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**Sunday, October 8, 2023, Fourth Sunday after Holy Cross**

**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**  
George and Theresa AbouChabke and Moussa and Elham ElJor

**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 8, 2023***

Halim Younes, Anthony Beasley, John Nadder and Fawzi Abouchabke

***Ushers for Sunday, October 15, 2023***

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

***Ushers for Sunday, October 22, 2023***

Halim Younes, Gebran Fatouche, Antoine Issa and Joseph Nasr

***Altar Servers for Sunday, October 15, 2023***

Mateo AbouJaoude and Jason Nasr

***Thank you for your generosity***

**Summary of the Collection for Sunday, October 1, 2023**

Regular collection \$2081

Contribution by mail \$ 650

Pledge \$1000

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.

**Scripture Readings**

**Sunday, October 8, 2023 (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Holy Cross)**

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

**Sunday, October 15, 2023 (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Holy Cross)**

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

**Sunday, October 22, 2023 (6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Holy Cross)**

Gal 6:1-10; Mt 25: 14-30

See below for the upcoming dates, topics and presenters:

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

**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 (<https://forms.gle/KueoT8gPMk1mZ31w7>) 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](http://www.orderstsharbel.org) or ask Father for more information.

***Second Collections***

**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.

**On Sunday, November 5, 2023**, a second collection will be taken for **Maronite Patriarchal Charities**. This collection, taken at the request of Bishop Gregory Mansour, allows us, as an Eparchy, to strengthen our Patriarch's charitable giving. It is like the “Peter's Pence” collection for our Patriarch. All funds collected will be sent to our Chancery office for proper transfer. Thank you for your generosity and cooperation.

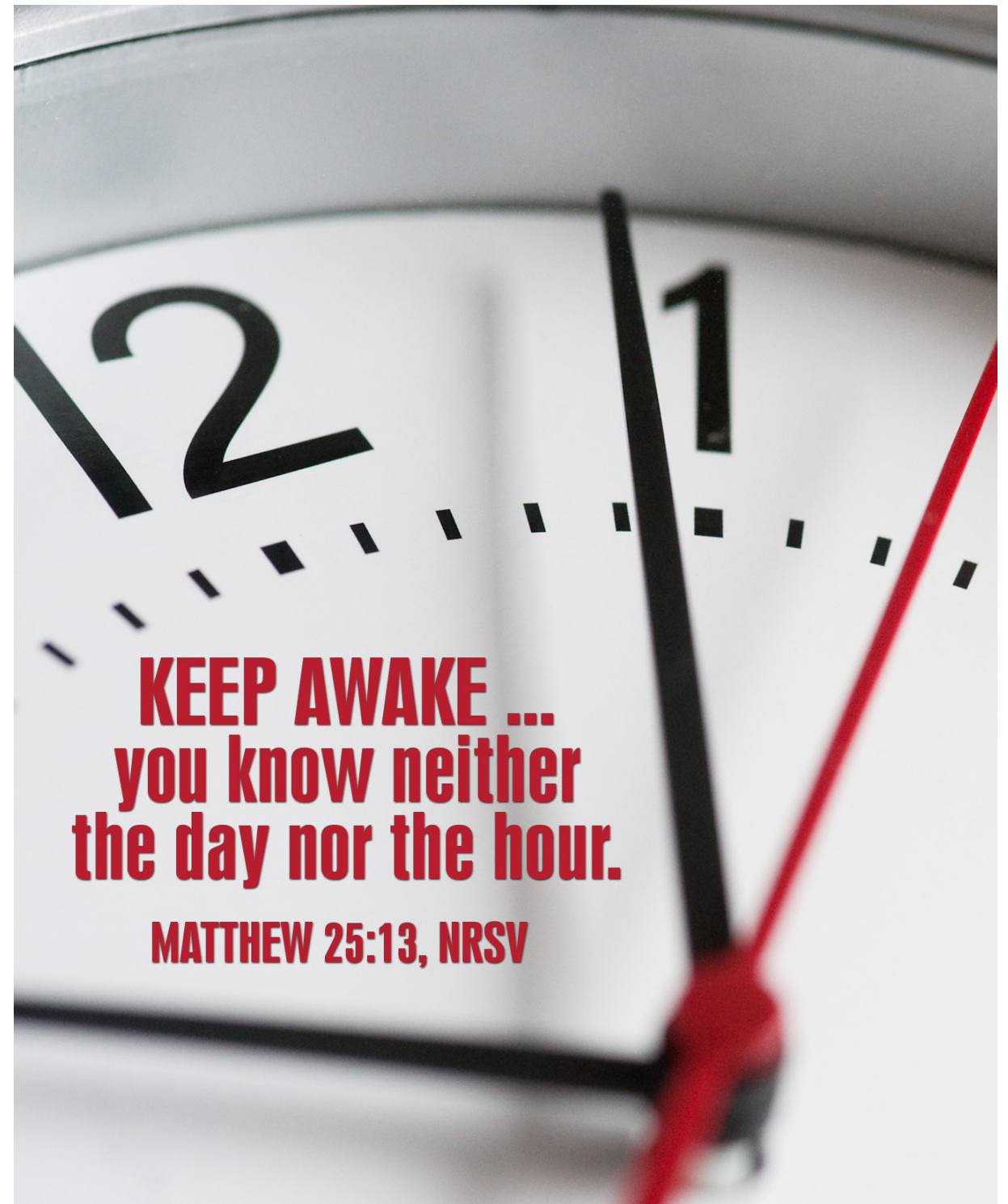
### *How to Pray the Rosary*

The purpose of the Rosary is to help keep in memory certain principal events in the history of our salvation. There are twenty mysteries reflected upon in the Rosary, and these are divided into the five **Joyful Mysteries (said on Monday and Saturday)**, the five **Luminous Mysteries (said on Thursday)**, the five **Sorrowful Mysteries (said on Tuesday and Friday)**, and the five **Glorious Mysteries (said on Wednesday and Sunday)**. As an exception, the Joyful Mysteries may be said on Sundays during the Christmas Season, while the **Sorrowful Mysteries may be said on the Sundays of Lent**.

The question is sometimes asked, why, of all the incidents in our Lord's life, the Rosary only considers these particular twenty. The mysteries of the Rosary are based on the incidents in the life of Our Lord and His Mother that are celebrated in the Liturgy. There is a parallel between the main feasts honoring our Lord and his Mother in the liturgical year, and the twenty mysteries of the Rosary. Consequently, one who recites the twenty mysteries of the Rosary in one day reflects on the whole liturgical cycle that the Church commemorates during the course of each year. That is why some of the popes have referred to the Rosary as a compendium of the Gospel (rosarycenter.org).

### *The Mysteries*

<b>Joyful</b>	<b>Sorrowful</b>	<b>Luminous</b>	<b>Glorious</b>
<b>The Annunciation</b> Fruit: Humility	<b>The Agony in the Garden</b> Fruit: God's will be done	<b>The Baptism of the Lord</b> Fruit: Openness to the Holy Spirit	<b>The Resurrection of Jesus</b> Fruit: Faith
<b>The Visitation</b> Fruit: Love of Neighbor	<b>The Scourging at the Pillar</b> Fruit: Purity	<b>The Wedding in Cana</b> Fruit: To Jesus thru Mary	<b>The Ascension into Heaven</b> Fruit: Christian Hope
<b>The Nativity of the Lord</b> Fruit: Detachment	<b>The Crowning With Thorns</b> Fruit: Reign of Christ in Our Hearts	<b>The Proclamation of the Kingdom</b> Fruit: Christian witness and conversion	<b>The Coming of the Holy Spirit</b> Fruit: Gifts of the Holy Spirit
<b>The Presentation</b> Fruit: Obedience	<b>The Carrying of the Cross</b> Fruit: Patient Bearing of Trials	<b>The Transfiguration</b> Fruit: Spiritual Courage	<b>The Assumption</b> Fruit: Desire for Heaven
<b>The Finding in the Temple</b> Fruit: Perseverance	<b>The Crucifixion and death of Jesus</b> Fruit: Pardoning of injuries	<b>The Institution of the Eucharist</b> Fruit: Love of our Eucharistic Lord	<b>The Coronation of Mary</b> Fruit: Grace of Final Perseverance



**KEEP AWAKE ...  
you know neither  
the day nor the hour.**

**MATTHEW 25:13, NRSV**