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September 26, 2021, Second Sunday after Holy Cross

Sunday, September 26, 2021 at 11:00 o'clock

Sunday, October 3, 2021 at 11:00 o'clock Antoine Toufic Touma

Sunday, October 10, 2021 at 11:00 o'clock

Sunday, October 17, 2021 at 11:00 o'clock Younes Younes

Thursday, October 21, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. Liturgy and Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament

Friday, October 22, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. In honor of Saint Sharbel

Sunday, October 24, 2021 at 11:00 o'clock

Sunday, October 31, 2021 at 11:00 o'clock

Dr. Robert Frangieh

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 3, 2021

Fawzi Abouchabke, Maroun Mezher, Tony ElKhouri & Mark Malkoun

Ushers for Sunday, October 10, 2021

Halim Younes, Victor Beasley, Rafah Elias and Gebran Fatouche

(If you will not be attending the Liturgy on that day, please get in touch with Halim Younes to find a replacement.

SAJ DAY

Please join us for a **Saj Day** following the Divine Liturgy on **Sunday**, September 26, 2021. For more information, please see the flyer on the other page. The raffle drawing will also take place on the same day. To pre-order please call Gebran Fattouch at 443-600-9484. Thank you for supporting this fund-raising event for the parish.

Thank you for your generosity

Summary of the Collection for Sunday, September 19, 2021 Regular Sunday Collection \$ 1129 \$ 200 Pledge

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

Holy Hour of Adoration

Starting on October 21, 2021 and every third Thursday of the month thereafter, we will have the Divine Liturgy at 7:30 p.m. followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. The Holy Hour was scheduled on the last Sunday of every month, but it has not been working out. Maybe it will be better attended on a week night.

Order of Saint Sharbel

This year, October 10 is designated as "Order of Saint Sharbel Sunday" in our Eparchy. On October 10, 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 six men studying in Washington and two in Lebanon for our Eparchy. Please prayerfully consider joining the Order. You may enroll online at www.orderstsharbel.org.

Meeting

In an effort to revive the **Altar Servers** minister, while the parents are socializing in the social hall, there will be a training meeting on Sunday, October 3, 2021, following the Divine Liturgy for all young men (age 9 years old and up) who want to become Altar Servers. A schedule will be prepared and included in the weekly bulletin.

Scripture Readings

Sunday, October 3, 2021, Third Sunday after Holy Cross Phil 3:17 -4:1; Mt 24:23-31 Sunday, October 10, 2021, Fourth Sunday after Holy Cross 1 Thes 5:1-11: Mt 24: 45-51 Sunday, October 17, 2021, Fifth Sunday after Holy Cross Phil 2:12-18; Mt 25:1-13

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).

Ways to Financially Support your Church

Thank you very much for all your sacrifices and generosity towards your church. Without your generosity and cooperation, we will not survive for too long. It is true, the church is debt free, but if the church is to survive and do its best to be a light house to all and pass on our Maronite traditions to the next generation, we need you. We need your spiritual, moral and financial support.

To achieve a consistent source of revenue, the Finance Committee and myself are asking you to consider making a monthly payment to the church so we can meet our monthly obligations. We are kindly asking you to consider a **recurring payment** that is sent directly to the church. The automatic recurring payment is an easy and secure way to contribute. You can send your contributions through your bank's "Bill Pay," the exact same way you pay any other online bill. It is the easiest way to make a recurrent transfer and it is free.

Should you decide to do so, log into your bank's website and choose "bill pay" services and add "Our Lady of Lebanon Church" as a "payee" using this information: Payee Name: Our Lady of Lebanon Church, Payee Address: 7237 15th Place, NW, Washington, DC 20012 (Please do not use any other address.) Choose the amount you are willing to contribute each month or by-weekly and check recurrent payment. If you use the church envelop system, please include your envelope number so we may properly credit your account.

2) Online Donation

- 1) Log on to: https://secure.myvanco.com/YHC6
- 2) Or visit the Parish's website: www.Ololdc.org and look for online donation to the right of the screen
- 3) Select your funds and amount and click the "donate" button. From there, you can choose a donation amount and frequency, then proceed to payment
- 4) Enter Payment Method (credit card, debit card, etc.) Since Vanco charges processing fee, you will be asked if you want to add the 3% fee to your donation. You can even save your payment information for future donations
- 5) Review and submit your gift by clicking "submit." Please keep in mind that Vanco fees (3%). That is why the direct automatic pay is preferred.

3) The Collection Basket at Church

We also encourage you to drop your offering in the collection basket every time you celebrate the Divine Liturgy with us. The collection is a way of participating in the offering of the Liturgy where we offer to God our love and devotion and the fruits of our labor.

4) Donation by mail

of course, you may send your donation by check payable to Our Lady of Lebanon to 7237 15th Place, NW, Washington, DC 20012.

Thank you for your continued generosity and may God bless you and all yours and grant you much peace, health, joy and prosperity.



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