

The Shrine Messenger

September 2026



BASILICA & NATIONAL SHRINE
— of Our Lady of Lebanon —

From the Rector's Desk

The Holy Cross is the instrument of our salvation. When we make the sign of the cross upon ourselves, we call upon not only the symbol of our Lord's crucifixion, but His whole plan of salvation from His Annunciation to His triumph over Death itself and the joyful expectation of His second coming. The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross summarizes all hope of salvation throughout all history, as the sign the prophets foretold, the apostles announced and for which the martyrs suffered is in our hands. Because of its importance, it begins its own proper liturgical season in the Syriac Tradition, to which the Maronite Church belongs.

This Feast is celebrated on September 14th because of the historical event of Saints Constantine and Helen's recovery of the Cross of Our Lord in Jerusalem, and their subsequent construction of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. The Holy Sepulchre remains a major pilgrimage site until today that houses the sites of Golgotha, where our Lord was crucified, the Anointing Stone, where He was anointed after His death, and His tomb, from which He rose to destroy Death. Our Basilica is blessed to have a relic of the True Cross, on which the Lord of All hanged. The relic will be exhibited for veneration on the Feast Day.

Liturgy Schedule

Saturday	5:00 pm
Sunday	10:00 am
Monday	5:30 pm
Tuesday	5:30 pm
Wednesday	5:30 pm
Thursday	No Liturgy
Friday	12:00 Noon

Devotion Schedule

Rosary	9:30 Sunday
Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction	10 to 11:30 Friday
Confession	1/2 Hr. Before Liturgy or By Appointment

DAYS OF PLENARY INDULGENCE

A plenary indulgence is given to the faithful when they visit the Basilica & National Shrine on the following days and fulfill the following conditions:

- Have a complete detachment from sin, even venial
- Sacramental confession, 20 days before or after
- Receive Holy Communion, 20 days before or after
- Prayers for the intentions of the Pope — an Our Father & Hail Mary are suggested

- The Ascension (40 days after Easter)
- The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Aug. 15)
- Christmas (Dec. 25)
- Easter
- Epiphany (Jan. 6)
- Feast of the Annunciation (March 25)
- Feast of the Chair of St. Peter (Feb. 22)
- Solemnity of Christ the King (last Sunday of the liturgical year Roman calendar)

- Solemnity of the Holy Apostles Peter & Paul (June 29)
- Feast of the Most Holy Rosary (1st Sunday in October)
- Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (Dec. 8)
- Feast of the Maternity of the BVM (2nd Sunday in October)
- Feast of Our Lady of Lebanon (1st Sunday in May)
- Feast of the Purification (Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple; Candlemas Feb. 2)
- Anniversary of the Papal Election of Pope Leo XIV (May 8)

Blessing of Our New Pavilion

A huge thank you to the benefactors of the Shrine who made the building of the new pavilion possible. Sunday, September 6th there will be a procession after the 10 a.m. Divine Liturgy for a blessing of the newest addition and the memorial plaque that will hang there for the intentions of the generous donors. Sweets and beverages will be served outside as the weather permits.

All are welcome.

Thank You



Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

will be celebrated on Sunday, September 13th at the 10 a.m. Liturgy.

This is a major liturgical celebration in the Syriac Tradition and will include a procession and blessing with our relic of the True Cross, a piece of the actual cross on which our Lord was crucified. The relic will be available for veneration afterwards.

It is also customary for water to be blessed on major feasts of the Maronite Church.

While there will be some holy water available, please bring containers of your own if you would like to take some home to sanctify your houses. Bottles are also available in the gift shop.

Welcome

Visiting Priests and Guests

On Saturday, September 12th, priests and faithful from surrounding parishes who contribute to the life of the Shrine as a focal point of Maronite spirituality will be visiting to come together, to pray, and enjoy each other's fellowship. Divine Liturgy will begin at 10 a.m. and will be offered for the benefactors and pilgrims of the Shrine, both living and departed.

A light lunch will follow. Please notify the Shrine office if you would like to attend for accurate numbers.

All are welcome.

THE ANNUAL NOVENA OF

Saint Therese

SEPTEMBER 11TH - 19TH

The St. Therese Novena will begin on Friday, September 11th and will conclude on Saturday, September 19th. The Novena prayers will be offered after the daily 5:30 pm Liturgy, the 5 pm Liturgy on Saturday and the 10 am Liturgy on Sunday.

You are welcome to bring your flower offerings to the Shrine of St. Therese in the Basilica Church as has been the custom here for many years.



Liturgy Intentions

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Thurs., Sept. 3
No Liturgy

Mon., Sept. 7
No Liturgy

Thurs., Sept. 10
No Liturgy

Tues., Sept. 15
No Liturgy

Thurs., Sept. 17
No Liturgy

Thurs., Sept. 24
No Liturgy

Tues 1 St. Simeon the Stylite
Int: Michael Marino By Kevin Wegendt
Special Intentions
Int: Chorbishop Anthony Spinosa By Steve & Eileen Wegendt

Wed 2 St. Mammias the Great
Intentions of the Shrine Benefactors
Int: Charles & Cathy Aigner
Int: Chorbishop Anthony Spinosa By Steve & Eileen Wegendt

Thurs 3 St. Theodore the Great
No Liturgy

Fri 4 St. Babylas
12 Noon +Fred & Stella Morgan
Int: William & Kathleen Marceau & L/D Members of the Marceau Family By Dawnya Marceau
Int: Chorbishop Anthony Spinosa By Gordon & Tami Sanders & Family

Sat 5 St. Sharbel of Edessa
Int: Darrell & Patricia Bayda By Angela Bayda
Int: Chorbishop Anthony Spinosa By Gordon & Tami Sanders & Family

Sun 6 St. Michael the Archangel
10 a.m. Int: Birthday Thanksgiving By George & Elizabeth Cackovic
+Ralph, Nellie & Larry Amodie By Genevieve Gabriel
+Mary Jane Fuentes By Shawn George
Int: Chorbishop Anthony Spinosa By Gordon & Tami Sanders & Family

Mon 7 St. Sozon
Labor Day - Shrine Closed - No Liturgy

Tues 8 Nativity of the Virgin Mary
+Gina Pine
+Linda Sansone By Genevieve Gabriel & Family
Int: Chorbishop Anthony Spinosa By Gordon & Tami Sanders & Family

Wed 9 Sts. Joachim & Anna
Intentions of Basilica Shrine Benefactors
+Varghese Pallippattu By Pallippattu Family
Int: Chorbishop Anthony Spinosa By Jim & Therese Campbell & Family

Thur 10 St. Pulcheria
No Liturgy

Fri 11 St. Theodora
12 Noon Int: Birthday Thanksgiving By George & Elizabeth Cackovic
+Lorraine & Eugene Gabriel By Eugene Gabriel
Int: Chorbishop Anthony Spinosa By Ellen Saker

Sat 12 St. Cornelius
Int: All Pilgrims & Benefactors Living & Deceased
+Pauline Varga By Children
Int: Chorbishop Anthony Spinosa By Ellen Saker

Sun 13 Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Observed)
10 a.m. +Harry Smith By Patricia Smith
Int: Birthday Thanksgiving By George & Elizabeth Cackovic
Int: Chorbishop Anthony Spinosa By Gordon & Tami Sanders & Family

Mon 14 Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Special Intentions
+Maria Pasquale & Dina Circelli By Joe & Rosa Calabria
Int: Chorbishop Anthony Spinosa By Jim & Therese Campbell & Family

Tues 15 St. Shaina, St. Sassine
No Liturgy

Wed 16 St. Cyprian
Intentions of Basilica Shrine Benefactors
Int: Warren Kline By Mary Gallo
+Howard Spencer By John Novak
Int: Chorbishop Anthony Spinosa By Jim & Therese Campbell & Family

Thurs 17 St. Sophia & Her Daughters
No Liturgy

Fri 18 12 Noon +Joseph & Virginia Moretto & L/D Members of the Moretto Family By Dawnya Marceau
Int: L/D Millcreek Metroparks & Employees By Kevin Wegendt
Int: Chorbishop Anthony Spinosa By Jim & Therese Campbell & Family

Sat 19 St. Janarius
Special Intentions of Deceased By Roger MacZura
Int: Chorbishop Anthony Spinosa By Francis & Janice Reardon & Family

Sun 20 1st Sunday After Holy Cross
10 a.m. +Ann Franzen (Ungashick) By Ungashick Family
+Steve Medovich By John Novak
Int: Chorbishop Anthony Spinosa By Francis & Janice Reardon & Family

Mon 21 St. Quadratus
+Nancy & Johnie Scarnati By Godmother Genevieve Gabriel
+Jim & Lisa Mines By Kirk & Paula Mines
Int: Chorbishop Anthony Spinosa By Francis & Janice Reardon & Family

Tues 22 St. Phocas & His Companion
+Eugene & Mary Rango By Joe & Rosa Calabria
+Elisabeth Sciulli By Maria DePasquale & Family
Int: Chorbishop Anthony Spinosa By Francis & Janice Reardon & Family

Wed 23 St. Jonah the Prophet
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Thurs 24 St. Thecia
No Liturgy

Fri 25 St. Paphnutius
12 Noon +Abraham Family By Genevieve Gabriel
+Mary Kilday By The Slaves of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
+Catherine Mines By John Novak

Sat 26 St. John the Evangelist
+Violet Hudzik Anniversary By Children & Grandchildren

Sun 27 2nd Sunday After Holy Cross
10 a.m. +Theresa Habosky By Mark Habosky
Int: Matthew & Ginny Komara By David & Laurretta Beale
+Debra Stamos By Kirk & Paula Mines

Mon 28 St. Chariton
+Richard Orleans By Mark & Sheila McCummins
+Mary Francis Redinger & Anna Varinaitis By Angela Bayda

Tues 29 St. Romanos
+Sally Pauline Grabovic By Patricia Smith
Special Intentions for Deceased By Roger MacZura

Wed 30 St. Gregory the Illuminator
Intentions of Basilica Shrine Benefactors

PLEASE NOTE

The Sunday Holy Hour & 5 p.m. Liturgy will be suspended for the month of September.

★ LABOR DAY ★

The Shrine will be closed for the holiday on Monday, September 7th. There will be no Liturgy.

Shrine Hours

Monday - Saturday

9 am - 5 pm

Sunday

10 am - 5 pm

Gift Shop Hours

Monday

Closed

Tuesday - Saturday

10 am - 5 pm

Sunday

11 am - 5 pm

Office Hours

Monday

Closed

Tuesday - Friday

9 am - 1 pm

Hiring Executive Assistant

The Shrine is hiring a part-time Executive Assistant (EA). The EA is essential for the daily operation of the Shrine, and manages tasks such as coordinating events and group visits, scheduling, recordkeeping, and organizationally assisting the Rector. Professional demeanor and basic proficiency in standard office software (eg Canva, Google Calendar, Quickbooks) are required. Remote work is negotiable.

If interested, contact the Shrine office. 330-538-3351

Have a Candle Lit at Our Lady's Feet



We invite you to have a candle lit with your special intention before Our Lady's statue. It will remain lit for the duration of your choosing. Your name and/or intentions will be attached to the candle which will burn at Mary's feet.

A CANDLE AND POST ARE \$10
PER WEEK.

Please note: All candles purchased Wednesday - Sunday will be lit and posted the following Tuesday.

Candle Request Form

Burn a Candle for:

☐ One Week - \$10 ☐ One Month - \$40

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Cash Check Credit Card

Your Intention: _____

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