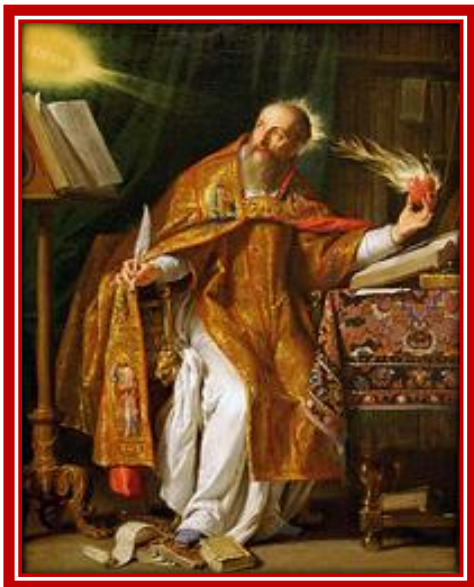


Saint Joseph Maronite Catholic Church



Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost

August 28, 2022

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." Orientale Lumen, John Paul II

Qourboneh: Sunday: (Vigil, Sat. 4:30pm) Sunday Morning 9:00 and 11:00 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 the Sunday 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 stipend: \$15

Monthly Memorials: Sanctuary Candles \$35; Altar Bread \$30; Sacramental Wine \$55

Catechism: Steve Crate, *Director* **Choir Director:** Dame Marie Fefa Deeb, DSG **Pastoral Council Chair:** Suzanne Paré

Pastoral Council Members: Suzanne Paré, *Chair*; Gayle Misner-Elias, *Secretary*; Steve Crate, *Religious Education*; Larry Mitchell, *Knights of Columbus*; Ruth Lunn, *Sodality/Almoner*; Matthew Stone, *Finance Committee*

THIS DAY'S EPISTLE¹

I Corinthians 3: 1-11

And I, my brethren, could not talk to you as with *those who are spiritual*, but as with *those who are carnal*, as with babes in *Messiah*.

I have you milk, and did not give you solid food: for ye were not then able to receive it; and even now, ye are not able.

For you are still *in the flesh*.

For, as there are among you envying, and contention, and divisions, are you not carnal – walking in the flesh?

¹ Based on The New Testament, translated from the Syriac Peshitto Version, Gorgias Press, New Jersey, 2001, translated by James Murdock, STD, 1893

-- For, while one of you saith, "I am of Paul"; and another saith, "I am of Apollos", but the ministers by whom ye believed, each one as the Lord gave to him?

I planted, and Apollos watered, but God produced the growth.

Not therefore he that planted, is to be accounted of, nor he that watered, but God Who produced the growth.

And he that planted, and he that watered *are one*; each receiveth his reward, according to his labor.

For we labor with God: and ye are God's husbandry, and God's edifice.

According to the grace of God which was given me, I laid the foundation like a wise architect; and another buildeth upon it.

But let each one see, how he buildeth on it.

For any other foundation no man can lay, different from that which is laid, which is *Jesus Messiah*.



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

Events and requests have brought together a number of projects in the parish. By coalescing as they are, they put pressure on us financially; but with foresight and continuing generosity, together we will see these things through.

Firstly, the large masonry project's proposals and the Finance Committee's "votum" were sent in to the Eparchy this week. The eparchy now requires of us an updated and current balance sheet of our parish finances.

In recent weeks, there have been several requests to burn an eight-day votive candle before the statue of St. Joseph. The project of putting in votive-candle stands with proper candles before each of the two statues at the front of the church has always been in the air. These requests move that project forward. Proper votive-candle stands should be set-up.

Also this week, the men who will be installing the next heat-pump in the church began to examine, estimate, and organize for their work. Generous donations continue to come in for this project. Thank you to all.

Congratulations and many thanks are due to **Ruth Lunn** for having so efficiently and expeditiously put together the renovations to the parish hall's kitchen. The new stove and oven have arrived with perfect timing for use during the bishop's visit on September 11th, celebrating his 40th anniversary of priestly ordination.

Many thanks are also due to **Tim Casey**, who has been diligently working to repair and replace the doors on the storage space at the back of the rectory. Their frames had degenerated badly and

² Homily 1.7.8 "on Ezechiel"

weathered poorly, so he is pulling out old frames, replacing them, and installing new. This storage area holds supplies for the sacristy, along with the barbecue grill we use in the summer parish barbecues.

Since last spring, the bishop and I have discussed when we might organize a visit to wilds of Maine. Happily, the weekend of **September 10/11** will be that occasion. We now celebrate.

It happens also that this year is the bishop's **40th Anniversary to the Priesthood**, so this will be an excellent opportunity to demonstrate our gratitude for his sacrifice and fidelity to our Church. He has asked that no gifts be given, but we can prepare a **Spiritual Bouquet** for him from the parish.

On the weekends of **August 28th** and **September 4th**, near the St. Joseph statue at the front of the church, there will be sheets for individuals and families to sign indicating which prayers, sacrifices, or other alms they wish to offer for Saidna's intentions. These numbers will then be totaled and presented to him in a card during his visit.

It is now the opportunity for all to make known this visit far and wide, *especially to all those who benefited from St. Joseph's during the pandemic years*. Many, many people expressed their gratitude over these last years, that they had found St. Joseph's – and to have found her always open, filled with the Sacraments accessible and the Divine Mysteries constantly available. A place of refuge our parish became to many.

The bishop's visit is occasion for one and all to attend the ceremonies of that weekend *to express their thanks personally to him*. He encouraged all the parishes of the eparchy to remain open during those difficult years, and the many faithful who benefitted as a result *should now reciprocate that generosity by participating in the Spiritual Bouquet and gathering as one* at the **bruncheon reception** to be held in his honor on Sunday, **September 11th**.

The offerings to be made in a Spiritual Bouquet can be *simple prayers* – numbers of "Hail Marys" or "Our Fathers" – *rosaries* to be offered (individually or in family), *litanies* to be prayed, *chotkis* to be offered for the bishop's intentions, *Masses* that can be requested to be offered (the parish will be offering a **novena of Masses** for his intentions), days of *fasting*, works of *mercy*, or, in short, any of the classic works of Christianity: prayer, fasting, or alms.

Discuss among your families which prayers might be offered with generous love, a spirit of sacrifice, and profound gratitude. Commit yourselves to them, and then make those intentions and good works known on August 28th and September 4th, writing them up for the anniversary card. There will be two sheets: one to record the prayers and works to be done for the Spiritual Bouquet, and a second one on which to sign your names.

Please note that we will **cancel the 11:00am Liturgy** on that Sunday,³ uniquely on this day, to make time for the Reception.

Thus, the schedule for that weekend will be as follows:

Saturday, September 10th.

- 1.) Divine Liturgy, 10:00am
- 2.) Sunday Ramsho of the Holy Cross, 4:00pm
- 3.) Sunday Vigil, 4:30pm

Sunday, September 11th.

- 1.) Divine Liturgy, 9:00am
- 2.) Brunch Reception in the bishop's honor following in the parish hall.

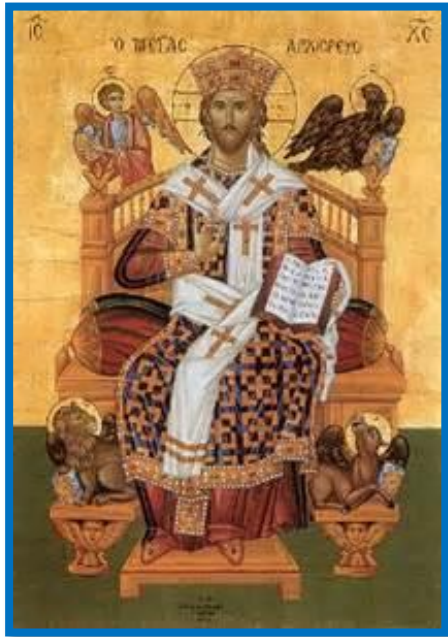
On this occasion, all Catholics who have received **papal awards of merit in the Equestrian Orders of the Church**, such as the **Order of Saint Gregory**, and all members of the **Order of Saint Sharbel**, should **wear their insignia** on **Sunday morning** for both the **Divine Liturgy** and the **Reception**.

It has now been over four years since our eparch last visited us. May each and every one of us make an effort to publicize this visit – specially to friends and to those benefitting these last years – and for us all to generously respond as one and enroll in the

³ September 11th

Spiritual Bouquet to be offered to His Excellency in honor of his many decades of priestly service to the honor of God and the salvation of souls.

The Good One is ever rich in graces!



*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: John Gallant, Gareth Belton, Katrina Nappi, Holly Perron, Christian Disuag, Daja Gombojav, Margaret Mae Lambert, Mary Theresa Huebner, Mary Morin, Larry Gard, Sarah Grace Misner-Elias, Cindy Elias, Barbara Joseph, Madeleine Dombroski, Sally Derosby, Tala Poulin, Richard Karter, Rita Hikel, and all those who may suffer from illness, disease, want, or depression.

Schedule of Readings

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

August 28, 2022

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

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

August 28, 2022

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



The Sanctuary Lamp burns
in August
in memory of the **Bernie**
and **Pat Thomas**.
at the request
of Michelle Cothran
and Nicole Thomas.

May their memory be eternal!

VOCATION ICON

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

Sun	Aug	28	Ira & Catherine Mandel
Sun	Sept	4	Dean & MaryAnn Carter
Sun	Sept	11	Michael & Gayle Misner
Sun	Sept	18	Steve & Allison Crate
Sun	Sept	25	Suzanne Paré
Sun	Oct	2	Daja Gombojav & Family

INTENTIONS FOR THE QOURBONEH (MASSES)

Sun	28	9:00am	For the Members of the Parish
		11:00am	Gemma Stone (Gayle Misner)
Mon	29	-----	
Tue	30	Christine Arbour	(Suzanne Paré)
Wed	31	Israel Gombojav	(Daja Gombojav)

Thu 1 Mireille Gray
 (Audrey Yotides)
 Fri 2 Ganchimeg Gombojav
 (Daja Gombojav)
 Sat 3 Saturday, 10:00 am
 Ira Mandel
 (Misner-Elias Family)
 4:30pm Sunday Vigil
 Private Intention
 Sun 4 9:00am For the Members of the Parish
 11:00am Twenty-fifth anniversary
 †Ferris Ferris;
 Lennon & Bennett DeCreny
 (Ferris Family)
 Mon 5 -----
 Tue 6 Israel Gombojav
 (Daja Gombojav)
 Wed 7 Ganchimeg Gombojav
 (Daja Gombojav)
 Thu 8 †Philip & Belle Veilleux
 (Paula & Larry Mitchell)
 Fri 9 Tony Miklaszewski
 (Virginia Miklaszewski)
 Sat 10 Saturday, 10:00 am
 Gayle Misner-Elias
 (Michael Misner-Elias)
 4:00pm Ramsho of the Holy Cross
 4:30pm Sunday Vigil
 For the Members of the Parish
 Sun 11 9:00am †Mary Yasmine Hawes
 (Lowell Hawes)
 11:00am No Liturgy/
 Reception of the Eparch
 Mon 12 -----
 Tue 13 †Faithful Departed of St. Joseph's
 (Audrey Yotides)
 Wed 14 Ganchimeg Gombojav
 (Daja Gombojav)

Thu 15 David Nicholas
 (Mary Nicholas)
 Fri 16 Catherine Mandel
 (Misner-Elias Family)

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

(Budgeted: \$3,100.00)

Regular Collection Last Week: \$2,019.00

(Budget Deficit 2022: \$29,371.00)⁴

An additional \$000.00 has come in this week toward the needed masonry construction and maintenance collection toward the last \$20,000.00.⁵

Donations to date to install next heat-pump in the church to burn cleaner, more efficiently, and lower fuel-oil costs: \$3,833.00⁶

Second Sunday each month is a second collection to cover our monthly fuel-oil costs. The next twelve months will cost us over \$30,000.00. Please be as generous as you can.

Please remember to sustain the apostolic work of this parish through regular contributions.



⁴ Deficit 2019: \$72,270.59/Deficit 2020: \$34,473.00/Deficit 2021: \$35,178.00

⁵ This makes the amount toward our matching Challenge Grant (20k), to be presently \$20,567.00. This lengthy collection is being made to cover the needed building maintenance and masonry projects, estimated at \$60,000.00, two-thirds of which

will come from the Challenge Grant and matching funds: \$40,567. This leaves a remainder of \$19,000.00 to cover the whole project.

⁶ The next twelve-month contract for heating oil is set to cost over \$30,000.00! The projected cost for this heat-pump installation is \$8,000.00.

Attention all readers!

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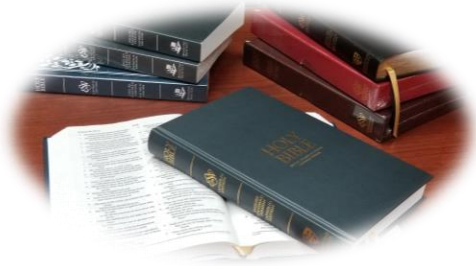
Reading beatifies the spirit and transforms the imagination. Are you looking for good reading and a library of Catholic Books?

Access to the private library at Blessed Sacrament Convent is now possible.
101 Silver Street, Waterville.

The Sisters have 3000 books available in 17 categories.

There are two ways to borrow books from the convent library:

- 1.) From your computer or smartphone (see above);
- 2.) By appointment to browse in the library:
(207) 872-7072



Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost "B"

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

Entrance Hymn: LB *ehnono nouhro shareero* 200

Glory: SB *al majdu*

Qolo/Hymn: LB *Msheeho natareh l'eedtokh* 201A

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PRE-ANAPHORA:

Transfer of Gifts: LB *The Lord Reigns*

Incense Hymn Offertory: SB *l'maryam yoldat*

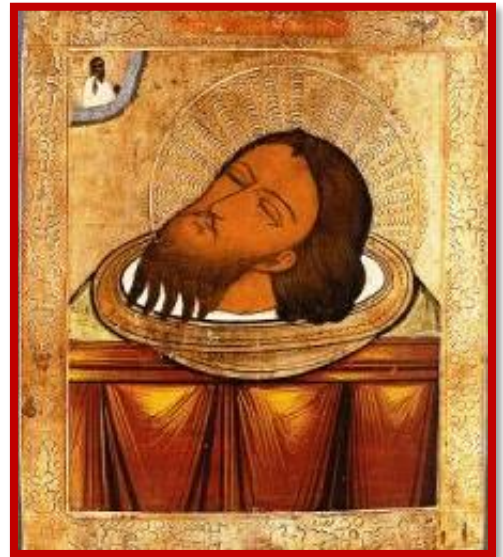
ANAPHORA:

Saint Mark the Evangelist: p 835

Sign of Peace: SB *tou ba*

Communion: SB *Your Body is our Food; Father of Truth*

Recessional: SB *The Lord is with us*



The Beheading of Saint John the Baptist

*Final Great Prophet of the Old Law,
Perfector of the Old Covenant
and Initiator of the Kingdom,
Forerunner of the Lord Messiah*

August 29th