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Sunday, September 10, 2023, Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Sunday, September 10, 2023 at 11:00 o'clock
Ghassan Imad (Vivian Khawand's brother)

Thursday, September 14, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.
Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Holy Cross

Sunday, September 17, 2023 at 11:00 o'clock

Friday, September 22, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.
Divine Liturgy in honor of Saint Sharbel

Sunday, September 24, 2023 at 11:00 o'clock
Georgette Melhem (40 Day Anniversary)

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

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

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

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

Sunday, October 29, 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, September 10, 2023

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

Ushers for Sunday, September 17, 2023

Halim Younes, Gebran Fatouche, Antoine Issa and Joseph Nasr

Altar Servers for Sunday, September 17, 2023

Matteo Abou Jaoude and Jason Nasr

Thank you for your generosity

Summary of the Collection for Sunday, September 3, 2023

Regular collection	\$1512
Pledge	\$ 200
Contribution by mail	\$ 370
Saturday, September 2	\$ 370
Coffee Hour	\$ 113 (Sept. 2 and Sept. 3)

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

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.

Scripture Readings

Sunday, September 10, 2023 (Holy Cross)

1 Cor 1: 18-25; Jn 12: 20-32

Sunday, September 17, 2023 (1st Sunday after Holy Cross)

2 Tim 2:1-10; Mt 10:35-45

Sunday School Registration

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 **on Sunday, September 24, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.**

Please Join us

On Tuesday, September 12, 2023, His Excellency **Archbishop Antoine Abou Najem**, Maronite Bishop of the Diocese of Antelias in Lebanon, will visit our community. He will celebrate the Divine Liturgy at 7:30 p.m. You are cordially invited **to join us for the 7:30 p.m. Divine Liturgy** celebrated by Bishop Abou Najem and Bishop A. Elias Zaidan followed by a light reception at the Seminary's Library (the old church building) to meet and greet both bishops.

Eparchial Benefit Dinner

Each October, the Eparchy of Saint Maron has a Benefit Dinner to raise funds for educating seminarians, expanding ministries, and supporting parishes and missions in need in the Eparchy. The Annual Benefit Dinner will take place on **Thursday, October 5, at The Union League Club** in New York. Please visit www.stmaron.org/eparchial-benefit to register or to make a donation.

Please support this important event – the Church needs your support this year more than ever. For more information, please email saintmaron@yahoo.com or call 718-237-9913. Thank you.

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.

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.

Join Us in Making Our Lady of Lebanon's 2023 Annual Lebanese Festival a Resounding Success!

The vibrant spirit of the Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Church community is once again ready to shine through our Lebanese Festival on September 16, 2023 - a significant fundraiser of the year. The festival is more than just a fundraiser, it is a testament to our shared strength, commitment, and cultural legacy. Let's come together, united in our purpose, and make this year's festival a resounding success.

We need the help of each and everyone of you. 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**.

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.



Let us prayerfully remember all those who lost their lives and all the injured on that fateful day; their families and loved ones. We pray for all those who are still carrying the wounds, pain and loss of that tragedy as well as for all the first responders, the paramedics, firefighters, police officers and all those who went beyond the call of duty to help. Above all we pray for peace in our country and our hearts

MYA Eparchial Conference

Are you a young adult between the ages of 18 and 39? Are you looking to grow deeper in your faith and connect with other like-minded young adults from your culture and faith? Join our MYA family October 13th-15th 2023 at St. Anthony Parish in Glen Allen, VA for an unforgettable experience. We will discuss relationships and love relating to all states in life including single, dating, engaged, and married couples. The MYA Conference Registration Fee is \$239 (early bird pricing ends Sept. 10) Please note: This fee does not include the hotel room which is \$119 per night, plus tax (and can accommodate up to 4 people per 2 double bed rooms).

To learn more or to register for the Conference visit <https://www.myaeparchystmaron.org/> If you have any questions, reach out to MYA Eparchial President Maya Khoury at mya.eparchystmaron@gmail.com.

OUR LADY OF LEBANON MARONITE CHURCH



SAVE THE DATE!

2023 LEBANESE FESTIVAL

SEPTEMBER 16, 2023, NOON - 10 PM

Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Church is thrilled to announce our annual Lebanese festival, returning on September 16, 2023!

Join us for a day filled with:

- Delicious Lebanese cuisine, wine, beer, and arak
- Lebanese sweet shop
- Live music by D.J. Gilbert of Gaia Productions
- Traditional dance performances
- And more!

Mark your calendars and get ready to experience the best of Lebanese hospitality and culture. We can't wait to see you there!

Who's invited? Everyone!

What? Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Church Annual Lebanese Festival

Where? 7142 Alaska Avenue NW, Washington, D.C

When? September 16, 2023, noon - 10 pm



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