## **Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church**

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Sunday, August 15, 2021 at 11:00 o'clock Members of Our Lady of Lebanon Church, both living & deceased

Sunday, August 22, 2021 at 11:00 o'clock Martha Rached

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

**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, August 22, 2021

Fawzi Abouchabke, Maroun Mezher, Tony ElKhouri and Mark Malkoun

Ushers for Sunday, August 29, 2021 Halim Younes, Gebran Fattouch, Antoine Issa and Joseph Nasr

(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.)

### Are You Interested?

We are still looking for a few people to minister as **USHERS** at the divine Liturgies. We need to have six teams. Each team is made up of four people. So far we have three teams. We still need at least 12 people so we can have the needed teams. If we can have the 6 teams in place, it means that each team will serve once every six weeks. If you are willing to serve in this ministry, please let me or Halim Younes know this week so we can finalize the schedule. Thank you.

#### A Message from Bishop Mansour

In my letter of 28 May 2021 (Prot. No. 356/1/21; Cir. No. 21.16), I reinstated the obligation for all to attend Divine Liturgy on Sunday and Holy Days of Obligations on the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, Sunday June 27, 2021, I also stated the following: *Barring anything unforeseen, we hope to return to the normal exchange of the Greeting of Peace and totally eliminate Holy Communion in the hand, as of August 15, 2021, the Feast of the Assumption.* 

Unfortunately, the new Delta variant of the Corona Virus is that "unforeseen" situation. Therefore, at this time we will retain the *status quo*, and the above-cited paragraph will not be implemented until further notice.

### Save the Date

**Barring any unforeseen government restrictions,** Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Church in Washington, D.C. will hold its annual

Lebanese Food Festival on **Saturday, September 18, 2021** from 12:00 noon to 10:00 p.m.

### Attention all Young Adults

The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual MYA (Maronite Young Adult) Conference in Chicago is from September 3<sup>rd</sup> to September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021. This year the conference will be held at the University of Saint Mary on the Lake. Registration is available online at: <u>www.maroniteyoungadults.org</u>. The registration deadline is August 20, 2021.



# 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. (Maronite Prayer of the Faithful)

Scripture Readings Sunday, August 15, 2021, Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Rom 12: 9-15; Lk 1:46 -55

> Sunday, August 22, 2021, 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost 1Thes 2:1-13; Lk 10:37-42

> **Sunday, August 29, 2021, 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost** 1Thes 1: 1- 10; LK 7:36- 50

