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Sunday, September 24, 2023, Second Sunday after Holy Cross

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

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, September 24, 2023

Fawzi Abouchabke, Maroun Mezher, Tony ElKhouri and Mark Malkoun

Ushers for Sunday, October 1, 2023

Halim Younes, Victor Beasley and Rafah Elias

Altar Servers for Sunday, October 1, 2023

Mateo AbouJaoude and Jason Nasr

Thank you for your generosity

Summary of the Collection for Sunday, September 17, 2023

Regular collection \$ 917

Pledge \$1220

Contribution by mail \$ 100

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

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=jI1aMpBVii8>. 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

Sunday School

Program Starts on **Sunday, September 24, 2023 at 10:00 o'clock**

Class	Students	Teacher
Pre-KG	9	Eva Helou
KG	3	Eva Helou
1 st Grade	2	Sarah Kallasy
2 nd Grade	5	Jonathan Zichkaou
3 rd Grade	2	Janine Helou
4 th Grade	6	Jack Seraphim
5 th Grade	4	Tanios Bou Onk
6 th Grade	0	
7 th Grade	3	Roger AbouJaoude
8 th Grade	0	Roger Aboujaoude
High School	5	Subdeacon Elias Hazkial

Sunday School Information

We start **Sunday School or Religious Education program on Sunday, September 24, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.** The following are 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

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.

Scripture Readings

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

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

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

Festival Raffle Winners

The following won the festival raffle:

- ◆ **First prize** of \$1500 went to Jeffrey Chebli (ticket # 736)
- ◆ **Second prize** of \$1000 went to Fadi Haddad (ticket #268)
- ◆ **Third prize** of \$500 went to Vicky Kadissi (ticket #852).

Please note that the second prize winner donated a portion of his winning back to the Church. Congratulations to the winners and a big thank you to all those who purchased or sold raffle tickets.

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

