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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

3-4 OCTOBER 2026



FEASTS AND READINGS

SUN	4 OCT	3rd Sunday after Holy Cross Holy Rosary Sunday St. Francis of Assisi Phil 3:17-4:1/Mt 24:23-31
MON	5 OCT	St. Paul the Simple Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos (USA) Rev 7:9-17/Mt 24:32-44
TUE	6 OCT	St. Thomas the Apostle Rev 10:1-11/Lk 6:20-26
WED	7 OCT	Sts. Sarkis (Sergius) and Bacchus Rev 11:1-12/Lk 5:33-39
THU	8 OCT	St. Pelagia of Antioch Rev 12:1-12/Lk 21:34-38
FRI	9 OCT	St. James, Brother of the Lord Rev 13:1, 2b-4, 6-7, 11-12, 15-18 Jn 5:17-23
SAT	10 OCT	St. Eulampius and His Sister Eulampia, and Their Companions Rev 14:1-8, 13/Jn 5:24-30
SUN	11 OCT	4th Sunday after Holy Cross St. Philip the Deacon Pope St. John XXIII (+1963) The First Council of Nicaea (325) 1 Thes 5:1-11/Mt 24:45-51



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Maronite Youth Organization:
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Lindsay Hayduk Brown315-794-0396
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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
Lectors: Lois Mariano 315-269-5179
Sacristan: Harrison Zogby..... 315-749-6399



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

SAT	3 OCT	4PM	• Raymond & Yvonne Bellamah Mikall by Joyce, Scander, Louis Jr. and Diana Astafan • Elinor Mazloom by Emile and Theresa Buzaid • Anne Sally by Daughter, Paula Franken • Violette Tahan by the Albert Family • Deceased Members of the Family of Ferris and Agnes Nassif by Granddaughters Isabelle, Joyce, and Beverly Joseph Mahshie (40 Day) by Roselynn Dow and Family
SUN	4 OCT	10AM	• Debbie Delluomo (10th Anniv.) by Mary Ann Powers • Amelia Jabour (4th Anniv.) by Family • Marion Jabour (10th Anniv.) by Family • Elinor Mazloom by the Community Foundation • Anthony Sciortino by George, Jackie, and Julia Mitchell • Millie Tamer by George, Jackie, and Julia Mitchell • Roberta Murad by Robert and Mary Reina • James Peters (Birth.) by His Wife, Bernadette, His Children and Grandchildren
MON	5 OCT		• No Liturgy
TUE	6 OCT	9AM	• Special Intentions of Fr. Boutros
WED	7 OCT	9AM	• Deceased Members of the Mercy Group by Deacon Paul Salamy
THU	8 OCT	6PM	• Eileen Raya Giakas by Lou Raya
FRI	9 OCT	9AM	• Joseph and Lee Ruffule by Deacon Paul Salamy
SAT	10 OCT	4PM	• Emile and Mary Charbel by Their Children • Elinor Mazloom by Elizabeth Dugan • Louis Joseph Sr. by Fred and Michele Jackson • Anne Sally (Birth.) by Family • John Linder (Birth.) by His Wife, Isabelle • Ernest T. Karam by His Daughter, Darlene
SUN	11 OCT	10AM	• David Roy by Leila Bjornland and Anne George • Pasquale Pape (Birth.) by George and Christine Massoud • Laurice Moses by Denice and Shawn Coyne • Abraham and Zeina Saba Abdoo by the Abdoo Family • Violette Tahan by Maria Grasso • The Family of Louis Albert and Helen Theresa Abdoo and their Children, Gloria, Ronnie, Louis, Anita, Anne and Ron by the Abdoo Family



MEETINGS AND EVENTS

WED	7 OCT	9:30AM	Mercy Group
THU	8 OCT	6PM	Saint Sharbel Liturgy and Anointing
SUN	11 OCT		Order of Saint Sharbel Sunday
SUN	11 OCT	9AM	Maronite Christian Formation Classes Resume
SUN	11 OCT	9AM	Sunday Hospitality Resumes
TUE	13 OCT	6:30PM	Saint Mary's Guild Meeting
SUN	18 OCT	9AM	Maronite Christian Formation Classes
SUN	25 OCT	9AM	Maronite Christian Formation Classes
SUN	25 OCT	11AM	Saint Mary's Guild Communion Breakfast
SUN	1 Nov	9AM	Maronite Christian Formation Classes
SUN	8 Nov	9AM	Maronite Christian Formation Classes
SUN	8 Nov	2PM	Festival of Baskets at Hart's Hill Inn
SUN	14 Nov	5PM	Volunteer Appreciation Dinner



POINTS OF INTEREST

Saint Francis of Assisi. In approximately 1181 he was born into a wealthy family in Assisi, Italy. In the early 1200s, after a profound conversion experience, he renounced his earthly wealth and began the Order of Friars Minor, the Franciscans. On 3 October 1226 he passed to eternal life. Less than two years later, because of his holiness of life, he was declared a saint. This year, 2026, the Church honors the 800th anniversary of the death of Saint Francis on 3 October. May his prayers be with us.

Holy Rosary. October is the month of the Holy Rosary. Each year on the **first Sunday of October** the Maronite Church celebrates **Holy Rosary Sunday**. Pope Leo XIV has asked everyone to pray the Rosary each day during the month of October for peace throughout the world.

Respect Life Month. The Catholic Church in the United States has designated **October** as Respect Life Month. During this month, please take some time to pray for and work for **respect for all human life** from natural conception to natural death.

Collection for Lebanon. During the month of September, we collected donations to help needy families in Lebanon with the cost of school supplies and textbooks for their children. Thank you to all who donated for your continued and generous support.

Saint Sharbel Liturgy and Anointing. Saint Sharbel was canonized, proclaimed a Saint, on 9 October 1977. Therefore, this **Thursday, 8 October at 6PM the Divine Liturgy** will be celebrated 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.

Order of Saint Sharbel. The Order of Saint Sharbel **supports the education of Maronite Seminarians and helps build the future** of the Maronite Church. **Next Sunday, 11 October**, is the Order of Saint Sharbel Sunday. If you are interested in joining the order of Saint Sharbel or would like more information, please contact Father Boutros or Deacon Paul.

Maronite Christian Formation (MCF). MCF Classes – Religious Education will be held on **Sunday mornings at 9AM beginning next Sunday, 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.

Hospitality. **Fried Dough – Sunday Hospitality** will resume next **Sunday, 11 October**, at 9AM in the George Sfeir Parish Hall. Please join us in fellowship. The volunteer schedule is posted in the bulletin.

Saint Mary's Guild. The Saint Mary's Guild will meet next **Tuesday, 13 October at 6:30PM**, in George Sfeir Parish Hall.

Saint Mary's Guild Communion Breakfast. The Saint Mary's Guild will have their annual Communion Breakfast on **Sunday, 25 October in the George Sfeir Parish Hall immediately following the 10AM Divine Liturgy**. \$25 per person. Please RSVP by 16 October to Diane Chamoun at 315-732-7670.

Festival of Baskets. The Festival of Baskets is **Sunday, 8 November beginning at 2PM at Hart's Hill Inn in Whitesboro**. Please begin **preparing your baskets**. Baskets are due by Friday, 23 October. **Admission Tickets are now on sale**, \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door, please purchase your Admission Tickets in advance by contacting the Parish Office or any committee member.

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. On **Saturday, 14 November**, immediately following the 4PM Divine Liturgy, an appreciation dinner will be offered in the George Sfeir Parish Hall in **gratitude for all those who volunteer for our parish**, especially at the Taste of Lebanon or the Festival of Baskets, which support our parish. Please plan to join us as we thank all our volunteers.



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*
- **BREAD & WINE** — In Memory of Joseph DiMaggio *by His Daughter, Diana and Louis Astafan Jr.*
- **CANDLES** — In Memory of Nyah Mway *by the Sunderlin Family*
- **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

3 OCT	4PM	Joe Saba
4 OCT	10AM	George Mitchell

8 OCT	6PM	Lois Mariano
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10 OCT	4PM	Jim Amado
11 OCT	10AM	Joey Rahme

HOSPITALITY

11 OCT	Zeina's Cafe Team
18 OCT	Betty Karrat Team
25 OCT	St. Mary's Guild Communion Breakfast
1 Nov	Rocco Hobaica Team
8 Nov	Festival of Baskets—No Hospitality



PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Collections for the week ending 27 September 2026

1st Collection.....	\$1,447
2nd Collection (Snow Removal).....	\$280
Needy	\$15
TOTAL	\$1,742

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



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