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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

18-19 JULY 2026



FEASTS AND READINGS

SUN	19 JUL	Celebration of St. Sharbel 9th Sunday of Pentecost St. Margaret of Antioch Rom 8:28-39/Mt 13:36-43
MON	20 JUL	Elias the Prophet Acts 18:18-28/Lk 11:33-36
TUE	21 JUL	St. Simeon Salus and His Friend St. John Acts 19:1-10/Lk 11:37-41
WED	22 JUL	St. Mary Magdalene St. Nohra Acts 19:11-22/ Lk 11:42-46
THU	23 JUL	St. Sharbel (Actual Feast) Rom 8:28-39/Mt 13:36-43
FRI	24 JUL	St. Christina of Tyre Acts 20:6-16/Lk 11:52-54
SAT	25 JUL	St. Anne, Mother of Our Lady, the Virgin Mary Acts 20:17-24, 28, 32, 35/ Mt 23:1-12
SUN	26 JUL	10th Sunday of Pentecost St. Bridget of Sweden 1 Cor 12:1-11/Mt 12:22-32



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Holy Name Society: Lou Lewis..... 315-737-3950
Saint Joseph Society: Christopher Sunderlin315-570-9639
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Acolytes: Nathan Hanna..... 315-939-8219
Lectors: Lois Mariano 315-269-5179
Sacristan: Harrison Zogby..... 315-749-6399



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

SAT	18 JUL	4PM	• Roberta Murad by Janice Jennings • Nicholas & Vanda Salame Astafan by Nieces and Nephews • Elinor Mazloom by Kraig and Lori Forman • Louis Joseph, Sr. by the Jackson and Hodges Families • Bernadette Roy by Isabelle Linder • Deceased Members of the Family of Abraham and Mary Saba by the Saba Grandchildren
SUN	19 JUL	10AM	• William Jabour (19th Anniv.) by Family • Anthony Jabour by Family • Debbie Delluomo by Mary Ann Powers • Louis Joseph by Albert and Layla Zeina • Roberta (Bobbie) Murad by Michael and Michelle Mancuso • Laurice Moses by Nieces Deb Tyksinski, Janice Zoesch, and Cindy Jones • Abraham and Zeina Saba Abdoo by the Abdoo Family • Elinor Mazloom by Jack and Sue Kowalczyk • Violette Tahan by Nathan and Sara Hanna • Tom Delluomo (5th Anniv.) by Mary Ann Powers
MON	20 JUL		• No Liturgy
TUE	21 JUL	9AM	• Helen Moses Watson by Rose Crigger's Will
WED	22 JUL	9AM	• Bernadette Roy by Selwa Stemmer
THU	23 JUL	9AM	• Howard Hanna by Family
		3:30PM	• Betty Karrat by Abouna Boutros
FRI	24 JUL	9AM	• Rosemarie (Baz) Neuguth by Jamie LaPorte
SAT	25 JUL	4PM	• Nancy Christofaro by Diana & Louis Astafan, Jr. • Elinor Mazloom by Dan Morehouse • Louis Joseph, Sr. by Dan and Allene LaBella • Bernadette Roy by Joseph Abraham • Louis and Hafiza Sawaya Rizik by Great Grandchildren
SUN	26 JUL	10AM	• Louis Joseph Sr. by Valerie and Jeff Maxwell • Abda and Shibley Abraham by Sarah Abraham's Will • Elinor Mazloom by Kelly Greene • Betty Karrat by JoAnn and Bruce Hall



MEETINGS AND EVENTS

WED	22 JUL	9:30AM	Mercy Group
THU	23 JUL	3:30PM	Divine Liturgy at Deerfield Fireman's Field
THU	23 JUL	5-9PM	Taste of Lebanon at Deerfield Fireman's Field
FRI	24 JUL	5-9PM	Taste of Lebanon at Deerfield Fireman's Field
SAT	25 JUL	12-9PM	Taste of Lebanon at Deerfield Fireman's Field
SAT	1 AUG	10:30AM	Deacon Jakob's Presbyterial Ordination, Waterville, Maine
FRI-SUN	14-16 AUG		Assumption Pilgrimage, Our Lady of Lebanon Shrine, North Jackson, Ohio



POINTS OF INTEREST

Saint Elias. On 20 July the Maronite Church celebrates Saint Elias, also known as Elie and Elijah the Prophet. In Hebrew his name means "My God is Yahweh," a reference to his role as a prophet of the one, true God. What we know about Saint Elias comes from the Old Testament books of First and Second of Kings. Elias lived the ninth century before Christ. At the beginning of his ministry, he survived in the desert on food sent by God from a raven. God performed many miracles through him. He promised that God would continue to feed the widow of Zarephath, and he revived her son. Elias also defended the worship of the one true God over the worship of the false Canaanite gods. On Mount Carmel, God answered his prayer of "Answer me, Lord!" by sending down fire from heaven to consume his sacrificial offering. After this, Elias slew the false prophets of the Canaanite deity Baal. At the end of his earthly life, Elias left his prophetic ministry to Elisha and was taken up into heaven in fiery chariot. The prophet Malachi wrote that Elias would come back to announce the coming of the Messiah. This is understood to be a reference to John the Baptist, who came in the spirit of Elias, announcing Christ. As a representative of the prophets, Elias appeared to the Apostles with Jesus during his Transfiguration on Mount Tabor. Devotion to Saint Elias is very popular throughout Lebanon and the Middle East. May his prayers be with us.

Congratulations. We offer our prayerful congratulations to Lillian Elizabeth Barbato, the daughter of Sally and Alfred Barbato, Jr., who was baptized and chrismated on 11 July. May God bless her as she begins her journey of faith.

Congratulations. We offer our prayerful congratulations to Rocco Andrew Owens, the son of Bianca (Barbato) and Mark Owens, who was baptized and chrismated on 11 July. May God bless him as he begins his journey of faith.

Thank you. We offer our sincere thanks to all those who volunteered their time for and supported the Saint Sharbel Healing Liturgy on Thursday 16 July. May Saint Sharbel continue to intercede for you and all who are sick.

Feast of Saint Sharbel. On the third Sunday of July, the Maronite Church celebrates the feast of Saint Sharbel. Therefore, this weekend, we will celebrate the Divine Liturgies in honor of Saint Sharbel.

On Saint Sharbel's actual feast, **23 July**, we will celebrate the **Divine Liturgy at 9AM in the Saint Sharbel Chapel in the Parish House and at 3:30PM at the Deerfield Fireman's Field** as we begin the Taste of Lebanon. The 3:30PM Liturgy will be in memory of **Betty Karrat**. Please join us in prayer on Saint Sharbel's feast day.

We wish a blessed feast day to all those named in honor of Saint Sharbel and all those who have special devotion to Saint Sharbel. May his prayers be with us all.

Taste of Lebanon. We are in need of volunteers for the Taste of Lebanon. If you are able to volunteer, please contact Jouana Huston at 315-941-8251.



ALTAR MEMORIALS

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

- ♦ **PLANTS & FLOWERS** — Available
- ♦ **CANDLES** — In Memory of Aggie and Fred Karam *by the Sunderlin Family*
- ♦ **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

18 JUL	4PM	Richard Koury
19 JUL	10AM	Norma Tehan
23 JUL	3:30PM	George Mitchell
25 JUL	4PM	Lois Mariano
26 JUL	10AM	Nathan Hana



PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Collections for the week ending 12 July 2026

1st Collection.....	\$1,799
2nd Collection (Air Conditioning).....	\$251
Eparchial Support.....	\$35
Needy	\$10
TOTAL	\$2,095

This Week's Second Collection: Church

Renovation and Repair

Next Week's Second Collection: Pastoral Programs

LEWISTON PROPERTIES *presents*

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