

Third Sunday of Pentecost

June 3, 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-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

THIS DAY'S EPISTLE I Cor 2: 1-10

When I came to you, brethren, I did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in much fear and trembling; and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glorification. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written:

*What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the heart of man conceived, what God has
prepared for those who love Him,*

God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.



ABOUNA'S REFLECTIONS

The Christian is precisely the one who knows
that the true reality of the world –
of *this* world, of *this* life of ours –
not of some mysterious “other” world –
is in Christ;
the Christian knows, rather,
that Christ *is* this reality.

In its self-sufficiency the world and all that exists in
it has no meaning. And as long as we live after the
fashion of this world, as long, in other words, as we
make our life an end in itself, no meaning and no
goal stand, for they are dissolved in death.
And as Christ's Death “trampled down death”
because in it the ultimate meaning
and strength of life were revealed,
so also does our dying with Him unite us
with the new “life of God”.¹

We learn, we love, and we live right here; and
while some among us would prefer to do it all
somewhere else, in fantasy – especially the loving
part – reality has a way of slapping us down to
make us realize that we are *here*.

When Our Lord spoke about charity at the Last
Supper, that is love which is inspired by grace,
infused into the human spirit allowing us to
participate in the eternal divine Charity that is God,
He spoke of interpenetration of the lover and the
beloved. All love requires some form of common

experience, but divine charity takes this to wholly
other level: there is a true indwelling among the
lovers.

A quality of the gift of charity (*agapé* in the Greek
Gospels) is to dwell in the one whom one loves.²
Note the order: we perceive, we come to know, and
then we love. To refuse knowledge is finally to
refuse love and friendship. This could be likened
to a work situation where one might know a
pleasant woman at the office with whom brief
conversations are shared here and there around the
office and during breaks, but this is an
acquaintance, not a friend. Friendship can only
blossom and flourish with further knowledge that
allows us to see and love more. If we were to say
that that fellow employee was “a friend” but then
went on to refuse further invitations, conversation
over dinner for example or “meeting up” it would
be a contradiction. It would be like saying that we
have a friend but we are indifferent to learning
more about that person. This would not be
friendship, nor even a condition in which
friendship could develop.

One cannot love what one does not know. There
are sadly many who claim that they love God but
who have no desire to know Him any better. They
claim that they can love without “knowing” but
this is illusory. This is equivalent to “having a
friend” for whom one has “no time”. A marriage
without communication is not a stable one. A
marriage with a refusal to know the other spouse
would be dead. Presumption of that spousal
knowledge is perhaps even more lethal.

Knowledge inspires love, and love provokes
further desire to better know the friend. Perfect
love – charity at its best – achieves *union* between
the lovers. By grace, God dwells in us and we in
God; and this charity transfigures us “from glory to
glory”.³

This is why God has spoken personally to
mankind. He did not leave knowledge of Himself
to be grasped merely by weak human minds in
philosophical contemplation – always a precarious

¹ From For the Life of the World: Sacraments and Orthodoxy

² St John 17: 23-26

³ II Cor 3: 18

task open to self-deception. He gave us knowledge of Himself by the Word so that we might not only know but also come to love in free response.

Translated into the world of grace and redemption this means that our natural human heart was created for God and ultimately God alone; it is animated, healed and elevated by grace; illuminated by revelation; enflamed by charity and oriented to the things of God from within the human life where it first found us, *right here*. This divine knowledge and love transform everything.

Understood correctly, charity is not something for "later" any more than salvation means only "after death". Divine love, grace, salvation and the transformation by the Holy Spirit begin now, today, at this very moment; should we choose to receive this divine love and return *gracified* love in return, this is what our God and Savior meant by the "good" or "luminous" heart receiving the divine word.⁴ For these reasons the Church has never seen anything as escaping from its purview, even sin is included as that which must be remedied and healed.

For twenty centuries the Catholic Church has adored, loved, pondered, considered and lived the Gospel. During this time she has developed beautiful teachings on every aspect of human life – both natural and supernatural. Most Catholics are perhaps unaware that there is an overwhelmingly rich patrimony of doctrine concerning things as sublime as the Most Holy Triune God through family life, and even down to the nuts and bolts social and economic organization of society. Of course, the Church does not lay out specifying details as each human culture and society has its own needs, but she does lay out the principles by which we are to think and approach life. "Heaven" is only meant to be the state into which we enter at death because we have freely followed the course of grace in life. It is the logical effect of a *gracified* life.

This is the meaning of Fr. Schmemmann's emphasis on the "true reality of the world" as being "this world, of this life of ours". Christianity is an

⁴ St. Luke 8: 15

incarnate religion of an incarnate God, whose disciples make up His visible Body, the Church.

Salvation begins each day in grace, and when we love and enter the Beloved our ultimate salvation is assured. While at the same time it is also true that should we neglect grace day after day, we also tear down that assurance.

Our neglect or indifference today indicates the future abandonment eternally after death.

Let us rather be on the side of *here and now*, and in grace learn to know and to love in the true and actual "plan of salvation".

SCHEDULE OF READINGS

THIRD SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

June 3, 2018

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

June 10, 2018

I Cor 2: 11-16 St. Luke 10: 21-24

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Regular Collection: \$2084.00

Next Second Collection, **June 24th**
Peter's Pence

The entire collection is sent to the Holy Father for him to assist with emergency financial assistance to aid the most needy throughout the world.

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

55th Annual Maronite Convention

Houston, Texas July 11-15, 2018

Hosted by Our Lady of the Cedars Parish
Register Today: NAMconvention2018.com
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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 June 3 Larry & Lisa Grard
 Sun June 10 Chris & Diane Wyder
 Sat June 16 Jim & Lenore Boles
 Sun June 24 Larry and Paula Mitchell
 Sun July 1 Lowell & Mary Hawes



INTENTIONS FOR THE QURBONEH (MASSES)

Sat 2 †Helen Franco
 (Mr & Mrs W. Frank)
 Sun 3 For the members of the Parish
 Mon 4 -----
 Tue 5 †Marietta Thomas
 (Pam & Dan Casavant)
 -- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
 Wed 6 †John Thomas
 (Pam & Dan Casavant)
 -- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
 Thu 7 †Susan Mitchell
 (Pam & Dan Casavant)
 Fri 8 †Mr. & Mrs. Fern Matthieu
 (Pam & Dan Casavant)
 -- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
 Sat 9 Fr. Jordan Fahnestock
 (Fahnestock Family)

Sun 10 Fortieth Day for George Deeb
 (Fefa Deeb)
 -- For the members of the Parish
 Mon 11 -----
 Tue 12 †John & Mary Mitchell
 (Barbara Atkins)
 -- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
 Wed 13 †Michael & Bridget Kilroy
 (Barbara Atkins)
 -- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
 Thu 14 †Ameen & Hoda Saad
 (Barbara Atkins)
 Fri 15 †Mr. & Mrs. Fern Matthieu
 (Pam & Dan Casavant)
 -- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
 Sat 16 Fr. Jordan Fahnestock
 (Fahnestock Family)
 Sun 17 For the members of the Parish
 Mon 18 -----
 Tue 19 †Marietta Thomas
 (Pam & Dan Casavant)
 -- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
 Wed 20 †John Thomas
 (Pam & Dan Casavant)
 -- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
 Thu 21 †Freda Nassar & Lucille Maroon
 (Judie Lynn and the Nassar Family)
 Fri 22 †Marietta Thomas
 (Pam & Dan Casavant)
 -- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
 Sat 23 Mr. William Frank
 (Mrs. Doria Frank)
 Sun 24 For the members of the Parish

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

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.

JUNE 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.

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

Entrance Hymn: LB *msheeHo natareh* #175A

Glory: SB *al majdu*

Qolo/Hymn: LB *Hdaow zadeeqeh* #1 (recite)

Creed p 748

PRE-ANAPHORA:

Transfer of Gifts: LB *The Lord Reigns*

Incense Hymn: SB p 3 #8 *ikbal*

ANAPHORA:

Twelve Apostles:
LB p 754

Sign of Peace: SB

Communion: SB O
Bread of Life

Recessional: SB

*LB=Liturgical Book
SB=Song Book



Feast of the Sacred Heart
June 8, 2018