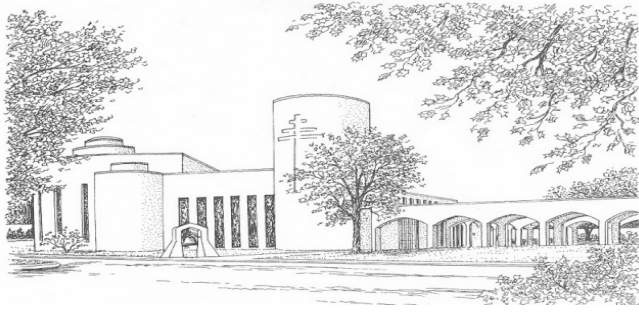


SAINT GEORGE MARONITE CHURCH



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

**Week of October 30, 2011
7th Sunday after Holy Cross**

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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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!



Rome celebrates first ever Feast of Bl. John Paul II

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lessed John Paul II was remembered Saturday with celebrations all over Rome on Oct. 22, his first feast day since his May 1 beatification earlier this year.

Among other events in Rome, the day was celebrated with a pilgrimage from one papal basilica to another.

Cardinal Angelo Comastri, head priest of St. Peter's Basilica, started off the pilgrimage in St. Peter's Square in the early afternoon. It concluded four hours later with a prayer vigil at the Basilica of St. John Lateran. The Diocese of Rome's vicar, Cardinal Agostino Vallini, then celebrated Mass.

The blessed's personal secretary, Cardinal Stanislaw Dziwisz of Krakow, Poland, celebrated Mass at St. Peter's earlier in the day with more than 200 other priests and several cardinals and bishops.

In his homily, the Polish cardinal said John Paul II can inspire the new evangelization.

"Committing ourselves to this work," he said, "we fulfill in the best way the testament the blessed introduced to the Church in the third millennium of Christianity."

Also on Saturday, Cardinal Comastri celebrated Mass at Rome's Shrine of Divine Love. He blessed a new mosaic depicting Bl. John Paul II. The shrine, on the city's southern edge, was visited by the late Pope just months into his papacy.

Though John Paul II was elected a week prior to Oct. 22, the chosen feast day, the date marks the official beginning of his pontificate in 1978.

The blessed's memory was also celebrated with multiple Masses, prayers and reflections at the Church of Santo Spirito in Sassia, a Marian sanctuary dedicated to Divine Mercy. Bl. John Paul II established the church himself and it is now a major pilgrim destination, particularly for Poles, in Rome.

"For many little Karols, Carolinas and John Pauls born after these prayers," said Fr. Oder, "the liturgical memory will be the first name day celebrated in the company of their Holy Patron."

Read more: <http://www.ewtnnews.com/catholic-news/Vatican.php?id=4214#ixzz1bi4qKwT5>

Intentions and Readings of the Divine Liturgy

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| <u>Sat. Oct 29th</u> | 5:00 PM, | Liturgy for Mike & Minnie Sada & Josephine Melfi, req. by the Reed Family Liturgy for Jennifer Recio, req. by Phillip LaMonica | |
| | | 1Cor 9:19-27 | Mt 13:36-43 |
| <u>Sun. Oct 30th</u> | 8:00 AM | Liturgy for Byron O'Shaughnessy, req. by Greg & Rita King Liturgy for Jennifer Recio, req. by Amira Andera & JoAnn Andera | |
| | 11:00 AM | Liturgy for Jamil Karam, req. by Jamie Jennings & George Lee Liturgy for Byron O'Shaughnessy req. by John & Georgette Hanna | |
| | | Rom 12:9-21 | <i>7th Sunday after Holy Cross</i> Mt 25:31-46 |
| <u>Mon. Oct. 31st</u> | | No Liturgy | |
| | | 1Cor 10:1-13 | Mt 13:44-46 |
| <u>Tues. Nov. 1st</u> | 7:00 PM | Liturgy for Emilia Mery, req. by Steve & Meladdie Magaro Liturgy for Jamil Karam, req. by Phillip LaMonica | |
| | | Heb 12:18-24 | <i>All Saint's Day</i> Mt 25:31-46 |
| <u>Wed. Nov. 2nd</u> | 12:00 Noon | Liturgy for Cecilia Mery, req. by Salah Diab & Family Liturgy for Assaad Leon Toursarkissian, req. by his loving Family | |
| | | 1Cor 12:1-11 | Mt 18:23-35 |
| <u>Thurs. Nov. 3rd</u> | 12:00 Noon | Liturgy for Emilia Mery, req. by Jackie Hull Liturgy for Jamil Karam, req. by John & Edwina Saba | |
| | | 1Cor 12:12-27 | Mt 22:15-22 |
| <u>Fri. Nov. 4th</u> | 12:00 Noon | Liturgy for Family & Acquaintances now deceased, req. by Ralph J. Karam Liturgy for Cecilia Mery, req. by Gloria & David Saliba | |
| | | 1Cor 13:1-13 | Mt 21:28-32 |
| <u>Sat. Nov. 5th</u> | 5:00 PM, | Liturgy for George Joseph, req. by his Family Liturgy for Cecilia Mery, req. by Ann Karam | |
| | | 1Cor 14:1-5, 13-14, 20, 26 | Mt 21:33-46 |
| <u>Sun. Nov. 6th</u> | 8:00 AM | Liturgy for Byron O'Shaughnessy, req. by John & Margaret Stamboulian Liturgy for Jamil Karam, req. by Amira Andera & JoAnn Andera | |
| | 11:00 AM | Liturgy for Jamil Karam, req. by Hershell & Jean James Liturgy for Byron O'Shaughnessy, req. by Roger & Carolyn O'Shaughnessy | |
| | | Heb 9-1-12 | <i>Consecration of the Church</i> Mt 16:13-20 |

Stewardship:

2nd Collection-Debt Reduction



“give and it will be given to you...”

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

Luke 6:38



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

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
 Leon Toursarkissian- October 24, 2011



Rest In Peace



SATURDAY, Oct 29th

LECTOR: Ralphie Karam (5:00pm)
USHERS: Claire Wester & Kathy Birkner
GREETERS: Karen Al-Bahloly
ALTAR SERVERS: Aaron Mery & Zach Karam

SUNDAY, Oct 30th

LECTOR: Eugene Karam (8:00AM)
LECTOR: Ernest Karam (11:00AM)
USHERS: Marcel Noujeim, Larry Monsour, Dave Sweeney, Rene Gallegos
GREETERS: Marie Joseph, Soumaya Doenges
ALTAR SERVERS: Blaise Northrop, Harry Doenges, Federico Chavez & Douglas Karam

SATURDAY, Nov. 5th

LECTOR: James Andry (5:00pm)
USHERS: Gerry Karam & Laney McMath
GREETERS: Karen Al-Bahloly
ALTAR SERVERS: Thomas Andry & Chris Khattar

SUNDAY, Nov 6th

LECTOR: Donald Karam (8:00AM)
LECTOR: Michael Mery (11:00AM)
USHERS: Alton Wells, Kevin Kearns, Jose Fernandez, Fredrick Tawil
GREETERS: Miriam Wells
ALTAR SERVERS: Chandler Kearns, Madeleine Younes, Stephanie Younes, Blake Mery

Community Life

* SUNDAY October 30th

- Qurbono (Liturgy) at 8:00 AM & 11:00 AM
- No Faith Formation or -Bible Study today
- LAS Lebanese Luncheon after the 11:00 AM Liturgy

* TUESDAY November 1st

- All Saints Day– Divine Liturgy at 7:00 PM
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM followed by the Qurbono (Divine Liturgy) at 7:00 PM. Adoration will resume at 8:00 PM and will conclude with the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

* SUNDAY November 6th

- Qurbono (Liturgy) at 8:00 AM & 11:00 AM
- No Faith Formation or Bible Study today



* 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.



* CTSA BROADCAST OF PONTIFICAL MASS

- CTSA's broadcast of the patriarch's Pontifical Divine Liturgy will be October 31, 2011 at 7:00 PM on Channel 15 on Time Warner Cable.

Bible Study Corner

Fruits of the Holy Spirit:

October 30 & November 6th-No Bible Study

- 6. Goodness-November 13 Psalms 107
- 7. Faithfulness-November 20 2Chronicles 20:1-30



* 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

- Following up on his Beatitude 'Bechara Perer Rai desire, Tony Choufati Texas representative from *Project Roots* will be making a presentation after the Divine Liturgy on October 30th. Tony Choufati is assigned by the Patriarchate in Bkerki, Lebanon to help the Lebanese in the Diaspora register their marriage and children born in the USA in the Lebanese Civil Registry. There will be a 15 minutes presentation followed by questions and answers.

VETERANS DAY LITURGY AND CELEBRATION

- All participants are requested to assemble in the church vestibule at 10:45 a.m., on Sunday, November 13th. We will be entering the church in procession and sit in the first three rows on each side.

- A reception in the MCC follows this Divine Liturgy. All are invited.



- Please tell your family and friends to hold the dates: Nov. 4th, 5th and 6th.

- 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

Miscellaneous

LAS CORNER

- * October 30 – LAS Luncheon: Chicken & Rise, Baked Kibbi, Green Bean, Salad
- * Interested in joining the LAS, contact Janice Gildersleeve at 492-7469 for more info.



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/>

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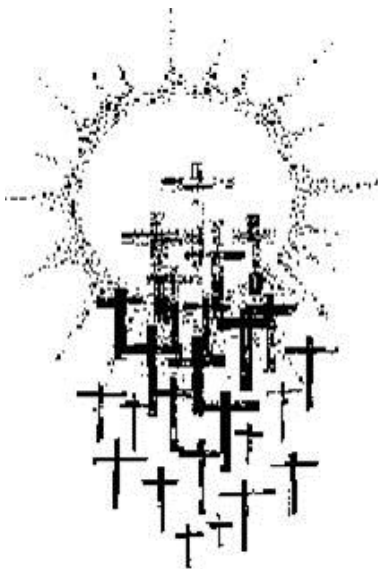
Mark Your Calendar



- * All Saints Day—Nov. 1st
- * **Lebanese Festival— Nov 4th-6th**
- * Veterans Day Liturgy & Celebration— November 13th
- * Consecration of the Church—Sun. Nov. 6th
- * Daylight Saving Time Ends— Nov. 6th
- * Thanksgiving Day— Nov. 24th

In Memory of the Faithful Departed October

Today's Memorial Liturgy is a prayer offering for the souls of the following deceased parishioners and friends of St. George Maronite Church



About, Zarie
Allen, Mary
Andry, Nehman
Barrera, Felix
Buckley, Herman
Buhidar, Waddell
Burchhardt, Patrick Michael
Casseb, Annie B.
Casseb, Solomon, Jr.
Cerna, Daniel A., Jr.
Curry, Virginia H.
Hanna, George H.
Hawkins, Helen Ann
Karam, Josephine (Jay)
Karam, Saidie
Karam, Solomon J. Sr.
La Hood, Madeline
LaHood, Victoria
Lozano, Dolores Muro
Mansour, Cecilia

Melfi, Josephine M.
Sada, Mike
Sada, Minnie
Sarkis, Mary
Sfair, Fred
Shalhoub, Victoria
Sheehan, Louis
Toursarkissian, Assaad Leon
Tueme, Luis
Van Delden, Frank
Wehbe, Anthony
Wehbe, Peter
Wells, Harvey L.
Wells, Yvette H.
Yamin, Ernest
Younes, Jamila

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

Vatican statements on social justice

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oday's democratic societies . . . call for new and fuller forms of participation in public life by Christian and non-Christian citizens alike. Indeed, all can contribute, by voting in elections for lawmakers and government officials, and in other ways as well, to the development of political solutions and legislative choices which, in their opinion, will benefit the common good. — Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, Doctrinal Note on Some Questions Regarding the Participation of Catholics in Political Life, no. 1



By fulfilling their civic duties, guided by a Christian conscience, in conformity with its values, the lay faithful exercise their proper task of infusing the temporal order with Christian values. . . .

The consequence of this fundamental teaching of the Second Vatican Council is that the lay faithful are never to relinquish their participation in 'public life,' that is, in the many different economic, social, legislative, administrative and cultural areas, which are intended to promote organically and institutionally the common good. — Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, Doctrinal Note on Some Questions Regarding the Participation of Catholics in Political Life, no. 1

It must be noted also that a well-formed Christian conscience does not permit one to vote for a political program or an individual law which contradicts the fundamental contents of faith and morals. The Christian faith is an integral unity, and thus it is incoherent to isolate some particular element to the detriment of the whole of Catholic doctrine. A political commitment to a single isolated aspect of the Church's social doctrine does not exhaust one's responsibility towards the common good. —Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, Doctrinal Note on Some Questions Regarding the Participation of Catholics in Political Life, no. 4

The Church does not wish to exercise political power or eliminate the freedom of opinion of Catholics regarding contingent questions. Instead, it intends—as is its proper function—to instruct and illuminate the consciences of the faithful, particularly those involved in political life, so that their actions may always serve the integral promotion of the human person and the common good. —Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, Doctrinal Note on Some Questions Regarding the Participation of Catholics in Political Life, no. 6

<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/vatican-statements-on-social-justice.cfm>