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September 14, 2025; Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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

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

Sunday, October 4, 2025 at 11:00 o'clock

Sunday, October 12, 2025 at 11:00 o'clock
Alfonso Khoury and deceased members of the Khoury and Abi Raad families

Sunday, October 19, 2025 at 11:00 o'clock

Wednesday, October 22, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.
Liturgy in honor of Saint Sharbel

Sunday, October 26, 2025 at 11:00 o'clock

Sunday, November 2, 2025 at 11:00 o'clock
For all faithful departed

Sunday, November 9, 2025 at 11:00 o'clock

Ushers for Sunday, September 14, 2025

Fawzi Abouchabke, Maron Mezher, Tony El-Khoury & Mark Malkoun

Ushers for Sunday, September 21, 2025

Halim Younes, Victor Beasley, Antoine Issa and Nathan Hollister

Ushers for Sunday, September 28, 2025

Roger AbouJaoude, Kevin Pitzer, and George Choueiry

Altar Servers for Sunday, September 14, 2025

Marek Oszwakdowski, Michael Fawaz, Mateo Abou Jaoude and Jacob ElKhoueiry

Altar Servers for Sunday, September 21, 2025

Marek Oszwakdowski, Michael Fawaz and Ethan Hillegas

Thank you for your generosity

Summary of the Collection for Sunday, September 7, 2025

Regular Collection	\$1824
Donations by Mail	\$ 820
Pledges	\$ 650
Second collection	\$ 428

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

Second Collections

Given the extraordinary nature of the current crisis in the Middle East, the USCCB has asked us to consider taking up a special collection to provide humanitarian relief and pastoral support for our affected brothers and sisters in Lebanon and the Holy Land. The donated funds will be sent to Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) and Catholic Relief Services (CRS). Both organizations have well-established partnerships with the Catholic Church in the region which allow them to respond quickly and efficiently.

This second collection will be taken on Sunday, **September 14, 2025**. All Proceeds will be sent through the Chancery Office to CNEWA and CRS. Thank you for your generosity.

Scripture Readings

Sunday, September 14, 2025 (Exaltation of the Holy Cross)

1 Cor 1:18–25; Jn 12:20–32

Sunday, September 21, 2025, (1st Sunday after Holy Cross)

2 Tim 2:1–10; Mk 10:35–45

Sunday, September 28, 2025, (2nd Sunday after Holy Cross)

1 Cor 15:19–34; Mt 24:1–14

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

On Sunday October 19, 2025, a second collection will be taken for World Mission Sunday. As per the norms established by the USCCB, 91% of this collection goes to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, and 9% to the Catholic Near East Welfare Association [CNEWA].

Religious Education (2025-2026) Registration

The Religious Education Program, open to all children from Pre/K to 12th grade, will start on September 14, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School Guidelines

The following are just guidelines to help with better management of the classes:

- ★ Religious Education is every Sunday **from 10 to 10:50 A.M.**
- ★ Try to get the children to class on time and pick them up on time
- ★ If the child is to miss Sunday School session, please call and let us know before Sunday if possible
- ★ Please do not leave the children alone in the classrooms
- ★ Go over the homework with the children. Make sure they bring their books to class. If books are lost they are \$10 each

Order of Saint Sharbel Sunday

This year, October 12, 2025, is designated as “Order of Saint Sharbel Sunday” in our Eparchy. On October 12, 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.

Visit of Bishop Gregory Mansour

Our Lady of Lebanon Church will welcome our shepherd, Bishop Gregory John Mansour, on **Saturday, November 8 through Sunday 9 November** as he makes his pastoral visit to our community. Mark your calendar. More details regarding the visit will follow.

SONGS
OF
FAITH




Concert by
RAFCA FARES & JESSICA HARIKA
Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Church
7142 Alaska Ave NW - Washington, DC 20012
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12
12:00 o'clock

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PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT SAINT JOSEPH MONASTERY | TOMB OF SAINT RAFQA IN LEBANON

Songs of Faith

Please join us for a religious concert (English, Arabic and Syriac) on Sunday, **October 12, 2025** following the Divine Liturgy to benefit Saint Joseph Monastery-Tomb of Saint Rafqa in Lebanon. (A light luncheon will be served).

Rafca Fares, a well-known Lebanese Singer: You all know Mrs. Fares. She has been at Our Lady of Lebanon before and needs no introduction. Recently she was the star performer in front of 8,000 people at a concert in Lebanon honoring Assi, Mansour and Ziad Rehbani.

Jessica Harika (DMA) is a Lebanese-American stage director, mezzo-soprano, and a producer. Jessica currently serves as Assistant Professor of Voice and Director of Opera at Towson University in Baltimore, MD.

Dr. Harika has sung with Washington Concert Opera, Wolf trap Opera, heartbeat opera, Dell'Arte Opera ensemble Natchez Festival of Music among many others. She holds degrees from Virginia Commonwealth University, the New England Conservatory of Music and University of Maryland at College Park.

Although the Concert is free of Charge and open to all, your **generous contribution** to support the Sisters' ministry is greatly appreciated. More information in future bulletins and emails.

OUR LADY OF LEBANON MARONITE CHURCH





SAVE THE DATE!
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!

Who's invited? Everyone!

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

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