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Sunday, October 1, 2023, Third Sunday after Holy Cross

Sunday, October 1, 2023 at 11:00 o'clock Gabriel Girgis Jaja

Sunday, October 8, 2023 at 11:00 o'clock

Sunday, October 15, 2023 at 11:00 o'clock Younes Younes

Sunday, October 22, 2023 at 11:00 o'clock

Sunday, October 29, 2023 at 11:00 o'clock Ghassan Imad (40 Day Anniversary)

Sunday, November 5, 2023 at 11:00 o'clock

Sunday, November 12, 2023 at 11:00 o'clock

Sunday, November 19, 2023 at 11:00 o'clock

Sunday, November 26, 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, October 1, 2023

Halim Younes, Victor Beasley and Rafah Elias

Ushers for Sunday, October 8, 2023

Halim Younes, Anthony Beasley, John Nadder and Fawzi Abouchabke

Altar Servers for Sunday, October 8, 2023

George Beasley and Marek Oszwaldowski

#### Thank you for your generosity

Summary of the Collection for Sunday, September 24, 2023

Regular collection \$ 709 Contribution by mail \$ 650 September 22, 2023 \$ 100

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

## Are You Interested?

## A Message from Bishop Mansour

The Maronite Servants of Christ the Light will be hosting a new online series of workshops starting Thursday October 12 to help our people to learn more about the Seven Mysteries (Sacraments).

There will be four different priests from the Eparchy of Saint Maron presenting these sessions on four consecutive Thursdays at 8pm. Following the presentation there will be time for Q&A.

See below for the upcoming dates, topics and presenters:

Oct. 12: Baptism and Chrismation (Chorbishop Seely Beggiani)

# **Scripture Readings**

Sunday, October 1, 2023 (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Holy Cross and Holy Rosary Sunday)

Phil 3:17-4:1; Mt 24: 23-31

Sunday, October 8, 2023 (4th Sunday after Holy Cross)

1 Thes 5: 1-11; Mt 24: 45-51

Sunday, October 15, 2023 (5th Sunday after Holy Cross)

Phil 2:12-18; Mt 25:1-13

Oct. 19: Confession and Anointing of the Sick (Fr. Claude Franklin)

Oct. 26: The Holy Eucharist (Fr. Gary George)

Nov. 2: Marriage and Ordination (Chorbishop Michael Thomas)

Please use this link to register by completing this google form (<a href="https://forms.gle/KueoT8gPMk1mZ31w7">https://forms.gle/KueoT8gPMk1mZ31w7</a>) to reserve your spot and receive the Zoom link and recordings. The recordings will also be uploaded on the Maronite Servants' Youtube Channel.

If you have any questions contact the sisters through their website (Maronite Servants of Christ the Light - Maronite Servants of Christ the Light).

### Order of Saint Sharbel Sunday

This year, October 8 is designated as "Order of Saint Sharbel Sunday" in our Eparchy. On October 8, all Maronite parishes will be promoting the Order. The Order of Saint Sharbel is vitally important in providing financial and spiritual support for our seminarians, who are crucial for the future of our Maronite Church. This year we have three men preparing for the priesthood for our Eparchy. Please prayerfully consider joining the Order. You may enroll online at www.orderstsharbel.org or ask Father for more information.

### **Second Collection**

**Sunday, October 22, 2023**, a second collection will be taken to benefit **World Mission Sunday**. As established by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), 91% of this collection goes to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, and 9% to the Catholic Near East Welfare Association [CNEWA]). All funds collected will be sent to our Chancery office for proper transfer. Thank you for your generosity and cooperation.

### **FYI**

How can a Catholic best safeguard his faith? A Catholic can best safeguard his faith by making frequent acts of faith, by praying for a strong faith, by studying his religion very earnestly, by living a good life, by good reading, by refusing to associate with the enemies of the Church, and by not reading books and papers opposed to the Church and her teaching. (I know that after my departure fierce wolves will get in among you, and will not spare the flock. And from among your own selves men will rise speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them) (Acts 20:29-30).



