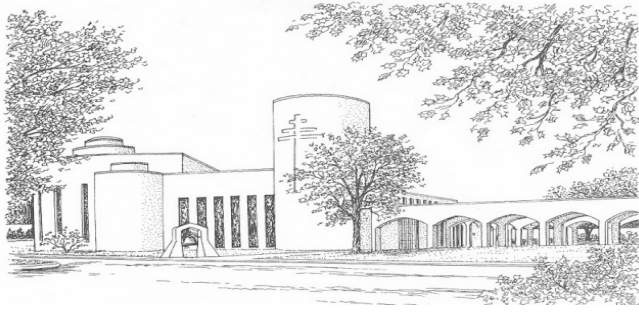


SAINT GEORGE MARONITE CHURCH



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

Week of August 28, 2011

12th 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!



The Maronite Liturgy Introduction Part 2



Hence, the Church becomes the real educator of Christian life and the most complete brief expression of her various aspects. The liturgy is the climax and source of the life of the Church. It is a participation in the mystery of Christ and His Church; it "actualizes" it for the present time and calls the believers to meditate on it and live it, giving thanks to the Lord for His infinite love.

The liturgical experience in general and, more specifically, the Eucharistic experience, constitute the first theological / human "locus" for the proclamation of the Lord's death and His blessed resurrection. In the liturgy the Church participates effectively and instantaneously in the paschal mystery. Life is renewed in the paschal mystery and from it pours the whole liturgical and sacramental life. From the person of Christ, the liturgy assumes its eschatological dimension because He is the alpha and omega, the beginning and the end, the awaited king who will come in glory to judge the living and the dead.

The Maronite liturgy summarizes the Maronite experience and embodies it in most of her dimensions and aspects. Thus, theology, spirituality, Sacred Scriptures and the mission of evangelization are all reflected in the liturgy.

The Maronite Church is part of the Syro-Antiochene school and her patristic, liturgical, theological, spiritual and ecclesial heritage flow from this noble culture: the Maronite theology in a general way is reflected in her principal lines within the liturgical books. Thus, the prayers, whether in prose or in poetry, the prayers of forgiveness, the music of the Divine Liturgy and the mysteries and rituals are full of biblical and theological characteristics that reflect a spirituality proper to this Church. The motto of St. Augustine, "the norm of prayer is the norm of the faith" (*Lex orandi est lex credendi*) finds an obvious echo in the Maronite liturgy. The Maronite Church's faith is clearly reflected in her authentic and profound experience of prayer through the centuries. This experience reflects clearly her theological belief and confirms the truth that the liturgy is a school of faith.

Intentions and Readings of the Divine Liturgy

<u>Sat. Aug 27th</u>	5:00 PM,	Liturgy for the Maroun & Estefan Families, req. by Gene Viola & Family Liturgy for Mark P. Perillo, req. by Robert Beathe	
		Acts 26:1-2a, 6-10, 12-19	Lk 12:49-53
<u>Sun. Aug 28th</u>	8:00 AM	Liturgy for Elise & Yasmeen Khoury and Wahded & Deeb Houayek, req. by the Houayek Family	
	11:00 AM	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
<u>Mon. Aug 29th</u>		No Liturgy	
		Acts 27:1-4,8a,14-15 18-21a, 22-26	Lk 12:54-59
<u>Tues. Aug 30th</u>	5:30 PM	Liturgy for Nick LaMonica, req. by Gene Viola & Marsha Estefan Liturgy for Cecilia Mery, req. by Margaret Abdo Karam	
		Acts 27:27, 33-37, 39-44	Lk 13:1-5
<u>Wed. Aug 31st</u>	12:00 Noon	Liturgy for Esther Ganem req. by Robert & Patricia Karam Liturgy for Cecilia Mery, req. by Robert Beathe	
		Acts 28:1-10	Lk 13:6-9
<u>Thurs. Sept. 1st</u>	12:00 Noon	Liturgy for Byron O'Shaughnessy, req. by Gloria & Patricia Benson Liturgy for Emilia Mery, req. by Pat & Judy Perillo	
		Acts 28:11-15	Lk 13:10-17
<u>Fri. Sept 2nd</u>	12:00 Noon	Liturgy for Blanch Sorrola, req. by Ralph J. Karam Liturgy for Elizabeth Ceasar, req. by Lanie Karam	
		Acts 28:16-22	Lk 13:18-21
<u>Sat. Sept 3rd</u>	5:00 PM,	Liturgy for Phil Sfair, req. by the Waddell, Sandra & Nancy Nasif Liturgy for Ilana Rose Macias, req. by the Salinas Family	
		Acts 28:23-31	Lk 13:22-30
<u>Sun. Sept 4th</u>	8:00 AM	Liturgy for Byron O'Shaughnessy, req. by Mr. & Mrs. C. Zachariades	
	11:00 AM	Liturgy for Cecilia Mery, req. by Joan Mery Kale Liturgy for Byron O'Shaughnessy, req. by Karim & Sybil Baran	
		1Cor 3:1-11	<i>13th Sunday of Pentecost</i> Lk 8:1-15

Stewardship:

2nd Collection-- Debt Reduction

Total: \$ 2358.50

“give and it will be given to you...”

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

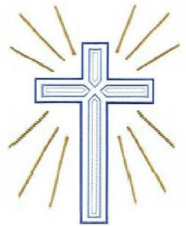
Luke 6:38





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



SATURDAY, Aug 27th

LECTOR: Joe Khattar (5:00pm)
USHERS: Ralph Karam & Pat Perillo
GREETERS: Sandy Nasif
ALTAR SERVERS: Aaron Mery & Zach Karam

SUNDAY, Aug 28th

LECTOR: Eugene Karam (8:00AM)
LECTOR: Ernest Karam (11:00AM)
USHERS: Marcel Noujeim, David Saliba, Ray Dustin & Lila Dustin
GREETERS: Sylvana Mery & Genina Mery
ALTAR SERVERS: Jeremy Daly, Joya Noujeim, Ani Saliba, Alyssa Brittain, Federico Chavez

SATURDAY, Sept 3rd

LECTOR: James Andry (5:00pm)
USHERS: Ameen Al-Bahloly & Laney McMath
GREETERS: Karen Al-Bahloly
ALTAR SERVERS: Thomas Andry & Chris Khattar

SUNDAY, Sept 4th

LECTOR: Donald Karam (8:00AM)
LECTOR: Michael Mery (11:00AM)
USHERS: Alton Wells, Kevin Kearns, Jose Fernandez, Fredrick Tawil
GREETERS: Miriam Wells
ALTAR SERVERS: Chandler Kearns, Madeleine Younes, Stephanie Younes

Community Life

* SUNDAY August 28th

- Qurbono (Liturgy) at 8:00 AM & 11:00 AM
- LAS Luncheon: Stuffed squash, baked kibbi, green beans, and salad.

* TUESDAY August 30th

- LAS prayer hour: 5:30-6:30 PM
- 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 September 4th

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

* FAITH FORMATION

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

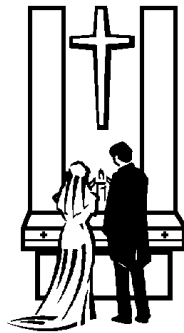


FAITH FORMATION

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

* BANNES 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.



* 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.



* DEEPEST SYMPATHY

-Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Cliff Kaskie whose mother, Virginia, passed away on Thursday, August 18, 2011.



-Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Sylvia Shaw, wife of Wilt Shaw, whose father, Ernest Arredondo, passed away Sunday August, 21, 2011.

-Our deepest sympathy to Lori Mery whose father, Lemoyne Blessing, passed away Thursday August 25, 2011.

Grant them rest O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon them.

* MAGIC IS THE NIGHT

Magic is the Night will be 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 change should . You can call Kathy White 872-6365 to confirm

All days start 9 am unless otherwise noted

Aug 31st

Sept 6th at 4 pm

September 7, 12, 19, 22, 23, 24



- 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

- * 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 PRESSED LEAF

A little boy opened the big and old family Bible with fascination, he looked at the old pages as he turned them. Then something fell out of the Bible and he picked up and looked at it closely. It was an old leaf from a tree that has been pressed in between pages.

"Momma, look what I found," the boy called out.

"What have you got there, dear?" his mother asked.

With astonishment in the young boy's voice he answered, "It's Adam's suit!"

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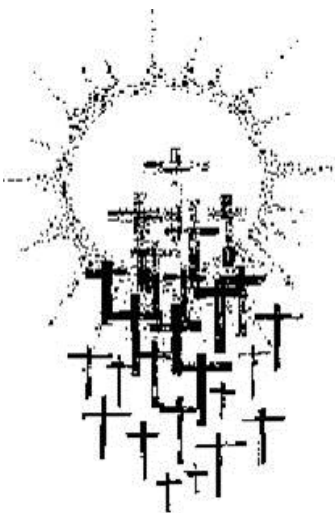
Mark Your Calendar



- * 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



Today's Memorial Liturgy is a prayer offering for the souls of the deceased parishioners and friends of St. George Maronite Church who died in the month of August.



Abdo, Angelina
 Abdo, Helen
 Abdo, Salimi
 Allen, Annie Hannah
 Andry, Joseph N.
 Azar, Shafica
 Battros, Mitchell
 Buhidar, Paul
 Buhidar, Peter
 Bunker, Donald W.
 Casseb, Frankie
 Casillas, Elva I.
 DeHahn, Eleanor Joan\
 Dick, Mary Yamin
 Estefan, Arthur A.
 Gabriel, Rusten

Gwosdz, Edward
 Hajj, Angele Curry
 Joseph, Edward
 Jowdy, Edward W.
 Jowdy, Fred
 Karam, Edmond D.
 Karam, Frances
 Karam, Genevieve M.
 Karam, Mariam
 Karam, Morris
 Klinger, Mrs. A. J.
 La Hood, Michael T.
 Latuf, David
 Mery, Amin J.
 Mery, Tony, Sr.
 Myers, Geraldine Myers,
 Lyle Gene

Nichols, Mariam Jacobs
 Noujeim, Maria
 Perillo, Mark Pasquale
 Sheehan, Sarah Saad
 Stice, Barbara Dabrooge
 Tabet, Freida Sarkis
 Tawil, Salame
 Taylor, Joseph T.
 Taylor, Mary L.
 Walton, Mamie Herro

If for some reason you find that a loved one is not on this list, please call the church office at 690-9569.

BEING A GODPARENT



A godparent serves a special role for one to be baptized, whether it be a child or an adult. Godparents are to represent the Christian Catholic community, the Church. They are to assist in the preparation of adult candidates for Baptism/Chrismation and to be supportive of them afterwards. When it comes to infant Baptism, godparents are to **assist the child's parents in raising their child in our Catholic faith, so that the child may profess and live it as an adult.**

Thus if we remember a few basic things about Baptism—it gives a person both a new and special status as a child of God and it makes a person a member of the Body of Christ, the Church—then what you are looking for are godparents who can truly represent that Christian community. Basically this means you want at least one active and committed Catholic. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states "...the godfather and godmother... must be firm believers, able and ready to help the newly baptized—child or adult—on the road of Christian life" (#1255). This is the Church's way of saying that being a godparent is truly a ministry in the Church, and not simply an honor.

In fact the whole Church community or parish bears some responsibility for the development and nurturing of the grace given your child at Baptism/Chrismation. Much of this will come later in parish religious education and even classes for you on Christian parenting.

A vocation is a calling, an appeal to live something out in your life. These parents are calling you to be something special for their child: to set an example, help teach their child about the Catholic faith, have a lifelong relationship of prayer, faith sharing and love. Before accepting this invitation, take some time to pray and reflect on your ability to do this.

You should ask, "Can I share my faith unashamedly? Do I live close enough to really get to know my godchild? Am I an active member of my local Catholic parish?" If you are from another parish, you'll probably be asked for a letter from your home parish attesting to your active faith in the Church. If you're an active Catholic, getting such a letter from your pastor will be easy. If you're not, maybe you need to question your fitness to serve as a godparent at this time. But if you are able to say yes to these questions and if your faith makes you ready to accept this honorable vocation, here are a few helpful hints to assist you in being the best godparent that you can be:

- Pray for your godchild. Keep your godchild in your daily prayers. The constant prayer of godparents never hurt anyone! On occasion, take time to celebrate Eucharist together, for it is, after all, the source and summit of our faith lives.

- Share the faith that's been shared with you. When your godchild is young, introduce him or her to a children's edition of the Bible. Teach about his or her patron or name saint. Attend and offer encouragement at the child's first Communion or share your own faith story as your godchild gets older. Continue your lifelong relationship by participating in your godchild's wedding. Remember, being a godparent is about more than an infant Baptism/Chrismation ceremony!

Source: <http://www.americancatholic.org/newsletters/cu/ac0497.asp>