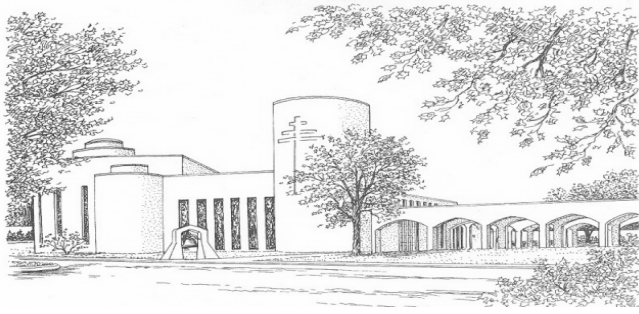


SAINT GEORGE MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH



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

Week of May 29, 2011

6th Sunday of the Resurrection

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

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 Minute



6th Sunday of the Resurrection

May 29, 2011

Maronite Ecclesiastic Art

I - Architecture of the Maronite Church

The holy building is a sign that leads us to the Master of the creation, the Holy One, who came and dwelt among us to lead us to the Kingdom, the true promised land in heaven. The church of stone was considered the sign of the heavenly altar and the true temple in the presence of God. This holy building reflects the relationship that exists between the two worlds: the earthly and the heavenly. One reason being that the Church thinks it is necessary to give a margin of liberty for creativity and innovation in the architecture and building of the church while preserving the essential elements of the Church tradition and heritage. When the space became holy through the Lord's incarnation, death, and resurrection the whole world became "a Holy House of God" where we worship Him in "truth and spirit" (John 4:23). In addition, the Church, mystical body of Christ, will choose a place where she gathers her members to worship and praise God. Where the community of believers meets, there the Church will be. This place will take its name after the community that meets in it. Therefore, the church ought to be the new temple built with stones in the image of the community of believers that built it: a house of God expressing the faith of the people, with a sacred architecture and a special building art that has been inspired by the spirituality of the Maronite Church and her ancient tradition and her Syro-Antiochene liturgy. The altar is the explicit expression of the worship bound to the new sacrifice on top of Golgotha. Through it we thank God for the gifts we have received. The Last Supper of the Lord is renewed in implementation of his command: "Do this in memory of me until I come again." The altar is a perfect representation of the tomb of the Lord and of the glory of his resurrection; it is the source of each sacramental grace and the icon of the heavenly altar where the angels celebrate the eternal liturgy of the "Sanctus", and where the Church on earth offers the sacrifice with the Son to the Father. On the altar, the church gives the truest expression of the apparition of God and of His presence in her midst; for this reason, the altar must be oriented toward the east in the internal architecture of the church, to be in accordance with the theological meaning and with the common eastern tradition.

Source: The Maronite Patriarchate, Bkerke, Lebanon

Intentions and Readings of the Divine Liturgy

<u>Sat. May 28th</u>	5:00 PM, Liturgy for Carlie Estefan, req. by Margaret Andry Karam Liturgy for Ginnette Phipps, req. by Ann Karam & Family Phil 2:19-30	Mt 17:24-27
<u>Sun. May 29th</u>	8:00 AM Liturgy for Mary Karam, req. by Fred & Juliet Russel 11:00 AM Liturgy for Mary Karam, req. by The Staff of Salon La Coupe Liturgy for Joseph Elias, req. by his loving Family Rom 10:1-13	<i>6th Sunday of the Resurrection</i> Lk 24:36-48
<u>Mon. May 30th</u>	No Liturgy Phil 3:1-12	Jn 11:1-16
<u>Tues. May 31st</u>	5:30 PM Liturgy for the Poor Souls in Purgatory, req. by Anonymous Phil 3:13-21	Jn 11:17-31
<u>Wed. June 1st</u>	12:00 Noon Liturgy for Frankie Casseb, req. by the Eddie Casseb Family Phil 4:1-7	Jn 1:32-44
<u>Thurs. June 2nd</u>	7:00 PM Liturgy for Michael Fulcher, req. by Anonymous Liturgy for Carlie Estefan, req. by Robert & Patricia Karam Acts 1:1-14	<i>Ascension Thursday</i> Mk 16:15-20
<u>Fri. June 3rd</u>	12:00 Noon Liturgy for Genevieve Casseb Cattan, req. by Ralphie J. Karam Liturgy for Carlie Estefan, req. by Michael, Phillip, & Beth Niemeyer Phil 4:8-14	Jn 3:12-15
<u>Sat. June 4th</u>	5:00 PM, Liturgy for Salwa Kirkes, req. by Wadell, Sandra, & Nancy Nasif Liturgy for Carlie Estefan, req. by Daniel & Margaret Meyer Phil 4:15-23	Jn 14:1-6
<u>Sun. May 5th</u>	8:00 AM Liturgy for Patricia Daniel, req. by Frank & Betty Gudat 11:00 AM Liturgy for Mary Karam, req. by Edna & Frank Ashmore Eph 1:15-23	<i>7th Sunday of the Resurrection</i> Jn 13:31-35

Stewardship: 2nd Collection for Debt Reduction

Total: \$ 2041.50

“give and it will be given to you...”

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

Luke 6:38

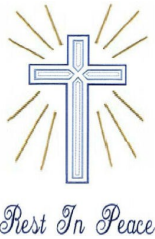


...LEADS A GIVER'S HEART TO JESUS



Elizabeth Abdo,	Muriel Keogh George,	Loretta La Monica,	Malake Mery,	Ashley Polley,
Ellis Aboud,	Hank Grage,	Phillip La Monica,	Maria Mery,	Jo Ann Reed,
Virginia Albosta,	Betty Gudat,	Marie La Monica,	Paul Mery, Jr.,	Kaitlyn Reed,
Rocky Anawaty,	Sal Isgro,	Richard La Monica,	Tony Moawad,	Kirsten Reed,
Gloria Benson,	Vee Jowdy,	Margaret Craig Loyd,	Adele Morrison,	Billie Sahley,
Pamela Gabriel Craig,	David Karam,	Charles Malouff,	Waddell Nasif,	Patricia Saliba,
Marina Curie-John,	Margaret Abdo Karam,	Cecilia Mery,	Byron O'Shaughnessy,	George Sfair,
Diana Curi-Ryder,	Mary Ann Karam,	Elsa Mery,	Thelma O'Shaughnessy,	Jeanette Van Delden,
David Emerson,	Mary Ann Trad Karam,	Emilia Mery,	David Palazzo,	Gene Viola,
Norma Emerson,	Shirley Kirkes,	Elvira 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
Carlie Estefan - February 17, 2011



SATURDAY, May 28th

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

SUNDAY, May 29th

LECTOR: Eugene Karam (8:00AM)
LECTOR: Michael Mery (11:00AM)
USHERS: Marcel Noujeim, Gus Van Steenberg, Alton Wells, Jose Fernandez
GREETERS: Sharon Fernandez, Peggy Karam
ALTAR SERVERS: Douglas Karam, Charbel Elward, Harry Donges, Anel Kuri

SATURDAY, June 4th

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

SUNDAY, June 5th

LECTOR: Donald Karam (8:00AM)
LECTOR: Larry Karam (11:00AM)
USHERS: Rene Gallegos, Kevin Kearns, Jose Fernandez, Frederick Tawil
GREETERS: Marie Joseph, Soumaya Donges
ALTAR SERVERS: Federico Chavez, Anthony Charbel, Madeleine Younes, Stephanie Younes

Community Life

* SUNDAY May 29th

- Qurbono (Liturgy) at 8:00 AM & 11:00 AM
- The choir will be leading the Rosary before the 11:00 AM starting at 10:30 AM
- LAS Lebanese Luncheon after the 11:00 AM Liturgy. On the menu: stuffed squash, baked kibbee, green beans, and salad.
- MYO meets after the 11:00 AM Liturgy.

* TUESDAY May 31st

- 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.

* THURSDAY June 2nd

- Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord: Holy Day of Obligation, Divine Liturgy at 7:00 PM

* SUNDAY June 5th

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

* FOLKLIFE VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed! Please volunteer to work at Folklife June 10-12. Sign up sheets will be available after every Liturgy or contact Julie Mery at 413-1922 or email jelisemery@hotmail.com.



* BACCALAUREATE LITURGY

ALL graduates (High School, Undergraduate, Masters, Post-graduate, and Professional) are invited to attend the Baccalaureate Liturgy on June 5th at 11:00 AM. If you are about to graduate or will graduate by Aug 15th please call the Church office and give us your name so your achievement can be recognized.



* DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Phillip La Monica, whose brother Nick passed away on Tuesday May 24th. Grant him rest O Lord, and may your perpetual light shine upon him.



* 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.



* SAVE THE DONUTS

We are in need of families to host the Sunday Morning Coffee Hour after Mass. For those who have already signed up, a BIG Thank you! The following months are STILL available:



August & December. 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 if you are able to help.



- 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 and Corporate Sponsorship Committees.

- For more information please contact Jackie Hull at 210-860-8876

Miscellaneous

LAS CORNER

- May 31 (Tue) - LAS Prayer Hour, 4:30 - 5:30 PM
- June 24 (Fri) - Prep for LAS Luncheon, 9:00 AM
- June 26 (Sun) - LAS Luncheon, after 11:00 AM Liturgy
- June 28 (Tue) - LAS Prayer Hour, 4:30-5:30 PM
- **NO LAS MASS OR MEETING** on June 12 due to Folklife Festival.
- Interested in joining the LAS, contact Janice Gildersleeve for more info at 492-7469

Memorial Day is a United States federal holiday observed on the last Monday of May. Formerly known as Decoration Day, it commemorates U.S. soldiers who died while in the military service. First enacted to honor Union soldiers of the American Civil War. It was extended after World War I to honor Americans who have died in all wars.

“And I'm proud to be an American,
where at least I know I'm free.
And I won't forget the men who died,
who gave that right to me.” -Lee Greenwood



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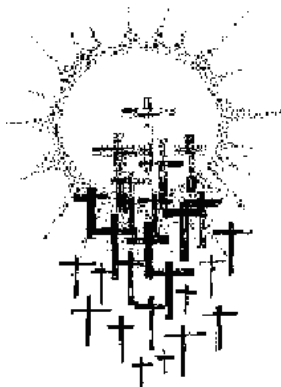
Mark Your Calendar



- * Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord-June 2nd
- * Texas Folklife Festival-June 10th-12th
- * Feast of Pentecost-June 12th
- * Feast of Sts. Peter & Paul- June 26th
- * Eparchial Convention (NAM)- July 6th-10th
- * Feast of St. Sharbel- July 17th

**HAVE YOU
TALKED
TO GOD
TODAY?**

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 May.



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

Freida Abdo	Linda Ann George
Genevieve Abdo	Clark D. Majors
Sadie C. Aboud	Billy Dujardin Mery
Albert J. Aboud	Esperanza M. Mery
Salvador James Abrams	Khalil J. Mery
Joseph C. Bedwick	Kathryn Aebli Monfrey
Adele Younes Casseb	Walter B. Nasif
Genevieve Casseb Cattan	Anthony Nicholas
Margaret Gabriel Craig	Eduardo E. Quintan
Janelle Claire Dieck	Jimmy Rizik, Jr.
Alex Estefan	Hasna Sfair
Carrie Satel Estefan	Jennet Pohl Spillers
Annie Ferris	Loraine Wickern
Ana Deb Gabriel	Fred Kaiser Yamin

Vatican daily: Abstinence is the answer when AIDS affects a married couple



Moral theologian Father Juan Jose Perez-Soba recently stated that abstinence is the choice a married couple must make when one spouse is infected with AIDS.

The use of the condom in these cases not only poses a moral dilemma, but also an objective health risk, the priest said in a May 24 article in L'Osservatore Romano.

Fr. Juan Jose Perez-Soba is a member of the San Damaso Theology Department in Madrid, Spain and the John Paul II Pontifical Institute for Studies on Marriage and the Family in Rome.

“It’s worth noting that while the use of the condom in one sexual act could have some effectiveness in preventing AIDS infection, this does not guarantee absolute reliability, not even in the act in question, and much less over the entire sexual life of a couple,” he explained.

Consequently, the priest continued, “it is inappropriate to recommend the use (of the condom) as an effective means of preventing infection.”

“The numerous campaigns that encourage its indiscriminate use have fed the false belief that there is no danger, and they have ended up increasing the chances of infection,” Fr. Perez-Soba said.

For this reason, “Choosing to use it as a habitual practice shows a lack of responsibility towards the other person.”

Fr. Perez-Soba said the use of the condom also poses an ethical problem. “The sexual act carried out with a condom cannot be considered a fully conjugal act as it has been voluntarily deprived of its intrinsic meanings.”

He noted that according to Catholic teaching, all sexual relations between spouses have two dimensions: the unitive, which makes the spouses “one flesh,” and the procreative, which enables them to have children.

“The condom, acting as a barrier, distorts the realization of the sexual act in every way and deprives it not only of its procreative meaning, by presenting an impediment to fertilization, but also by attacking the meaning of being ‘one flesh’ in the sense of the total gift of self in the spousal union,” he explained.

Fr. Perez-Soba acknowledged the demanding nature of abstinence, but noted that the marriage vows include “the effort to respond with generosity: in this difficult situation, they should commit themselves to the effort they have undertaken and embrace the strength they need to live the truth of their vocation, trusting in God’s grace and seeking out the counsel of the Church, which is there to help them throughout their journey.”

Source: Catholic News Agency, EWTN News - <http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/>

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