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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

12-13 SEPTEMBER 2026



FEASTS AND READINGS

Season of the Holy Cross

SUN	13 SEP	Celebration of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross St. Christopher 1 Cor 1:18-25/Jn 12:20-32
MON	14 SEP	Exaltation of the Holy Cross (actual feast) 1 Cor 1:18-25/Jn 12:20-32
TUE	15 SEP	St. Shaina St. Sassine 2 Pet 1:1-11/Jn 3:11-21
WED	16 SEP	St. Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage 2 Pet 1:12-21/Jn 8:21-30
THU	17 SEP	St. Sophia and Her 3 Daughters 2 Pet 3:1-9/Jn 12:31-36
FRI	18 SEP	The Flight of the Lord Jesus to Egypt 2 Pet 3:10-18/Mk 8:31-38
SAT	19 SEP	St. Januarius Jude 1-7/Jn 18:33-38
SUN	20 SEP	1st Sunday after Holy Cross St. Eustatius and His Wife and Children 2 Tim 2:1-10/Mk 10:35-45



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Maronite Youth Organization:
Chadia Karrat Saber315-534-4023
Lindsay Hayduk Brown315-794-0396
Saint Mary's Guild: Aricca Lewis..... 315-796-9876
Holy Name Society: Lou Lewis..... 315-737-3950
Saint Joseph Society: Christopher Sunderlin315-570-9639
Isabella Scholl315-790-3306
Acolytes: Nathan Hanna..... 315-939-8219
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Sacristan: Harrison Zogby..... 315-749-6399



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

SAT	12 SEP	4PM	• John and Helen Tamer <i>by Family</i> • Elinor Mazloom <i>by Michael Vecik</i> • Louis Joseph Sr. <i>by Jim and Paulette Salamy</i> • Ernest T. Karam (18th Anniv.) <i>by Daughter, Darlene Karam</i>
SUN	13 SEP	10AM	• Louis Joseph Sr. <i>by Fred and Michele Jackson</i> • Christopher M. Tanoury (Anniv.) <i>by Family</i> • Amelia Jabour <i>by Family</i> • Steve Powers (2nd Anniv.) <i>by Family</i> • Abraham and Zeina Abdoo <i>by the Abdoo Family</i> • Nancy Bouziden <i>by Her Husband</i> • Elinor Mazloom <i>by Lou Raya</i> • Frances Roberts (Birth.) <i>by Marlene and Mike Hobaica</i>
MON	14 SEP		• No Liturgy
TUE	15 SEP	9AM	• Special Intentions of <i>Father Boutros</i>
WED	16 SEP	9AM	• Christopher Bussonnais <i>by Rhiannon, Kira and Catalina</i> • Healing of Kim Saver <i>by Mirielle Lewis</i> • Dick Stemmer <i>by Selwa and Family</i>
THU	17 SEP	9AM	• Anthony and Sadie Bolos <i>by Deacon Paul Salamy</i>
FRI	18 SEP	9AM	• Deceased Members of the Mikall and Kalil Families <i>by Deacon Paul Salamy</i>
SAT	19 SEP	4PM	• Elinor Mazloom <i>by John Romano</i> • Violette (Hajjar) Tahan <i>by Marcel Rawda and Family</i> • Roberta Murad <i>by Penny and Eric</i> • John Linder (6th Anniv.) <i>by His Wife, Isabelle</i>
SUN	20 SEP	10AM	• Anna Abdella (25th Anniv.) <i>by Grandchildren</i> • Elinor Mazloom <i>by Tony Esposito</i> • Louis Joseph Sr. <i>by Mary Lynn and Tim Klymkow</i> • Maryann Giruzzi <i>by George, Jackie, and Julia Mitchell</i> • Mildred Tamer <i>by Sara and Nathan Hanna</i> • David Tamer/Special Intention <i>by Winnie Mitchell</i> • Thomas and Angela Mitchell <i>by Their Children and Grandchildren</i>



MEETINGS AND EVENTS

WED	16 SEP	9:30AM	Mercy Group
THU	17 SEP	9:30AM	Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament
SUN	11 OCT	9AM	Maronite Christian Formation Classes Resume
SUN	18 OCT	9AM	Maronite Christian Formation Classes
SUN	25 OCT	9AM	Maronite Christian Formation Classes
SUN	1 Nov	9AM	Maronite Christian Formation Classes
SUN	8 Nov	2PM	Festival of Baskets at Hart's Hill Inn



POINTS OF INTEREST

Exaltation of the Holy Cross. This weekend, 12-13 September, the Maronite Church in the United States 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. Therefore, we are celebrating the Exaltation of the Holy Cross at the regularly scheduled Divine Liturgies this weekend, **Saturday, 12 September and Sunday, 13 September**.

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, 12 September from 12 Noon to 8PM and this Sunday, 13 September from 12 Noon to 5PM**. Dine in or Takeout. Please support them.

Saint Mary's Guild. The Saint Mary's Guild will meet this **Tuesday, 15 September at 6:30PM**, in George Sfeir Parish Hall.

Collection for Lebanon. During the month of September, we are collecting donations to help needy families in Lebanon with the cost of school supplies and textbooks for their children. Donations can be made to Saint Louis Gonzaga Church, but please clearly indicate that the donation is for School Supplies in Lebanon

Maronite Christian Formation (MCF). MCF Classes — Religious Education will be held on **Sunday mornings at 9AM beginning on 11 October**. The schedule of classes is in the bulletin on the opposite page under "Meetings and Events." Please contact Laura Cross by email at crossfolk@yahoo.com to obtain the schedule of classes, register your children, and for more information.

Festival of Baskets. The Festival of Baskets is planned for **Sunday, 8 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 Plants and Flowers** are available for a few weeks 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.

Pastoral Letter. Bishop Gregory Mansour has written his most recent Pastoral Letter, the seventh of his episcopacy, entitled, *Jesus Transformed Our World for the Good*. Copies are available at both entrances of the Church. Please be sure to pick up a copy and take the time to read it.



ALTAR MEMORIALS

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

- **PLANTS & FLOWERS** — In Memory of John Patrick Gahagan *by Helen Koury and Children*
- **CANDLES** — In Memory of Nyah Mway *by the Sunderlin Family*
- **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

12 SEP	4PM	Nicole DelVecchio
13 SEP	10AM	James Salamy
19 SEP	4PM	Richard Koury
20 SEP	10AM	Norma Tehan



PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Collections for the week ending 6 September 2026

1st Collection.....	\$2,443
2nd Collection (Catholic University of America).....	\$295
Air Conditioning	\$37
Eparchial Support.....	\$10
Fuel	\$50
Snow Removal.....	\$25
Contributions	\$100
Needy	\$10
TOTAL	\$2,970

This Week's Second Collection: Eparchial Support
Next Week's Second Collection: Fuel & Heat



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