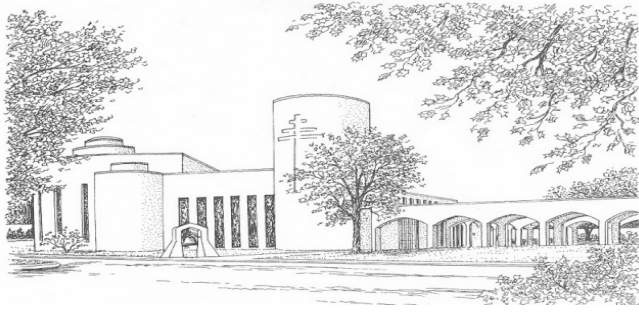


# SAINT GEORGE MARONITE CHURCH



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

**Week of July 24, 2011**  
**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost**

## **Religious Education & Bible Study**

Pre K - 12<sup>th</sup> 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 Identity

### Part 4

#### Patriarchal Church with Monastic and Ascetic Features

**T**he Syriac Antiochene Maronite Patriarchate came into existence in the bosom of Saint Maron's Monastery, at an unspecified date, between the close of the 7th century and the first half of the 8th century, within religious, cultural, political, and social circumstances, in which some of its features have not yet come to light. In their totality, these circumstances led to a chasm in the Melkite Antiochene See between the "Maronites" and the "Greek." Our Synod depends upon those specialized in ecclesiastical history to clarify the history of the Maronite Church during that delicate phase, that it may be an introduction to the writing of a common and "ecumenical" history of the Antiochene See, bearing in mind the Apostle Paul's saying: "living the truth in love, we should grow in every way into him who is the head, Christ" (Ephesians 4:15). Since the 8th century, the Maronites have emerged as an independent ecclesiastical body within the Antiochene See, along with the Orthodox Syriac Church on the one hand and later, the Greek Orthodox Church, on the other hand. This founding event had a great impact imprinting the Maronite Church, clergy and laity alike, with a distinctive ascetic and monastic character that influenced her spirituality and her ecclesiastical structure. Here she is today, through her patriarchal synod, still seeking ways to update this character in order to perform her evangelical mission in her own environment according to her special gift.

The ascetic and monastic origin of the Maronite Patriarchate does not mean that our Church is the result of an independent monastic movement within the Antiochene See. The Monastery of Saint Maron was integrated in the structure of the Antiochene Church since her foundation after the Council of Chalcedon (451) and until the creation of the Maronite Patriarchate within its walls. This is asserted by the presence of monks-bishops, at least in the 8th century, who headed this monastery, according to an old ecclesiastical tradition in our Eastern Churches. This harmony between bishops and monks shows that the Monastery of Saint Maron and its monks, as well as all monasteries and Christian communities around it, were represented in the Antiochene structure through the bishop of the monastery and bishops of neighboring monasteries. All this shows that the monastery of Saint Maron was in continuous conformity with the ecclesiastical role entrusted to it by the Antiochene Church in the 6th century, when the Superior of the "Monastery of Blessed Maron" was appointed "exarch" over the monasteries of Syria Secunda, that is, the overseer and a mediator between them and the Antiochene Patriarch on the one hand, and the Emperor on the other hand.

# Intentions and Readings of the Divine Liturgy

<b><u>Sat. July 23<sup>rd</sup></u></b>	5:00 PM, Liturgy for Mary Karam, req. by Waddell, Sandra & Nancy Nasif Rom 8:28-39 <i>Feast of St. Sharbel (actual)</i> Mt 13:36-43
<b><u>Sun. July 24<sup>th</sup></u></b>	8:00 AM Liturgy for Vicki Mery, req. by Robert Beathe 11:00 AM Liturgy for Byron O'Shaughnessy (40 day), req. by his loving family Liturgy for Carlie Estefan, req. by Gladys Chehardy 2Cor 3:1-6                      7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost                      Lk 10:1-7
<b><u>Mon. July 25<sup>th</sup></u></b>	No Liturgy Acts 14:1-7                      Lk: 10:8-12
<b><u>Tues. July 26<sup>th</sup></u></b>	5:30 PM Liturgy for Julia Boutross, req. by Julie Malouff Liturgy for Carlie Estefan, req. by Jackie Mery Hull Acts 14:8-18                      Lk 10:13-16
<b><u>Wed. July 27<sup>th</sup></u></b>	12:00 Noon Liturgy for Mary Karam, by Elise Mery Liturgy for Byron O'Shaughnessy, req. by the Malouff Family Acts 14:19-28                      Lk 10:17-20
<b><u>Thurs. July 28<sup>th</sup></u></b>	12:00 Noon Liturgy for the poor souls in Purgatory, req. by anonymous Liturgy for Byron O'Shaughnessy req. by Marie Saleh & Elie Saleh Acts 15:1-12                      Lk 10:25-28
<b><u>Fri. July 29<sup>th</sup></u></b>	12:00 Noon Liturgy for Ray Martinez, req. by anonymous Liturgy for Byron O'Shaughnessy, req. by the Malouff Family Acts 15:13-21                      Lk 10:29-37
<b><u>Sat. July 30<sup>th</sup></u></b>	5:00 PM, Liturgy for Joe Sada, req. by the Reed Family Act 15:22-30                      Lk 10:38-42
<b><u>Sun. July 31<sup>st</sup></u></b>	8:00 AM Liturgy for Byron O'Shaughnessy, req. by Roger & Carolyn O'Shaughnessy 11:00 AM Liturgy for Henrietta Joseph req. by the Reed Family Rom 8:1-11                      8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost                      Mt 12:14-21

## Stewardship:



**Total: \$2164.00**

“give and it will be given to you...”

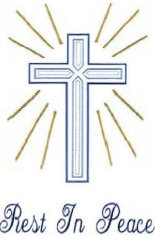
“for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

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 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**LECTOR:** Joe Khattar (5:00pm)  
**USHERS:** Ralphie Karam & Pat Perillo  
**GREETERS:** Nancy Nasif  
**ALTAR SERVERS:** Sean Salisbury & Kyle Salisbury

**SUNDAY, July 24<sup>th</sup>**

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

**SATURDAY, July 30<sup>th</sup>**

**LECTOR:** Ralphie J. Karam (5:00pm)  
**USHERS:** Gerry Karam & Robert Beathe  
**GREETERS:** Sandy Nasif  
**ALTAR SERVERS:** Aaron Mery & Chris Khattar

**SUNDAY, July 31<sup>st</sup>**

**LECTOR:** Eugene Karam (8:00AM)  
**LECTOR:** (11:00AM)  
**USHERS:** Marcel Noujeim, Alton Wells, Rene Gallegos, Fredrick Tawil  
**GREETERS:** Soumaya Doenges  
**ALTAR SERVERS:** Harry Doenges, Blake Mery, Anel Kuri, Anthony Kuri, Joya Noujeim

# Community Life

## \* SUNDAY July 24<sup>th</sup>

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

## \* TUESDAY July 26<sup>th</sup>

- LAS Prayer Hour at 4:30 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 July 31<sup>st</sup>

- 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.

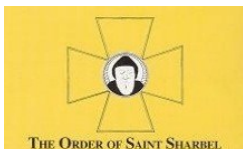


## \* REQUESTING MASSES

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.

## \* ORDER OF ST. SHARBEL

The Order of St. Sharbel provides support for the Maronite Seminary in the United States by granting financial assistance to the education of our seminarians and, whenever possible, retirement benefits to our clergy. You can make a difference in the life of the Maronite Church. To join, contact the church office.



## \* EBLAST CENTRAL

If you are not receiving the church eblasts please contact the church office at [rbeathe@stgeorgesa.org](mailto:rbeathe@stgeorgesa.org) so as to verify your email.



## \* KINDLY REMINDER

**Help keep us up to date.** When you change addresses, emails or phone numbers you should remember to contact the church office.

## \* USHERS URGENTLY NEEDED

Parishioners are needed to serve as ushers. If you would like to serve, please see Fr. Ghassan Mattar.

## \* SAVE THE DONUTS

We are in need of families, individuals, or parish organizations to host the Sunday morning coffee hour after Mass. For those who have already signed up, a BIG Thank you!

The following Sundays are still available:

- *August 14 and 21*

- *December 4, 11 and 18*

This is a great opportunity to meet the community and get involved. Please contact: Cinder Obeid at 524-2357 or email her at: [Cinderthegreat@aol.com](mailto:Cinderthegreat@aol.com) if you are able to help.



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

- Festival dates: Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup>

- Volunteers needed to chair the Marketing Committee.

- For more information please contact Jackie Hull at 210-860-8876 or email [jjmjch@gmail.com](mailto:jjmjch@gmail.com).

# Miscellaneous

## LAS CORNER

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



**Jeita Grotto** in Lebanon is a finalist in the new 7 wonders of the nature competition.

Vote for Lebanon and make **JEITA GROTTA** one of the wonders of our planet.

To learn more about Jeita Grotto and how to vote, please visit: [www.vote4lebanon.com](http://www.vote4lebanon.com) or [www.n7w.com](http://www.n7w.com)

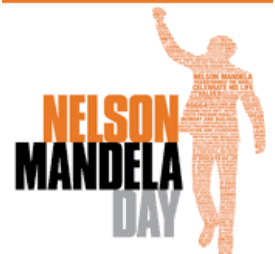


## July 18 is Nelson Mandela International Day

Mandela Day is a call to action for people everywhere to take responsibility for making the world a better place, one small step at a time, just as Nelson Mandela did.

To learn more, visit: [www.mandeladay.com](http://www.mandeladay.com)

MAKE  
EVERY DAY A  
MANDELA DAY



- \* Transfiguration of Our Lord— Aug. 6<sup>th</sup>
- \* Feast of the Assumption— Aug. 15<sup>th</sup>
- \* Blessed Estephan Nehme— Aug. 30<sup>th</sup>
- \* Exaltation of the Holy Cross— Sep. 11<sup>th</sup>
- \* Magic is the Night— Sep. 24<sup>th</sup>

## FIRST GRADE PROVERBS

*A first grade teacher collected well-known proverbs and sayings. She gave each child in her class the first half of a proverb and asked them to come up with the remainder of the proverb.*

- Better to be safe than...punch a 5th grader
- Strike while the...bug is close
- You can lead a horse to water but...how?
- Don't bite the hand that...looks dirty
- If you lie down with dogs, you'll...stink in the morning
- Love all, trust...me
- An idle mind is...the best way to relax
- Where there's smoke there's...pollution
- Happy the bride who...gets all the presents
- Laugh and the whole world laughs with you, cry and...you have to blow your nose
- Children should be seen and not...spanked or grounded
- When the blind lead the blind...get out of the way



## **Pressured to Die: Euthanasia Push Continues Promised Safeguards Not Working**

By Father John Flynn, LC



**E**uthanasia advocates continue to press their case in spite of suffering several recent defeats, including a January vote in the French Senate against a proposal to legalize euthanasia.

This loss and other setbacks have not stopped the pressure, as attorney Hugh Scher warned in his address to the Third International Symposium on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide held in Vancouver, Canada.

On June 4, Scher, who is the legal counsel for the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition, spoke about some of the court cases in Canada, the B.C. Catholic reported, June 16.

Currently the British Columbia Civil Liberties Association and the Carter family are pursuing legal action, arguing that preventing assisted suicide is an infringement on rights and so is unconstitutional. Their hope, said Scher, is to eventually take the case to the Supreme Court of Canada.

Shortly after his words, Canada's pro-life forces won a victory in the Ontario Court of Appeal when the court said doctors at Sunnybrook Health Services Centre could not unilaterally cease life support for a patient, the Star newspaper reported, June 29.

The doctors of Hassan Rasouli, who is in a vegetative state, wanted to stop ventilation and feeding against the family's wishes.

The court ruled that in such cases doctors need to have the approval of a provincial medical board before being able to override the wishes of a family.

The United States is also the scene of numerous struggles over euthanasia. An article in the March 27 edition of the National Catholic Register pointed out that in the recent past debates on euthanasia had taken place in the legislatures of Hawaii, Montana, New Hampshire and Vermont.

Since then in Oregon, where physician-assisted suicides are legal, suicide kits have been banned. Governor John Kitzhaber signed the bill outlawing kits that were seen as encouraging people to take their own lives, the Register Guard newspaper reported on June 29.

*Source: The World Seen from Rome, [www.zenit.org](http://www.zenit.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**