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Bulletin for August 22, 2021, 14th Sunday of Pentecost

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

Sunday, September 26, 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 29, 2021

Halim Younes, Gebran Fattouch, Antoine Issa and Joseph Nasr

Ushers for Sunday, September 5, 2021

Fawzi Abouchabke, Maroun Mezher, Tony ElKhouri & Mark Malkoun

(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**. More information will be given in future bulletins. Thank you for supporting this fund-raising event for the parish.

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.

Thank you for your generosity

Summary of the Collection for **Sunday, August 15, 2021**

Regular Sunday Collection \$1217

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

Online Donation

Now you have the opportunity to use online donation to support your church if you wish to use E-Giving. Using Vanco Online is easy.

- 1) Log on to: <https://secure.myvanco.com/YHC6>
- 2) Or visit the Parish's website: www.Ololdc.org and look for online donation to the right side of the screen
- 3) Select your funds and amount and click the "donate" button. From there, you can choose a donation amount and frequency, then proceed to payment
- 4) Enter Payment Method (credit card, debit card, etc.) Since Vanco charges 4% processing fee, you will be asked if you want to add the fee to your donation. You can even save your payment information for future donations
- 4) Review and submit your gift by clicking "submit"
- 5) The Online Donation **does not replace** the collection basket on Sunday or the donation by mail (pledge or contribution). It is only a convenient way for those who prefer to use it.

FYI

What was the first human sin?

When tempted by the devil, the first man and woman allowed trust in their Creator to die in their hearts. In their disobedience they wished to become "like God" but without God and not in accordance with God (Genesis 3:5). Thus, Adam and Eve immediately lost for themselves and for all their descendants the original grace of holiness and justice. (For further reading: Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) 396-403, 415-417)

What is original sin?:

Original sin, in which all human beings are born, is the state of deprivation of original holiness and justice. It is a sin "contracted" by us not "committed"; it is a state of birth and not a personal act. Because of the original unity of all human beings, it is transmitted to the descendants of Adam "not by imitation, but by propagation". This transmission remains a mystery which we cannot fully understand. (For further reading: CCC 404, 419).

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 22, 2021, 14th Sunday of Pentecost

1Thes 2:1-13; Lk 10:37- 42

Sunday, August 29, 2021, 15th Sunday of Pentecost

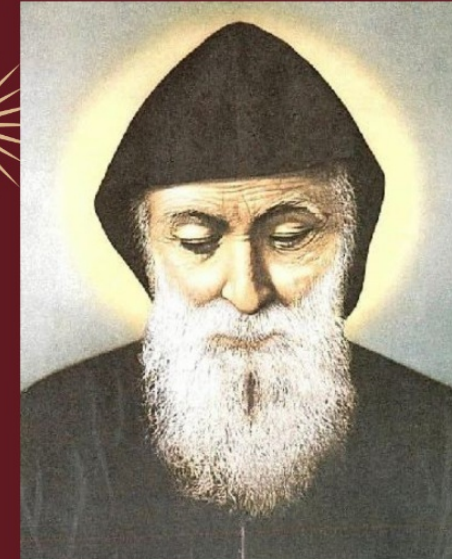
1Thes 1: 1- 10; LK 7:36- 50

Sunday, September 5, 2021, 16th Sunday of Pentecost

Rom 8:18-27; Lk 18:914

Attention Members of the Order of Saint Sharbel

ORDER OF SAINT SHARBEL



Please join Bishop Gregory Mansour for a Special Fall Meeting with Members of the Order of Saint Sharbel via Zoom on September 9, 2021 at 7:00pm Eastern Time.

Registration is now open --
Please click on the blue button below to register.

To Register:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScFXTPZ-luQPfQ8iU_gawC0n7Wh4y4YgRGGsrnNNarVhif2uw/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0