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August 10, 2025; 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost

Liturgical Schedule

Sunday, August 10, 2025 at 11:00 o'clock

Thursday, August 14, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.

7:00 p.m.: Rosary

7:30 p.m.: Divine Liturgy for the Eve of the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Mother

Friday, August 15, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday, August 16, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

Moussa Abi Hanna (brother of Asma Zaccack) 40 Day anniversary

Sunday, August 17, 2025 at 11:00 o'clock

Friday, August 22, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.

Divine Liturgy in honor of Saint Sharbel

Sunday, August 24, 2025 at 11:00 o'clock

Sunday, August 31, 2025 at 11:00 o'clock

Latife Makhoul (mother of Sharbel Makhoul) 40 Day anniversary

Sunday, September 7, 2025 at 11:00 o'clock

*Ushers for Sunday, August 10, 2025*

Fawzi Abouchabke, Maroun Mezher, Tony El-Khoury and Mark Malkoun

*Ushers for Sunday, August 17, 2025*

Halim Younes, Victor Beasley, Antoine Issa and Nathan Hollister

*Ushers for Sunday, August 24, 2025*

Roger AbouJaoude, Elie Malkoun, Kevin Pitzer, and George Choueiry

*Altar Servers for Sunday, August 10, 2025*

Michael Fawaz, Marek Oszwaldowski and Evan Kazzi

*Altar Servers for Sunday, August 17, 2025*

Michael Fawaz, Jason Nasr and Ibrahim Kadissi

*Thank you for your generosity*

Summary of the Collection for Sunday, July 13, 2025

Regular Collection \$ 868

Donations by Mail \$ 325

Pledges \$ 600

**July 20, 2025**

Regular Collection \$1576

Donations by Mail \$ 500

Pledges \$ 100

**July 27, 2025**

Regular Collection \$ 870

July 22, 2025 \$ 61

Coffee Hour \$ 40

**August 3, 2025**

Regular Collection \$1382

Donations by Mail \$ 835

Pledges \$ 800

Individual Contribution \$1000

Coffee Jour \$ 68

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

*Religious Education (2025-2026) Registration*

Every Sunday following the Divine Liturgy, Janine Helou will be taking registration for Religious Education (Sunday School) program for 2025-2026 school year. The Religious Education Program, open to all children from Pre/K to 12<sup>th</sup> grade, will start on September 14, 2025.

**Reconciliation** (Confession) is available every Sunday between 10:15 and 10:45 a.m. before the Divine Liturgy or by appointment.

*Holy Day of Obligation*

Friday, August 15, 2025, Feast of the **Assumption of the Blessed Mother into Heaven** is a Holy Day of Obligation.

On Thursday, August 14, at 7:00p.m. : Holy Rosary

7:30 p.m.: Divine Liturgy

On Friday, August 15, 2025: Divine Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.



*Calling All Volunteers*

We need your help to make Our Lady of Lebanon 2025 Food Festival a success! The festival will take place on **Saturday September 20, 2025, starting at 12 noon.**

Volunteers are needed for the following areas:  
Set up before the festival on Thursday and Friday (September 18 -19); Food and drinks

stations on September 20 as well as general assistance before and during the festival. Maroun Mezher has been asked to recruit volunteers for the event. Please reach out to him (703 501 5452) with the time you can help. Everyone's help is needed in order to have a successful festival. This is a great chance to support our community and enjoy the festival. The annual festival is a major source of income for the parish. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

*Second Collection*

On Sunday, September 7, 2025, a second collection will be taken for the Catholic University and the Maronite Seminary (25% of this collection is for funding for academic scholarships at CUA, and 75% is for Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Seminary in Washington, D.C.)

*Mailing Address*

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### *Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Mother*

Ancient tradition tells us and our own faith assures us of what the Church has solemnly proclaimed: the Virgin Mary has entered, body and soul, into heaven. After her death the Virgin Mother of God, without undergoing corruption, has entered heaven, by a special privilege of God, with her body glorified as was her Son's. As God had preserved her from the stain of original sin, made her a mother and yet preserved her as a virgin, so also has He brought her to Himself in her integral human nature of body and soul.

The origins of this feast are very ancient and date to a period some time before the sixth century. Although it has been an ancient tradition to venerate the bodies of the saints, there never has been any mention of there being any veneration to the body of the Virgin. This is an added witness to the truth of the bodily assumption of the Virgin Mary. This feast is celebrated in the Churches of

both East and the West under a variety of titles.

On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII defined the Assumption of Mary to be a dogma of faith: "We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma that the immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory." The pope proclaimed this dogma only after a broad consultation of bishops, theologians and laity. There were few dissenting voices. What the pope solemnly declared was already a common belief in the Catholic Church.

Since Mary is closely associated with all the mysteries of Jesus' life, it is not surprising that the Holy Spirit has led the Church to believe in Mary's share in his glorification. So close was she to Jesus on earth, she must be with him body and soul in heaven. May our Virgin Mother intercede for us and may her prayers protect us. Amen.

