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September 7, 2025; 14th Sunday of Pentecost

Liturgical Schedule

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

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

Ushers for Sunday, September 7, 2025

Halim Younes, Gebran Fattouche, Antoine Issa and Joseph Nasr

Ushers for Sunday, September 14, 2025

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

Ushers for Sunday, September 20, 2025

Halim Younes, Victor Beasley, Antoine Issa and Nathan Hollister

Altar Servers for Sunday, September 7, 2025

Marek Oszwakdowski, Michael Fawaz, Jason Nasr & Shady Nasr

Altar Servers for Sunday, September 14, 2025

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

Thank you for your generosity

Summary of the Collection for Sunday, August 31, 2025

Regular Collection	\$4602
Donations by Mail	\$ 650
Pledges	\$ 700
Individual Contribution	\$1000
Memorial Contribution	\$5000

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

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.)

A Message from Bishop Mansour

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

Scripture Readings

Sunday, September 7, 2025 (14th Sunday of Pentecost)

1Thes 2:1-13; Lk 10:38-42

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

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

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.

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 Teachers & Students

Grade	Teacher	Students
Pre-K & K.G.	Eva Helou	5 students
1 st Grade	Sarah Kallasy	8 students
2 nd Grade	Jonathan Zischkau	6 students
3 rd Grade	Janine Helou	5 students
4 th Grade	JoAnne Nasr	5 students
5 th Grade	Karin Kazzi	4 students
6 th Grade	Joe Zoghby	5 students
7 th Grade	Maria Oszwakdowski	4 students
8 th Grade	N/A	0 students
High School	Roger AbouJaoude	8 students
Substitute teachers	Elizabeth Chebli and Maroun	Seminarian Richard

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

Are You Interested? (A Message from Fr. Armando El Khoury)

Please join us in person or online on Facebook and Zoom at the **2025 Père Paul Symposium** (<https://thehiddenpearl.press/2025symposium/>), which began as the Père Paul Lecture and was inaugurated by Fr. Joseph Amar. The symposium will take place at The Catholic University of America on Friday, **September 19, 2025**. Jack Tannous will deliver the Père Paul Lecture. We also have a lineup of distinguished speakers: Elizabeth Anderson, Alex Lopez, Andrew Litke, and Leb Weitz.

Furthermore, the recipient of the Père Paul Scholarship for Eastern Christian Studies will be announced. The scholarship committee received several outstanding applications this year, making the selection process particularly challenging. The recipient will receive a \$5,000 scholarship.

Save These Dates

The **Our Lady of Lebanon Annual Golf Tournament** will take place on **Thursday, October 23, 2025** and continues with the reception, dinner, and entertainment on Friday, **October 24, 2025** at the Trump National Golf Club in Potomac Falls, Virginia. To register please log in to:

<https://our-lady-of-lebanon-maronite-church-golf-tournament-dinner.perfectgolfevent.com/registration>

For more information, please contact Fouad Arbid (farbid@gmail.com) or Pierre Khattar (pierre.khattar@gmail.com) .

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 Ziade 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.



SONGS OF FAITH

Concert by
RAFCA FARES & JESSICA HARIKA

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12
12:00 o'clock

By check: Saint Joseph Monastery Tomb of Saint Rafqa
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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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