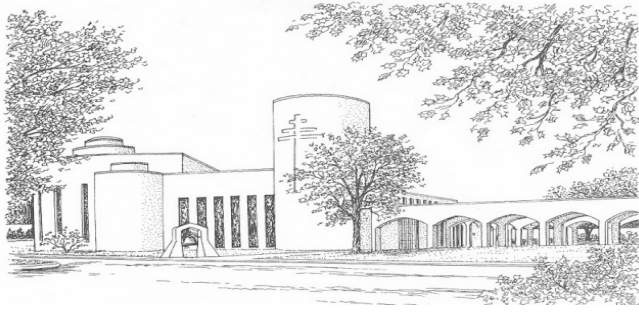


# SAINT GEORGE MARONITE CHURCH



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

**Week of October 16, 2011**  
**5th Sunday after Holy Cross**

## **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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Marcel Noujeim-Parish Council President

Jamal Tawil-Stewardship Committee Chairman

Nancy Karam-LAS President

Patricia Karam-Scholarship Committee Chairman

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Samantha Karam Naffah-MYA President

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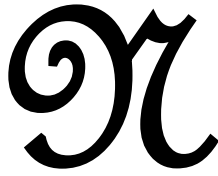
Miriam Wells and Julie Mery-NAM Delegates

Dave Sweeney-Veterans Committee Chairman

***A Community of Prayer, Care and Friendship. Come and See!***



## The National Apostolate of Maronites (NAM)



NAM is the official lay apostolate of the Maronite Church of the USA. The only lay apostolate of its kind in the Maronite World, it was established in 1964 and has held a national convention every year since. NAM was established before the presence of a Maronite Bishop or diocese in the USA. In fact it was begun to help unify and organize the Maronite faithful in order to petition Rome for a Maronite Bishop. Since 1966, NAM has served the then Diocese of St. Maron and now serves both our Maronite Eparchies and our Eparchial bishops.

Two words best describe NAM's function and service: Unite and Preserve. NAM serves as a uniting "umbrella" for the Maronites spread all over the country from Waterville, ME to San Diego, CA and from Miami, FL to Portland, OR. It is especially significant as a uniting organization in lieu of two separate eparchies; NAM is a link or a "bridge" uniting all Maronites across the USA. NAM helps to preserve the beautiful and rich traditions of the Syriac Antiochene Maronite Church handed on to us by St. Maron and his descendants. Through its many programs of service to the Maronite Church, the apostolate helps nurture interest in our spiritual, cultural and ethnic roots. For many, NAM's most important events are its national and regional conventions, where the Maronite Faithful are gathered along with our bishops and clergy for spiritual renewal, educational growth and social and ethnic fellowship.

In 1964, a small group of dedicated Maronites met to discuss the necessity for an organized group that would fulfill the need for unification of all Maronites and Maronite Churches in the United States and the necessity of having a permanent Bishop in America. The most pressing need was for the financial help needed to bring a Bishop to ordain the first seminarian. These men also brought the idea to others in the area of having a Maronite Church in Washington and it was quickly endorsed by all. Two years later, Our Lady of Lebanon Church was established. They envisioned a group which would give financial support for the Diocese and Seminary. In this way, the National Association of Maronites was created. It would become a permanent organization with detailed by-laws covering all aspects of its structure, future growth and anticipated spiritual and social needs. This was the birth of NAM.

The founders saw the immediate benefits of NAM that included;

- Aid in obtaining and financing a Bishop to ordain Robert Shaheen.
- Aid in obtaining a permanent Maronite Bishop;
- Aid in supporting a Maronite Bishop and Eparchy;
- Aid in bringing all Maronites together.

# Intentions and Readings of the Divine Liturgy

<b><u>Sat. Oct 15th</u></b>	5:00 PM,	Liturgy for Solomon Karam, Sr., Solomon Karam, Jr., & Frank Van Delden, req. by Azizi Karam & Jeanette Van Delden & their families	
	Rev 22:16-21		Lk 15:8-10
<b><u>Sun. Oct 16th</u></b>	8:00 AM	Liturgy for Byron O'Shaughnessy, req. by Roger & Carolyn O'Shaughnessy	
		Liturgy for Emilia Mery, req. by Amira Andera & JoAnn Andera	
	11:00 AM	Liturgy for Madeline & Fred Jowdy, req. by their loving family	
		Liturgy for Byron O'Shaughnessy, req. by Jenny Hannna	
	Phil 2:12-18	<i>5th Sunday after Holy Cross</i>	Mt 25:1-13
<b><u>Mon. Oct. 17th</u></b>	No Liturgy		
	1Cor 1:1-9		Lk 16:1-12
<b><u>Tues. Oct. 18th</u></b>	5:30 PM	Liturgy for Emilia Mery, req. by the Malouff Family	
		Liturgy for Leymone Blessing, req. by Robert Beathe	
	1Cor 1:10-17		Lk 18:1-8
<b><u>Wed. Oct 19th</u></b>	12:00 Noon	Liturgy for Cecilia Mery, req. by Salah Diab & Family	
		Liturgy for Emilia Mery, req. by Sophie Abdo Karam	
	1Cor 1:26-31		Lk 19:11-28
<b><u>Thurs. Oct. 20th</u></b>	12:00 Noon	Liturgy for Jennifer Recio, req. by Robert Beathe	
		Liturgy for Cecilia Mery, req. by Sadie Majors	
	1Cor 3:10-23		Mk 4:21-25
<b><u>Fri. Oct. 21st</u></b>	12:00 Noon	Liturgy for Chorbishop Jamie Namie, req. by Ralph J. Karam	
		Liturgy for Cecilia Mery, req. by Rosemarie LaMonica	
	1Cor 4:1-13		Mk 4:26-29
<b><u>Sat. Oct 22nd</u></b>	5:00 PM,	Liturgy for Josephine Daywood Karam, req. by her Family	
		Liturgy for Emilia Mery, req. by Margaret Andry Karam	
	1Cor 4:14-21		Mt 22:1-14
<b><u>Sun. Oct 23rd</u></b>	8:00 AM	Liturgy for Byron O'Shaughnessy, req. by Greg & Rita King	
		Liturgy for Emilia Mery, req. by George & Kathy White	
	11:00 AM	Liturgy for Fred Sfair req. by his loving family	
		Liturgy for Byron O'Shaughnessy, req. by Curtis & Jo Ann Reed	
	Gal 6:1-10	<i>6th Sunday after Holy Cross</i>	Mt 25:14-30

## **Stewardship:**



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

**Salwa Kirkes** - December 7, 2010  
**Phil Sfair** - January 4, 2011  
**Mary Karam** - January 17, 2011  
**Carlie Estefan** - February 17, 2011  
**Byron O'Shaughnessy**- June 12, 2011  
**Cecilia Mery**- July 21, 2011  
**Emilia Mery**- July 27, 2011  
**Jamil Karam**- September 2, 2011



*Rest In Peace*



<p><b><u>SATURDAY, Oct 15th</u></b></p> <p><b>LECTOR:</b> Tim O'Connor (5:00pm)</p> <p><b>USHERS:</b> Kathy Birkner &amp; Nancy Karam</p> <p><b>GREETERS:</b> Sandy Nasif</p> <p><b>ALTAR SERVERS:</b> Chris Khattar &amp; Zach Karam</p>	<p><b><u>SATURDAY, Oct 22nd</u></b></p> <p><b>LECTOR:</b> Joe Khattar (5:00pm)</p> <p><b>USHERS:</b> Ralph J. Karam &amp; Pat Perillo</p> <p><b>GREETERS:</b> Nancy Nasif</p> <p><b>ALTAR SERVERS:</b> Sean Salisbury &amp; Ktle Salibury</p>
<p><b><u>SUNDAY, Oct 16th</u></b></p> <p><b>LECTOR:</b> Pat Perillo (8:00AM)</p> <p><b>LECTOR:</b> Larry Karam (11:00AM)</p> <p><b>USHERS:</b> Mike Daly, Toufic Khalife, Larry Monsour, Dave Sweeney</p> <p><b>GREETERS:</b> Peggy Karam</p> <p><b>ALTAR SERVERS:</b> Tomas Cancio, Talina Beshara, Jeremy Daly</p>	<p><b><u>SUNDAY, Oct 23rd</u></b></p> <p><b>LECTOR:</b> Frank Westermann (8:00AM)</p> <p><b>LECTOR:</b> Edward Karam (11:00AM)</p> <p><b>USHERS:</b> JoAnn Andera, Jose Fernandez, Ray Dustin &amp; Lila Dustin</p> <p><b>GREETERS:</b> Sylvana Mery &amp; Ginina Mery</p> <p><b>ALTAR SERVERS:</b> Joya Noujeim, Ani Saliba, Federico Chavez, Ceci Chavez</p>

# Community Life

## \* SUNDAY October 16th

- Qurbono (Liturgy) at 8:00 AM & 11:00 AM
- Faith Formation will begin at 9:00 AM in the MCC.
- Bible Study today at 9:30 AM; topic for today is below.

## \* TUESDAY October 18th

- 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 October 23rd

- Qurbono (Liturgy) at 8:00 AM & 11:00 AM
- Faith Formation will begin at 9:00 AM in the MCC.
- Bible Study today at 9:30 AM; topic for today is below.

## \*MARONITE YOUNG AT HEART SENIORS

- Will meet on October 19, due to the patriarch's visit at 10:00 Am in the MCC.

## \* FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- The Lebanese Festival will be here before you know it. Workers are needed for this major St. George event. Sign up sheets are available this weekend or call the church office.



## Bible Study Corner

Fruits of the Holy Spirit:

- |                            |                     |
|----------------------------|---------------------|
| 4. Patience– October 16    | Matthew 18:21-35    |
| 5. Kindness–October 23     | 2Samuel 9           |
| 6. Goodness–November 6     | Psalms 107          |
| 7.Faithfulness–November 13 | 2Chronicles 20:1-30 |



## \* VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU

- His Beatitude wishes to thank the community of St. George for their hospitality and kindness.
- A very sincere thank you to the co chairs, the committees, the volunteers and those who supported the patriarchs' luncheon and all the events for making the patriarch's visit a great success.

## \* 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.



## \* PROJECT ROOTS

- The Eparchies of St. Maron and Our Lady of Lebanon are joining together to help people reconnect with their Christian spiritual roots in Lebanon and the Middle East. An office has been established in Los Angeles to assist those in obtaining Dual US/Lebanese citizenship, if desired and obtaining those necessary documents needed to register. Registration offers many benefits, such as the right to own property, the right to inheritance in Lebanon, and more. For more details see the brochures located in the back of the church building.



- The festival is a few weeks away and promises to be more wonderful than ever.
- Please tell your family and friends to hold the dates: Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>.
- New this year - a Casino Night both Fri and Sat evening for a chance to win fabulous prizes.
- Raffle tickets will be available soon for a chance to win trips, an iPad2+3G, or Visa Gift Cards.
- For more information contact Jackie Hull at 210-860-8876 or email at [jjmjch@gmail.com](mailto:jjmjch@gmail.com)

# Miscellaneous

## LAS CORNER

- \* Oct 29 (Sat.) - Prep for LAS Luncheon 9 am
- \* Oct 30 (Sun.) - LAS Luncheon after 11 am Mass
- \* Interested in joining the LAS, contact Janice Gildersleeve at 492-7469 for more info.



# 2011

## Mark Your Calendar



- \* NAM board visits St. George - Oct. 14th - 16th
- \* NAM Awareness weekend October 15th-16th
- \* Veterans Day Liturgy & Celebration— November 13th
- \* All Saints Day—Nov. 1st
- \* Lebanese Festival— Nov 4-6
- \* Consecration of the Church—Sun. Nov. 6th



For all who love Lebanon, dedicate some time and vote for Jeita grotto, one the new 7 wonders of our planet.

*Please visit: <http://www.vote4lebanon.com/>*

## Feast of St. Luke October 18th

Luke wrote one of the major portions of the New Testament, a two-volume work comprising the third Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles. In the two books he shows the parallel between the life of Christ and that of the Church. He is the only Gentile Christian among the Gospel writers. Tradition holds him to be a native of Antioch, and Paul calls him "our beloved physician" (Colossians 4:14). His Gospel was probably written between A.D. 70 and 85.

Luke appears in Acts during Paul's second journey, remains at Philippi for several years until Paul returns from his third journey, accompanies Paul to Jerusalem and remains near him when he is imprisoned in Caesarea. During these two years, Luke had time to seek information and interview persons who had known Jesus. He accompanied Paul on the dangerous journey to Rome where he was a faithful companion. "Only Luke is with me," Paul writes (2 Timothy 4:11).

# What Is Natural Family Planning

**N**atural Family Planning (NFP) is an umbrella term for certain methods used to achieve and avoid pregnancies. These methods are based on observation of the naturally occurring signs and symptoms of the fertile and infertile phases of a woman's menstrual cycle. Couples using NFP to avoid pregnancy abstain from intercourse and genital contact during the fertile phase of the woman's cycle. No drugs, devices, or surgical procedures are used to avoid pregnancy. NFP reflects the dignity of the human person within the context of marriage and family life, promotes openness to life, and recognizes the value of the child. By respecting the love-giving and life-giving natures of marriage, NFP can enrich the bond between husband and wife.



## Is NFP Rhythm?

NFP is not "Rhythm."

The Rhythm (or Calendar) method was developed in the 1930s. It was based on the theory that the time of next ovulation could be determined by calculating previous menstrual cycles. This method often proved inaccurate because of the unique nature of each woman's menstrual cycle: some women have very irregular cycles and almost all women have a cycle of unusual length once in a while.

On the other hand, NFP methods are progressive. That is, they are based on progressive, day-to-day observations of the naturally occurring signs and symptoms of the fertile and infertile phases of the menstrual cycle. NFP methods take advantage of the changes associated with ovulation, treating each cycle as unique.

Couples using NFP to avoid pregnancy abstain from intercourse during the fertile phase of the woman's cycle. Couples who wish to achieve a pregnancy can also take advantage of the fertile time of the cycle. Because it allows couples to adjust their behavior to the naturally occurring cycles of a woman's body, NFP is not a contraceptive--i.e., it does nothing to work against conception.

## Who can use NFP?

Any married couple can use NFP! A woman need not have "regular" cycles. NFP education helps couples to fully understand their combined fertility, thereby helping them to either achieve or avoid a pregnancy. The key to the successful use of NFP is cooperation and communication between husband and wife--a shared commitment.

As a method of family planning, NFP

Calls for mutual responsibility by husband and wife

Requires the couple to communicate

Is based on scientific research

Treats each menstrual cycle as unique and teaches a couple to observe their signs of fertility on a day-to-day bases

Has no harmful side effects

Is effective for those wanting to achieve or avoid pregnancy

<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/natural-family-planning/what-is-nfp/>