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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

5-6 SEPTEMBER 2026



FEASTS AND READINGS

SUN	6 SEP	16th Sunday of Pentecost St. Michael the Archangel Rom 8:18-27/Lk 18:9-14
MON	7 SEP	St. Sozon Jas 3:13-18/Lk 18:15-17
TUE	8 SEP	Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary 2 Cor 4:1-6/Lk 8:16-21
WED	9 SEP	Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Virgin Mary Bl. Frédéric Ozanam The Council of Chalcedon (451) Jas 4:11-17/Lk 18:24-30
THU	10 SEP	St. Pulcheria the Queen Jas 5:1-6/Lk 18:31-34
FRI	11 SEP	St. Theodora of Alexandria Jas 5:7-12/Lk 19:11-28
SAT	12 SEP	St. Cornelius the Centurion Jas 5:13-20/Lk 19:41-44 <i>Season of the Holy Cross</i>
SUN	13 SEP	Celebration of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross St. Christopher 1 Cor 1:18-25/Jn 12:20-32



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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

SAT	5 SEP	4PM	•George Tamer <i>by Family</i> •Elinor Mazloom <i>by Laura Nassar</i> •Louis Joseph Sr. <i>by Valentina and Rob Krauss</i>
SUN	6 SEP	10AM	•Laurice Moses <i>by Nadine Domiszewski</i> •Albert and Anna Saba Abdoo <i>by the Abdoo Family</i> •Elinor Mazloom <i>by Andrew Moskal</i> •Roberta Murad <i>by Byron and Angela Elias</i> •Tony and Frieda Ferris <i>by Sarah Abraham's Will</i> •Louis Mitchell Sr. <i>by Family</i> •Louis Joseph Sr. <i>by Winnie Mitchell</i>
MON	7 SEP		•No Liturgy
TUE	8 SEP	9AM	•Edward and Sadie Koury <i>by Sadie Koury's Will</i>
WED	9 SEP	9AM	•Deceased Members of St. Louis Gonzaga Church <i>by Parishioners</i>
THU	10 SEP	9AM	•Victoria Moses Watson <i>by Rose Crigger's Will</i>
FRI	11 SEP	9AM	•Deceased Members of the Moses and Koury Families <i>by John Moses' Will</i>
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>
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>



MEETINGS AND EVENTS

WED	9 SEP	9:30AM	Mercy Group
THU	10 SEP	9:30AM	Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament
TUE	15 SEP	6:30PM	Saint Mary's Guild Meeting
SUN	11 OCT	9AM	Maronite Christian Formation Classes
SUN	18 OCT	9AM	Maronite Christian Formation Classes
SUN	25 OCT	9AM	Maronite Christian Formation Classes
SUN	8 NOV	2PM	Festival of Baskets at Hart's Hill Inn



POINTS OF INTEREST

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.

Thank you. On Wednesday, **9 September, Deacon Paul** celebrates **thirty-one years of Ordination as a Deacon**. We offer our sincere thanks to Deacon Paul for faithfully answering the Lord's call and for serving our parish with dedication over the last thirty-seven years as a deacon and a subdeacon.

Mediterranean Festival. Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church on Higby Road in New Hartford will host their Annual Mediterranean Festival on their parish grounds **next Saturday, 12 September from 12 Noon to 8PM and next Sunday, 13 September from 12 Noon to 5PM**. Dine in or Takeout. Please support them.

Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Next weekend, 12-13 September, the Maronite Church in the United States will celebrate 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 will celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross at the regularly scheduled Divine Liturgies next weekend, **Saturday, 12 September at 4PM and Sunday, 13 September at 10AM**. Please join us in prayer for this most important feast.

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

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 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.

Archbishop-elect Sharbel Maroun. On 28 August the Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, granted his assent to the election by the Synod of Bishops of the Maronite Church of Chorbishop Sharbel (Ghattas) Maroun, until now the Vicar General of the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles and the Pastor of Saint Maron Church in Minneapolis, Minnesota, as the new Archbishop of Damascus, Syria for the Maronites. We offer Archbishop-elect Maroun our prayerful congratulations as he is called to serve the Maronite Church in Damascus, Syria, as their new Archbishop.

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** — Available
- ♦ **CANDLES** — In Memory of Nyah Mway by the *Sunderlin Family*
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- ♦ **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

5 SEP	4PM	Jim Amado
6 SEP	10AM	Joey Rahme
12 SEP	4PM	Nicole DelVecchio
13 SEP	10AM	James Salamy



PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Collections for the week ending 30 August 2026

1st Collection.....	\$1,418
2nd Collection (Air Conditioning).....	\$305
Pastoral Programs.....	\$10
Renovations.....	\$5
Needy.....	\$5
Candles.....	\$85
TOTAL.....	\$1,828

This Week's Second Collection: Catholic University of America

Next Week's Second Collection: Eparchial Support



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