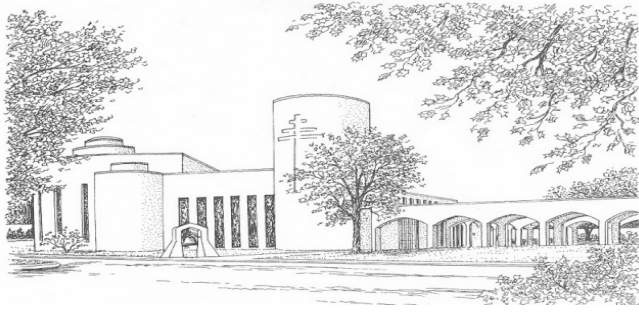


SAINT GEORGE MARONITE CHURCH



*AN EASTERN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE
WEST SYRIAC ANTIOCHENE TRADITION*

Week of August 21, 2011

11th Sunday of Pentecost

Religious Education & Bible Study

Pre K - 12th grade-See bulletin for schedule

Ladies Altar Society (LAS)

See bulletin for schedule

Maronite Youth Organization (MYO)

See bulletin for schedule

Adoration

Tuesday 3:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Mystery of Reconciliation (Confession)

30 minutes before Liturgy and upon request

Mystery of Baptism & Chrismation

Parents and Godparents must meet with the pastor to make arrangements

Mystery of Crowning (Marriage)

Notify the pastor **ONE YEAR** in advance for the necessary arrangements

Sick and Hospitalized

Contact the pastor for visitation

Memorial Sunday and Lebanese Luncheon

Last Sunday at 11:00 AM

Qurbono (Divine Liturgy) Regular Schedule:

Tuesday 5:30 PM,

Wednesday-Friday 12:00 Noon,

Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 8:00 AM & 11:00 AM

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Deborah Mery Fernandez-Cultural Arts Director

Richard Karam-Church Attorney

Edward Karam-Church Realtor & Lector Coordinator

Sylvana Mery-Greeter Coordinator

Deborah Mery Fernandez-Altar Server Coordinator

Kathy Andera White-Archivist

Fernando Fernandez-Athletic Director Ex. 105

Sylvia Karam-MYA Spiritual Moderator

Marcel Noujeim-Parish Council President

Jamal Tawil-Stewardship Committee Chairman

Nancy Karam-LAS President

Patricia Karam-Scholarship Committee Chairman

Julie Mery, Julia Taylor, Alexis Haase, Gibran Mery-MYO Directors

Samantha Karam Naffah-MYA President

Sylvia Karam-Bereavement Tribute Committee Chairman

Michele Chebib-Religious Education Coordinator Ex.123

Julie Mery-Maronite Young at Heart Seniors Coordinator

Miriam Wells and Julie Mery-NAM Delegates

Dave Sweeney-Veterans Committee Chairman

A Community of Prayer, Care and Friendship. Come and See!

Maronite Minute



11th Sunday of Pentecost

August 21, 2011

The Maronite Liturgy Introduction Part 1

The liturgy is the living treasure for the Maronite Church. It is on a permanent pilgrimage toward the Kingdom of the Father. The Church is enriched by the liturgy and her spiritual and human experiences are richer through it. The liturgy plays a central role in the march of the Church. It is one of the most essential constitutive elements of the Church that begins with the Paschal Event: the death of the Lord Jesus on the Cross and his Resurrection from the dead. The liturgy is the source from which the Church draws her spirituality and puts on holiness. It is the goal of all ecclesial activities dealing with the mysteries and the missionary efforts of the Church's presence in the world. The liturgy was the primary subject that ecumenical councils dealt with. To show how important the liturgy is to the life of the Church, the fathers of Vatican II chose to treat it in a special constitution in the first session. The Maronite Church accorded great importance to the liturgy from the 16th century to the middle of the 20th century in her local synods. This attention given to the liturgy helped her easily implement the instructions of the Vatican Council and answer the repeated calls of the popes and, more recently, the apostolic exhortation "A New Hope for Lebanon." In responding to these calls, the Maronite Church renewed the structures and texts of her rituals according to the instructions laid down in "The Constitution on the Liturgy" by returning to the sources and origins. This Synodal journey offers a fitting occasion for this renewal.

The liturgical experience of the Church flows out from the Holy Trinity and returns to it. The liturgy is the expression of the Church's prayerful experience with and toward the Trinity. Through it, the redeemed community thanks and glorifies God the Father, Creator and Savior. Her expression of gratitude is a Eucharist offered with the Only Son who thanked the Father for the salvation realized in Him for the sake of the world. The liturgy of the Church is achieved by the Holy Spirit who came down on it at Pentecost and dwells within it during the liturgical celebration. The Holy Spirit completes seals and realizes in it and in the world the fruit of salvation. The Spirit is the one who guides the Church of Christ. The Spirit leads her, renews her and makes her a permanent Pentecost; he prays in her with patience beyond description. Then, the liturgy is the work and the celebration of the Holy Trinity; it flows from and returns to the Holy Trinity. Through this Trinitarian dynamic the Church becomes one with the paschal mystery of Christ's death, descent to Sheol and resurrection. Thus, the liturgical celebration becomes a living experience of a renewed Easter and a continuous proclamation of the resurrection.

The liturgy occupies the most central place in the Church. It is one of the constitutive elements of the Church. It is the pure expression of the prayerful spiritual experience of the Church. For this reason it reaches its climax in the great worshiping service in which the celebrating Church renders glory to the life-giving Trinity.

Intentions and Readings of the Divine Liturgy

<u>Sat. Aug 20th</u>	5:00 PM,	Liturgy for Carlie Estefan, req. by Bey Aleph Sorority Liturgy for Cecilia Mery, req. by Ted & Cathy Van Delden	
		Acts 22:30-23:11	Lk 12:10-12
<u>Sun. Aug 21st</u>	8:00 AM	Liturgy for Byron O'Shaughnessy, req. by Amira Andera & JoAnn Andera	
		Liturgy for Tom Bashara, req. by Richard Bashara	
	11:00 AM	Liturgy for the deceased members of the Diab & Doenges Families, req. by their Families	
		Liturgy for Nick LaMonica ,req. by the Reed Family	
		Eph 32:17-22	<i>11th Sunday of Pentecost</i> Lk 19:1-10
<u>Mon. Aug 22nd</u>		No Liturgy	
		Acts 23:12-22	Lk 12:13-21
<u>Tues. Aug 23rd</u>	5:30 PM	Liturgy for Tony & Jasmine Mery, req. by Tony Mery, Jr. & Family	
		Liturgy for Cecilia Mery, req. by Pat & Judy Perillo	
		Acts 23:23-25	Lk 12:22-31
<u>Wed. Aug 24th</u>	12:00 Noon	Liturgy for Nick La Monica, req. by Robert Beathe	
		Liturgy for Thersa Trezza req. by Phillip LaMonica & Family	
		Acts 24:1-2a, 5-6b. 9-13, 17-21	Lk 12:32-34
<u>Thurs. Aug 25th</u>	12:00 Noon	Liturgy for the poor souls in Purgatory, req. by anonymous	
		Liturgy for Nick LaMonica, req. by Thelma O'Shaughnessy	
		Acts 24:27-25:12	Lk 12:35-40
<u>Fri. Aug 26th</u>	12:00 Noon	Liturgy for Eli White, req. by Ralph J. Karam	
		Liturgy for Cecilia Mery, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Edward Mery	
		Acts 25:13-14a, 22-27	Lk 12:42-48
<u>Sat. Aug 27th</u>	5:00 PM,	Liturgy for in Thanksgiving, req. by Gene Viola & Family	
		Liturgy for Mark P. Perillo, req. by Robert Beathe	
		Acts 26:1-2a, 6-10, 12-19	Lk 12:4-53
<u>Sun. Aug 28th</u>	8:00 AM	Liturgy for Elise & Yasmeen Khoury and Wahded & Deeb Houayek, req. by the Houayek Family	
		Liturgy for Cecilia Mery (40 Day), req. by her loving Family	
		Liturgy for Madeline & Fred Jowdy req. by their loving Family	
		Eph 3:1-13	<i>12th Sunday of Pentecost</i> Mt 15:21-28

Stewardship:

Total: \$ 2421.0

“give and it will be given to you...”

“for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

Luke 6:38

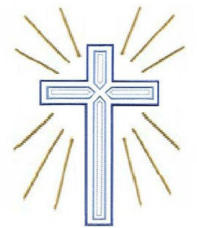


..LEADS A GIVER'S HEART TO JESUS



Elizabeth Abdo,	Muriel Keogh George,	Shirley Kirkes,	Malake Mery,	Jo Ann Reed,
Ellis Aboud,	Hank Grage,	Autumn Khattar,	Maria Mery,	Kaitlyn Reed,
Virginia Albosta,	Betty Gudat,	Loretta La Monica,	Paul Mery, Jr.,	Kirsten Reed,
Rocky Anawaty,	Sal Isgro,	Phillip La Monica,	Tony Moawad,	Billie Sahley,
Gloria Benson,	Vee Jowdy,	Marie La Monica,	Adele Morrison,	Patricia Saliba,
Pamela Gabriel Craig,	David Karam,	Richard La Monica,	Waddell Nasif,	George Sfair,
Marina Curie-John,	Margaret Abdo Karam,	Margaret Craig Loyd,	Thelma O'Shaughnessy,	Jeanette Van Delden,
Diana Curi-Ryder,	Mary Ann Karam,	Charles Malouff,	David Palazzo,	Gene Viola,
David Emerson,	Mary Ann Trad Karam,	Elsa Mery,	Noel Palazzo,	Joe Walker
Norma Emerson,		Elvira Mery,	Ashley Polley,	
Benita Felan,		Joe Mery,		

Zarie Aboud - October 3, 2010
Salwa Kirkes - December 7, 2010
Phil Sfair - January 4, 2011
Mary Karam - January 17, 2011
Carlle Estefan - February 17, 2011
Byron O'Shaughnessy - June 12, 2011
Cecilia Mery - July 21, 2011
Emilia Mery - July 27, 2011



Rest In Peace



<p><u>SATURDAY, Aug 20th</u></p> <p>LECTOR: Tim O'Connor (5:00pm)</p> <p>USHERS: Kamal Haddad & Matthew Karam</p> <p>GREETERS: Sandy Nasif</p> <p>ALTAR SERVERS: Aaron Mery & Zach Karam</p>	<p><u>SATURDAY, Aug 27th</u></p> <p>LECTOR: Joe Khattar (5:00pm)</p> <p>USHERS: Ralph Karam & Matthew Karam</p> <p>GREETERS: Sandy Nasif</p> <p>ALTAR SERVERS: Aaron Mery & Zach Karam</p>
<p><u>SUNDAY, Aug 21st</u></p> <p>LECTOR: Frank Westermann (8:00AM)</p> <p>LECTOR: Edward Karam (11:00AM)</p> <p>USHERS: Mike Daly, Toufic Khalife, Alton Wells, Gus Van Steenberg</p> <p>GREETERS: Miriam Wells</p> <p>ALTAR SERVERS: Griffin George, Tomas Cancio, Talina Beshara</p>	<p><u>SUNDAY, Aug 28th</u></p> <p>LECTOR: Eugene Karam (8:00AM)</p> <p>LECTOR: Brendan George (11:00AM)</p> <p>USHERS: Marcel Noujeim, David Saliba, Ray Dustin & Lila Dustin</p> <p>GREETERS: Sylvan Mery & Ginina Mery</p> <p>ALTAR SERVERS: Jeremy Daly, Joya Noujeim, Ani Saliba, Alyssa Brittain, Federico Chavez</p>

Community Life

* SUNDAY August 21st

- Qurbono (Liturgy) at 8:00 AM & 11:00 AM

* TUESDAY August 23rd

- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be from 3:00 PM to 5:30 PM followed by the Qurbono (Divine Liturgy) at 5:30 PM. Adoration will resume at 6:00 PM and will conclude with the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

* SUNDAY August 28th

- Qurbono (Liturgy) at 8:00 AM & 11:00 AM

* NAM JOURNAL

The St. George community will be publishing a commemorative journal for the 2012 Eparchial Maronite Convention sponsored by our families, friends and business associates. If interested you may purchase an ad and pay in full or take advantage of a payment plan. For more information you may contact Debbie Fernandez at 415-8260.



* FAITH FORMATION

- Faith Formation will start up on September 11th at 9:00 am in the MCC Hall.



FAITH FORMATION

- Registration will be available on the following dates Aug 27th after 5:00 mass, Aug 28th at the LAS luncheon, and prior to classes starting on Sept 11th.

* MARONITE YOUTH ORGANIZATION

The MYO will have their first meeting this year on Saturday August 27, after the 5:00 PM, liturgy at the MCC. All kids between the ages of 12 and 18 are invited to the meeting with their parents. The meeting will be followed by a potluck dinner and a social event. Join us and learn more about MYO and help us make the group grow.



* MAGIC IS THE NIGHT

One of St. George's premier fun and fund raising events will be held Saturday, September 24th. Tickets are available for singles, couples or tables of 10. Contact the church office 690-9569 for ticket information and to confirm your reservation.

COOKING SCHEDULE

Please note that this schedule may be subject to change should circumstances arise that require a change. You can call Kathy white 872-6365 to confirm weekly schedules.

All days start 9 a.m unless other wise noted
Wed. August 24th

Wednesday Aug 31st

Tues. Sept 6 4 p.m.

Wednesday September 7

Monday September 12

Monday Sept 19

Thursday Sept 22

Friday, Sept 23

Sat, Sept 24



* BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Saleem Fernandez and Kelly Dunn have announced their intention to receive the Holy Mystery of Crowning on September 3, 2011. If anyone has just cause why these two cannot be married, they have a moral obligation to inform the pastor.



- Updates on the Annual Lebanese Festival will be posted in the Festival Corner.

- Festival dates: Nov. 4- 6, 2011

- Volunteers needed to chair the Marketing Committee.

- For more information please contact Jackie Hull at 210-860-8876 or email jjmjch@gmail.com.

Miscellaneous

LAS CORNER

- * Prep for LAS Luncheon –Aug. 27th
- * Menu for Aug. 28th Luncheon: Stuffed squash, baked kibbi, green beans, and salad.
- * LAS Prayer Hour– August 30th
- * Interested in joining the LAS, contact Janice Gildersleeve at 492-7469 for more info.

The Purpose of World Youth Day

1. Putting Trust in the Young

World Youth Day is a coming together of young adults from the four corners of the world and a strong reminder of the strength and confidence the young bring to the Church today.

2. Gathering Together

World Youth Day is not simply a gathering for the young people of the world, but a time to put trust in the world's youth. A calling for the world's youth to come together as one people.

3. Meeting the International World on a Human Level

It is still a marvel in this the 21st Century to exchange with others and to be a part of an international experience. International events are able to stir much hope but also many fears (increase in fundamentalism, nationalism and other new conflicts. . .) The Church and Christians themselves have a role to play in preventing the development of these fears, and in aiding each person in finding their way and discovering hope.

2011

Mark Your Calendar



- * Blessed Estephan Nehme– Aug. 30th
- * Exaltation of the Holy Cross– Sep. 11th
- * Magic is the Night– Sep. 24th
- * Visit of Patriarch Beshara Peter Rai– Oct. 13th
- * NAM board visits St. George - Oct. 14-16



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www.madrid11.com

Bible Humor

Q. Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?

A. Noah; he was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation.

Q. Who was the greatest female financier in the Bible?

A. Pharaoh's daughter; she went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet.

Q. Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible?

A. Samson; he brought the house down.

Q. What excuse did Adam give to his children as to why he no longer lived in Eden?

A. Your mother ate us out of house and home.

Q. Which servant of God was the most flagrant lawbreaker in the Bible?

A. Moses; he broke all 10 commandments at once . . .

Q. Which area of Palestine was especially wealthy?

A. The area around Jordan, the banks were always overflowing.



ANNULMENT



- What is an annulment?

“Annulment” is an unfortunate word that is sometimes used to refer to a Catholic “declaration of nullity.” Actually, nothing is made null through the process. Rather, a Church tribunal (a Catholic church court) declares that a marriage thought to be valid according to Church law actually fell short of at least one of the essential elements required for a binding union.

A valid Catholic marriage results from five elements: (1) the spouses are free to marry; (2) they freely exchange their consent; (3) in consenting to marry, they have the intention to marry for life, to be faithful to one another and be open to children; (4) they intend the good of each other; and (5) their consent is given in the presence of two witnesses and before a properly authorized Church minister. Exceptions to the last requirement must be approved by church authority.

- Why does the Church require a divorced Catholic to obtain a declaration of nullity before re-marrying in the Church?

The Church presumes that marriages are valid and lifelong; therefore, unless the ex-spouse has died, the Church requires the divorced Catholic to obtain a declaration of nullity before re-marrying. The tribunal process seeks to determine if something essential was missing from the couple’s relationship from the moment of consent, that is, the time of the wedding. If so, then the Church can declare that a valid marriage was never actually brought about on the wedding day.

- If a marriage is declared null, does it mean that the marriage never existed?

No. It means it was not valid according to Church law. A declaration of nullity does not deny that a relationship existed. It simply states that the relationship was missing something that the Church requires for marriage.

- If a marriage is annulled, are the children considered illegitimate?

No. A DECLARATION OF NULLITY HAS NO EFFECT ON THE LEGITIMACY OF CHILDREN, since the child’s mother and father were presumed to be married at the time that the child was born. Legitimacy depends on civil law.

- Why does the Catholic Church require an intended spouse, who is divorced but not Catholic, to obtain an annulment before marrying in the Catholic Church?

The Catholic Church respects all marriages and presumes that they are valid. Thus, for example, it considers the marriages of two Protestant, Jewish, or even nonbelieving persons to be binding for life. The Church requires a declaration of nullity to establish that an essential element was missing in that previous union preventing it from being a valid marriage.

This is often a difficult and emotional issue. If the intended spouse comes from a faith tradition that accepts divorce and remarriage, it may be hard for them to understand why they must go through the Catholic tribunal process. Couples in this situation may find it helpful to talk with a priest or deacon. To go through the process can be a sign of great love of the non-Catholic for their intended spouse.