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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday — 4 PM, Sunday — 10 AM

Tuesday-Friday — 9 AM

Holy Days of Obligation — 9 AM and 6:30 PM

CLERGY

Father Boutros El Hachem: 315-732-6019

Deacon Paul A. Salamy: 315-723-0109

Deacon Peter M. Hobaica: 315-797-5464

PARISH HOUSE OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday-Friday — 9 AM to 1 PM



BAPTISMS & CHRISMATIONS: Preparation is required.
We encourage this to happen before the birth of your child.

MARRIAGES: Arrangements six (6) months in advance.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Welcome to our parish family. May you find spiritual nourishment among us. Please be sure to register by calling the Parish House.

HOSPITAL, SICK CALLS & SHUT-INS: If a loved one is hospitalized, ill or unable to leave home, please call the Parish House office.

MARONITE CHRISTIAN FORMATION:

Classes 1-6 meet weekly on Sunday morning at 9AM.

Classes 7-12 meet bimonthly on Sunday morning at 9AM.

Please see the calendar published in the bulletin and on the Website for dates.

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 3:15 – 3:45PM
and by appointment.

DEVOTIONS:

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament: Thursdays 9:30 – 10:30AM

Saint Sharbel Devotion: 22nd of each month after Divine Liturgy

Saint Joseph Devotion: 4th Saturday at 3:40PM

16-17 AUGUST 2025

FEASTS AND READINGS

SUN	17 AUG	11th Sunday of Pentecost St. Myron of Cyzicus Eph 2:17-22/Lk 19:1-10
MON	18 AUG	The Letter of King Abgar to Christ Acts 23:12-22/Lk 12:13-21
TUE	19 AUG	St. Luke of Baalbek Acts 23:23-35/Lk 12:22-31
WED	20 AUG	St. Bernard, Doctor of the Church Acts 24:1-2a, 5-6b, 9-13, 17-21/ Lk 12:32-34
THU	21 AUG	Samuel the Prophet Acts 24:27-25:12/Lk 12:35-40
FRI	22 AUG	St. Symphorian Acts 25:13-14a, 22-27/ Lk 12:42-48
SAT	23 AUG	St. Isaac of Nineveh Acts 26:1-2a, 6-10, 12-19/ Lk 12:49-53
SUN	24 AUG	12th Sunday of Pentecost St. Eutyches of Sebastia Eph 3:1-13/Mt 15:21-28

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

SAT	16 AUG	4PM	+Edmund Bellamah by Nieces & Nephews, Joyce, Scander, Louis Jr. & Diana Astafan +Julia Shaheen by Fred & Rosemarie Shaheen +Richard J. Hobaica by Joe & Rosanne Hebert and Al & Judy Blanco
SUN	17 AUG	10AM	+Mary Mazloom by Powers Family +Michael A. Curriere III by Darlene Coleman +Karen Davis (1st Anniv.) by Family
MON	18 AUG		+No Liturgy
TUE	19 AUG	9AM	+Victoria Moses Watson by Rose Crigger's Will
WED	20 AUG	9AM	+June Abounader by MaryAnn Tanoury-Loy & Family
THU	21 AUG	9AM	+Special Intention by Abouna Boutros
FRI	22 AUG	9AM	+George Tamer by Family
SAT	23 AUG	4PM	+Louis & Rose Salami by the Estate of Louis & Rose Salami +Michael A. Curriere III by Danny Corriero & Boys +Nicole Cozza Siriano (Birth.) by Mercy Group
SUN	24 AUG	10AM	+Dennis Wojcik (Birth.) by Christine & George Massoud +Fred Sageer (15th Anniv.) by Mona Sageer & Family +Ann Sageer (10th Anniv.) by Mona Sageer & Family +Gloria Abounader by Jackie, George & Julia Mitchell +George T. Massoud (20th Anniv.) by Family

CONTACTS

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Maronite Christian Formation: Laura Cross ... 315-794-4156
Maronite Youth Organization:
Chadia Karrat Saber 315-534-4023
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Saint Mary's Guild: Aricca Lewis 315-796-9876
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Lectors: Lois Mariano 315-732-3402
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MEETINGS AND EVENTS

WED	20 AUG	9:30AM	Mercy Group
THU	21 AUG	9:30AM	Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament
SUN	31 AUG	10AM	Forty Day Liturgy for Chorbishop Joseph Lahoud
SUN	7 SEP	10AM	Deacon Paul's 30th Ordination Anniversary
SUN	19 OCT	9AM	Maronite Christian Formation Classes Begin
SUN	2 NOV	2PM	Festival of Baskets at Hart's Hill Inn



POINTS OF INTEREST

Saint Roch. On 16 August the Maronite Church celebrated Saint Roch also known as Saint Rochus or Rocco. He was born in 1348 in Montpellier, France to a wealthy French noble family. As a young man he gave all his possessions to the poor. He then made a pilgrimage to Rome, Italy. Along the way he encountered people suffering from the plague and began to care for them. He eventually contracted the plague and had no one to care for him. He made a small hut in the forest, and a dog came to him every day. The dog would lick his wounds and bring him a loaf of bread from the table of his wealthy owner. Eventually the wealthy owner followed the dog and cared for Roch, helping him to recover from the plague. Roch continued to care for people suffering from the plague. He made his way back to Montpellier, France, but he was not recognized. He was accused of being a spy and thrown in jail by the ruler, his uncle, who did not recognize him. In humility he never protested and never told anyone who he was. After several years he died in jail on 16 August in the late 1370s. Devotion to him began in France and Italy and then spread throughout the world, especially to areas of French or Italian influence such as Lebanon. May his prayers be with us.

Chorbishop Lahoud. Chorbishop Joseph Lahoud passed away on 16 July. He was the nephew of Monsignor Francis Lahoud, the builder of our present church. He was a priest of our Eparchy for over sixty-six years and the pastor of Our Lady of the Cedars of Lebanon Maronite Church in Jamaica Plain (Boston), Massachusetts for forty years, from 1970 to 2010. We will offer a Forty Day Memorial Divine Liturgy for Chorbishop Joseph Lahoud on Sunday 31 August at 10AM. Please plan to join us in prayer.

Deacon Paul's 30th Anniversary. On Sunday, 7 September, we will celebrate Deacon Paul's 30th Anniversary of ordination to the diaconate. You are invited to attend a special Divine Liturgy at 10AM, followed by a reception in the George Sfeir Parish Hall. Deacon Paul shares that your presence is the greatest gift. For those who wish, donations may be made in his honor to the Saint Louis Gonzaga Church Building Fund in lieu of gifts.

Festival of Baskets. The Festival of Baskets is planned for Sunday, 2 November beginning at 2PM at Hart's Hill Inn in Whitesboro. Please save the date and plan to be part of this important event for our parish. More information will be forthcoming.

Divine Liturgy. The faithful are invited to Church each week and on Holy Days to participate in the Divine Liturgy. We look forward to praying with you each week at the Divine Liturgy.

Divine Liturgy Intentions. There are weekday and weekend Divine Liturgies that can be offered for your intentions. To schedule a Divine Liturgy in honor or memory of a loved one, please contact the parish house during office hours.

Memorials. Memorials for the offerings regularly used in the Sanctuary as part of the Divine Liturgy can be offered for your intentions. The Candles, the Plants and Flowers, and the Bread and Wine are available for a week, a month, or the year for a donation of \$10 per week to memorialize or honor a loved one. To arrange for a memorial please contact the parish house during office hours.



ALTAR MEMORIALS

Through our gifts at the altar we remember our loved ones:

- CANDLES — Available
- PLANTS & FLOWERS — In Memory of MaryAnn Gianotti by Children
- BREAD & WINE — In Memory of Mae Astafan by Joyce, Scander, Louis Jr. & Diana Astafan
- INCENSE & CHARCOAL — In Memory of Liam Zoghby by Brahim Zogby & Kim Stoffle
- SANCTUARY LAMP — In Memory of Fred J. and Mary Mazloom by Family
- CANDLES – ST. SHARBEL CHAPEL — For the Living and Deceased Members of the Monahan and Murad Families by Jacquelyn Murad

A contribution of \$10.00 will memorialize a loved one for the entire week.



VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

LECTORS

16 AUG	4PM	Aricca Lewis
17 AUG	10AM	James Salamy
23 AUG	4PM	Lois Mariano
24 AUG	10AM	Norma Tehan



PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Collections for the week ending 10 August 2025

1st Collection.....	\$1,732
2nd Collection (Air Conditioning)	\$341
Eparchial Support.....	\$10
Pastoral Programs.....	\$5
Candles.....	\$123
Memorials	\$30
Needy	\$15
Total	\$2,256

This Week's Second Collection: Church Renovation and Repair

Next Week's Second Collection: Pastoral Programs



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