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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

## 20-21 SEPTEMBER 2025

## FEASTS AND READINGS

SUN	21 SEP	<b>1st Sunday after Holy Cross</b> St. Quadratus, Bishop of Athens 2 Tim 2:1-10/Mk 10:35-45
MON	22 SEP	St. Phocas and His Companions Rev 1:1-8/Mk 8:34-9:1
TUE	23 SEP	Jonah the Prophet Rev 1:9-20/Mk 9:33-37
WED	24 SEP	St. Thecla, the First Woman Martyr Rev 2:1-7/Mk 9:38-50
THU	25 SEP	St. Paphnutius the Confessor Rev 2:8-11/Mk 10:17-27
FRI	26 SEP	St. John the Evangelist Rev 2:12-17/Mk 10:28-31
SAT	27 SEP	St. Vincent de Paul Rev 2:18-29/Mt 20:1-16
SUN	28 SEP	<b>2nd Sunday after Holy Cross</b> St. Chariton 1 Cor 15:19-34/Mt 24:1-14

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

SAT	20 SEP	4PM	• Louis Astafan, Sr. (Birth.) by Joyce, Scander, Louis Jr., and Diana Astafan • Robert (Bob) Joseph (1st Anniv.) by Family • John Linder (5th Anniv.) by Wife, Isabelle
SUN	21 SEP	10AM	• Abraham and Zeina Saba Abdoo by The Abdoo Family • Julia Shaheen by Tim and Cindy Reed • Nassima Karam by Winnie Mitchell
MON	22 SEP		• No Liturgy
TUE	23 SEP	9AM	• For the Living Intentions of Mary Ingraham by Mary Ingraham
WED	24 SEP	9AM	• Joseph and Lillian Mody by Children
THU	25 SEP	9AM	• Victoria Moses Watson by Rose Crigger's Will
FRI	26 SEP	9AM	• Special Intentions by Abouna Boutros
SAT	27 SEP	4PM	• Vin Morreale (Anniv.) by Nick and Lois Mariano • Julia Shaheen by Fred and Rosemary Shaheen
SUN	28 SEP	10AM	• Mary Mazloom by Mary Mott

## MEETINGS AND EVENTS

WED	24 SEP	9:30AM	Mercy Group
THU	25 SEP	9:30AM	Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament
MON	13 OCT	5:30PM	Cigar Night at Lukin's
TUE	14 OCT	6PM	Saint Sharbel Liturgy and Anointing
SUN	19 OCT	9AM	Maronite Christian Formation (MCF) Classes Begin
SUN	19 OCT	11AM	Saint Mary's Guild Communion Breakfast
SUN	26 OCT	9AM	Maronite Christian Formation (MCF) Classes
SUN	2 NOV	2PM	Festival of Baskets at Hart's Hill Inn

## CONTACTS

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Buildings: Byron Elias ..... 315-737-7803/315-794-9423  
Maronite Christian Formation: Laura Cross ... 315-794-4156  
Maronite Youth Organization:  
Chadia Karrat Saber ..... 315-534-4023  
Lindsay Hayduk Brown ..... 315-794-0396  
Saint Mary's Guild: Aricca Lewis ..... 315-796-9876  
Holy Name Society: Lou Lewis ..... 315-737-3950  
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**Sunday**  
**NOV. 2**

**Hart's Hill Inn | Whitesboro**  
**Doors Open at 2:00PM**



## POINTS OF INTEREST

**Congratulations.** We offer our prayerful congratulations to John Wahba and Kristen Millett who were married on 13 September. May God bless them with a long and happy marriage.

**Congratulations.** We offer our prayerful congratulations to Amelia Marie Lloyd, the daughter of David and Brandi (Bolton) Lloyd, who was baptized and chrismated on 14 September. May God bless her as she begins her journey of faith.

**Season of the Holy Cross.** This Sunday the Maronite Church celebrates the First Sunday after the Exaltation of the **Holy Cross**. The Exaltation of the Holy Cross, on 14 September, celebrated the **finding** of the true **Cross**, which Christ was crucified on, by Queen Helen in the early Fourth Century. The Maronite Church celebrates the Season of the Holy Cross until the first Sunday of November, when the Maronite Church celebrates the Consecration of the Church.

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**Saint Sharbel Liturgy and Anointing.** Saint Sharbel was canonized, proclaimed a Saint, on 9 October 1977. Therefore, on **Tuesday, 14 October at 6PM** there will be a **Divine Liturgy** in honor of Saint Sharbel **for the healing of all who are sick**. There will be a **blessing with a relic** of Saint Sharbel and **anointing with Holy Oil**. Please join us in prayer as we seek Saint Sharbel's intercession for all who are sick.

**Maronite Christian Formation (MCF).** MCF Classes — Religious Education will be held on **Sunday mornings at 9AM beginning on 19 October**. The class schedule will be posted in the bulletin. The class schedule and registration form are available from Laura Cross. Please contact Laura Cross to obtain them, register your children, and for more information.

**Cigar Night.** The Holy Name Society is sponsoring a **Cigar Night at Lukin's on Varick Street on Monday, 13 October, beginning at 5:30PM** with registration. \$75 per person includes a premium cigar, shrimp, beer, and a Family Style Italian Dinner that will be served at 6:30PM. Cash or checks are accepted. Please contact Lou Raya, Rock Hobaica, Jim Salamy, or Lou Lewis by 11 October to attend.

**Saint Mary's Guild Communion Breakfast.** The Saint Mary's Guild will have their annual Communion Breakfast on **Sunday, 19 October, immediately following the 10AM Divine Liturgy**. Please save the date and plan to attend. More information will be forthcoming.

**Festival of Baskets.** The Festival of Baskets is on **Sunday, 2 November beginning at 2PM at Hart's Hill Inn** in Whitesboro. **Admission tickets are now on sale!** There is a lot of preparation that goes into this event, and we kindly ask that you submit your baskets early. Do you have empty baskets you could donate? If so, please contact Betty or Glory. Thank you for your support!



## 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 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

20 SEP	4PM	Richard Koury
21 SEP	10AM	James Salamy
27 SEP	4PM	Joe Saba
28 SEP	10AM	Norma Tehan



## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

*Collections for the week ending 14 September 2025*

1st Collection.....	\$1,548
Eparchial Support.....	\$266
Eparchy—Catholic University.....	\$2
Contributions .....	\$990
Needy .....	\$106
Total .....	\$2,912

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*Next Week's Second Collection: Snow Removal*





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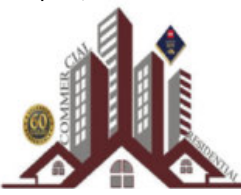
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