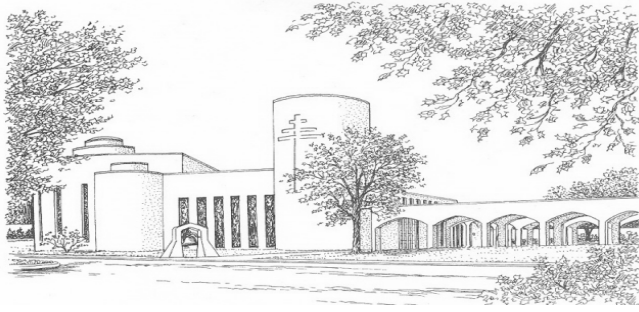


SAINT GEORGE MARONITE CHURCH



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

Week of June 26, 2011
Feast of Sts. Peter & Paul

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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Jo Ann Reed - Church Treasurer Ex. 103

K. T. Cockerell-Hall Manager Ex. 104

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

Christ is Risen! Christ is truly risen!



Maronite Identity

Ever since our Antiochene Syriac Maronite Church launched the project of her Patriarchal Council, she has attached great importance to the questions of identity, vocation and mission, whereby she placed them foremost among the Synodal subjects for discussion. This Synodal project, which prompts the Maronite Church to undertake a comprehensive review of her ecclesiastical affairs, will not reach its desired objective unless it is in harmony with the essential elements that constitute her identity, and in their light, her vocation is made manifest and her mission specified. This text aims at highlighting these elements in their correlation and integration, prior to tackling other Synodal texts individually, pointing out the characteristics of each. These elements together constitute the living heritage which gives the Maronite Church her particularity within the Universal Church in living the mystery of salvation through Jesus Christ and witnessing to Him in the Antiochene Domain and in the Countries of Expansion. Today, as before, our Church is striving, in this particularity of hers, to be loyal to this mystery from which it sets off and on which every genuine Christian identity is built. Inasmuch as these elements are tied to the person of Jesus Christ, who “is the same, yesterday, today and forever,” (Hebrews 13:8) they take the place of a throbbing heart in the conscience of Maronites. It must not be remiss in the minds of the sons and daughters of the Maronite Church, as they seek to throw light upon the elements of their identity, that their Patriarchal Church is, before all else, the realization of the mystery of the One, Universal, Holy and Apostolic Church in the special environment in which they were called to bear witness to their Apostolic faith and to their evangelical values, and consequently not willing to be led, in their endeavor, into mere cultural, national or political considerations. For them, the Church is the salvific work of God the Father through His son Jesus Christ and the action of the Holy Spirit, as they proclaim, chanting during the Sunday liturgy of the Renewal and Consecration of the Church, “Glory be to the Father who founded the Church from of old. Adoration to the Son who has given her his Body for the forgiveness of sins; and thanksgiving to the Spirit who descends, settles on and sanctifies; He is the hidden and unfathomed Mystery. Glory be to Him” In trying to discover the constituent elements of the identity of the Maronite Church, it becomes apparent how much these elements, in their essence, are common to all the Antiochene and Syriac Churches, and even though through the effect of time they took a distinctive Maronite character, this did not obscure their Antiochene and Syriac origin. Therefore, returning to this common heritage is, for the Maronite Church, an ecumenical commitment contributing to the recovery, by our Churches, of that complete communion between them, while “living the truth with love” (Ephesians 4:15), for the purpose of consolidating her evangelical presence in this East and in the world, faithful to the calling of her Master.

Source: The Maronite Patriarchate, Bkerke, Lebanon

Intentions and Readings of the Divine Liturgy

<u>Sat. June 25th</u>	5:00 PM,	Liturgy for Zarie Aboud, req. by Waddell, Sandra & Nancy Nasif Liturgy for Michael Mihalski, Sr., req. by Margaret Andry Karam	
		Acts 5:21b-33	Jn 16:1-4
<u>Sun. June 26th</u>	8:00 AM	Liturgy for Carlie Estefan ,req. by Gladys Chehardy	
	11:00 AM	Liturgy for Tony & Judy Karam, req. by their Loving Family	
		Rom 11:25-36 <i>Feast of Sts. Peter & Paul (Observed)</i>	Mt 28:16-20
<u>Mon. June 27th</u>		No Liturgy	
		Acts 5:34-42	Jn 16:5-11
<u>Tues. June 28th</u>	5:30 PM	Liturgy for Nick LaMonica, req. by Barbara Klauer Liturgy for Byron O'Shaughnessy, req. by Tim O'Connor	
		Acts 6:1-12	Jn 16:12-15
<u>Wed. June 29th</u>	12:00 Noon	Liturgy for Mary Karam, by Elise Mery	
		Acts 7:1-8 <i>Feast of Sts. Peter & Paul (Actual)</i>	Jn 16:16-19
<u>Thurs. June 30th</u>	12:00 Noon	Liturgy for Henrietta Joseph, req. by Phillip LaMonica Liturgy for Nick LaMonica, req. by Tim O'Connor	
		Rom 10:12-21	Mt 9:36-38
<u>Fri. July 1st</u>	12:00 Noon	Liturgy for Joseph Elias, req. by Ralph J. Karam Liturgy for Nick LaMonica, req. by the Malouff family	
		Acts 7:17-29	Jn 16:25-28
<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

Stewardship:

Second Collection for Debt Reduction

Total: \$ 3158.00

“give and it will be given to you...”

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

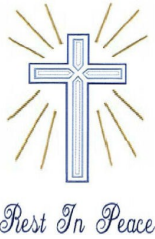
Luke 6:38





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, June 25th

LECTOR: Joe Khattar (5:00pm)
USHERS: Ralph J. Karam & Robert Beathe
GREETERS: Nancy Nasif
ALTAR SERVERS: Sean Salisbury & Kyle Salisbury

SUNDAY, June 26th

LECTOR: Frank Westermann (8:00AM)
LECTOR: Edward Karam (11:00AM)
USHERS: Mike Daly, Marcel Noujeim, David Saliba, Gus Van Steenberg
GREETERS: Sylvana Mery & Genina Mery
ALTAR SERVERS: Travis Daly, Joya Noujeim, Ani Saliba, Blake Mery

SATURDAY, July 2nd

LECTOR: James Andry (5:00pm)
USHERS: Lanie 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,

Community Life

* SUNDAY June 26th

- Qurbono (Liturgy) at 8:00 AM & 11:00 AM
- LAS Luncheon after the 11:00 Liturgy. The Menu will be chicken and rice, green beans, baked kibbi and salad.

* TUESDAY June 28th

- LAS Prayer Hour, 4:30-5:30 PM
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be from 3:00 PM to 5:30 PM followed by the Qurbono (Liturgy) at 5:30 PM. Adoration will resume at 6:00 PM and will conclude with the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

* SUNDAY July 3rd

- 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 family, 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.



* COMMEMORATIVE BRICKS

If you are interested in honoring a living or deceased family member, buying a "brick of love" is a perfect tribute. Donation for each Brick is \$500.00. Call the Church office for more information.

* 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.

* MARONITE YOUNG AT HEART SENIORS

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

* EPARCHIAL CONVENTION

The 48th Annual Maronite Convention, sponsored by the National Apostolate of Maronites and hosted by St. Sharbel Maronite Church in Philadelphia, PA will be held from July 6-10, 2011 at the Sheraton Philadelphia Center City Hotel.

* NAM CONVENTION RAFFLE

NAM convention raffle tickets will be sold after all weekend liturgies for the next two weeks. A donation of \$5.00 for one ticket 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

* DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Elsa Mery whose sister, Esperanza Barrera passed away on Sunday June 19, 2011. Grant her rest O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon her!



* EBLAST CENTRAL

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



- 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 Committee.

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

Miscellaneous

LAS CORNER

- June 26 (Sun) - LAS Luncheon, after 11:00 AM Liturgy
- June 28 (Tue) - LAS Prayer Hour, 4:30-5:30 PM
- Interested in joining the LAS, contact Janice Gildersleeve for more info at 492-7469



- * Feast of Sts. Peter & Paul- June 26th
- * Eparchial Convention (NAM)- July 6th-10th
- * Feast of St. Sharbel- July 17th
- * Feast of the Assumption- August 15th
- * Blessed Estephan Nehme- August 30th
- * Magic is the Night- September 24th



Feast of Sts. Peter & Paul, June 29

The Feast of Sts. Peter & Paul, marks not only the liturgical commemoration of the two “Princes of the Church,” but also the conferral of the *Pallium* upon the Church’s new metropolitan archbishops.

The *Pallium*, signifies the pastoral role of the new archbishop over his particular “see” and is bestowed directly by the Holy Father in an annual

Mass, celebrated in St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome. It also signifies his union and obedience to the Holy Father

The imposition of the Pallium coincides with the Feast of Sts. Peter & Paul for a very good reason: Peter is the “rock,” upon which the entire Church was constructed by Christ; and Paul is the great preacher of that Church’s faith. Together, Peter and Paul symbolize the founding and expansion of the Christian faith. The joint testimony of Peter and Paul truly accounts for the faith of the early Church.

The Most Reverend Gustavo Garcia Siller, Archbishop of San Antonio, will be among the new archbishops receiving the *Pallium* from Pope Benedict XVI on June 29 in St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome.

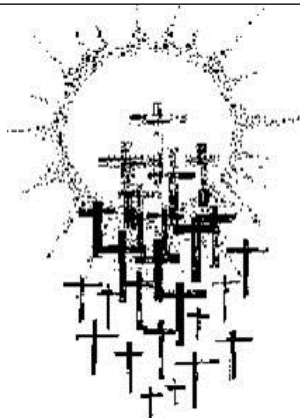
World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests

Blessed John Paul II established that on the solemnity of the Sacred Heart the Church will observe the World Day of prayer for the Sanctification of Priests and will be observed on July 1st, 2011. The theme is: “Faithfulness of Christ, Faithfulness of Priests”



More information at: www.worldpriestday.com

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 June.



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

Alvina Buhidar	Amelia Karam	Michael Rizil
Frank Casseb	Joseph D. Karam	Najeeb Rizik
Marie Collingsworth	Nasri Karam	Nagig Saad
Dr. Cesar Diab	Habib Kouri	Edmond Andry Shaw
Jessica Ione Ernst	Karim Joseph Mery	John Jesse Saldaña
Dr. Emilio Garcia, Jr.	Zaizaf Karam Mery	Jessie Tannos
Marie Houayek	Byron O’Shaughnessy	Joseph Vidal
Mary Jowdy		Kaisar Yamin
Abdo Mery Karam	Sarah Trad Reiter	Sam Yamin

Pope to Youth: Grow in Friendship With Christ Says Man Has Questions Scientific Knowledge Can't Answer



Benedict XVI encouraged the youth of the Diocese of San Marino-Montefeltro to grow in friendship with Christ so as to be an example for their peers and to build a more just world.

The Pope said this Sunday in an address to a gathering of youth, held in the Piazza Vittorio Emanuele of Pennabilli. The event took place at the end of the Holy Father's one-day pastoral visit to the diocese.

The Pontiff spoke to the youth present of the fundamental questions of life, noting that not even the most advanced technical and scientific knowledge can offer "answers and solutions to all of humanity's problems."

He said that mankind will always ask questions about the **“meaning of life and of death, on the meaning of suffering,”** he explained, as they **“are inscribed in the human soul, in our heart, and they surpass the sphere of necessities.”**

Even in the midst of progress, and the comforts of an advanced society, he added, the individual **“continues to be a being open to the whole truth of existence, who cannot stay with material things, but who opens to a much wider horizon.”**

Benedict XVI told the youth that **“scientific data and technological instruments cannot replace the world of life, the horizons of meaning and of liberty, the richness of relationships of friendship and love.”**

The Lord is with you.

In seeking answers to the fundamental questions of life, the Pope urged the young people to **“grow in friendship”** with Christ. He suggested reading the Gospel and frequent participation on the sacraments and spiritual direction as the means to encounter Christ.

“Transformed by the Holy Spirit,” the Pope said, “you will be able to experience genuine liberty, which is so when it is oriented to the good. In this way your life, animated by a continual search for the Lord's face and by the sincere will to give yourselves, will be for many of your contemporaries a sign, an eloquent call to make the desire for plenitude that is in all of us be finally realized in the encounter with the Lord Jesus.”

Benedict XVI urged, **“Let the mystery of Christ illumine your whole person!”**

Filled with Christ, he said, “you will be able to bring to different environments that novelty that can change relations, institutions, structures to build a more just and solidaristic world, animated by the quest for the common good.”

Source: Zenit, The World Seen From Rome, www.zenit.org