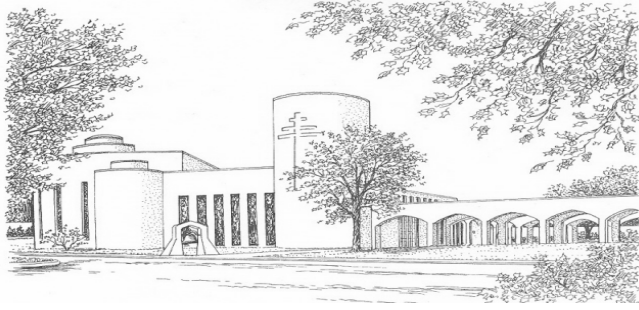


SAINT GEORGE MARONITE CHURCH



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

Week of September 4 2011
13th Sunday of Pentecost

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!



The Maronite Liturgy Her foundations and nature

The Maronite liturgy originated in Antioch and interacted with the Eastern and Western Syrian Churches. Her structure and recent form developed in Mount Lebanon. The Maronite rite belongs to the Western Antiochene family. This means three things:

- a. The Maronite rite is a branch of the Syro-Antiochene family which embodies to a great extent, the tradition of Jerusalem “mother of all Churches.” It forms with both of them the Jerusalemite and the Antiochene, an internal liturgical.
- b. The Maronite Antiochene rite shares many common characteristics with the Eastern Syrian rite that is the Chaldean-Assyrian rite. The most important of these characteristics are the writings of St. Ephrem and St. Jacob of Serugh. Their writings had a great influence on the development of the Maronite liturgy; and,
- c. The Maronite rite preserved its liturgically unique identity in spite of the fact that it was later marginally influenced by the Latin rite. Its liturgical texts bear the marks of an authentic Syro-Antiochene theology, and the structures of its prayers and rituals bear, without doubt, the Antiochene-Jerusalemite character. Therefore, the identity of the Maronite liturgy is Syro-Antiochene. Despite the common points with the Syrian, Chaldean and Coptic rites, the Maronite enjoys a distinct personality and possesses his proper constitutive elements. These characteristics kept the Maronite from disappearing or from being assimilated into another rite. There are many studies that show the organic interaction between the following rites: Maronite, Syrian and Chaldean. Recent studies have shown that the three Syrian liturgies have a common origin, which is the liturgy of the city of Edessa. These liturgies developed within the framework of their mutual churches which belong to the Syro-Antiochene culture. These studies show that the Maronite liturgy though rooted in the Antiochene tradition still bears Edessan traces marked by a special structure and a known order found in the Anaphora “Sharar” and in the ritual of the consecration of myron, blessing of the water and in some liturgical hymns attributed to St. Ephrem the Syrian, St. Jacob of Serugh and other Syrian fathers

Second: Its development

The essential stages of the Maronite liturgy are the following:

The first stage spanned from the beginning of the Maronites to the end of the seventh century. This time frame encompasses the six first ecumenical councils and the divisions that followed them in the Antiochene See, particularly the splitting that took place between eastern and western Syrians, another split between western Syrians and Melkites and finally the third division among Chalcedonians themselves. These doctrinal, social, and political divisions did not influence the liturgy. The latter kept her unity inside the one ecclesial community. The Maronites were characterized by their closeness to Antioch and Edessa and to the spiritual and theological heritage of both cities. The independence of the Maronite rite began with the formation of the Maronite patriarchate.

Intentions and Readings of the Divine Liturgy

<u>Sat. Sept 3rd</u>	5:00 PM,	Liturgy for Phil Sfair, req. by the Waddell, Sandra & Nancy Nasif Liturgy for Ilana Rose Macias, req. by the Salinas Family	
	Acts 28:23-31		Lk 13:22-30
<u>Sun. Sept 4th</u>	8:00 AM	Liturgy for Byron O'Shaughnessy, req. by Mr. & Mrs. C. Zachariades	
	11:00 AM	Liturgy for Cecilia Mery, req. by Joan Mery Kale Liturgy for Byron O'Shaughnessy, req. by Karim & Sybil Baran	
	1Cor 3:1-11	<i>13th Sunday of Pentecost</i>	Lk 8:1-15
<u>Mon. Sept 5th</u>	No Liturgy		
	1Jn 1:1-10		Lk 13:31-35
<u>Tues. Sept 6th</u>	5:30 PM	Liturgy for Cecilia Mery, req. by Amira Andera & JoAnn Andera	
	1Jn 2:1-11		Lk 14:1-6
<u>Wed. Sept 7</u>	12:00 Noon	Liturgy for Mary Gabriel Huron (17yrs), req. by Pamela Craig & Michael Craig	
	1Jn 2:12-20		Lk 14:7-11
<u>Thurs. Sept. 8th</u>	12:00 Noon	Liturgy for Emil Saba, req. by Robert & Patricia Karam Liturgy for Cecilia Mery, req. by Patt Saliba	
	1Jn 2:21-29		Lk 14:12-15
<u>Fri. Sept 9th</u>	12:00 Noon	Liturgy for Raymond N. Dustin, req. by Ray & Lila Dustin Liturgy for Robert I. Craig, req. by Pamela Craig & Michael Craig	
	1Jn 3:1-10		Lk 14:16-24
<u>Sat. Sept 10th</u>	5:00 PM,	Liturgy for Edward Karam, Sr., req. by this loving family Liturgy for Thomas Anthony Mowad, req. by the Salinas Family	
	1Jn 3:11-22		Lk 14:25-35
<u>Sun. Sept 11th</u>	8:00 AM	Liturgy for Byron O'Shaughnessy, req. by Roger & Carolyn O'Shaughnessy	
	11:00 AM	Liturgy for Emilia Mery (40 day) , req. by her loving family Liturgy for Jorge, Georgiana & Juan Carlos Yunes, req. by their children	
	1Thes 2:1-13	<i>14th Sunday of Pentecost</i>	Lk 10:38-42

Stewardship:

Total: \$ 302250

“give and it will be given to you...”

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

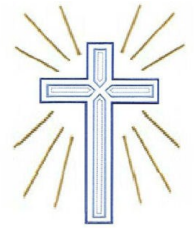
Luke 6:38





Elizabeth Abdo,	Muriel Keogh George,	Shirley Kirkes,	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
Carlle Estefan - February 17, 2011
Byron O'Shaughnessy - June 12, 2011
Cecilia Mery - July 21, 2011
Emilia Mery - July 27, 2011



Rest In Peace



SATURDAY, Sept 3rd

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

SUNDAY, Sept 4th

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

SATURDAY, Sept 10th

LECTOR: Ralph Karam (5:00pm)
USHERS: Frank Dieck & Gerry Karam
GREETERS: Nancy Nasif
ALTAR SERVERS: Sean Salisbury & Kyle Salisbury

SUNDAY, Sept 11th

LECTOR: Eugene Karam (8:00AM)
LECTOR: Brendan George (11:00AM)
USHERS: Ladies of the LAS
GREETERS: Ladies of the LAS
ALTAR SERVERS: Douglas Karam, Charbel Elward, Harry Doenges, Blaise Northrop

Community Life

* SUNDAY September 4th

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

* MONDAY SEPTEMBER 5th

The church office will be closed in honor of Labor Day. Have a safe and happy holiday!

* TUESDAY September 6th

- 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 September 11th

- Qurbono (Liturgy) at 8:00 am & 11:00 am
- LAS Divine Liturgy and meeting after the 11:00 AM Service.

* FAITH FORMATION

- Faith Formation will start up on September 11th at 9:00 am in the MCC Hall.

- Registration will be available prior to classes starting on Sept 11th.



FAITH FORMATION

* 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.



* CONGRATULATIONS

-To Alex and Brenna Presnall whose daughter, Fala Lynne, received the Holy Mysteries of Baptism and Chrismation on Sunday August 28th.



*CONGRATULATIONS

-To Nicholas, son of Paul Karam, and Elizabeth Karam who gave birth to a son Oliver McDonald Karam on August 27th.

Congratulations on Your New Baby!



* MAGIC IS THE NIGHT

Magic is the Night will be September 24th. Tickets are available for singles, couples or tables of 10. Contact the church office 690-9569 for ticket information and to confirm your reservation.

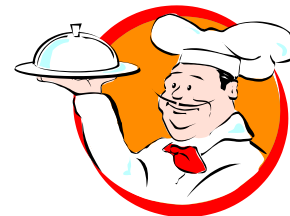
COOKING SCHEDULE

Please note that this schedule may change. You can call Kathy White 872-6365 to confirm

All days start at 9 am unless otherwise noted

Sept 6th at 4 pm

September 7, 12, 19, 22, 23, 24



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- The festival is 9 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.
- Looking for a volunteer to chair the Hookah booth.
- For more information contact Jackie Hull at 210-860-8876 or email at jjmjch@gmail.com

Miscellaneous

LAS CORNER

* Interested in joining the LAS, contact Janice Gildersleeve at 492-7469 for more info.

LABOR DAY FUN FACTS

-The first Labor Day in the United States was observed on September 5, 1882, by the Central Labor Union of New York.

-It became a federal holiday in 1894, when, following the deaths of a number of workers at the hands of the U.S. military and U.S. Marshals during the Pullman Strike.

-Traditionally, Labor Day is celebrated by most Americans as the symbolic end of the summer.

-In high society, Labor Day is (or was) considered the last day of the year when it is fashionable for women to wear white.

-In U.S. sports, Labor Day marks the beginning of the NFL and college football seasons.

2011

Mark Your Calendar



* Exaltation of the Holy Cross– Sep. 11th

* Magic is the Night– Sep. 24th

* Visit of Patriarch Beshara Peter Rai– Oct. 13th

* NAM board visits St. George - Oct. 14-16



THE COLLAR

A priest was walking along the corridor of the parochial school near the preschool wing when a group of little ones were trotting by on the way to the cafeteria. One little lad of about three or four stopped and looked at him in his clerical clothes and asked, “Why do you dress funny?”

He told him he was a priest and this is the uniform priests wear.

Then the boy pointed to the priest’s plastic collar tab and asked, “Do you have an owie?”

The priest was perplexed till he realized that to him the collar tab looked like a band-aid. So the priest took it out and handed it to the boy to show him. On the back of the tab are raised letters giving the name of the manufacturer.

The little guy felt the letters, and the priest asked, “Do you know what those words say?”

“Yes I do,” said the lad who was not old enough to read. Peering intently at the letters he said, “Kills ticks and fleas up to six months!”



DIVORCE



Q - How does the Church view divorce?

A-The Church believes that God, the author of marriage, established it as a permanent union. When two people marry, they form an unbreakable bond. Jesus himself taught that marriage is permanent (Matthew 19:3-6), and St. Paul reinforced this teaching (see 1 Cor 7:10-11 and Eph 5:31-32). The Church does not recognize a civil divorce because the State cannot dissolve what is indissoluble. See Catechism of the Catholic Church, #2382-2386.

Q-Are divorced people excommunicated from the Catholic Church?

A-No. Divorced people are full members of the Church and are encouraged to participate in its activities.

Q-May a divorced Catholic receive Holy Communion?

A-Yes. Divorced Catholics in good standing with the Church, who have not remarried or who have remarried following an annulment, may receive the sacraments.

Q-What support does the Church offer to divorced persons?

A-The Church understands the pain of those caught in this situation. When divorce is the only possible recourse, the Church offers her support to those involved and encourages them to remain close to the Lord through frequent reception of the Sacraments, especially the Holy Eucharist. (United States Catholic Catechism for Adults, p. 287). Many dioceses offer programs and support groups for divorced and separated persons. Catholic Divorce Ministry, The Beginning Experience, and Journey of Hope are helpful resources.

Q-I am a divorced Catholic who would like to remarry in the Catholic Church. What do I need to do?

A-Unless your former spouse has died, you will need to obtain an annulment.

Q-I am divorced. I am not a Catholic but I plan to marry a Catholic. We have been told that I need to obtain an annulment before we can marry in the Catholic Church. I do not understand this since I was not married in the Catholic Church.

A-The Catholic Church respects all marriages and presumes that they are valid. Thus, for example, it considers the marriages of two Protestant, Jewish, or even nonbelieving persons to be binding. Any question of dissolution must come before a Church court (tribunal). This teaching may be difficult to understand, especially if you come from a faith tradition that accepts divorce and remarriage. Some couples in a situation similar to yours have found it helpful to talk with a priest or deacon. To go through the annulment process can be a sign of great love for your intended spouse.

Source: <http://foryourmarriage.org/catholic-marriage/church-teachings/divorce/>