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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

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## 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

## 6-7 SEPTEMBER 2025

## FEASTS AND READINGS

|     |        |  |
|-----|--------|--|
| SUN | 7 SEP  | <b>14th Sunday of Pentecost</b><br>St. Sozon<br>1 Thes 2:1-13/Lk 10:38-42      |
| MON | 8 SEP  | <b>Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b><br>2 Cor 4:1-6/Lk 8:16-21           |
| TUE | 9 SEP  | Sts. Joachim and Anne,<br>Parents of the Virgin Mary<br>1 Jn 4:7-21/Lk 15:8-10 |
| WED | 10 SEP | St. Pulcheria the Queen<br>1 Jn 5:1-12/Lk 16:1-8                               |
| THU | 11 SEP | St. Theodora of Alexandria<br>1 Jn 5:13-21/Lk 16:9-12                          |
| FRI | 12 SEP | St. Cornelius the Centurion<br>2 Jn 1-13/Lk 16:13-17                           |
| SAT | 13 SEP | St. Christopher<br>3 Jn 1-15/Lk 17:1-4<br>Season of the Holy Cross             |
| SUN | 14 SEP | <b>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</b><br>1 Cor 1:18-25/Jn 12:20-32               |

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

|     |        |      |   |
|-----|--------|------|---|
| SAT | 6 SEP  | 4PM  | ♦ John & Helen Tamer <i>by Family</i><br>♦ Christopher M. Tanoury <i>by Family</i><br>♦ Richard J. Koury (10th Anniv.) <i>by Wife, Helen and Children</i><br>♦ Ronald Nelson <i>by Wife and Children</i>  |
| SUN | 7 SEP  | 10AM | ♦ In Thanksgiving for Deacon Paul's 30th Anniversary of Ordination to the Diaconate <i>by Abouna Boutros</i><br>♦ Tony & Freida Ferris <i>by Sarah Abraham's Will</i><br>♦ Gloria Abounader <i>by Richard Karaz</i><br>♦ George & Elaine Mishlanie <i>by David &amp; Jane Marie Mishlanie</i> |
| MON | 8 SEP  |      | ♦ No Liturgy  |
| TUE | 9 SEP  | 9AM  | ♦ Sadie Koury <i>by Sadie Koury's Will</i>  |
| WED | 10 SEP | 9AM  | ♦ Mary Mazloom <i>by Monther, Rania, &amp; Matthew Wahhab</i>   |
| THU | 11 SEP | 9AM  | ♦ Mr. & Mrs. Gabriel Moses <i>by Rose Crigger's Will</i>  |
| FRI | 12 SEP | 9AM  | ♦ Joseph H. Hanna, Jr. <i>by Family</i>   |
| SAT | 13 SEP | 4PM  | ♦ Steve Powers (1st Anniv.) <i>by The Powers Family</i><br>♦ Nicole Rose Cozza-Siriano <i>by Louis, Jr. &amp; Diana Astafan</i><br>♦ Amelia Jabour (Birth.) <i>by Family</i>  |
| SUN | 14 SEP | 10AM | ♦ Albert & Anne Saba Abdoo <i>by The Abdoo Family</i><br>♦ Julia Shaheen <i>by Patricia Shaheen</i><br>♦ Regina Synakowski <i>by Deacon Paul</i>  |

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## MEETINGS AND EVENTS

|     |        |        |  |
|-----|--------|--------|--|
| SUN | 7 SEP  | 10AM   | Deacon Paul's 30th Ordination Anniversary  |
| TUE | 9 SEP  | 6:30PM | Saint Mary's Guild Meeting                 |
| WED | 10 SEP | 9:30AM | Mercy Group                                |
| THU | 11 SEP | 9:30AM | Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament    |
| TUE | 14 OCT | 6PM    | Saint Sharbel Liturgy and Anointing        |
| SUN | 19 OCT | 9AM    | Maronite Christian Formation Classes Begin |
| SUN | 2 NOV  | 2PM    | Festival of Baskets at Hart's Hill Inn     |



## POINTS OF INTEREST

**Deacon Paul's 30th Anniversary.** On 9 September Deacon Paul will celebrate his **30th Anniversary of Ordination to the Diaconate**. He was ordained to the diaconate on 9 September 1995 by Archbishop Francis M. Zayek here at Saint Louis Gonzaga Church. We will recognize Deacon Paul's Anniversary **this Sunday, 7 September with 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. We offer Deacon Paul our prayerful congratulations and thank him for his over thirty-five years of service to our parish, first as a Subdeacon since October 1989, and now for the last thirty years as a Deacon.

**Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.** On 8 September each year the Church commemorates the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Blessed Virgin Mary, along with Saint John the Baptist, are the only saints whose births are commemorated because of their roles in salvation history and their holiness even from their conception.

**Saint Mary's Guild.** The Saint Mary's Guild will meet this **Tuesday, 9 September at 6:30PM**, in George Sfeir Parish Hall.

**Exaltation of the Holy Cross.** On 14 September, next Sunday, the Church celebrates the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. This feast commemorates the finding of the Cross, which Christ was crucified on, by Queen Helen in the early Fourth Century. We will celebrate this feast at the **regularly scheduled Divine Liturgies next weekend, Saturday and Sunday, 13 and 14 September**. Please join us in prayer for this most important feast.

**Mediterranean Festival.** Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church on Higby Road in New Hartford will host their Annual Mediterranean Festival on their parish grounds this **Saturday, 6 September from 12 to 8PM and Sunday, 7 September from 12 to 5PM**. Dine in or Takeout. Please support them.

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**The Maronite Voice.** Please be sure to pick up a copy of the latest issue of *The Maronite Voice* available at both entrances of the Church. There are many interesting and relevant articles.

**Maronite Christian Formation (MCF).** MCF Classes — Religious Education will be held on **Sunday mornings at 9AM beginning on 19 October**. Additional information will be forthcoming to register your children and the schedule of classes.

**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. We ask that you submit your baskets early. More information will be forthcoming.



## ALTAR MEMORIALS

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

- ✦ **CANDLES** — In Memory of John & Elizabeth Raya by *Daughters, Isabelle, Joyce & Beverly*
- ✦ **PLANTS & FLOWERS** — In Memory of Richard J. Koury by *Wife, Helen and Children*
- ✦ **BREAD & WINE** — In Memory of Louis Astafan, Sr. by *Joyce, Scander, Louis Jr. & Diana Astafan*
- ✦ **INCENSE & CHARCOAL** — In Memory of Liam Zoghby by *Brahim Zogby & Kim Stoffe*
- ✦ **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

|        |      |                   |
|--------|------|-------------------|
| 6 SEP  | 4PM  | Jim Amado         |
| 7 SEP  | 10AM | George Mitchell   |
| 13 SEP | 4PM  | Nicole DelVecchio |
| 14 SEP | 10AM | Joey Rahme        |



## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

*Collections for the week ending 31 August 2025*

|  |         |
|--|---------|
| 1st Collection.....                      | \$1,479 |
| 2nd Collection (Air Conditioning) .....  | \$297   |
| Catholic Humanitarian Efforts            |         |
| in the Middle East.....                  | \$515   |
| Bread and Wine .....                     | \$50    |
| Eparchy.....                             | \$5     |
| Contribution .....                       | \$100   |
| Catholic University of America .....     | \$5     |
| Online Giving for the Month of August .. | \$4,982 |
| Total .....                              | \$7,433 |

*This Week's Second Collection: The Catholic University of America*

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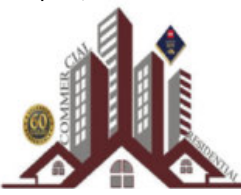
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