

**Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church**  
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**Second Sunday of the Holy cross, September 22, 201**

**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 1, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.**  
Samir Naoum

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

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

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

**Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.**

**Sunday, October 20, 2019 at 11:00 o'clock**

**Tuesday, October 23, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.**

**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 29, 2019**

Halim Younes, Mark Malkoun, Billy Haddad and Joseph Nasr

**Sunday School Information**

Now that the Sunday School or Religious Education program is underway, the following are just guidelines to help with better management of the program:

- ★ Religious Education is every Sunday from **10 to 10:50 A.M.**
- ★ Teachers are urged to be in their classrooms at least ten minutes early and greet the children when they arrive.
- ★ **Parents:** Try to get the children to class on time and pick them up on time so you can be on time for the Divine Liturgy.
- ★ If the child is to miss Sunday School session, please call and let us know before Sunday if possible.
- ★ Go over the homework with the children. Make sure they bring their books to class. Thank you for your cooperation.

<b>Class</b>	<b>Teacher's name</b>
K.G./Pre School	Farrah Chahine
Grade 1	Dareen Daniel
Grade 2	Jon Zischkau
Grade 3	Janine Helou
Grade 4	Amanda Touma
Grade 5	Deacon Peter Zoghby and Joe Zogby
Grade 6	Monica Kassab
Grade 7	Maribel Rizk
Grade 8	Zina and Victor Beasley
Grade 9	Josephine Garnem
Grade 10	Tony Rahi
Grade 11/12	Charbel Rizk and Jon Zishkau Jr.

**Thank you For Your Generosity**

Summary of the Collection for **September 15, 2019**

Collection:	\$ 2232
Donation by mail:	\$ 50
Tuesday Event	\$ 175

**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](http://www.namnews.org) or call NAM National Office at (914) 964-3070.

**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.

**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](http://www.orderstsharbel.org) or ask Father for more information.

**Please Join Us**

**On Sunday, October 6, 2019 at 12:30 p.m.**, Chorbishop Seely Beggiani will present a lecture on **Syriac Spirituality** at the Seminary's Library. This is a **parish event**. It is meant as a faith formation for young people and adults. All are welcome and are urged to attend.

**FYI**

**What is necessary to receive Holy Communion worthily?** To receive Holy Communion worthily it is necessary to be free from mortal sin, to have a right intention, and to obey the Church's laws on the fast required before Holy Communion out of reverence for the body and blood of Our Divine Lord. However, there are some cases in which Holy Communion may be received without fasting. "Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks the cup of the Lord unworthily, will be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord" (I Corinthians 11:27).

## ***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.

