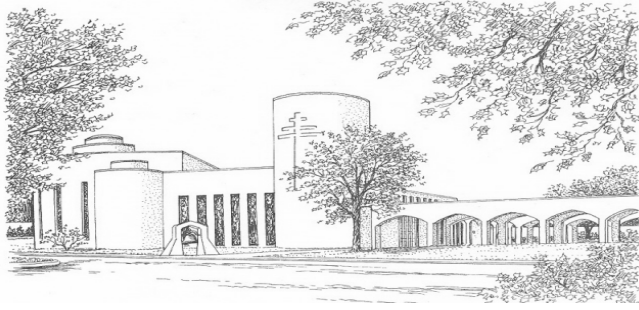


SAINT GEORGE MARONITE CHURCH



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

Week of July 3, 2011
4th 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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Edward Karam-Church Realtor & Lector Coordinator

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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 Identity

A Syriac Antiochene Church with a Special Liturgical Heritage

Part 1

The Maronite Church developed within the Antiochene Church, which came into existence through the evangelization by the Apostles, thus acknowledging her Petrine origin. It was in Antioch, the capital of the Eastern region of the Roman Empire, that “the disciples were first called Christians”, (Acts 11:26) which is the common attribute among the followers of Jesus and the solid base of every genuine ecclesiastic identity. In Antioch too, the Church opened up to all nations, and duly became the “daughter of nations.”

Since her inception, the Antiochene Church has been distinguished by the unity in faith and the communion within plurality, which marked the peoples of that region through a diversity of civilizations, cultures and languages. This plurality earned the Antiochene Church a spiritual and intellectual fertility as well as an apostolic zeal that distinguished her from other Churches. The Christian Antiochene heritage is still considered one of the richest and most profound in the world. It had greatly influenced the Church’s history and life, particularly during the first six centuries, as it allowed Christian theology the opportunity to express itself through two main interacting cultures, the Aramaic-Syriac and the Hellenic. The Aramaic culture was prevalent in the cities of the interior and in the countryside, while the Hellenic culture was more predominant in some coastal cities.

Many local Churches sprang up in Antioch in the midst of this cultural and linguistic diversity, whereby each was characterized by her own distinguishing features, yet safeguarding the ecumenical structure on which the early Church was reared. This structure ties the bonds of communion among the members of the one local Church, with their diverse talents and functions, for the sake of building the One Body of Christ. We have many examples in the New Testament that testify to its existence and importance in the safeguarding of communion and unity (Refer to Acts 2:44; 4:32; 15:1-29, 1 Corinthians 12:12-30).

In Antioch, we came to know the first theology of the local Church, which reveals her unity and universality in the Eucharistic celebration. Saint Ignatius of Antioch reminded all Churches he wrote letters to, encouraging them in times of persecution and bolstering their unity: “*Do not participate except in only one Eucharist. For, Our Lord has only one body, one chalice that unites us in his blood, and one altar, one bishop along with many deacons who are my partners in service. In this way, you would fulfill God’s will in everything*” The Bishop is the successor of the Apostles, and, in the structure of the assembly and in the service of unity, he occupies the first position of the first who watches over the proclamation of the Word in his local Church, to safeguard the orthodoxy of the faith in it, and to bring unity through harmonious diversity. He is responsible for discerning the gifts of the Holy Spirit in the faithful, being continuously vigilant in order to identify them and employ them toward the building of the One Body of Christ. It is needless to say that this spiritual communion reaches its climax and is distinctively proclaimed in the Eucharistic communion presided by the bishop or whomever he delegates for this mission.

Intentions and Readings of the Divine Liturgy

<u>Sat. July 2nd</u>	5:00 PM, Liturgy for Judy Karam, req. by her loving family		
	Acts 7:30-38		Jn 16:29-33
<u>Sun. July 3rd</u>	8:00 AM Liturgy for R.H. & Patricia Daniel, req. by Frank & Betty Gudat		
	11:00 AM Liturgy for Carlie Estefan, req. by Tony & Cinder Obeid		
	Liturgy for Nick LaMonica (40 day), req. by Phillip LaMonica & family		
	1Cor 2:11-16	4th Sunday of Pentecost	Lk 10:21-24
<u>Mon. July 4th</u>	No Liturgy		
	Acts 7:44-50		Mt 18:1-5
<u>Tues. July 5th</u>	No Liturgy		
	Acts 7:51-8:1a		Mt 18:6-10
<u>Wed. July 6th</u>	No Liturgy		
	Acts 8:1b-8		Mt 18:11-14
<u>Thurs. July 7th</u>	No Liturgy		
	Acts 8:9-25		Mt 18:15-20
<u>Fri. July 8th</u>	No Liturgy		
	Acts 8:26-40		Mt 18:21-35
<u>Sat. July 9th</u>	5:00 PM, Liturgy for Genevieve Niemeyer, req. by her loving family		
	Acts 9:1-6, 10-11, 15-19		Mt 11:25-30
<u>Sun. July 10th</u>	8:00 AM Liturgy for Carlie Estefan, req. by Gladys Chehardy		
	11:00 AM Liturgy for Gabriel & Baheyeh Khoury & Sleiman & Saydeh Houayek, req. by the Houayek family		
	Phil 3:7-14	5th Sunday of Pentecost	Mt 10:1-7

Stewardship:

Total: \$ 2992.50

“give and it will be given to you...”

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

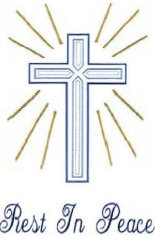
Luke 6:38





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

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



SATURDAY, July 2nd

LECTOR: James Andry (5:00pm)
USHERS: Laney McMath & Frank Dieck
GREETERS: Sandy Nasif
ALTAR SERVERS: Tommy Andry & Chris Khattar

SUNDAY, July 3rd

LECTOR: Eugene Karam (8:00AM)
LECTOR: Michael Mery (11:00AM)
USHERS: Rene Gallegos, Kevin Kearns, Jose Fernandez, Fredrick Tawil
GREETERS: Marie Joseph
ALTAR SERVERS: Federico Chavez, Anthony Charbel, Madeleine Younes, Stephanie Younes,

SATURDAY, July 9th

LECTOR: Ralph J. Karam (5:00pm)
USHERS: Ameen Al-Bahloly & Gerry Karam
GREETERS: Karen Al-Bahloly
ALTAR SERVERS: Sean Salisbury & Kyle Salisbury

SUNDAY, July 10th

LECTOR: Donald Karam (8:00AM)
LECTOR: Ernest Karam (11:00AM)
USHERS: Ladies of the LAS
GREETERS: Ladies of the LAS
ALTAR SERVERS: Harry Doenges, Charbel Elward, Douglas Karam

Community Life

* SUNDAY July 3rd

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

* MONDAY-FRIDAY July 4th –July 8th

- No weekday liturgies due to the NAM convention and the clergy conference in Philadelphia. There will be also no adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday July 5th.

* SUNDAY July 10th

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

* NAM JOURNAL

The St. George community will be publishing a Commemorative Journal for the 2012 Epar-
chial Maronite Convention sponsored by our fami-
lies, friends and business associates. If interested
you may purchase an ad and pay in full or take ad-
vantage of a payment plan. For more information
you may contact Debbie Fernandez at 415-8260.



* MARONITE YOUNG AT HEART SENIORS

The MYHS will meet July 13th at 10:00 AM. Bring
a friend or make a new one.

* LAST CHANCE TO WIN

NAM CONVENTION RAFFLE

NAM convention raffle tickets will be sold after all
weekend liturgies. A donation of \$5.00 for one tick-
et or \$20.00 for a book of 5.

1st Prize- 2 round trip tickets to Lebanon

2nd Prize- 40" Flat Screen TV

3rd Prize- iPod Touch 4th Generation, 8GB

* EBLAST CENTRAL

If you are not receiving the church eblasts please
contact the church office at rbeathe@stgeorges.org
so as to verify your email.

* CONGATULATIONS

- To **Kelly Jean Dunn** who received the Holy Mys-
tery of Chrismation on Tuesday June 28th. May the
Holy Spirit guide and strengthen her always.

- To the **new MYO officers:**

Hannah Mery: president.

Marlina Mery: vice president.

Gaielle Harb: secretary.

Nathalie Tabet: treasurer.

* REQUESTING MASSES

Please note that for your convenience, there are
mass request envelopes in the back of the church. If
you wish to have a mass said, simply fill one out
completely, seal your donation inside, and drop it in
the collection basket or hand to one of the priests.

* COMMEMORATIVE BRICKS

If you are interested in honoring a living or de-
ceased family member, buying a "**Brick of Love**" is
a perfect tribute. Donation for each Brick is
\$500.00. Call the Church office for more infor-
mation.



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

- Festival dates: Nov. 4th, 5th, and 6th

- Volunteers needed to chair the Marketing Commit-
tee.

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

Miscellaneous

LAS CORNER

- No meeting and no Lebanese Luncheon in July.
- LAS Prayer Hour—July 26th
- Interested in joining the LAS, contact Janice Gildersleeve at 492-7469 for more info

4th July Fun Facts

- On this day in 1776, the Declaration of Independence was approved by the Continental Congress, setting the 13 colonies on the road to freedom as a sovereign nation.
- As always, this most American of holidays will be marked by parades, fireworks and backyard barbecues across the country.
- In July 1776, the estimated number of people living in the newly independent nation was 2.5 million.
- The nation's estimated population on this July 4th, 2011 is 311.7 million.
- Thirty-one places have “**LIBERTY**” in their names. The most populous one as of April 1st, 2010, is Liberty, MO.
- Thirty-five places have “**EAGLE**” in their names. The most populous one is Eagle Pass, TX
- Eleven places have “**INDEPENDENCE**” in their names. The most populous one is Independence, MO.
- Nine places have “**FREEDOM**” in their names. The most populous one is New Freedom, PA.
- One place with “**PATRIOT**” in the name: Patriot, IN.
- Five places have “**AMERICA**” in their names. The most populous is American Fork, UT.



- * Eparchial Convention (NAM)- July 6th-10th
- * Blessed Massabki Brothers-July 10th
- * Feast of St. Sharbel- July 17th
- * Transfiguration of Our Lord- August 6th
- * Feast of the Assumption- August 15th
- * Blessed Estephan Nehme- August 30th
- * Magic is the Night- September 24th



Marriage Survival Kit

The following, simple items when assembled in a kit can serve as reminders of what it takes to form good relationships. The scripture passages might serve as a study guide for married life.

A Toothpick: to remind you to pick out the best qualities in your spouse (*Mt 7:1*)

A Rubber Band: to remind you to be flexible. God will work things out (*Rom 8:28*)

A Band Aid: to remind you to heal your hurt feelings or your spouse's (*Col 3:12-14*)

A Pencil: to remind you to list every day the blessings your spouse brings you (*Eph 1:3*)

An Eraser: to remind you that everyone makes mistakes, including you & your spouse (*Gen 50:15-21*)

Chewing Gum: to remind you to stick with it (*Phil 4:13*)

Candy Kiss: to remind you your spouse needs a hug each day (*1 Jn 4:7*)





Bishop Cordileone Expresses Grave Disappointment over NY Bill Redefining Marriage

Marriage redefinition bill an “abandonment of the common good,” says Bishop Cordileone

Bill passed 33-29, four days after normal end of legislative session

Religious exemption language released hours before final vote

In response to last Friday’s enactment of a law redefining marriage in the State of New York, Bishop Salvatore J. Cordileone, chairman of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’ (USCCB) Subcommittee for the Promotion and Defense of Marriage, expressed “grave disappointment with the legislature’s abandonment of the common good.”

“Marriage, the union of a man and a woman, forms the foundation of social well-being by promoting love and respect between the two most fundamental representatives of the human community,” he said. “The institution of marriage also affirms the vital and unique importance to children of receiving care from both their mother and father together. Making marriage law indifferent to the absence of either sex creates an institutional and cultural crisis with generational ramifications yet to be seen. To eliminate marriage’s very essence – its essence as the union of husband and wife – from its legal definition is to ignore not only basic anthropology and biology but also the purpose of law generally. Law is meant to *uphold* the common good, not *undermine* it. Now, New York’s government will be forced to ignore that children have a basic right to be raised by their mother and father together. Also, as demonstrated in other states where marriage redefinition has occurred, officials there will be in a position to retaliate against those who continue to uphold these basic truths. This is a mark of a profoundly unjust law.”

The bill, entitled the Marriage Equality Act, was passed by a margin of 33 to 29 votes in the state senate and signed into law on June 24, four days after the legislative session was supposed to have ended. It dictates that “a marriage that is otherwise valid shall be valid regardless of whether the parties to the marriage are of the same or different sex.” The bill also directs that all other laws dealing with marriage or gender-specific subjects be reinterpreted to include two persons of the same sex who have obtained a marriage license. While the legislature included exemption language to give some protection to religious organizations—language made public only in the last hours before the vote—its actual legal effect will have to be scrutinized. Nonetheless, Bishop Cordileone noted, “Marriage is a fundamental good that must be protected in *every* circumstance. Exemptions of any kind never justify redefining marriage.”

Thousands of people at the grassroots level contacted key legislators in New York, urging them to oppose redefining marriage. “Those courageous legislators and active citizens in New York who defended marriage should be applauded for their inspiring witness,” Bishop Cordileone said. His comments follow recent statements by the Bishops of New York (available at: http://www.nyscatholic.org/pages/news/show_newsDetails.asp?id=538 and http://www.nyscatholic.org/pages/news/show_newsDetails.asp?id=539) upon passage of the legislation.

Source: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, www.usccb.org

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For Counseling and Help at No Cost - 888-833-8996
Project Rachel – For Healing After Abortion - San Antonio 349-1008