

Saint Joseph Maronite Catholic Church



Visitation of the Blessed Virgin to Elizabeth

December 1, 2019

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." *Orientalis 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 at least **two months in advance**. Recommended stipends: weekday intentions \$10; weekend intentions \$15
- Monthly Memorials:** Sanctuary Candles \$20; Altar Bread \$25; Wine \$45

Catechists: Lenore Boles, *Director* **Choir Director:** Dame Marie Fefa Deeb, DSG **Parish Council President:** Lisa Grard **Ex-officio Council Members:** Subdeacon Steve Crate; Lenore Boles, *Religious Education*; Larry Mitchell, *Knights of Columbus*; Ruth Lunn, *Rosary Sodality*

Today's Gospel¹ St. Luke 1: 39-45

In those days, Mary rose up and hurried to a town in the mountain district of Judaea. She entered the house of Zechariah and *asked the peace of Elizabeth.*

It happened that when Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. And she cried out in a loud voice, saying to Mary,

Blessed are you among women,

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

*and blessed is the fruit of your womb!
 Whence is this to me,
 that the mother of my Lord
 should come to me?
 For as soon as the sound of your greeting
 fell on my ears, the baby in my womb
 leaped with great joy.
 Blessed is she who has believed
 that there would be a fulfillment
 of the things spoken to her from the Lord!*



*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

VOCATION ICON

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

Sun	Dec	1	Lowell Hawes
Sun	Dec	8	Larry & Lisa Grard
Sat	Dec	14	Jim & Lenore Boles
Sun	Dec	22	Chris & Diane Wyder
Sun	Dec	29	Bruce & Doreen White
Sun	Jan	5	Steve and Allison Crate
Sun	Jan	12	Sue Paré and Lolo Salazar

*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: Doreen Nader, Louise Saliem, Virginia Poulin, John Scarpa, and Beverly Rideout.

ABOUNA'S REFLECTIONS

We are each life is.

SCHEDULE OF READINGS

VISITATION OF THE VIRGIN TO ELIZABETH
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Eph 1: 1-14 St. Luke 1: 39-45

THE NATIVITY OF JOHN THE FORERUNNER
 December 8, 2019

Gal 4: 21-5: 1 St. Luke 1: 57-66

INTENTIONS FOR THE QOURBONEH (MASSES)

Sat	30	†Charles Owen (the Parish)
Sun	1	For the members of the Parish
Mon	2	-----
Tue	3	Anna Bearce (Pam & Dan Casavant)
Wed	4	†John Jabar (Ghaphery Family) -- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
Thu	5	†Janet George (Nicholas Ghaphery) -- Catholic Extension Society & Donors

² Homily 1.7.8 “on Ezechiel”

Fri 6 **Private Intention**
(Abouna James)
 -- Catholic Extension Society & Donors

Sat 7 †**Mary Hawes**
(Herb Joseph)

Sun 8 **For the members of the Parish**

Mon 9 -----

Tue 10 **Anna Bearce**
(Pam & Dan Casavant)

Wed 11 **Catholic Extension Society & Donors**

Thu 12 †**Mary Hawes**
(Ron Girard)

Fri 13 **Private Intention**
(Abouna James)
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Sat 14 †**Charles Owen**
(the Parish)
 -- Catholic Extension Society & Donors

Sun 15 **For the members of the Parish**

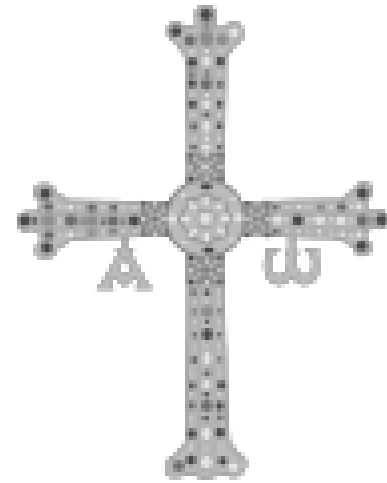
Mon 16 -----

Tue 17 **Anna Bearce**
(Pam & Dan Casavant)

Wed 18 **Catholic Extension Society & Donors**

Thu 19 †**Janet George**
(Nicholas Ghaphery)

Fri 20 **Private Intention**
(Abouna James)
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Lighting of the Church: LB* p 5
 Jesus Christ, O Source of Light

Entrance Hymn: LB *fesheeto* 56A

Glory: SB *al majdu*

Qolo/Hymn: LB *shareero* 57A

Creed p 748

PRE-ANAPHORA:

Transfer of Gifts: LB *The Lord Reigns*

Incense Hymn Offertory: SB *iqbal*

ANAPHORA:

Saint John, the Apostle: LB p 815

Sign of Peace: SB *Prayer of Saint Francis*

Communion: SB *O Body of my Savior; Bless this House*

Recessional: SB *Alleluia #1*

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Regular Collection: \$1689.00

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

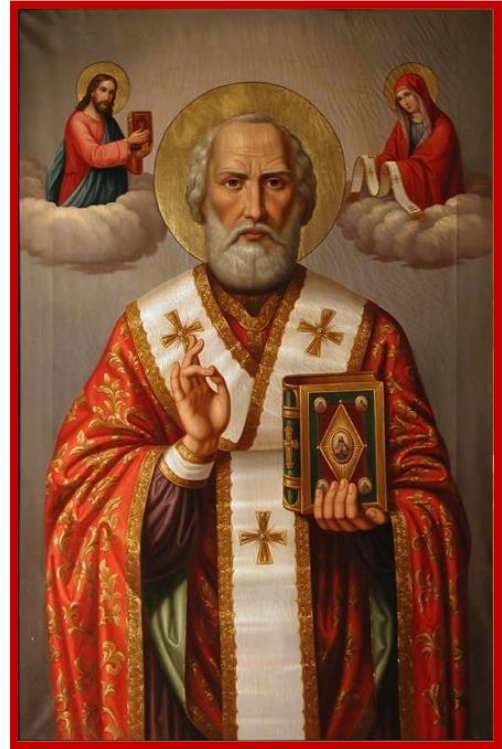
*LB=Liturgical Book SB=Song Book

Choir Rehearsals for Christmas:

Thursday, 6:00pm, December 5th,
December 12th, and December 19th

Many thanks for your devotion and attendance!

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING,
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3RD,
6:00PM IN THE PARISH HALL.



Saint Nicholas of Myra, Martyr

December 6th

Autumn Harvest Raffle

\$10,000 GRAND PRIZE!!!!

LAST DAYS!!!

**RAFFLE TICKETS ARE ON SALE
AFTER EACH MASS THIS *FINAL WEEKEND!***

Cost of each ticket is \$100.00, with the winning ticket
for the *prize to be drawn Tuesday, December 3rd.*

Buy a raffle ticket today. What would djidoo say?