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**Bulletin for August 29, 2021, 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost**

**Sunday, August 29, 2021 at 11:00 o'clock**

Joseph Fares Fayad

**Sunday, September 5, 2021 at 11:00 o'clock**

**Sunday, September 12, 2021 at 11:00 o'clock**

**Sunday, September 19, 2021 at 11:00 o'clock**

**Sunday, September 26, 2021 at 11:00 o'clock**

**Sunday, October 3, 2021 at 11:00 o'clock**

Antoine Toufic Touma

**Reconciliation** (Confession) is available every Sunday between 10:15 and 10:45 a.m. before the Divine Liturgy.

**The last Sunday of every month**, a Holy Hour of Adoration will take place after the 11:00 a.m. Liturgy.

### ***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 for Sunday, September 5, 2021**

**Fawzi Abouchabke, Maroun Mezher, Tony ElKhouri & Mark Malkoun**

### **Ushers for Sunday, September 12, 2021**

Halim Younes, Victor Beasley, Rafah Elias and Gebran Fatouche

(If you will not be attending the Liturgy on that day, please get in touch **with Halim Younes** to find a replacement. The ushers will also count the collection and make the deposit before they give it to the priest to take it to the bank.)

### ***Cancellation of The Annual Food Festival***

**Due to the uncertainties of the Delta Variant of Covid-19**, Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Church in Washington, D.C., **will NOT hold its** annual Lebanese Food Festival on **Saturday, September 18, 2021**.

### ***SAJ DAY***

Please join us for a **Saj Day** following the Divine Liturgy **on Sunday, September 26, 2021**. The event will take place (weather permitting outdoors). Members of the MYA will also do *dabke* performance. For more information, please see the flyer on the other page. Thank you for supporting this fund-raising event for the parish.

### ***Thank you for your generosity***

Summary of the Collection for **Sunday, August 22, 2021**

|                           |        |
|---------------------------|--------|
| Regular Sunday Collection | \$1352 |
| Donation by Mail          | \$ 200 |
| Pledge                    | \$ 300 |
| Individual Contribution   | \$ 200 |

Thank you for your generosity and may God bless you all.

### ***Sunday School Registration***

Following the Divine Liturgy, Janine Helou will be taking registration

for Sunday School (Religious Education). The Sunday School, open to all young people from pre-school to high school, will resume (Barring anything unforeseen) in-person in the middle of September.

### ***Second Collection***

**Sunday, September 12, 2021**, a second collection will be taken to benefit The Catholic University of America. This collection provides funding for academic scholarships at CUA. All funds collected will be sent to our Chancery office for proper transfer. Thank you for your generosity and cooperation.

### ***Are You Interested?***

**E**ach October, the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn has a Benefit Dinner to raise funds for educating seminarians, expanding ministries, and supporting parishes and missions in need in the Eparchy. Also, 10% of the proceeds are given to help in Lebanon and the Middle East.

This year's Benefit Dinner will be held by Zoom on **Thursday, October 7, 2021** at 7:00 p.m. Eastern Time, and will honor the many dedicated people and organizations who are helping alleviate the suffering in Lebanon during these difficult times.

Please visit [www.stmaron.org/eparchial-benefit](http://www.stmaron.org/eparchial-benefit) to register and support this event. For more information, please email [saintmaron@yahoo.com](mailto:saintmaron@yahoo.com) or call 718-237-9913.

### **Scripture Readings**

**Sunday, August 29, 2021, 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost**

1Thes 1: 1- 10; LK 7:36- 50

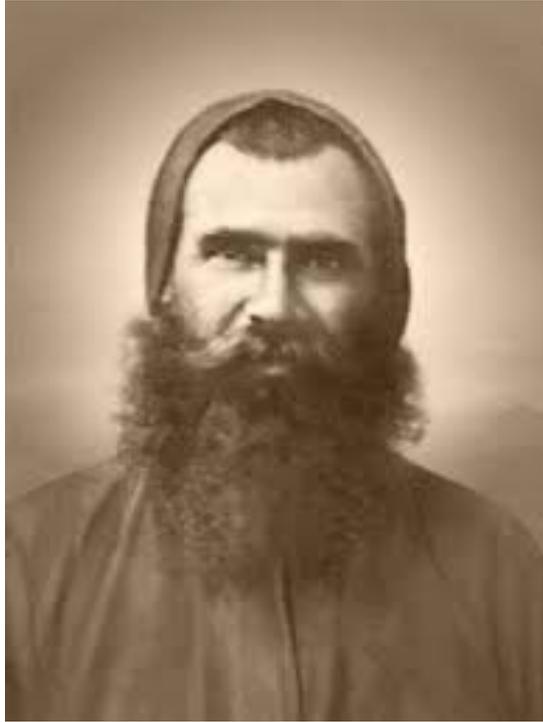
**Sunday, September 5, 2021, 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost**

Rom 8:18-27; Lk 18:9-14

**Sunday, September 12, 2021, Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

1Cor 1:18-25; Jn 12:20-32

## *Blessed Estephan Nehme*



**M**onday, August 30 is the Commemoration of Blessed Estephan Nehme. Born on March 8, 1889 in *Lehfed*, Lebanon, to Stephan Bou Haykal Nehme and Christina Badawi Hanna Khaled. He was baptized on March 15, 1889, at Our Lady Church of *Lehfed*, by Father Gerges Fadel and was given the name of Youssef. He was the youngest among three boys and two girls and grew up in an agricultural environment.

In 1905, 2 years after the death of his father, he joined the Lebanese Maronite Order in *Kfifane*, Lebanon and took the name Stephan, after the Patron saint of his village and his father. On August 23, 1907, he took his perpetual vows and became a working monk. (A working monk is a monk who does not become a priest, but rather works in the monastery taking care of the land and whatever has to be done.)

Brother Stephen served his order as a master gardener and a carpenter. He died on August 30, 1938 at the age of 49 years old. In 1950 his grave was opened to remove

his remains to a common burial site. They found that his body was still intact and in fact his beard had continued to grow.

The first documented miracle was the healing of a young boy who was suffering from a problem with his eyes. The miracle which was accepted for his beatification was the healing of his niece, Sister Clara Nehme, who was suffering from a cancer that spread through her body.

As a Master gardener, he convinced the superior of the Monastery to take in the poor and the hungry in the area and to share with them whatever food or provision the monastery had, each according to his needs. He himself was credited with saving the lives of 12 children from starvation.

He was beatified by His Eminence Cardinal Angelo Amato, Prefect of the Congregation for the causes of saints at the Monastery of Saints Cyprian and Justine in *Kfifane*, Lebanon on June 27, 2010. May he always intercede for us and for the whole Church.



Please join us for an outdoor

# *Saj & Knafe Lunch*

WITH FOLKLORIC DANCING

Following the Liturgy  
Sunday 09/26/2021

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