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***Sunday, September 11, 2022, Exaltation of the Holy Cross***

**Sunday, September 11, 2022 at 11:00 o'clock**

Maroun Fahed (40 Day Anniversary)

**Thursday, September 15, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.**

Liturgy, Holy Hour and Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament

**Sunday, September 18, 2022 at 11:00 o'clock**

Christopher Beasley (40 Day Anniversary)

**Thursday, September 22, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.**

Divine Liturgy in honor of Saint Sharbel

**Sunday, September 25, 2022 at 11:00 o'clock**

Gabriella Randhahn

**Sunday, October 2, 2022 at 11:00 o'clock**

**Sunday, October 9, 2022 at 11:00 o'clock**

Barbara Richey (40 Day Anniversary)

**Sunday, October 16, 2022 at 11:00 o'clock**

Younes Younes

**Sunday, October 23, 2022 at 11:00 o'clock**

Antoine Toufic Touma

**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 18, 2022***

Halim Younes, Victor Beasley, Rafah Elias and Salah Dagher

### ***Ushers for Sunday, September 25, 2022***

Halim Younes, Anthony Beasley, John Nadder & Fawzi Abouchabke

### ***Altar Servers for Sunday, September 18, 2022***

Matteo AbouJaoude and George Beasley

### ***Thank you for your generosity***

#### **Summary of the Collection for Sunday, September 4, 2022**

Regular Collection \$823

Pledge \$250

Individual Contribution \$500

2<sup>nd</sup> collection (Maintenance) \$250

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

### ***Sunday School Registration***

**We are still taking** registration for Sunday School (Religious Education). The Sunday School, open to all young people from pre-school to high school, will resume in-person on **Sunday, September 25, 2022.**

### ***Second Collection***

**Sunday, September 11, 2022**, a second collection will be taken to benefit The Catholic University of America (CUA). This collection provides funding for academic scholarships at CUA. All funds collected will be sent to our Chancery office for proper transfer. Thank you for your generosity and cooperation.

### **Scripture Readings**

**Sunday, September 18, 2022 (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Holy Cross)**

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

**Sunday, September 25, 2022 (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Holy Cross)**

1 Cor 15: 19-34; Mt 24:1-14

**Sunday, September 30, 2022 (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Holy Cross)**

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

### ***Our Lady of Lebanon Annual Food Festival/ Volunteers***

Only a few days separate us from our **Annual Lebanese Food Festival!** It is a fun, busy and exciting time as our community prepares for this weekend when our parish comes together as a team. This year's festival is **Saturday, September 17, 2022 from 12 noon to 11:00 p.m.** This festival plays a vital part in providing for the church's financial needs. We rely on your support and generosity to make it as successful as you want it to be.

**Volunteers are needed** to help prepare the food, set-up the area and serve the food as well as getting the area cleaned afterwards. I have asked **Dr. Dolly Gebeily (301-802-2538, [dgebeily@comcast.net](mailto:dgebeily@comcast.net))** and **Maroun Mezher (703-501 5452)** to recruit volunteers and make a schedule. Please do not turn them down when they approach you. Thank you for your cooperation.

### ***Golf Tournament/Dinner***

**The Fifth Invitational Golf Tournament and Dinner Charity Event** will be held at the five-star Trump **National Golf Club in Potomac Falls, Virginia on September 23, 2022** to benefit Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church.

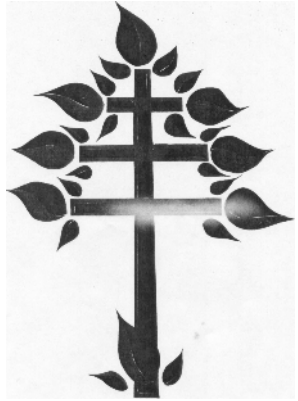
For more **information** or to **buy dinner tickets**, please get in touch with Fouad Arbid at [farbid@swsconsultants.net](mailto:farbid@swsconsultants.net) or with Pierre Khattar at [Pierrekhattar@Gmail.com](mailto:Pierrekhattar@Gmail.com). Thank you.

### ***FYI***

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. 25% of the net proceeds of this year's event will be directed to help in Lebanon and the Middle East, as they continue to need assistance more now than ever. The Thirteenth Annual Benefit Dinner will take place on Thursday evening, October 6, at The Water Club.

Please visit [www.stmaron.org/eparchial-benefit](http://www.stmaron.org/eparchial-benefit) to register and make a donation. Please support this important event – the Church relies on you and is always so grateful for your generosity. For more information, please email [saintmaron@yahoo.com](mailto:saintmaron@yahoo.com) or call 718-237-9913. Thank you for your generosity.

## *Feast of the Triumph of the Holy Cross*



Today we celebrate the Feast of the triumph of the Holy Cross. The Feast of the Holy Cross is one of the most solemn feasts of the Maronite Liturgical calendar and commemorates the finding of the relics of the cross and the dedication of the Church at Calvary.

The feast of the triumph of the Holy Cross was celebrated as early as the 5<sup>th</sup> century. Cyril of Jerusalem claimed that the Cross was discovered early in the 4<sup>th</sup> century by emperor Constantine when he intended to build a Basilica on the site of the tomb of Christ.

According to these early traditions, the people were shown the wood of the cross and allowed to honor it once each year on the 14<sup>th</sup> of September.

There is a difference between the adoration of the cross on Good Friday and the exaltation of the cross today. On Good Friday the focus is on the passion and suffering of Christ. On Good Friday the focus is on the cross as the only way to resurrection. In today's feast we worship the cross because of the power of Christ given to it.

### ***FYI***

#### ***What is Holy Communion?***

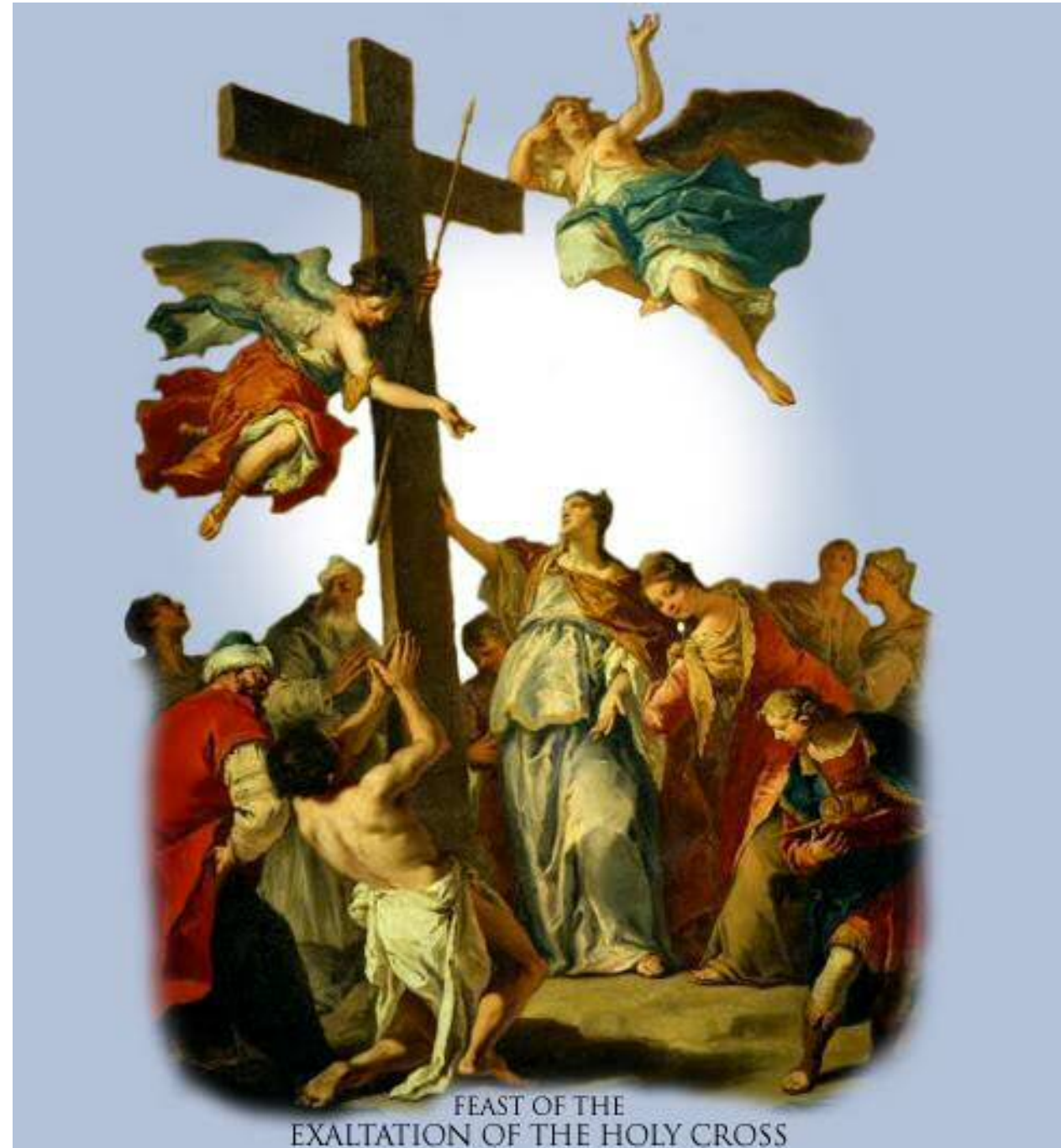
Holy Communion is the receiving of Jesus Christ in the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. "He who eats my flesh, and drinks my blood, abides in me and I in him" (John 6:57).

#### ***What is necessary to receive Holy Communion worthily?***

To receive Holy Communion worthily it is necessary to be free from mortal sin, to have a right intention, and to obey the Church's laws on the fast required before Holy Communion out of reverence for the body and blood of Our Divine Lord. However, there are some cases in which Holy Communion may be received without fasting. "Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks the cup of the Lord unworthily, will be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord" (I Corinthians 11:27).



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.



# OUR LADY OF LEBANON CHURCH

## MARONITE CHRISTIAN FORMATION REGISTRATION FORM

(Please Print Clearly)

### Student Information

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
Month
Day
Year

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street (include apartment number, if applicable)

\_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip

### Parent Information

#### FATHER INFORMATION

#### MOTHER INFORMATION

First Name _____	
Last Name _____	
Email _____	Maiden Name _____
Cell No. _____	
Home No. _____	

### Catholic, Private, Home, or Public School Presently Attending

School Name \_\_\_\_\_

City & State \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

### Prior Religious Education Classes

Church or School Name \_\_\_\_\_

<b>2021 – 2022</b>	<b>2020– 2021</b>	<b>2019 – 2020</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

### Holy Mysteries/Sacraments

	DATE (M/Y)	CHURCH NAME	CITY/STATE/COUNTRY
BAPTISM			
CHRISMATION/ CONFIRMATION			
FIRST PENANCE			
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION			

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