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Sunday, September 17, 2023, First Sunday after Holy Cross

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

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
Younes Younes

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

Sunday, October 29, 2023 at 11:00 o'clock

Sunday, November 5, 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 17, 2023

Halim Younes, Gebran Fatouche, Antoine Issa and Joseph Nasr

Ushers for Sunday, September 24, 2023

Fawzi Abouchabke, Maroun Mezher, Tony ElKhouri and Mark Malkoun

Altar Servers for Sunday, September 24, 2023

George Beasley and Marek Oszwaldowski

Thank you for your generosity

Summary of the Collection for Sunday, September 10, 2023

Regular collection	\$1560
Pledge	\$ 550
Contribution by mail	\$ 450
Individual Contribution	\$ 250
Coffee Hour	\$ 46

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

Sunday School Information

We start Sunday School or Religious Education program on **Sunday, September 24, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.** The following are just guidelines to help with better management of the program:

- ◆ Religious Education is every **Sunday from 10 to 10:50 A.M.**
- ◆ **Teachers** are urged to be in their classrooms at least ten minutes early and greet the children when they arrive
- ◆ **Teachers are to end their classes at 10:50** so children and parents will not be late for the Divine Liturgy
- ◆ **Parents:** Try to get the children to class on time and pick them up on time so you can be on time for the Divine Liturgy
- ◆ If the child is to miss Sunday School session, please call and let us know before Sunday if possible.
- ◆ Go over the homework with the children. Make sure they bring their books to class. Thank you for your cooperation.

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.

Saint Sharbel Spiritual Life Center

A Message from Bishop Gregory Mansour

I write to you today about a wonderful opportunity for the Eparchy: the creation of the Saint Sharbel Spiritual Life Center, located in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Through God's goodness, we have an opportunity to better serve the faithful through this initiative which can be a source of spiritual renewal for the people of the Eparchy.

Please view a two minute video about the Center at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j11aMpBVii8>. If you have 18 minutes to view a longer video, you can watch it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gjFxEUg0g2k&t=345s>

Please prayerfully consider how you can help promote this initiative, and God willing, participate in making this dream come true. Thank you. Gratefully yours in Christ,
+ Gregory



Thanks a Million

To all the gracious volunteers and behind the scenes personnel who helped to make the Parish's Annual Lebanese Food Festival the success it was. I pray that God Almighty will continue to smile upon you and bless you.

May He grant you peace, happiness, success and health in this life and His eternal Kingdom in the life ever after.

With my sincere gratitude and prayers for all of 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.

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.

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.

Scripture Readings

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

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

Sunday, September 24, 2023 (2nd Sunday after Holy Cross)

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

Sunday, October 1, 2023 (3rd Sunday after Holy Cross and Holy Rosary Sunday)

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

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (by Fr. Abdo Badawi - USEK)

