

# Saint Joseph Maronite Catholic Church



## Second Sunday after Holy Cross

September 22, 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."* *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 intended-date of the 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

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**Catechists:** Lenore Boles, *Director & K-1<sup>st</sup>*; Shana Page, 3-5<sup>th</sup> **Choir Director:** Dame Fefa Marie 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*

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### Today's Gospel<sup>1</sup> St. Mark 24: 1-14

Jesus exited the Temple in order to leave, and His disciples approached, showing Him the building of the Temple.  
He said to them, "Look, do you see all these? Amen, I say to you, not one stone upon a stone shall be left here that shall not be pulled down."  
While Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, His disciples approached and said to Him privately, "Tell us, when shall these things

happen, and what is the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the world?"

Jesus replied to them,

"Beware that no one deceives you, for many shall come in My Name and say, 'I am the Messiah,' and they will deceive many.  
You are going to hear of battles and the report of wars.  
See that you are not troubled,

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

for all these things need to happen.

Yet, it is still not the end.

For nation shall rise against nation,  
and kingdom against kingdom,  
and there shall be famines, and  
plagues, and earthquakes  
in many places.

But all these things are  
the beginning of the birth pangs.  
Then they shall hand you over to  
sufferings and they shall kill you.  
You shall be hated by all nations  
on account of My Name.

At that time many shall stumble,  
hating each other  
and betraying each other.

Many false prophets shall arise  
and they will deceive many.

Due to the increase of wrongdoing,  
the charity of many  
shall grow cold;  
but whoever endures to the last  
shall be saved.

And this Gospel of the Kingdom  
shall be proclaimed throughout  
the world as a testimony  
to all the nations.

Then the end shall come.”



*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)<sup>2</sup>**

## **ABOINA'S REFLECTIONS**

Today is one of great joy. Our faithful servers to the Forgiving Altar of the Lord, Lorenzo and Alonzo Michaud, now begin their quest. Today they enter the first ceremonies of the Mysteries of Baptism and Chrismation.

The *Sacred Rozoh of Baptism* usually takes about an hour to administer because it is in fact a compilation of a series of ceremonies. For these young men we will separate them out into their more proper usage. Bishop Doueihi sets these out as four: The Rites of Admission, The Rites of Preparation (both of these referring to the ancient catechumenate), the Sacred Rozeh themselves of Baptism and Chrismation, and, finally, the Paschal Procession and Participation in the Most Holy Eucharist.

In the “Rites of Admission”, these young men formally begin the process toward Baptism in January, which will be done in conjunction with *Denho* (Epiphany). The second series, the “Rites of Preparation” will take place on November 10<sup>th</sup>, the *Renewal of the Church*.

Today these young men will be marked with the Sign of the Holy Cross<sup>3</sup> indicating that the Church takes them up into her care, and which initiates their removal from out of a fallen world.

They will also receive their Baptismal Names and be placed in the Register of Election. They have chosen heavenly patrons who will assist and guide them into the fullness of the Kingdom as the years progress. For this purpose, Alonzo has chosen *Saint Nemetallah El-Hardini* and Lorenzo has chosen *Saint Stephen the Proto-Martyr*.

### **SCHEDULE OF READINGS**

#### **SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY CROSS**

September 22, 2019

**I Cor 15: 19-34      St. Matthew 24: 1-14**

#### **THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY CROSS**

September 29, 2019

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

<sup>2</sup> Homily 1.7.8 “on Ezechiel”

<sup>3</sup> a ceremony appropriate for this liturgical season

Below are the Prayers to be used today following the homily and collection:

**Barekhnor. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever.**

All: **Amen**

### **PRAYER OVER THE CANDIDATES**

O Lord and Mighty God, Lord of lords and God of gods, I beseech You on behalf of these Your creations, the works of Your hands, these elect, who come to Your holy temple, in order to show forth the Mystery You have revealed to us, through the human body You took from our nature as old Simeon held You in his arms.

O Jesus Christ, our Lord, now extend Your divine right hand – along with my own hand as Your lowly servant and priest – and bless these candidates.

By Your invisible power, sign them with the glorious mark of Your Holy Cross.

Accompany them with Your grace all the days of their lives.

Enable them to enter Your holy temple and to receive the glorious Seal of the Holy Myron, the pleasant aroma, through which, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we become children of God and heirs of His Kingdom.

For You are our God, to Whom we offer glory, now and forever.

All: **Amen**

### **ENTRANCE OF THE CANDIDATES TO THE ALTAR**

*Qolo : Msatroneh d'nooh*

--- **Give to the Lord, you children** (*Psalm 29*)

Mary carried her Son in her arms,  
and brought with her a pair of doves.  
She carried Him to the Temple  
as prescribed by the Law of Israel.

--- **Give to the Lord glory and praise**

Once the forty days were completed,

He went up to offer the sacrifice to His Father,  
and the priest held in his arms the One Who  
bestowed the priesthood to Moses.

--- **Glory to the Father and to the Son and the Holy Spirit.**

May the prayer of Your Mother join ours  
and may we overcome the evil one and all his power.  
May he fall before us, as the tower of Jericho fell  
before Joshua.

--- **Now and forever and ever. Amen**

Exalt, O Lord, the memory of Your Mother,  
and that of the prophets, apostles, and martyrs.  
Be mindful of the departed ones who ate Your Body  
and have gone to sleep in Your hope.

### **BESTOWAL OF A NAME TO THE CANDIDATE**

**N**, may the seal of the holy ones, + symbol of victory,  
be your shelter and protection until the day you  
receive the Seal of Christ through the Waters of  
Baptism.

Then, when you are granted this Seal of your Lord,  
you shall enter and join with His Spiritual Flock,  
forever.

All: **Amen**

### **FINAL BLESSING**

O Lord, save Your people, +  
and bless Your inheritance.  
Feed them, and carry them forever.

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**St. Francis Catholic Cemetery** would like to give notice to all burial right holders that beginning October 1<sup>st</sup> the cemetery crew will start the annual fall clean-up. All flowers, vases, baskets, etc. will be gathered and disposed of. Please remove all that you might wish to keep **before October 1<sup>st</sup>**. Concrete urns may be left on the lots but should be emptied and turned over to avoid breakage during the winter.

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION**

**Regular Collection: \$1902.00**  
**\$237.00 - Catholic University of America**

*Thanks be to the Good One Who allows us  
to continue this apostolate unto His glory!*

**VOCATION ICON**

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

Sun	Sept 22	Bruce & Doreen White
Sun	Sept 29	Steve and Allison Crate
Sun	Oct 6	Sue Paré and Lolo Salazar
Sun	Oct 13	Lowell Hawes
Sun	Oct 20	Larry & Lisa Grard
Sat	Oct 26	Jim & Lenore Boles
Sun	Nov 3	Chris & Diane Wyder

**INTENTIONS FOR THE QOURBONEH (MASSES)**

Sat	21	†Charles Owen <i>(the Parish)</i> -- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
Sun	22	For the members of the Parish
Mon	23	-----
Tue	24	Tim & Alan Curtis <i>(Lolo Salazar)</i>
Wed	25	Teresa Paré <i>(Lolo Salazar)</i>
Thu	26	Catholic Extension Society & Donors
Fri	27	Private Intention <i>(Abouna James)</i> -- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
Sat	28	†Charles Owen <i>(the Parish)</i> -- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
Sun	29	†Caroline Nale <i>(her children)</i>
Mon	30	-----
Tue	1	†John Jabar <i>(Barbara Joseph)</i>
Wed	2	†Janet George <i>(Ghaphery Family)</i>
Thu	3	Catholic Extension Society & Donors
Fri	4	Private Intention <i>(Abouna James)</i> -- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
Sat	5	†Charles Owen <i>(the Parish)</i> -- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
Sun	6	For the members of the Parish
Mon	7	-----
Tue	8	†Sleiman & Latiffy George <i>(Ghaphery Family)</i>
Wed	9	†Nicholas & Nimnoom Ghaphery <i>(Ghaphery Family)</i>
Thu	10	Catholic Extension Society & Donors
Fri	11	Private Intention <i>(Abouna James)</i> -- Catholic Extension Society & Donors

**Autumn Harvest Raffle**

**\$10,000 GRAND PRIZE!!!!**

**One in 400 chance**  
*maximum - odds may even be better!!*  
**to win \$10,000.00!!!!!!**

**RAFFLE TICKETS  
AND TICKETS TO THE HAFLI  
ARE NOW ON SALE  
AFTER EACH MASS EVERY WEEKEND!**

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

Let's show true devotion to our Lebanese heritage  
and game heartily! Buy a raffle ticket.  
What would djidoo say?

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, Tala Poulin, Louise Saliem, Virginia Poulin, and Beverly Rideout.

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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 Offertory:** SB *l'maryam yoldat*

### ANAPHORA:

**St. Mark, the Evangelist:** LB p 835

**Sign of Peace:** SB *Gift of Peace*

**Communion:** SB *O Bread of Life; Holy Ground*

**Recessional:** SB *Joyful, joyful*

\*LB=Liturgical Book SB=Song Book



*Saint Thecla, Female Proto-Martyr*

*September 24<sup>th</sup>*