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Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost, August 18, 2019

Sunday, August 18, 2019 at 11:00 o'clock

Tuesday, August 20, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, August 25, 2019 at 11:00 o'clock

Tuesday, August 27, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 1, 2019 at 11:00 o'clock

Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.
For the Parish

Sunday, September 8, 2019 at 11:00 o'clock
Jihad Abi Chaker

Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 15, 2019 (Exaltation of the Holy Cross)
President Bachir Gemayel

Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

Ushers

Sunday, August 25, 2019

Halim Younes, Mark Malkoun, Billy Haddad and Joseph Nasr

Marriage Banns

The Marriage Banns are announced for the third time between **Michael David Mezher and Olivia Franjie**. Anyone knowing why they should not be married in the Catholic Church is bound in conscience to make it known to the priest.

Second Collection

Sunday, September 8, 2019, a second collection will be taken to benefit The Catholic University of America. This collection provides funding for academic scholarships at CUA. Our own seminarians are given a 50% discount in tuition. All funds collected will be sent to our Chancery office for proper transfer. Thank you for your generosity and cooperation.

Let us Pray the Rosary

Please join fellow parishioners as we pray the Holy Rosary every **Sunday at 10:15 a.m.** in preparation for the Divine Liturgy and in honor of our Blessed Mother, Mary.

Upcoming Food Festival

We are fast approaching the date for our Annual Lebanese Food Festival! It is a fun, busy and exciting time as our community prepares for this weekend when our parish comes together as a team. This year's **festival is Saturday, September 14, 2019 from 12 noon to 11:00 p.m.** This festival plays a vital part in providing for the church's financial needs. We rely on your support and generosity to make it as successful as you want it to be.

Ad Book

In addition to the food, music and folk dancing, an Ad Book, featuring greetings or messages from our members and friends, remains the backbone and the main source of revenue of the festival. To place an Ad, please contact: Jackie Bechara at 410-963-2824 or by email at becharaj1@hotmail.com; Dr. Dolly Gebeily at 301-802 2538 or by email at dgebeily@comcast.net; Deacon Michel Touma at Toumamichel@gmail.com; Saloma Bechara Iskandar at 703-740-7662 or by email at solaleah@aol.com; Roula Haddad at 301- 793-4089 or by email at roulahhaddad@hotmail.com; and Gebran Fattouch at 443-600-9484 or by email at Gburami@comcast.net.

Festival Guidelines

The following are some guidelines that we hope all of us will respect in order to make the Festival run smoother:

- The booth chairperson must be available at least a couple of hours (if not longer) before opening to set up and prepare the booth
- Chairperson is responsible for the closing procedures
- Please do not leave your assigned booth or switch booth without telling us
- Only workers allowed in booths.
- No Food or drinks behind booths. Meals for volunteers will be provided for all workers in one of the Sunday School rooms.
- Long hair must be covered or tied back and plastic gloves worn by all who handle food
- Clean white aprons (will be provided) are to be worn by all workers. **Bibbed aprons are not to be folded** and worn around the waist
- Chairpersons are asked to communicate these guidelines to the people helping them
- Parents, for your children's safety, please make sure that you have made arrangements for your children when you are working and when they are not dancing
- **Please sign up to volunteer and help us at:**
- <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F49ADAB2FA2FA7-vo-lunteers> (If link does not work, cut and paste it in your browser)
- If you cannot work the shift you signed up for, please contact Rafah Elias at 301-920-2000.

Festival Donations

Each year our gracious parishioners have been so generous in supporting the festival by giving of their time and helping to defray costs with their financial support. If you cannot be with us and would like to support the festival financially, please submit a check in any amount made out to Our Lady of Lebanon Church earmarked "2019 Festival." Please Mail your check to the Church's office at **7237 15th Place, NW, Washington, DC 20012**. Any contribution you can make is welcome and greatly appreciated.

If you have questions, please contact Gebran Fattouch at 443-600-9484, or the parish office 202-291-5153. Thank you for all of your sacrifices and hard work. May God reward you handsomely and smile upon you always.

Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Mother

Ancient tradition tells us and our own faith assures us of what the Church has solemnly proclaimed: the Virgin Mary has entered, body and soul, into heaven. After her death the Virgin Mother of God, without undergoing corruption, has entered heaven, by a special privilege of God, with her body glorified as was her Son's. As God had preserved her from the stain of original sin, made her a mother and yet preserved her as a virgin, so also has He brought her to Himself in her integral human nature of body and soul. The origins of this feast are very ancient and date to a period some time before the sixth century. Although it has been an ancient tradition to venerate the bodies of the saints, there never has been any mention of there being any veneration to the body of the Virgin. This is an added witness to the truth of the bodily assumption of the Virgin Mary. This feast is celebrated in the Churches of both East and the West under a variety of titles.

On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII defined the Assumption of Mary to be a dogma of faith: "We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma that the immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory." The pope proclaimed this dogma only after a broad consultation of bishops, theologians and laity. There were few dissenting voices. What the pope solemnly declared was already a common belief in the Catholic Church.

Since Mary is closely associated with all the mysteries of Jesus' life, it is not surprising that the Holy Spirit has led the Church to believe in Mary's share in his glorification. So close was she to Jesus on earth, she must be with him body and soul in heaven. May our Virgin Mother intercede for us and may her prayers protect us. Amen.

What are the Five Precepts (Commandments) of the Church?

- ◆ You shall attend Mass on Sunday and holy days of obligation and abstain from work or activities that offend against the character of the day.
- ◆ You shall receive the sacrament of Penance at least once a year.
- ◆ You shall receive the Eucharist at least during the Easter season.
- ◆ You shall observe the prescribed seasons of fasting and days of abstinence (Ash Monday and Good Friday).
- ◆ You shall contribute to the material support of the Church.

What is the purpose of the precepts of the Church, and how binding are they?

The "Five Precepts of the Church" with their minimum requirements are supposed to remind us that one cannot be a Christian without making a moral effort, without participating personally in the sacramental life of the Church, and without union with her in solidarity. They are obligatory for every Catholic Christian. (YOUCAT questions 345 - 346).

