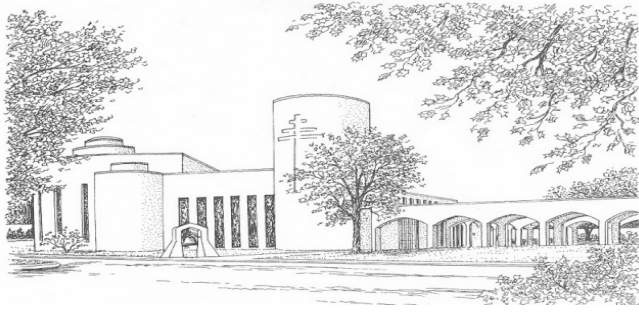


SAINT GEORGE MARONITE CHURCH



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

**Week of September 25, 2011
2nd 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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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!



The Maronite Liturgy: Her foundations and nature

We can conclude from the historic periods the following:

- a. The Maronite liturgy belongs to the Antiochene Church and is organically connected with the Syrian culture in both her branches, Eastern and Western. It draws her sources from the basic liturgies of Antioch, Jerusalem and Edessa.
- b. The liturgical elements common to the Maronite, Syrian, Melkite and Chaldean rites are confirmed by “the liturgical comparative study” and by a few manuscripts of the 7th and 8th centuries and constitute the basis for the project of liturgical reforms. This study will contribute to the strengthening of the bonds of love and unity between these Churches, which have a common origin. The ecumenical spirit will grow and will draw strength from the prayerful experience of the Church.
- c. The history of Maronite liturgy shows the mutual interaction of this liturgy with the rest of the Churches. What was borrowed from the Roman rite is somehow limited to the area of ecclesiastic art and vestments, to some forms of liturgical practices, ritual actions and expressions inspired by a defined theological concept. However, the structures and essential texts of the rites kept their Maronite-Syrian character. The Syrian non-Chalcedonian influence is limited to few texts particularly to the transition from the period of manuscripts to the period of printed books in some villages of Mount Lebanon.
- d. This aspect shows how much the Maronites insisted that their rituals would preserve, in its content and essence, the Maronite authenticity. For this reason they attempted, through the periods of the printing of the liturgical books, to emend them from foreign elements that contradict their belief and limit the development of their liturgy and theology.
- e. Through their openness to Western culture and sciences, the students of the Roman College contributed to the purification of Maronite rituals from all foreign elements. The numerous editions of the Maronite liturgical books during a relatively brief lapse of time are proof of their desire to reform, renew and preserve the uniqueness of the rituals. Maronites consider the liturgy to be a constitutive element of the Church through which they express their spirituality, theology and belief. For this reason, the Maronite Church has always had a quasi-continuous movement of liturgical reform.
- f. Patriarch Stephen Douaihy worked on the reform of the rituals and on the return to their Maronite authenticity. He laid out the firm maxims that became the bases for the present liturgical reform.
- g. The history of the Maronite Liturgy has known a fluctuation between a return to the roots and the introduction of foreign elements in the Maronite rite until the convocation of Vatican II. It called for a return to the roots and a rediscovery of the theological and liturgical identity proper to each Church, with emphasis on the spirituality of the eastern Churches and fathers in order that they contribute to the enrichment of the Christian spirituality at the level of the universal Church. Thus, all the directives of the Universal Church, the Roman Congregations and the Maronite Patriarchate are directed toward this goal. What is needed today, and in utmost seriousness, is a liturgical formation geared toward Antioch and the Syro-Maronite culture without neglecting pastoral needs and all the challenges and changes which face the Church in the East and the Countries of Expansion. Departing from this methodology, the Maronite Church, through the Patriarchal Commission for Liturgical Affairs aimed at giving a new vitality to the liturgical life and at manifesting its theological and spiritual constants.

Intentions and Readings of the Divine Liturgy

<u>Sat. Sept 24th</u>	5:00 PM,	Liturgy for Emila Mery, req. by St. George Choir Liturgy for Robert I. Craig, Sr., (17 Yrs), req. by Pamela Craig & Michael Craig	
	Rev 2:18-29		Mt. 20:1-16
<u>Sun. Sept 25th</u>	8:00 AM	Liturgy for Cecilia Mery, req. by Amira Andera & JoAnn Andera	
	11:00 AM	Liturgy for Edward & Josephine Karam and Phillip & Genevieve Niemeyer, req. by their family	
	1Cor 15:19-34	<i>2nd Sunday after Holy Cross</i>	Mt 24:1-14
<u>Mon. Sept 26th</u>	No Liturgy		
	Rev 3:1-6		Mk 10:16-22
<u>Tues. Sept 27th</u>	5:30 PM	Liturgy for Cecilia Mery, req. by the Malouff Family Liturgy for Mary Karam, req. by Tim O'Connor	
	Rev 3:7-13		Mk 11:20-24
<u>Wed. Sept 28th</u>	12:00 Noon	Liturgy for Jamil Karam, req. by the Reed Family Liturgy for Cecilia Mery, req. by Tim O'Connor	
	Rev 3:14-22		Mk 12:29-32
<u>Thurs. Sept. 29th</u>	12:00 Noon	Liturgy for Cecilia Mery, req. by Margaret Karam (McAllen) Liturgy for Jamil Karam, req. by Phillip LaMonica	
	Rev 4:1-11		Mk 12:33-37
<u>Fri. Sept 30th</u>	12:00 Noon	Liturgy for Zarie Aboud, req. by Ralph J. Karam Liturgy for Cecilia Mery, req. by the Reed Family	
	Rev 5:1-10		Mk 12:38-42
<u>Sat. Oct 1st</u>	5:00 PM,	Liturgy for Emilia Mery, req. by the Bey Aleph Liturgy for Jennifer Recio, req. by Margaret Andry Karam & Family	
	Rev 6:9-17		Mt. 12:43-45
<u>Sun. Oct 2nd</u>	8:00 AM	Liturgy for the parents & brother of Alton Wells, req. by the Wells Family Liturgy for Jamil Karam (40 day), req. by his loving family	
	11:00 AM	Liturgy for Tony Karam, req. by his loving family	
	Phil 3:17-4:1	<i>3rd Sunday after Holy Cross</i>	Mt 24:123:31

Stewardship:

2nd Collection-Debt Reduction

Total: \$ 4251.50

“give and it will be given to you...”

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





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

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
Byron O'Shaughnessy - June 12, 2011
Cecilia Mery - July 21, 2011
Emilia Mery - July 27, 2011
Jamil Karam - September 2, 2011




SATURDAY, Sept 24th

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

SUNDAY, Sept 25th

LECTOR: Frank Westermann (8:00AM)
LECTOR: Edward Karam (11:00AM)
USHERS: Marcel Noujeim, David Saliba, Ray & Lila Dustin
GREETERS: Sylvana Mery & Genina Mery
ALTAR SERVERS: Joya Noujeim, Ani Saliba, Federico Chavez, Ceci Chavez

SATURDAY, Oct 1st

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

SUNDAY, Oct 2nd

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

Community Life

* SUNDAY September 25th

- Qurbono (Liturgy) at 8:00 AM & 11:00 AM
- NO Faith Formation or bible study
- The MYO will meet today after the 11:00 AM liturgy in the small hall.
- After Magic food Sale will begin at the conclusion of the 11:00 Liturgy.

* TUESDAY September 27th

- 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 2nd

- Qurbono (Liturgy) at 8:00 AM & 11:00 AM
- Faith Formation will begin at 9:00 AM in the MCC.
- Bible Study Starts today at 9:30 AM; topics are below.
- Blessing of catechists at 11:00 AM Liturgy

* 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.



Bible Study Corner Fruits of the Holy Spirit:

2. Joy- October 2 Luke 24: 33-53
3. Peace- October 9 Isaiah 43: 1-7



* SISTERS' HERITAGE DAY

- The Sisters of Divine Providence will open the doors of their former motherhouse, the Moye Retreat Center to the community to share its diverse history and heritage on Sunday October 9th from 11:00 AM to 3PM. The event will feature music, food, arts, a silent auction and a children's area with games and pony rides



* PATRIARCH'S VISIT-BANQUET SEATING

- You can now select your seating for the Thursday, October 13th evening banquet . Arrangements for the seating will be after all liturgies for the next two weekends. **NO RESERVATIONS WILL BE TAKEN this Saturday September 24 (Magic Is The Night)** . They will resume the next day after the 8 am liturgy.
- Remember, reservations and seating will be determined by your receipt of payment. **The deadline for reservations is Monday October 3rd.**



- 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. 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

- * Sept 27 (Tue.) - LAS Prayer Hour 4:30 - 5:30 pm
- * Oct 6 (Thur.) - Church Cleaning 9 am
- * Oct 9 (Sun.) - LAS Mass and Meeting
- * 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.

The 98 year old Mother Superior from Ireland was dying. The nuns gathered around her bed trying to make her last journey comfortable. They gave her some warm milk to drink but she refused. Then one of the nuns took the glass back to the kitchen. Remembering a bottle of Irish whiskey received as a gift the previous Christmas, she opened and poured a generous amount into the warm milk. Back at Mother Superior's bed, she held the glass to her lips. Mother drank a little, then a little more and before they knew it, she had drunk the whole glass down to the last drop. "Mother," the nuns asked with earnest, "please give us some wisdom before you die."

She raised herself up in bed and with a pious look on her face said, "Don't sell that cow."

2011

Mark Your Calendar

- * Magic is the Night— Sep. 24th
- * Visit of Patriarch Beshara Peter Rai— Oct. 13th
 - NAM board visits St. George - Oct. 14-16
- * Lebanese Festival— Nov 4-6



Michigan Bans Partial Birth Abortions

LANSING -- Both houses of the Legislature approved measures Wednesday to criminalize a controversial late-term abortion procedure, signaling what may be the end of a legislative debate under way since the mid-1990s.

Bills that would allow prosecutors to charge a doctor who performs the procedure -- called partial-birth abortion by its opponents -- with a two-year felony were approved by the House and Senate, but will have to be reconciled before they can be sent to Gov. Rick Snyder for his signature.

Backers of the legislation hope a state ban will conclude a debate that began in the mid-1990s when it first became widely known that such abortions -- in which a fetus is partially extracted from its mother's body -- were being performed in some clinics. It has never been established whether the procedure has been used in Michigan, either before or after the federal ban.

Partial-birth abortion was banned under federal law throughout the country in 2007, when the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that it did not unconstitutionally interfere with a woman's right to seek an abortion.

From <http://www.freep.com/article/20110922/NEWS06/109220436/State-lawmakers-approve-bans-abortion-procedure>



Pope asks Virgin's Intercession for Vocation



A prayer for more religious and lay vocations at the service of the new evangelization and admiration for all the many men and women who already live this commitment all over the world: this was Pope Benedict XVI's reflection before the midday Angelus prayer with visitors crowded into the courtyard of his Summer Residence at Castel Gandolfo.

At the end of his reflection the Pope urged those present to "pray to the Blessed Virgin Mary that she may intercede for more vocations for the new evangelization."

The activity of "new evangelization" has taken shape, precisely thanks to Benedict in recent years, to tackle the secularism and what may be called the "silent apostasy" very present in the western world. "Today - the Pope said - we live in an epoch of new evangelization. Vast horizons are opening to the Gospel, while traditionally Christian regions are called to rediscover once again the beauty of the faith."

To face these new challenges, Benedict XVI has established a special Vatican department. The Pope recalls with wonder all the many "agents of this mission" already working in this field: "these are men and women who, like Saint Paul, can say: 'Life to me is Christ'. Individuals, families, communities, accept to work in the vineyard of the Lord, an image we find in today's Sunday Gospel (cfr Mt 20,1-16). Humble, generous workers who ask no other recompense but to participate in the mission of Jesus and his Church. 'If living in this body – it is again Saint Paul who writes – means doing work which is having good results, I do not know what I should choose (Phil 1,22): whether full union with Christ after death, or service to his mystical Body here on this earth.'"

To speak of new evangelization, the Pope reflected on the Letter to the Philippians, one of this Sunday's readings. "Paul - the pontiff explained - arrives at Philippi during his second missionary journey, he had come from the coast of Anatolia and crossed the Aegean Sea. This was first time that the Gospel reached Europe. The date was about the year 50AD, therefore twenty years after the death and resurrection of Jesus."

The mystery of Christ who died and is risen "became one with the life of Saint Paul the Apostle, who writes this letter while detained in prison, waiting for a sentence of life or death. He affirms: "Life to me is Christ. But then death would bring me something more" (Phil 1,21). This is a new understanding of life, of human existence, which consists in communion with the living Jesus Christ; not simply a historic personage, a master of wisdom, a religious leader, but rather a man in whom God himself lives."

"His death and resurrection - the Pope continued - is the Good News which, starting out from Jerusalem, is destined to reach all nations and peoples and to transform from within all cultures, opening them to the fundamental truth: God is love, He became man in Jesus and with his sacrifice ransomed mankind from the slavery of evil, offering a trustworthy hope.

"Saint Paul - the Pope went on to explain - was a man who combined in himself three worlds: the Jewish world, the Greek world and the Roman world. Not by chance to him God entrusted the mission to carry the Gospel from Asia-Minor to Greece and then on to Rome, thus establishing a bridge which was to project Christianity to the far corners of the earth".

"Dear friends – the Pope concluded- the Gospel changed the world and continues to transform it, like a river irrigating an immense field".