

**Sunday, July 5, 2026 at 11:00 o'clock**  
Special Intention

**Thursday, July 9, 2026 at 7:30 p.m.** (Divine Liturgy on the Eve of the feast of the Massabki Brothers)

**Sunday, July 12, 2026 at 11:00 o'clock**  
Vincent Spallino (40 Day anniversary, requested by Crawford Bennett)

**Sunday, July 19, 2026 at 11:00 o'clock**  
Lukha (Lucy) Diab (40 Day anniversary requested by her family)

**Wednesday, July 22, 2026 at 7:30 p.m.**  
Divine Liturgy in honor of Saint Sharbel

**Sunday, July 26, 2026 at 11:00 o'clock**

**Sunday, August 2, 2026 at 11:00 o'clock**

**Wednesday, August 5, 2026 (Eve of the Transfiguration)**  
Divine Liturgy at 7:30 p.m.

**Sunday, August 9, 2026 at 11:00 o'clock**

**Friday, August 14, 2026 at 7:30 (Eve of the Assumption)**  
Divine Liturgy at 7:30

**Sunday, August 16, 2026 at 11:00 o'clock**

**Sunday, August 23, 2026 at 11:00 o'clock**

**Sunday, August 30, 2026 at 11:00 o'clock**

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

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**July 5, 2026; Seventh Sunday of Pentecost**

***Ushers for Sunday, July 5, 2026***

Gebran Fattouche, Antoine Issa and Joseph Nasr

***Ushers for Sunday, July 12, 2026***

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

***Ushers for Sunday, July 19, 2026***

Halim Younes, Victor Beasley, Antoine Issa

***Altar Servers for July 5, 2026***

Marek Oszwaldowski, Michael and Raphael Fawaz and Chris Moussa

***Thank you for your generosity***

**Summary of the Collection for June 28, 2026**

Regular Collection	\$1674
Donation by mail	\$ 50
Pledge	\$ 700
Contribution	\$1000
<b>Second Collection</b>	<b>\$ 187</b>

Thank you for your generosity and may God bless you all

***Religious Education (2026-2027) Registration***

Following the Divine Liturgy, Janine Helou will be taken registration for Religious Education (Sunday School) program for 2026-2027 school year. The Religious Education Program, open to all children from Pre/K to 12th grade, will start middle of September, 2026.

**Liturgy and Scripture Readings**

**Liturgy of the Word: Page 425; Anaphora: Page 774**

**Sunday, July 5, 2026 (7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost)**

2 Cor 3:1-6; Lk 10:1-7

**Sunday, July 12, 2026 (8<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost)**

Rom 8:1-11; Mt 12: 14-21

**Sunday, July 19, 2026 ( Feast of St. Sharbel)**

Rom 8:28-39; Mt 13:36-43

***First Communion guidelines***

First Communion is given at the end of the second grade. However, before a child may receive his/her First Communion, they must have completed first grade in the religious education program. If a child completed first grade religious education in a different church or school, a letter from the church or school testifying to this effect is required.

***Liturgical Schedule***

On **Thursday, July 9, 2026, at 7:30 p.m.**, we will have a Divine Liturgy on the eve of the feast of the three Massabki Brothers.

***FYI***

Msgr. George Sebaali will be out of the country from **July 13 through August 6, 2026**. In his absence, Msgr. Peter Azar will be filling in for him. In case of an emergency, please contact **Msgr. Azar at (978) 996-2600 (cell) or at (202) 723-8831 (office)**. Thank you.

***Save the Dates***

Our Lady of Lebanon Annual Food Festival, **Saturday, September 19, 2026** from 12noon-10 pm. For more information, please contact Gebran Fattouch.

Our Lady of Lebanon Annual Golf Tournament, **Saturday October 17, 2026** at Laurel Hill Golf Club. This year we're combining the Golf Tournament and Gala into one fun-filled day and evening. More details will follow in future bulletins. For further information, please contact Fadi Zakaria or Pierre Khattar



***The Three Massabki Brothers***

**On July 10**, The Maronite Church celebrates the feast of the three Massabki Martyrs. The three Massabki Brothers were **canonized on October 19, 2024** at the Vatican. The Massabki brothers, Francis, Abdul-Mooti and Raphael, were from a noble Maronite family who lived in Damascus, Syria, in the 19<sup>th</sup> century and were martyred on July 10, 1860.

The Massabki brothers were 3 of 6 children. They lived in a time of great persecution of Christians. There was much political and religious tension for Maronites and other Christians in both Damascus and Mount Lebanon. On July 9<sup>th</sup>, 1860 a fire broke out through the Christian area of Damascus. Many Maronite families took refuge in a Franciscan monastery along with the Massabki brothers and the Superior, Father Emmanuel.

Father Emmanuel closed the Monastery and called everyone to the church where they prayed and made their confession and received Communion. While everyone took refuge on the roof, Francis one of the Massabki brothers remained kneeling

at the feet of the Sorrowful Mother.

Moments later the church was attacked, The Father Superior was captured and told the attackers that he would lead them to the treasure inside the church. He proceeded to the altar, where he lit the candles and took out the Eucharist from the tabernacle. Father Emmanuel was then put to death.

The attackers then noticed Francis kneeling in prayer and recognized him. They told him that the Sheikh had sent them to save him and his family from death on the condition that he denies his faith and converts. Francis answered them, "Sheikh Abdullah can take my money, he can also take my life; but my faith no one can make me deny. I am a Christian and in the faith of Christ, I will die." Francis was then put to death.

The attackers then confronted Abdel El –Maoti in the convent yard and also asked him to renounce his faith to escape death; He refused and was also martyred.

Raphael, who was hiding inside the convent was offered the same as his brothers, but also refused and was also martyred. According to witnesses, the three Massabki brothers were buried in the convent along with the eight martyr priests and others who had sought refuge there.

The three Massabki Brothers are considered the patron saints of the laity. May their prayers be with us.



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**HARVEST**

**IS PLENTIFUL,**

**but the**

**LABORERS**

**ARE FEW.**

**LUKE 10:2**

