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First Sunday of the Holy cross, September 15, 2019

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

Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.
Tony Michel Hanna (deceased)

Sunday, September 22, 2019 at 11:00 o'clock
Moussa Thresia and Josephine Khoury

Tuesday, September 24, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 29, 2019 at 11:00 o'clock

Tuesday, October 2, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 6, 2019 at 11:00 o'clock

Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 13, 2019 at 11:00 o'clock
Alfonse Joseph Khoury

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.

Ushers

Sunday, September 22, 2019

Gebran Fattouch, Elie Malkoun, Rafah Elias and Halim Younes

Meeting

Sunday, September 22, 2019, following the Divine Liturgy, there will be a meeting for all **Altar Servers** and for those boys who would like to become Altar Servers.

Religious Education

Following the Divine Liturgy, there will be registration for Religious Education Program or Sunday School. The Religious Education, open for all children from Pre-K to 12 grade, will start on **Sunday, September 22, 2019 at 10:00 o'clock.**

Thank you For Your Generosity

Summary of the Collection for **September 8, 2019**

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| Collection: | \$ | 1053 |
| Donation by mail: | \$ | 230 |
| Tuesday Event | \$ | 130 |
| Maintenance Collection | \$ | 463 |

NAM Regional Convention

Hosted by St. Anthony of the Desert Maronite Catholic Church in **Fall River, Mass.**, the New England Regional NAM Convention "Faith, Heritage and Tradition" will be held **October 25 - 27, 2019** at the Hampton Inn Fall River/Westport, 53 Old Bedford Road Westport, MA 02790. The room rate is \$114.00 for single and double occupancy (single = 1 king; double = 2 queen). When making hotel reservation, mention NAM. The deadline for hotel reservations is October 4, 2019. You may call the hotel directly at 508 - 675-8500 or 1-800- 426-7866.

To register for this regional convention, please visit www.namnews.org or call NAM National Office at (914) 964-3070.

Order of Saint Sharbel

Sunday, October 13, 2019, is designated as "Order of Saint Sharbel Sunday" in our Eparchy. On October 13, all Maronite parishes will be promoting the Order. The Order of Saint Sharbel is vitally important in providing financial and spiritual support for our

seminarians, who are crucial for the future of our Maronite Church. Please prayerfully consider joining the Order. You may enroll online at www.orderstsharbel.org or ask Father for more information.

Thanks a Million

To all the gracious volunteers and behind the scenes personnel who helped to make the Parish's Annual Lebanese Food Festival the success it was, a big thank you. I pray that God Almighty will continue to smile upon you and bless you. May He grant you peace, happiness, success and health in this life and in the life ever after, His eternal kingdom.

With my sincere gratitude and prayers for all of you.



Feast of the Triumph of the Holy Cross

Today we celebrate the Feast of the triumph of the Holy Cross. The Feast of the Holy Cross is one of the most solemn feasts of the Maronite Liturgical calendar and commemorates the finding of the relics of the cross and the dedication of the Church at Calvary.

The feast of the triumph of the Holy Cross was celebrated as early as the 5th century. Cyril of Jerusalem claimed that the Cross was discovered early in the 4th century by emperor Constantine when he intended to build a Basilica on the site of the tomb of Christ.

According to these early traditions, the people were shown the wood of the cross and allowed to honor it once each year on the 14th of September.

There is a difference between the adoration of the cross on Good Friday and the exaltation of the cross today.

On Good Friday the Focus is on the passion and suffering of Christ. On Good Friday the focus is on the cross as the only way to resurrection. In today's feast we worship the cross because of the power of Christ given to it. □

FYI

- Liturgy:** The Divine Service of the Holy Mysteries (Mass) is on Sunday at 11:00 a.m.
- Confession:** Confession is available before Liturgy or upon request.
- Communion Calls:** For hospitalized, shut-in, or suffering from a long illness, please call the priest.
- Anointing:** Contact the priest for the Sacrament of the Sick.
- Baptism:** Contact the priest as soon as the baby is born, Instruction classes are offered for new parents and sponsors.

Requirements for Sponsors at Baptism:

The Law requires at least **ONE** sponsor for baptism, and provides criteria for being a good sponsor.

- ★ He or she must be a **practicing Catholic**. This may be attested to by a certificate from the sponsor's proper parish pastor;
- ★ He or she must have been fully initiated into the Church (have received all three initiation Mysteries)
- ★ Must be living a good, Catholic life and be free of excommunication.
- ★ Not the father, mother or spouse (of the candidate), and be at least **18 years old**. It is the practice of the Maronite Church to administer the Mystery of Confirmation at the time of Baptism.

Crowning (Marriage) Please contact the pastor at least **Six Months** prior to the wedding. Pre-marriage formation classes are required for both, bridegroom and bride. In case of a prior marriage, no wedding date, (not even tentatively) can be set until the Eparchial Marriage Tribunal makes its final decision.

Liturgy Request

- If you wish to schedule a Liturgy please do it soon and in advance. You are kindly asked to contact the **pastor directly**. He **alone** can schedule a Liturgy. Now that we have more than one priest celebrate the Divine Liturgy every Sunday, the Pastor can assign a separate intention for each priest if needed. It is customary that a **voluntary donation (stipend)** is given to the priest who celebrates the Liturgy.
- If you would like to convey a message to the Pastor, please speak with him directly and not through a third party. All Parish business (no matter what they are) have to come to the Pastor first. The office's phone number as well as the Pastor's email address and cell number are published in the bulletin.

