav)
5:00pm - Vigil of Pentecost
Private Intention
- Sun 30 9:00am --For the Members of the Parish
11:00am - Fr. Doran
(Misner-Elias Family)
- Mon 31 -----
- Tue 1 Elias Family
(Misner-Elias Family)
- Wed 2 †Tony George
(Joyce George)
- Thu 3 All the Faithful Departed
(Misner-Elias Family)
- Fri 4 Private Intention



*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*

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

The Annual Novena of Pentecost

We begin the original novena, instituted by our Lord when He commanded His disciples to return to Jerusalem to pray for the Power from on High.⁶ This continued in the Holy City until following the ninth day, the Fire of Pentecost descended upon the disciples.⁷

This year it begins on **Friday, May 14th**. We will recite this Novena following the Alohoeyeh Qourboneh throughout the nine days.

⁶ St. Luke 24: 49

⁷ Acts 1: 12-14 and 2: 1-41

This **Novena for Pentecost** has been adapted from the one of the Companions of the Cross that can be found in its original form at info@companionscross.org.



Act of Consecration to the Holy Spirit

To be recited daily during the Novena:

Before the great multitude of heavenly witnesses, I offer myself, spirit, soul, and body to You, Eternal Spirit of God. I adore the brightness of Your purity, the unerring keenness of Your justice, and the might of Your love.

You are the Strength and Light of my soul. In You I live and move and am. I desire never to grieve You by unfaithfulness to grace, and I pray with all my heart to be kept from the smallest sin against You.

Mercifully guard my every thought, and grant that I may always watch for Your light, and listen to Your voice, and follow Your gracious inspirations. I cling to You and give myself to You and ask You, by Your compassion, to watch over me in my weakness.

O Adorable Spirit, Helper of my infirmity, keep me in Your grace that I may never sin against You. Give me grace, O Holy Spirit, Spirit of the Father and the Glorious Son, to say to You always and everywhere, "Speak Lord for Your servant heareth". Amen.

Prayer for the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit

To be recited daily during the Novena:

O Lord Jesus Christ Who, before ascending into heaven, promised to send the Holy Spirit to finish Your work in the souls of Your Apostles and Disciples, deign to grant the same Holy Spirit to me that He may perfect in my soul, the work of Your grace, and Your charity.

Grant me the Spirit of **Wisdom** that I may despise the perishable things of this world and aspire only after the things that are eternal;

the Spirit of **Understanding** to enlighten my mind with the light of Your divine truth;

the Spirit of **Counsel** that I may ever choose the surest way of pleasing God and gaining heaven;

the Spirit of **Fortitude** that I may bear my cross with You and that I may overcome with courage all the obstacles that oppose my salvation;

the Spirit of **Knowledge** that I may know God and know myself and grow perfect in the science of the Saints;

the Spirit of **Piety** that I may find the service of God sweet and amiable;

and the Spirit of **Fear** that I may be filled with awe and loving reverence towards God, and dread in any way to displease Him.

Mark me, dear Lord with the sign of Your true disciples, and animate me in all things with Your Spirit. Amen.

THIRD DAY

(Sunday after the Ascension)

*Thou, of all consolers best, Visiting the troubled
breast, dost refreshing peace bestow.*

The Gift of **Piety** begets in our hearts a filial affection for God as our most loving Father. It inspires us to love and respect for His sake all persons and things consecrated to Him, as well as those who are vested with His authority: His Blessed Mother and the Saints, the Church and its

visible Head, our parents and superiors, our country and its rulers. He who is filled with the gift of Piety finds the practice of his religion not a burdensome duty, but a delightful service. Where there is charity, there is no labor. Amen

Prayer:

Come, O Blessed Spirit of Piety, possess my heart. Enkindle therein such a love for God, that I may find satisfaction only in His service, and for His sake lovingly submit to all legitimate authority. Amen.

- *Our Father*, and *Hail Mary* once. *Glory be to the Father* seven times.
- *Act of Consecration, Prayer for the Seven Gifts* as above.

FOURTH DAY

(Monday in Ascensiontide)

Thou in toil art comfort sweet, pleasant Coolness in the heat, Solace in the midst of woe.

By the gift of **Fortitude**, the soul is strengthened against natural fear, and supported to the end in the performance of one's duty. Fortitude imparts to the will an impulse and energy which move it to undertake without hesitancy the most arduous tasks, to face dangers, to trample under foot human respect, and to endure without complaint the slow martyrdom of even lifelong tribulation. "He that shall persevere unto the end, he shall be saved."

Prayer:

Come, O Blessed Spirit of Fortitude, uphold my soul in time of trouble and adversity, sustain my efforts after holiness, strengthen my weakness, give me courage against all the assaults of my enemies, that I may never be overcome and separated from Thee, my God and greatest Good. Amen.

- *Our Father*, and *Hail Mary* once. *Glory be to the Father* seven times.
- *Act of Consecration, Prayer for the Seven Gifts* as above.

FIFTH DAY

(Tuesday in Ascensiontide)

Light immortal! Light Divine! Visit Thou these hearts of Thine, and our inmost being fill!

The gift of **Knowledge** enables the soul to evaluate created things at their true worth, that is in their relation to God. Knowledge unmasks the pretense of creatures, reveals their emptiness, and points out their only true purpose as instruments in the service of God. It shows us the loving care of God even in adversity, and directs us to glorify Him in every circumstance of life. Guided by its light, we put first things first, and prize the friendship of God beyond all else. "Knowledge is a fountain of life to him that possesseth it."

Prayer

Come, O Blessed Spirit of Knowledge, and grant that I may perceive the will of the Father; show me the nothingness of earthly things, that I may realize their vanity and use them only for Thy glory and my own salvation, looking ever beyond them to Thee, and Thy eternal rewards. Amen.

- *Our Father*, and *Hail Mary* once. *Glory be to the Father* seven times.
- *Act of Consecration, Prayer for the Seven Gifts* as above.

SIXTH DAY

(Wednesday in Ascensiontide)

If Thou take Thy grace away, nothing pure in man will stay, all his good is turn'd to ill.

The Gift of **Understanding** as a gift of the Holy Spirit, helps us to grasp the meaning of the truths of our holy religion, by faith we know them, but by

Understanding we learn to appreciate and relish them. It enables us to penetrate the inner meaning of revealed truths and through them to be quickened to newness of life.

Our faith ceases to be sterile and inactive, but inspires a mode of life that bears eloquent testimony to the faith that is in us; we begin to “walk worthy of God in all things pleasing, and increasing in the knowledge of God”.

Prayer

Come, O Spirit of Understanding, and enlighten our minds, that we may know and believe all the mysteries of salvation; and may merit at last to see the eternal light in Thy Light; and in the light of glory to have a clear vision of Thee and the Father and the Son. Amen.

- *Our Father, and Hail Mary* once. *Glory be to the Father* seven times.
- *Act of Consecration, Prayer for the Seven Gifts* as above.

SEVENTH DAY

(Thursday in Ascensiontide)

Heal our wounds - our strength renews; On our dryness pour Thy dew, wash the stains of guilt away.

The Gift of **Counsel** endows the soul with supernatural prudence, enabling it to judge promptly and rightly what must be done, especially in difficult circumstances.

Counsel applies the principles furnished by Knowledge and Understanding to the innumerable concrete cases that confront us in the course of our daily duty as parents, teachers, public servants, and Christian citizens.

Counsel is supernatural common sense, a priceless treasure in the quest of salvation. “Above all these things, pray to the Most High, that He may direct thy way in truth.”

Prayer

Come, O Spirit of Counsel, help and guide me in all my ways, that I may always do Thy holy will. Incline my heart to that which is good; turn it away from all that is evil, and direct me by the straight path of Thy commandments to that goal of eternal life for which I long. Amen.

- *Our Father, and Hail Mary* once. *Glory be to the Father* seven times.
- *Act of Consecration, Prayer for the Seven Gifts* as above.

EIGHTH DAY

(Friday in Ascensiontide)

Bend the stubborn heart and will, melt the frozen warm the chill. Guide the steps that go astray!

The Gift of **Wisdom** embodying all the other gifts, as charity embraces all the other virtues, Wisdom is the most perfect of the gifts. Of wisdom it is written “all good things came to me with her, and innumerable riches through her hands.”

It is the gift of Wisdom that strengthens our faith, fortifies hope, perfects charity, and promotes the practice of virtue in the highest degree.

Wisdom enlightens the mind to discern and relish things divine, in the appreciation of which earthly joys lose their savor, whilst the Cross of Christ yields a divine sweetness according to the words of the Savior: “Take up thy cross and follow me, for my yoke is sweet and my burden light”.

Prayer

Come, O Spirit of Wisdom, and reveal to my soul the mysteries of heavenly things, their exceeding greatness, power, and beauty. Teach me to love them above and beyond all the passing joys and satisfactions of earth. Help me to attain them and possess them forever. Amen.

- *Our Father*, and *Hail Mary* once. *Glory be to the Father* seven times.
- *Act of Consecration, Prayer for the Seven Gifts* as above.

NINTH DAY

(Saturday in Ascensiontide)

*Thou, on those who evermore Thee confess
and Thee Adore, in Thy Sevenfold Gift, descend;
Give Them Comfort when they die;
Give them Life with Thee on high;
Give them joys which never end. Amen*

The gifts of the Holy Spirit perfect the supernatural virtues by enabling us to practice them with greater docility to divine inspiration. As we grow in the knowledge and love of God, under the direction of the Holy Spirit, our service becomes more sincere and generous, the practice of virtue more perfect. Such acts of virtue leave the heart filled with joy and consolation and are known as *Fruits of the Holy Spirit*. These Fruits in turn render the practice of virtue more attractive and become a powerful incentive for still greater efforts in the service of God, to serve Whom is to reign.

Prayer

Come, O Divine Spirit, fill my heart with Thy heavenly fruits, Thy charity, joy, peace, patience, benignity, goodness, faith, mildness, and temperance, that I may never weary in the service of God, but by continued faithful submission to Thy inspiration may merit to be united eternally with Thee, in the love of the Father and the Son. Amen.

- *Our Father*, and *Hail Mary* once. *Glory be to the Father* seven times.
- *Act of Consecration, Prayer for the Seven Gifts* as above.

The Life-giving Cross

Please, take notice of our present protocols:

- 1.) All Catholics, of whatever Ritual Church, are more than welcome at Saint Joseph. We are all one Body of Christ.
- 2.) During this pandemic, there is no obligation to assist at the Divine Sacrifice.
- 3.) Those who are sick, or carry symptoms of sickness, must remain at home.
- 4.) All are recommended to give contact information (a list is provided at the door) in order to inform you if need arise from a case of the virus.
- 5.) All vulnerable, elderly, and at-risk individuals should remain at home and follow the Liturgies as posted on the parish's website.
- 6.) The **Vigil** Masses are suspended until further notice.
- 7.) **Everyone is asked to wear a face-mask.**
- 8.) Hand sanitizers are available at the entrances and at the confessional.
- 9.) Seating at church must be "*first-come-first-served*" and will be closed at "100".
- 10.) Everyone must sit in such a way that there is *no one immediately in front* of them and *no one immediately behind* them. The pews have been blocked off for this purpose.
- 11.) To control crowd flow and bring greater security, **doors will be locked** at the beginning of each Liturgy.
- 12.) A *six-foot distancing* is to be observed by those who approach the Divine Altar and wish to receive the Divine Eucharist in **Holy Communion**.
- 13.) And, lastly, at the end of Mass, those who wish **to remain and pray** in the church are welcome to do so, but **all are asked not to linger, socialize, or visit within the church**. Please exit through the Appleton Street doorway. If one wishes to visit, please do so outside the church, being *mindful of masking and observing proper physical distancing*.

Servers of the Divine Altar

May 16th:

9:00am: A. Michaud/N. Carter

11:00am: I. Misner-Elias

May 23rd:

9:00am: M. Carter/ N. Carter

11:00am: L. Michaud/ I. Misner-Elias

May 30th:

9:00am: A. Michaud/ M. Carter

11:00am: I. Misner-Elias

June 6th:

9:00am: M. Carter/ N. Carter

11:00am: L. Michaud/ I. Misner-Elias

June 13th:

9:00am: A. Michaud/ M. Carter

11:00am: I. Misner-Elias

June 20th:

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 *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 *tou ba*

Communion: SB *The Bread of Life; Seek ye first*

Recessional: SB *Praise God from Whom all bless*



*Saints Constantine the Great
and Helena, Equal-to-the-Apostles*

Confessors

May 21st