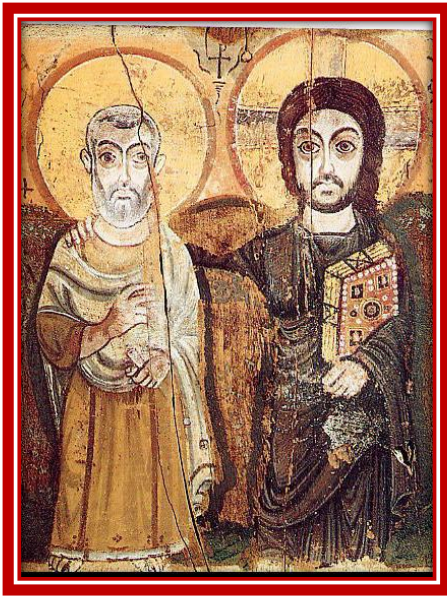


Saint Joseph Maronite Catholic Church



The Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost

August 23, 2020

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 10:00 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 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 at least **two months in advance**.
Recommended stipends: weekday intentions \$10; weekend intentions \$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 EPISTLE¹ I Cor 3: 1-11

And I, brethren, am unable to speak with you as though you were spiritual, but only as with those who are carnal, as to those who are infants in the Messiah.

I have fed you with milk rather than giving you meat since you have not been able to take it; and you are still unable to do so. For the moment you are just material. As long as there are strifes, disagreements, and divisions among you, are you not being merely material, living in only a carnal manner?

¹ *The Syriac Peshitta Bible with English Translation*, Gorgias Press, New Jersey, 2012, ed. George A. Kiraz and Andreas Juckel

When one of you says, "I am Paul's", and another says, "I am of Apollo", are you not being purely material?

After all, what is Paul? And who is Apollo? They are nothing but the servants through whom you have come to the faith, each doing as the Lord required.

I have planted, Apollo has watered, but it is God Who has given the growth.

The planter and the waterer are one – and each receives his wages in line with his task – for we work together with God, and you are God's handiwork and His building.

In accord with the grace that God has given me I laid the foundation as does a wise architect, but then another built upon this.

Everyone should be careful how they build upon it, since no one may establish any other foundation than the one that has been already laid, which is *Yeshua Msheeho*.



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 a group of Colby students were brought for a visit to Saint Joseph last January they were amazed, but slightly confused; one could see that a number of them were trying to reconcile the stories of the hardships suffered by the immigrants with the beauty of the building those same immigrants had built. "If they were so poor, how could they put up such a beautiful building?"

Good question.

These young people were perhaps even more bewildered by the answer. It was pointed out to them that *people act according to their priorities*, and these immigrants had identified with their faith. Thus their parish church ranked foremost in their minds. "Bewildered" these students were because it is difficult for our contemporaries to fathom that someone who is poor would still donate to build a church, or that someone whose days had been filled with labor would set himself to work still longer hours after a day's labor by building a church.

Baffled and bewildered they kept silent, but one could see that they were thinking.

Saint Joseph is a beautiful manifestation of the *devotion and fidelity of the immigrant generations*. It is now entrusted to their descendants to cherish, sustain, and maintain.

This church also is a gift of God to central Maine, and a radiant testimony to the ancient orthodox and catholic Faith of Antioch.

Time moves on. We all teeter and creak occasionally; none of us escape the ravishes of its passage. So it is with our beloved church building. She protects us from the elements; she gives testimony to the great generosity of the Maronites in the early part of the twentieth century, and she impresses the visitor with her beauty. Now in some places she creaks and teeters in her venerable age; sometimes she leaks. Built in the 1930s and the 1940s she still serves well, but she requires our continual attention to sustain and uphold her by maintaining her fabric as she advances along the paths of time in this valley of tears.

Over the decades, the church has welcomed many into her arms through baptism/chrisamation, established Catholic households in Holy Crowning, and escorted many out of this world into the fullness of the Kingdom. She has been faithful, always present, stable, and welcoming. Hers has been a maternal embrace in a world that is not always welcoming and patient.

² Homily 1.7.8 "on Ezechiel"

Nevertheless, as we all know, time is inexorable. Water leaks in the bell-tower, interior walls are being damaged, masonry is aging, concrete crumbles, the basement floods regularly, and periodic treatment needs to be done to the brickwork. Estimate for the needed work is **\$57,500**. The pandemic does not help, of course. Truth be told, this maintenance would require that each “active family” (that is, those who do more than just attend funerals at Saint Joseph’s) be taxed each with **\$720.00**.

We need to think “big” in order to look at future fundraising for these necessary projects. Maintenance to the building will always be needed.

Saint Joseph has served well not only those original immigrants but also their children and their children’s children. And now, in these last months and years, she has opened wide her arms to an influx of those not born in Antioch, but who have discovered the Apostolic Faith of Catholicism in a new form and beauty – a new generation who now reach out to the ancient traditions of Saint Maron.

While rooted firmly in her ethnic past, she lovingly continues and transcends this. She glorifies the God of mercy in the present, while she looks to the future – as did the venerable Archbishop Zayek in his day – to a new chapter for the Maronite Church of Antioch, an American Chapter. While appreciatively rooted in a beloved past, we faithfully embrace the present, and labor with great hope headed for a future generous with the riches of *Beit Maron*.

It is left to us to decide on how we choose to follow the first generations of immigrant builders. Do we imitate or ignore their example? We can only maintain these buildings *if we too prioritize our values and imitate* the immigrants’ fidelity and devotion.

If we rise to the challenge and are faithful now, children in 2095 will thank *us* for our fidelity even as we are grateful to those who came before us and built at the beginning of the twentieth century.

What are *our* priorities?



A Daily Morning Offering of our life and our intentions in service to the Most Holy

OS Splendid Brilliance Whose light never fades, in the morning we hurry to Thee, the Creator of all, and we seek Thy mercy and compassion. Thou hast taken us from the sleep of error and granted us this morning that we might be filled with radiant joy. Restore our consciences that have been deformed by sin, dress our wounds, and pour upon us the oil of Thy kindness. Illumine our souls with the rays of Thy charity.

OS Radiant Son, Whose beams ever shine, in union with the Immaculate Heart of Mary, we offer Thee, all our thoughts, words, deeds, joys, disappointments, and sufferings of this day in honor of Thy Most Sacred Heart and in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world; for the salvation of souls; in reparation for our sins, and in humble supplication for our temporal and eternal welfare; for the consolation of the reposed, and for all the needs of Holy Mother Church. Deign to acknowledge us on the Great Morning when, in Thy justice, Thou shalt judge us, for we hope to find refuge in Thee.

OS Resplendent Sea of Light, illumine our minds this day, heal our souls, and raise us up in all our thoughts and actions. May Thy luminous presence and the splendor of Thy revelation guide us to eternal happiness. To Thee – Father, Word, and eternal Spirit – be glory, adoration, honor, and thanksgiving, now and forever. Amen.

The Life-giving Cross

Please, kindly take notice of our present practices:

- 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. All information remains *confidential* to the *parish* and is not transferred to any state agency.
- 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 **Sunday Vigil** Masses are suspended until further notice.
- 7.) The **weekday Masses** have been moved into the main church to easily allow for "physical distancing" among the pews.
- 8.) All who are retired, or who may have a freer weekday schedule, are asked to consider assisting at Mass during the weekdays, **Tues-Fri, 9:00am**; and on **Saturday at 10:00am**. This would free up more room on Sunday for those who must work during the normal workweek.
- 9.) Please *do not use your hands* to cover sneezes and coughs. Everyone must have a *hand-kerchief*, tissues, or face-mask to safely control and cover all coughs, sneezes, congestion, etc.
- 10.) Hand sanitizers are available at the entrances and at the confessional.
- 11.) Seating at church must be "*first-come-first-served*". Kindly follow the directions given by those trying to usher.
- 12.) Everyone must sit in such a way that there is *no one immediately in front* of them and *no one immediately behind* them.
- 13.) Everyone will need to *charitably assist* one another to sit throughout the entire church, occupying *all* pews while respecting "physical distancing".

- 14.) To control crowd flow, **doors** will be **locked** at the beginning of each Liturgy.
- 15.) A *six-foot distancing* must continue to be observed by those who approach the Divine Altar and wish to receive the Most Holy Eucharist in **Holy Communion**.
- 16.) And, lastly, at the end of Mass, those who wish to **remain and pray** in the church are welcome to do so, but all others are asked *not to linger and visit within the church*. If one wishes to visit, please do so outside the church, being *mindful of the proper physical distancing*.

May their memory be eternal.

The Sanctuary Lamp this month burns in memory of Subdeacon Deeb and Sumayah Ferris.

Donated by Steve and Allison Crate

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

(Budgeted: \$3,100.00)

Regular Collection: \$2,628.00

**Second Collection for the National Basilica,
Our Lady of Lebanon: \$230.00**

(Deficit 2020: \$39,820.00)

Second Sunday each month is a second collection to cover our **monthly fuel-oil bills**.

*Please remember to sustain the apostolic work of this parish through regular contributions made in the liturgical **collection** each week, by **mail**, through the parish **website**, or through **regular bank drafts** mailed in.*

While our work and purpose may be supernatural, the incessant expenses and bills are altogether of this world!

INTENTIONS FOR THE QOURBONEH (MASSES)

- Sun 23 †Edgar Moseley
(the D'Amico Family)
- Mon 24 -----
- Tue 25 Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Wed 26 †Dennis Martin
(Pam & Dan Casavant)
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Thu 27 †Mary Buzzell
(Michael & Maureen Martin)
- Fri 28 Private Intention
(Abouna James)
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Sat 29 †Adolph Veilleux Family
(Pam & Dan Casavant)
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Sun 30 For the Members of the Parish
- Mon 31 -----
- Tue 1 Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Wed 2 Anna Bearce
(Pam & Dan Casavant)
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Thu 3 †Justin Schulte
(Dotty Harala)
- Fri 4 Funeral of Peter Maroon
(Scott Maroon and Family)
- Sat 5 †Adolph Veilleux Family
(Pam & Dan Casavant)
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Sun 6 †Ferris Ferris, Bennett & Lennon
- Mon 7 -----
- Tue 8 Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Wed 9 Anna Bearce
(Pam & Dan Casavant)
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Thu 10 †John & Marietta Thomas
(Pam & Dan Casavant)
- Fri 11 Private Intention
(Abouna James)
-- 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 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: Richard Karter, Lolo Salazar, Joe Rowden, Rosanna Joseph, Doreen Nader, all those who suffer from disease, want, and depression.

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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	Aug	23	Bruce & Doreen White
Sun	Aug	30	Steve and Allison Crate
Sun	Sep	6	Sue Paré and Lolo Salazar
Sun	Sep	13	Larry & Lisa Grard
Sat	Sep	19	Jim & Lenore Boles
Sun	Sep	27	Chris & Diane Wyder
Sun	Oct	4	Michael & Gail Misner

SCHEDULE OF READINGS

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

August 23, 2020

I Cor 3: 1-11 St. Luke 8: 1-15

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

August 30, 2020

I Thess 2: 1-13 St. Luke 10: 38-42

The Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost “B” p. 492

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

Entrance Hymn: LB *safreh* 200

Glory: SB *al majdu*

Qolo/Hymn: LB *shareero* 179

Creed p 748

PRE-ANAPHORA:

Transfer of Gifts: LB *The Lord Reigns*

Incense Hymn Offertory: SB *l'maryam yoldat*

ANAPHORA:

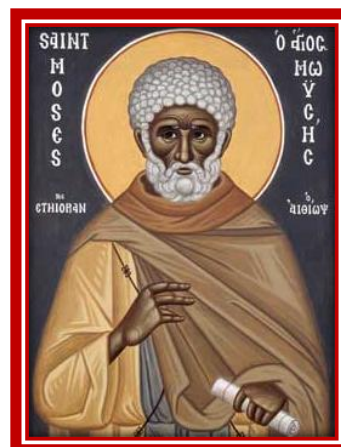
The Twelve Apostles: LB p 754

Sign of Peace: SB *tou ba*

Communion: SB *O Body of my Savior; Father of Truth*

Recessional: SB *Alleluya* #1

*LB=Liturgical Book SB=Song Book



*Saint Moses the
Ethiopian*

Confessor

August 28th