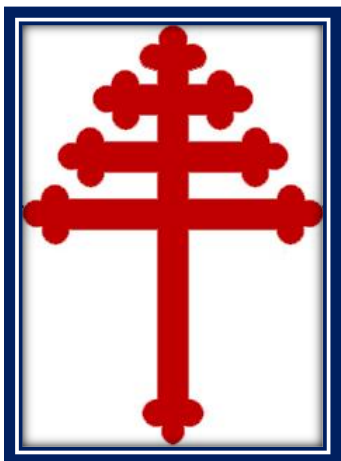


Saint Joseph Maronite Catholic Church



Third Sunday after Holy Cross

September 30, 2018



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

- 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: Dame Fefa Marie Deeb, DSG **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*

TODAY'S EPISTLE Phil 3: 17-4: 1

Brethren, join with others in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live, as I have often told you and now tell you even in tears, conduct themselves as enemies of the Cross of Christ. Their end is destruction; their god is their belly; and their glory is in their shame. Their minds are occupied with earthly things.

But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our lowliness that it may be conformed to the Body of His glory, by the power that also enables Him to bring all things into subjection to Himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and my crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.



ABOUNA'S REFLECTIONS

It is understandable, then, that charity is a fullness,
an *overflowing plenitude* avid to dedicate itself,
to serve totally, to sacrifice self.

As tender as it might be, in certain respects,
it is first of all and above all
the most robust and generous love there is.¹

Charity is dynamic, this indicates that it is a "power" per the original meaning in Greek. It is a power that originates in Infinite Good, modifies as "good" within the creature and turns the subject toward good. Charity transforms the spirit when present. From the fact that it orients the individual toward the "good" it can quite dramatically transform one's life. Charity does not make us hyperkinetic, but it does illumine our eyes to see goodness, both in others and that good which can be done. It is from vision that strength and determination flow, not "busy-ness".

Turning from the usual natural focus on personal interest, it re-directs the mind outward toward others: the eternal Good One, firstly; and secondarily toward the neighbor. Charity, also, when fully present in one's life can be haunting: "what can I do that would be better?" For these reasons love/charity is the strongest, most robust and compelling force on earth. The person in whom charity dwells is made generous. This is why it will, logically, impel the charitable individual toward "sacrifice of self".

Charity deepens the soul and moves the individual toward "heroism"; again, not because it makes us grit our teeth simply to do stuff for others, but because *it strengthens us to see the good possible and accomplish what is ultimately beautiful.*

From the moment that the Lamb of God died on Calvary – the epiphany of divine charity in the Messiah² – there has been an indissoluble link between charitable loving³, giving in charity⁴ and giving oneself⁵. Death and Resurrection on Calvary produced both the appearance of God on earth and the conduit of divine strength to men in grace. The love of the Good One is stronger than death and more brilliant than life. It is charity that Our Lord states as the most indicative quality of His disciples. "Does charitable love radiate in my life?," one might ask.

This will always be a game of "catch-up" as God first loved us, not we Him⁶. God loves us because *He* is good, not because we are wonderful, but He does love us so that, in grace, we might *become* wonderful. Being loved, we learn to love in return and charity makes this possible.

Charity is never satisfied in this world as there is always good to be done. Only after death, when at rest in the Good One for eternity in the Kingdom, will the charitable heart find satisfaction. And the heart that does not possess the gift of charity? Well, it will continue for eternity in the misery of its freely-chosen selfishness. This we call "damnation".

SCHEDULE OF READINGS

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER HOLY CROSS

September 30, 2018

Phil 3: 17-4: 1 St. Matthew 24: 23-31

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER HOLY CROSS

October 7, 2018

I Thes 5: 1-11 St. Matthew 24: 45-51

VOCATION ICON

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

Sun	Sept 30	Larry & Lisa Gard
Sat	Oct 6	Jim & Lenore Boles
Sun	Oct 14	Bruce & Doreen White
Sun	Oct 21	Larry and Paula Mitchell
Sun	Oct 28	Lowell & Mary Hawes

¹ From Charity and Liberty by Rev. Fr. Ceslaus Spicq, OP

² St. John 3: 17; Rom. 8: 32; Eph. 5: 2, 25

³ I Tim. 2: 6

⁴ Gal. 1: 4

⁵ Gal. 2: 20

⁶ I John 4: 10

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Regular Collection: \$1346.00

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



Mrs. Samya Ferris fell asleep in the Lord on Tuesday, September 25th. Her funeral will be on Friday, October 5th at 11:00. Our condolences to the family who so beautifully surrounded her in her last days. May the Good One shine His brilliance and mercy upon her in the fullness of the Kingdom.

St. John Council 7300 of the Knights of Columbus will host its **annual pro-life breakfast** on Sunday, **October 7th**, at St. John Regional Catholic School in Winslow. All proceeds from the all-you-can-eat breakfast, scheduled for **8-10:00 am** will go to **Maine Right to Life**.

Admission is \$6, children 6 and under \$4 and families are \$20. We look forward to seeing you!

This season's first **Parish Council Meeting** will be on Tuesday, **October 9th**, at 6:30 in the parish hall.

ORDER OF SAINT SHARBEL

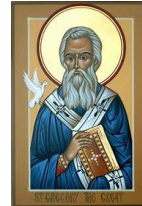
This year **October 14** is designated as "Order of Saint Sharbel Sunday" in our Eparchy. On October 14, all Maronite parishes will be promoting the Order.

The **Order of Saint Sharbel** is *vitally* important in providing financial and spiritual support for our seminarians, who are crucial for the future of our Maronite Church.

Please prayerfully consider joining the Order. You may enroll online at www.orderstsharbel.org.

OCTOBER 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.



Dame Marie Fefa Deeb, DSG sends a word to all the parishioners:

Lam overwhelmed by the love you have shown me on the celebration of my induction into the Order of Saint Gregory the Great. The Pot Luck Luncheon was the most bountiful display of Saint Joseph's wonderful cooks and the beautiful cake was the frosting on the entire event. Thank you to all!!

Your hard work, effort and contributions made this a great success. It is all truly appreciated. Let's continue all to work for Saint Joseph. I am here to help, God willing. God bless us all!

GATECHISM

The Religious Instruction Program this year will return to a weekly format, from the first Sunday in October through May.

Following the Sunday Mass there will be classes for the youngsters *one half hour each week following the Divine Qoorbonoh*, beginning **October 7th**.

The **Adult Religion Classes** will resume for the Fall Session on **Wednesday, October 10th**, and will continue through the week before Thanksgiving. They will resume again in January.

INTENTIONS FOR THE QURBONEH (MASSES)

- Sat 29 †Charles Owen
(the parish)
-- For the members of the Parish
- Sun 30 †Caroline Nale
(her children)
- Mon 1 -----
- Tue 2 †Sam & Nimera Maroon
(Peter Maroon, Sr)
- Wed 3 Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Thu 4 †Sam & Lottie Deeb
(Peter Maroon, Sr.)
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Fri 5 †Samaya Ferris
(Peter Maroon, Sr.)
- Sat 6 †Marion Maroon
(Peter Maroon, Sr.)
- Sun 7 For the members of the Parish
- Mon 8 -----
- Tue 9 †Charlene Lamberis
(Barbara Atkins)
- Wed 10 †Susan Mitchell
(Barbara Atkins)
- Thu 11 †Paul Mitchell
(Barbara Atkins)
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Fri 12 †George & Mintaha Mitchell
(Barbara Atkins)
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Sat 13 †Charles Owen
(the parish)
- Sun 14 For the members of the Parish
- Mon 15 -----
- Tue 16 †Kathleen Hawes
(Peter Maroon, Sr.)
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors

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, Louise Saliem, Virginia Poulin,
Beverly Rideout, and Marie Lessard.

**THIRD SUNDAY
AFTER HOLY CROSS
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Lighting of the Church: LB* p 5
Jesus Christ, O Source of Light

Entrance Hymn: LB *fsheeto* 233

Glory: SB *glory*

Qolo/Hymn: LB *etow* 234

Creed p 748

PRE-ANAPHORA:

Transfer of Gifts: LB *The Lord Reigns*

Incense Hymn: LB *I'maryam yoldat aloho*

ANAPHORA:

St Mark: LB p 835

Sign of Peace: SB *tooba*

Communion: SB *Here I am, Lord; St. Francis Prayer*

Recessional: SB *Ha Salah*

*LB=Liturgical Book SB=Song Book