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August 17, 2025; 11th Sunday of Pentecost

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

Sunday, September 14, 2025 at 11:00 o'clock

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Sunday, September 21, 2025 at 11:00 o'clock

Monday, September 22, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.

Divine Liturgy in honor of Saint Sharbel

Sunday, September 28, 2025 at 11:00 o'clock

Ushers for Sunday, August 17, 2025

Halim Younes, Victor Beasley, Antoine Issa and Nathan Hollister Ushers for Sunday, August 24, 2025

Roger AbouJaoude, Kevin Pitzer, and George Choueiry Ushers for Sunday, August 31, 2025

Halim Younes, Anthony Beasley, John Nadder and JoAnne Nasr

Altar Servers for Sunday, August 17, 2025

Michael Fawaz, Jason Nasr and Ibrahim Kadissi

Altar Servers for Sunday, August 24, 2025

Marek Oszwakdowski, Michael Fawaz, Evan Kazzi & Chris Moussa

Thank you for your generosity

Summary of the Collection for Sunday, August 13, 2025

Regular Collection \$1039 \$ 500 Donations by Mail Pledges \$ 450 Individual Contribution \$ 100

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 12th grade, will start on **September 14**, 2025.

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 **REQUEST 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.

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

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.)



Ushers/Readers are urgently needed

As the number of our ushers dwindles, we are in need of a few people to serve as Ushers at the Liturgy. If you are interested in serving in this capacity, please let **me or Halim Younes** know so we can prepare the ushers' schedule. Depending on how many people

respond, each team may serve once a month or once in a few weeks. In addition to serving at the Liturgy, the ushers also are asked to count the collection after the Liturgy.

Readers

if you would like to serve as a lector, read the Epistle at the Liturgy either in Arabic or in English, please let me know so we can prepare the schedule and publish it in the bulletin. Readers are asked to dress modestly. No jeans, or T-shirts with bold prints on them, no shorts or immodest tops, etc...

Change of Date

To avoid conflicts with local churches' festivals and to accommodate multiple unforseen travel plans, the date for the Annual Our Lady of Lebanon Charitable Golf Tournament has been changed. The golf tournament will start on Thursday, October 23rd, 2025 in the afternoon and continue with the reception, dinner and entertainment on Friday, October 24, 2025. For more information, contact Fouad Arbid (farbid@Gmail.com) or Pierre Khattar (Pierre.khattar@Gmail.com).



Rest in Peace, Fr. Naji

Rest in peace, Fr. Naji Kiwan. Thank you for your priesthood, your ministry and your friendship. The funeral arrangements have not yet been made. Eternal rest grant upon him, O Lord, and let your perpetual light shine upon him.

OUR LADY OF LEBANON MARONITE CHURCH





2025 LEBANESE FESTIVAL

SEPTEMBER 20, 2025, NOON - 10 PM

Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Church is thrilled to announce our annual Lebanese festival, returning on September 20, 2025!

Join us for a day filled with:

- Delicious Lebanese cuisine, wine, beer, and arak
- Lebanese sweet shop
- Live music by D.J. Gilbert of Gaia Productions
- Traditional dance performances
- · And more!

Mark your calendars and get ready to experience the best of Lebanese hospitality and culture. We can't wait to see you there!



What? Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Church Annual Lebanese Festival

Where? 7142 Alaska Avenue NW, Washington, D.C

When? September 20, 2025, noon - 10 pm

For more information, please contact:

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