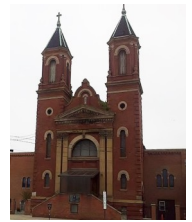




FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER HOLY CROSS

Saint Maron Church

October 15, 2017



Awaiting the Bridegroom

Since the time of Jesus' coming is unknown, we must watch and be ready. Although some rabbinic parables also address the theme of readiness, Jesus' parables about the end time especially focus on readiness for the Son of Man. To live ready for Jesus' return involves living in light of the day of judgment, when our deeds and motives will be revealed.

Wise disciples remain vigilant for Jesus' return. In this parable the bridesmaids, rather than the bride herself, constitute the primary characters. Wedding processions from the bride's to the groom's home, accompanied by singing and dancing, normally happened at night and hence required light. The lamps in ancient weddings were not the small, hand-held lamps used under normal circumstances, but torches, perhaps sticks wrapped with oiled rags, as in traditional Palestinian Jewish weddings. Women torchbearers probably led the bride to the bridegroom's home, joined by the groom and his male friends. Presumably the bridesmaids are thus waiting outside the bride's home for his coming, to escort her to his home.

In this particular parable the issue is not that the virgins went to sleep--both the wise and foolish did so; this detail is merely part of the narrative's setting. The issue is that some were not watchful enough to have sufficient oil. Some suggest that the torches could burn only fifteen minutes before being rewrapped with more oiled cloth. In traditional Jewish weddings, messengers may repeatedly announce the bridegroom's coming, yet it can be delayed for hours. Delays occur while the bride's relatives haggle over the value of presents given them, emphasizing the bride's great value and thus the wisdom of the groom's selection.

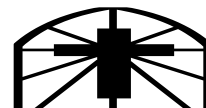
Disciples should not lose heart if Jesus does not return as quickly as we expect him to. All the virgins would have been ready for the groom had he arrived when they expected, but grooms' delays were common enough that they should have anticipated it. This provides clear warning that Christ's return may be delayed. The term used for the meeting or rendezvous with the bridegroom often suggested a party going out to meet someone and forming his escort to a place where he would be honored.

Those unprepared for Christ's banquet insult him and warrant judgment. The wise virgins' unwillingness to share their oil reflects their concern for their friend's wedding; since they had only enough for their own torches, sharing would cause all the torches to be extinguished, ruining the whole procession. Bridal processions were so important that later rabbis even suspended their lectures so they could hail a passing bride; for the groom and for the attendants, weddings even took precedence over some ritual obligations.

Thus the foolish virgins were not excluded simply because the door was locked, nor because the host actually did not recognize them, but because they had insulted the bride and groom as well as all their relatives! They would never be allowed to forget such an offense. To have spoiled the wedding for their friend by failing to do their part was a great insult to everyone else at the wedding. That they would be shut out of the feast in punishment suits their case, but the language used to depict this nightmare points beyond itself to severer, eternal judgment. Wedding feasts epitomized joy (as in Jn 3:29); the transgressors have been shut out.

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Liturgy Schedule
WEEKDAYS: Chapel
10:00 am
SUNDAY: DOWNTOWN
9:30 am - English
11:00am - English & Arabic
SATURDAY: CHAPEL:
7800 BROOKSIDE RD,
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5:00 pm
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MISSION STATEMENT

We, the people of Saint Maron Parish, form a community of disciples dedicated to a shared faith and common life which exemplifies the life, works, and teaching of Jesus Christ as reflected in the Sacred Scriptures and the Maronite Catholic Tradition. Our Parish life and mission are to proclaim the Gospel, to foster and strengthen the faith, and to evangelize. Our covenant of discipleship with Jesus Christ is fulfilled through liturgy, education, and service. Amen

Liturgy Intentions

Sat. Oct. 14: Fifth Sunday after Holy Cross

- 5:00 pm Chapel: Mem. Lit for Michel Maroun
(Given by his children)
- 5:00 pm Chapel: Mem Lit for Judi Mielke
(Her husband Dale, son Scott (Sharon) & family, daughter Annie Bir (Darrick))
- 5:00 pm Chapel: Mem Lit for Ghazi Hajj
(Given by the Chamoun families)

Sun. Oct. 15: Fifth Sunday after Holy Cross

- 9:30 am: Mem Lit for George T. Gordon
(His wife Judith and children & grandchildren)
- 11:00 am: Parishioner Intentions

Next Week

Thurs. Oct. 19: Chapel

- 10:00 am: Mem. Lit for Chuck Ames
(Ed & Becky Asher)

Sat. Oct. 21: Sixth Sunday after Holy Cross

- 4:30 Rosary
- 5:00 Chapel: Saint Charbel Liturgy

Sun. Oct. 22: Sixth Sunday after Holy Cross

- 9:30 am: Parishioner Intentions
- 11:00 am: Parishioner Intentions

The October issue of *The Maronite Voice* is in the vestibule of the Church and Chapel. Pick one up today!!!

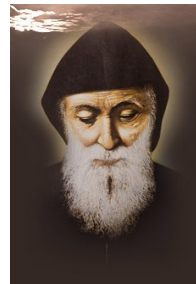
The Pope's Monthly Intention: October Workers and the Unemployed

That all workers may receive respect and protection of their rights, and that the unemployed may receive the opportunity to contribute to the common good.

CONDOLENCES: Our deepest condolences to the family of Isabel M. Thomas, beloved wife of the late Anthony J. Thomas, mother of Dr. Samuel J (Paula), Dr. Anthony J. Jr. (Janie), Sr. Kathryn, C.S.J. and John (Doreen) who passed away on October 6th. A future memorial Liturgy will be announced at a later date.

May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the Mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen

Second Collection Today October 14-15 World Mission Sunday



Liturgy for St. Charbel
5:00 pm Saturday
October 21st at the Chapel
in Independence

Join us for the Rosary at 4:30 pm
prior to Liturgy.

Following Liturgy we will have an
Outdoor Procession.

The MYO is hosting Middle Eastern Breakfast

October 22, 2017

After 11 o'clock mass
downtown church hall

\$10 Donation



Fifth Sunday after Holy Cross: The parable of the ten virgins	الأحد الخامس بعد عيد الصليب: مثل العذارى العشر
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From the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians,	2:12-18	فصل من رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل فيلبيني
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يا إخواني،
 إعملوا لِحَلَاصِكُمْ بِخَوْفٍ وَرِعْدَةٍ، كَمَا أَطَعْتُمْ دَائِمًا، لَا فِي حُضُورِي فَحَسَبَ، بَلْ بِالْأَحْرَى وَبِالْأَكْثَرِ الْآنَ فِي غِيَابِي.
 فَإِنَّهُ هُوَ الَّذِي يَجْعَلُكُمْ تُرِيدُونَ وَتَعْمَلُونَ بِحَسَبِ مَرْضَاتِهِ.
 افْعَلُوا كُلَّ شَيْءٍ بِغَيْرِ تَدْمُرٍ وَجِدَالٍ،
 لِكَيْ تَصِيرُوا بَسْطَاءَ لَا لَوْمَ عَلَيْكُمْ، وَأَبْنَاءَ لِلَّهِ لَا عَيْبَ فِيكُمْ، وَسَطَ جِبِلِّ مُعْوجٍّ وَمُنْحَرَفٍ، تُضِيئُونَ فِيهِ كَالنَّيِّرَاتِ فِي الْعَالَمِ،
 مُتَمَسِّكِينَ بِكَلِمَةِ الْحَيَاةِ، لِأَفْتِخَارِي فِي يَوْمِ الْمَسِيحِ، بِأَنِّي مَا سَعَيْتُ وَلَا تَعَبْتُ بَاطِلًا.
 لَوْ أَنَّ دَمِي يُرَاقُ عَلَى دَبِيحَةِ إِيمَانِكُمْ وَخِدْمَتِهِ، لَكُنْتُ أَفْرَحُ وَأَبْتَهِّجُ مَعَكُمْ جَمِيعًا.
 فَأَفْرَحُوا أَنْتُمْ أَيْضًا وَأَبْتَهِّجُوا مَعِي.
 وَالتَّسْبِيحُ لِلَّهِ دَائِمًا.

Brothers and sisters,
 Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure. Do all things without murmuring and arguing, so that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, in which you shine like stars in the world. It is by your holding fast to the word of life that I can boast on the day of Christ that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. But even if I am being poured out as a libation over the sacrifice and the offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you — and in the same way you also must be glad and rejoice with me.
Praise be to God always!

From the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew	25:1-13	إنجيل القديس متى
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قَالَ الرَّبُّ يَسُوعُ:
 «يُشْبِهُ مَلَكُوتَ السَّمَاوَاتِ عَشْرَ عَذَارَى وَخَرَجْنَ إِلَى لِقَاءِ الْعَرِيسِ، خَمْسٌ مِنْهُنَّ جَاهِلَاتٌ، وَخَمْسٌ حَكِيمَاتٌ.
 فَالْجَاهِلَاتُ أَخَذْنَ مَصَابِيحَهُنَّ وَلَمْ يَأْخُذْنَ مَعَهُنَّ زَيْتًا. أَمَّا الْحَكِيمَاتُ فَأَخَذْنَ زَيْتًا فِي أَنْبِيَةٍ مَعَ مَصَابِيحِهِنَّ.
 وَأَبْطَأَ الْعَرِيسُ فَتَعَسَّنَ جَمِيعُهُنَّ، وَرَقَدْنَ. وَفِي مُنْتَصَفِ اللَّيْلِ، صَارَتِ الصَّيْحَةُ: هُوَذَا الْعَرِيسُ! أَخْرَجُوا إِلَى لِقَائِهِ! حِينَنِيذٍ قَامَتِ أُولُنَّكَ الْعَذَارَى كُلُّهُنَّ، وَزَيَّنَّ مَصَابِيحَهُنَّ. فَقَالَتِ الْجَاهِلَاتُ لِلْحَكِيمَاتِ: أَعْطِينَا مِنْ زَيْتِكُنَّ، لِأَنَّ مَصَابِيحَنَا تَنْطَفِئُ. فَأَجَابَتِ الْحَكِيمَاتُ وَقُلْنَ: قَدْ لَا يَكْفِينَا وَيَكْفِيكَ. إِذْهَبْنَ بِالْأَحْرَى إِلَى الْبَاعَةِ وَأَبْتَعْنَ لِكُنَّ. وَلَمَّا ذَهَبْنَ لِيَبْتَعْنَ، جَاءَ الْعَرِيسُ، وَدَخَلَتِ الْمُسْتَعِدَّاتُ إِلَى الْعُرْسِ، وَأَغْلَقَ الْبَابَ. وَأَخِيرًا جَاءَتِ الْعَذَارَى الْبَاقِيَاتُ وَقُلْنَ: يَا رَبُّ، يَا رَبُّ، أَفْتَحْ لَنَا! فَأَجَابَ وَقَالَ: الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكُنَّ، إِنِّي لَا أَعْرِفُكُمْ! إِسْهَرُوا إِذَا، لِأَنَّكُمْ لَا تَعْلَمُونَ الْيَوْمَ وَلَا السَّاعَةَ.
 حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانُ لَجَمِيعِكُمْ

The evangelist writes,
 “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut.” “Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

This is the truth! Peace be with you.

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Maronite Youth Organization (MYO)

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Mary Ann Watson: mapw47@yahoo.com

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Saint Maron Church

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Parish Center: 7800 Brookside Road, Independence 44131

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This is an invitation to you, your spouses, and your friends to join us on **Tuesday, the 17th of October at 7:00 pm, Parish Center in Independence** as we gather around a bonfire to celebrate the beginning of the seventh season of the Book and Cine Club. There will be not one topic of discussion, but a multitude. Just come ready to partake in heated discussions while munching on roasted potatoes and corn on the cob. A small salad or side dish to share with friends would be much appreciated. Rain or shine! See you on the 17th!

What: Patterson Farm Fun Fest
Where: Patterson Farms, Mulberry Location, 8765 Mulberry Road, Chesterland, Ohio 44026
When: Sunday, October 22 (WEATHER PERMITTING- will send message to attendees day before to confirm)
Who: MMC families
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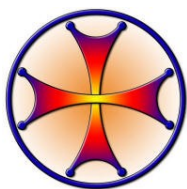
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