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Sunday, September 25, 2022, Second Sunday after the Holy Cross

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

Gabriella Randhahn

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

Theresa Nammour, Georgette Khayat, Nicholas George and Albert Carali

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

Sunday, October 30, 2022 at 11:00 o'clock

Christopher and Trina Beasley and Bettie Yazbeck

Sunday, November 6, 2022 at 11:00 o'clock

Sunday, November 13, 2022 at 11:00 o'clock

Antoine Rahme

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 2, 2022

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

Ushers for Sunday, October 9, 2022

Halim Younes, Gebran Fatouche, Antoine Issa and Joseph Nasr

Altar Servers for Sunday, October 2, 2022

George Beasley and Mateo AbouJaoude

Thank you for your generosity

Summary of the Collection for Sunday, September 18, 2022

Regular Collection \$857

Individual contributions \$700

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

Sunday School

Program starts on **Sunday, September 25, 2022 at 10:00 am.**

Class	Students	Teacher
Pre-KG	7	Eva Helou
KG	3	Eva Helou
First	5	Sarah Kallasy
Second	5	Jonathan Ziscihkau
Third	6	Janine Helou
Fourth	3	Jack Seraphim
Fifth	3	Joseph Zoghby
Sixth	3	Jon Ziscihkau, Jr.
Seventh	No students	
Eight	2	Roger Abou Jaoude
High School	4 students	Katia Abou Rejeily and Pierre Ghanem

Scripture Readings

Sunday, October 2, 2022 (3rd Sunday after Holy Cross)

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

Sunday, October 9, 2022 (4th Sunday after Holy Cross)

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

Sunday School Information

We start Sunday School or Religious Education program this Sunday, 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.
- ◆ **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.

Attention All Young Adults

Are you a young adult looking to go deeper in living your faith and seeking to connect with other like-minded young adults? Join our MYA family on **October 28-30, 2022** at the Tampa Marriott, Water Street in Tampa, Florida, for an unforgettable experience filled with faith, fellowship, and fun. We will discuss simple ways to incorporate faith in our everyday life. To learn more or to register for the Conference visit <https://www.myaeparchystmaron.org/>. If you have any questions reach out to MYA President Maya Khoury at mya.eparchystmaron@gmail.com.

Order of Saint Sharbel

This year, October 9 is designated as "Order of Saint Sharbel Sunday" in our Eparchy. On October 9, 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 five men preparing for the priesthood for our Eparchy. Please prayerfully consider joining the Order. You may enroll online at www.orderstsharbel.org or ask the priest for more information.

Festival Raffle Winners

The following won the festival raffle:

- ◆ **First prize** of \$1500 went to Joseph Kamel (ticket # 1276)
- ◆ **Second prize** of \$1000 went to Gladys Abi Najm (ticket #492)
- ◆ **Third prize** of \$500 went to Nadia Khalife (ticket #1143).

Please note that the first and third prize winners donated the money back to the Church and the second prize winner donated half of the prize to the Church and the second half to St. Jude Research Hospital. Congratulations to the winners and a big thank you for their generosity.

FYI

When does one commit a mortal sin?

One commits a mortal sin when they are simultaneously present: grave matter, full knowledge, and deliberate consent. This sin destroys charity in us, deprives us of sanctifying grace, and if unrepented, leads us to the eternal death of hell. It can be forgiven in the ordinary way by means of the sacraments of Baptism and of Penance or Reconciliation. (For further reading: Catechism of the Catholic Church CCC 1855-1861, 1874)

When does one commit a venial sin?

One commits a venial sin, which is essentially different from a mortal sin, when the matter involved is less serious or, even if it is grave, when full knowledge or complete consent are absent. Venial sin does not break the covenant with God but it weakens charity and manifests a disordered affection for created goods. It impedes the progress of a soul in the exercise of virtues and in the practice of moral good. It merits temporal punishment which purifies. (for further reading: CCC 1862-1864, 1875).

What does the hidden life of Jesus in Nazareth teach us?

In the course of his hidden life in Nazareth Jesus stayed in the silence of an ordinary existence. This allows us to enter into fellowship with him in the holiness to be found in a daily life marked by prayer, simplicity, work and family love. His obedience to Mary to Joseph, his foster father, is an image of his filial obedience to the Father. Mary and Joseph accepted with faith the mystery of Jesus even though they did not always understand it. (For further reading: Catechism of the Catholic Church CCC 533-534, 564)

Why did Jesus receive from John the "baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins" (Luke 3:3)?

To inaugurate his public life and to anticipate the "Baptism" of his death, he who was without sin accepted to be numbered among sinners. He was "the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." (John 1:29). The Father proclaimed him to be "his beloved Son" (Matthew 3:17) and the Spirit descended upon him. The baptism of Jesus is a prefiguring of our baptism (For further reading: CCC 535-537, 565).



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