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Sunday, August 13, 2023, 12th Sunday of Pentecost

Sunday, August 13, 2023 at 11:00 o'clock

Tuesday, August 15, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. (Feast of the Assumption)
For the Parish

Sunday, August 20, 2023 at 11:00 o'clock

Tuesday, August 22, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.
Liturgy in honor of Saint Sharbel

Sunday, August 27, 2023 at 11:00 o'clock

Sunday, September 3, 2023 at 11:00 o'clock

Sunday, September 10, 2023 at 11:00 o'clock
Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Sunday, September 17, 2023 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 13, 2023

Halim Younes, Gebran Fattouche, Antoine Issa and Joseph Nasr

Ushers for Sunday, August 20, 2023

Fawzi Abouchabke, Maroun Mezher, Tony ElKhouri and Mark Malkoun

Ushers for Sunday, August 27, 2023

Halim Younes, Victor Beasley, and Rafah Elias

Thank you for your generosity

Summary of the Collection for Sunday, July 23, 2023

Regular collection	\$2213
Pledge	\$ 450
Donation by mail	\$ 500

Summary of the Collection for Sunday, July 30, 2023

Regular collection	\$1076
Pledge	\$ 800
Donation by mail	\$ 600
individual Contribution	\$ 200

Summary of the Collection for Sunday, August 6, 2023

Regular collection	\$1669
Pledge	\$ 800
Donation by mail	\$ 310

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

Holy Day of Obligation

Tuesday, August 15, 2023, Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Divine Liturgy will be **celebrated at 7:30 p.m.** A Holy Day of Obligation means that a Catholic person is obligated to attend Mass on that day.

Second Collection

Sunday, September 10, 2023, a second collection will be taken to benefit The Catholic University of America (CUA) and our Maronite Seminary. (25% of this collection is for funding for academic

scholarships at CUA and 75% is for our Maronite Seminary at Our Lady of Lebanon Seminary in Washington, D.C.) All funds collected will be sent to our Chancery office for proper transfer. Thank you for your generosity and cooperation.

Sunday School Registration

A full parish religion class today means a thriving parish community for generations to come

Every Sunday, 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 in the middle of September.

Golf Tournament/Dinner

The Annual Invitational Golf Tournament and Dinner Charity Event will be held at the five-star Trump National Golf Club in Potomac Falls, Virginia on **Thursday, September 28, 2023, afternoon for the golf tournament and Friday, September 29, 2023, evening for the reception and dinner** to benefit Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church.

You can preview a gallery of the golf course and club facilities at the link below. <https://www.trumpnationaldc.com/Photo-Gallery>. (20391 Lowes Island Blvd, Potomac Falls, VA 20165).

For more information or to buy dinner tickets, please get in touch with Fouad Arbid at farbid@swsconsultants.net or with Pierre Khattar at Pierrekhattar@Gmail.com. Thank you.

Our Lady of Lebanon Annual Food Festival / Volunteers

The Our Lady of Lebanon Annual Food Festival will take place on **Saturday, September 16, 2023 from 12 noon to 10:00 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.

Please consider offering your time and talents to this worthy cause. To express your interest in volunteering, please contact **Maroun Mezher** at 703 501 5452 or **Dolly Gebeily** at 301 802 2538. Thank you for your kind cooperation and help.

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).

