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***Sunday, August 14, 2022, 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost***

**Sunday, August 14, 2022 at 11:00 o'clock**

**Monday, August 15, 2022 at 7:30 (Feast of the Assumption)**

For the Parish

**Sunday, August 21, 2022 at 11:00 o'clock**

Souad Abou Rjeily

**Monday, August 22, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.**

Divine Liturgy in honor of Saint Sharbel

**Sunday, August 28, 2022 at 11:00 o'clock**

**Sunday, September 4, 2022 at 11:00 o'clock**

**Sunday, September 11, 2022 at 11:00 o'clock**

**Thursday, September 15, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.**

Liturgy, Holy Hour and Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament

**Sunday, September 18, 2022 at 11:00 o'clock**

**Thursday, September 22, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.**

Divine Liturgy in honor of Saint Sharbel

**Sunday, September 25, 2022 at 11:00 o'clock**

**Reconciliation** (Confession) is available every Sunday between 10:15 and 10:45 a.m. before the Divine 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, August 21, 2022**

Halim Younes, Anthony Beasley, John Nadder and Fawzi Abouchabke

**Ushers for Sunday, August 28, 2022**

Roger Abou Jaoude, Elie Malkoun, Kevin Pitzer and George Choueiry

**Altar Servers for Sunday, August 21, 2022**

Jason Pitzer and Peter ElKhoueiry

**Altar Servers for Sunday, August 28, 2022**

George Beasley and Mateo Abou Jaoude

***Thank you for your generosity***

**Summary of the Collection for Sunday, July 24, 2022**

Regular Collection	\$ 1104
Individual Donation	\$ 1000
Friday, July 22, 2022	\$ 105

**Summary of the Collection for Sunday, July 31, 2022**

Regular Collection	\$ 822
Donations by Mail	\$ 1100
Pledges	\$ 650

**Summary of the Collection for Sunday, August 7, 2022**

Regular Collection	\$ 1014
Donations by Mail	\$ 430
Pledges	\$ 950
2 <sup>nd</sup> collection (Maintenance)	\$ 182

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

***Sunday School Registration***

**We are still taking** registration for Sunday School (Religious Education). The Sunday School, open to all young people from pre-school to high school, will resume in-person in the middle of September.

To register your child(ren) please see **Janine Helou** following the Divine Liturgy. At the same time, we are still also in a desperate need for a few **good men and women** to teach religious

education and help us pass on our Maronite Catholic faith and traditions to our younger ones. Thank you for your willingness to help us.

***Attention All First Communion Class***

First Communion is given at the end of the **second grade**.

However, before a child may receive his/her First Communion, they must have completed first grade in the religious education program. If a child completed first grade religious education in a different church or school, a **letter from the church or school testifying to this effect is required**.

***Holy Day of Obligation***

**Monday, August 15, 2022**, Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven, is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Divine Liturgy for the feast will take place at **7:30 p.m.** A Holy Day of Obligation means that a Catholic person who has reached the age of reason (7 years old) is obligated to attend the Divine Liturgy on that day.

***Our Lady of Lebanon Annual Food Festival***

The Our Lady of Lebanon Annual Food Festival will take place on **Saturday, September 17, 2022 from 12 noon to 11:00 p.m.** We need your help and cooperation in order to make the festival as successful as you would like it to be. Volunteers are needed to help prepare the food, set-up the area and serve the food as well as getting the area cleaned afterwards. I have asked **Dr. Dolly Gebeily** to recruit volunteers and make a schedule. Please do not turn her down when she approaches you. Thank you for your cooperation.

***Attention All Golfers***

**The Fifth Invitational Golf Tournament and Dinner Charity Event** will be held at the five-star Trump **National Golf Club in Potomac Falls, Virginia on September 23, 2022** to benefit Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church. What a great opportunity to gather with family and friends and enjoy the day on a championship golf course and a memorable evening on the patio and in the beautiful ballroom, overlooking the Potomac River.

For more information or to register/support the event, please get in touch with Fouad Arbid at [farbid@swsconsultants.net](mailto:farbid@swsconsultants.net) or with Pierre Khattar at [Pieurrekhattar@Gmail.com](mailto:Pieurrekhattar@Gmail.com). Thank you.

### *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.

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### *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).

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