

Divine Liturgy Intentions		Maronite Synaxarion
Sunday, August 10th 8:30am Norma Bieganski by Dave and Andrea Reusch Jane Hamad by Nila and Paul Ellis Tom Jesser, Sr. by the Stewart family 11:00am Dr. Joe and Margot Massoud and Dr. John and Nancy Massoud by Barbara Foster Lisa Owen by Sdn. Chuck and Mary Beth Abraham Jossline Boumadi Roland & Joe Roland (5 yr. anniv.) & Antoine El Khoury by the family		St. Lawrence, Martyr
Monday, August 11th No Divine Liturgy		Sts. Justus and Pastor. St. Evodius, Martyrs.
Tuesday, August 12th No Divine Liturgy		St. Anicetus and Photius, Martyrs
Wednesday, August 13th No Divine Liturgy		St. Clare, Virgin
Thursday, August 14th No Divine Liturgy		St. Marcellus, Martyr. The Prophet Micah.
Friday, August 15th No Divine Liturgy		The Assumption of the Virgin Mary
Saturday, August 16th No Divine Liturgy		St. Roch (Roukoz)
Sunday, August 17th 10:30am Jane Hamad by Camille and Bari Barbuto Norma Bieganski by Dcn. Tom and Bernie Maroon Tom Jesser, Sr. by Sandy Hamad		St. Myron the Priest, Martyr

Please don’t forget to offer intentions for your Loved ones; living or deceased.
We believe in the Power of the Eucharist



PASTOR:

Welcome New Parishioners
Please register at our parish office

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday	8:30am. & 11:00am
Monday	No Service
Tuesday	9:00am
Wednesday	9:00am
Thursday	No Service
Friday	9:00am
Saturday	9:00am

CONFESSION

Available following Saturday
 Divine Liturgy
 or by appointment

SACRAMENTS

Baptism & Chrismation
Contact the Parish Office

Marriage
*Contact the Parish Office at least
 6 months before the wedding*

Sick Calls & Anointing
*Notify Fr. Ron
 Through the Parish Office*

DEACON Thomas Maroon, Sr.

SUBDEACON Paul Boulos
SUBDEACON Chuck Abraham

CAREGIVERS Chuck Abraham

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS TUESDAY – FRIDAY
 9:00AM – 1:00PM



August 10, 2025

Tenth Sunday of Pentecost

“Every kingdom divided against itself will be laid waste, and no town or house divided against itself will stand”

Matthew 12:25



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READINGS

THIS SUNDAY

Tenth Sunday of Pentecost

1 Corinthians 12:1-11
Matthew 12:22-32

EPISTLE READERS

Sunday, August 10

8:30am – Sandy Hamad
11:00am – Freddy Nemr

Sunday, August 17

10:30am – Erica Peters

Sunday, August 24

8:30am – Stephanie Hamad
11:00am – Layla Roland

Sunday, August 31

8:30am – Tom Jesser, Jr.
11:00am – Michelle Reyes

Coming Events

Parish Advisory Board Meeting – TBA

Ladies' Guild Meeting – 8/24/2025

Men's Club Meeting - TBA

Caregivers' Meeting - TBA
(Following 8:30 Liturgy)

Next special collection:

August 17th
Maintenance and General Upkeep

Next First Friday Divine Liturgy
And Adoration
will be held on
September 5, 2025

Counting our Blessings

Weekly Collection

August 3, 2025

\$1,891.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Electronic Giving

If you would like to make your Sunday contributions, or give a donation please scan the QR Code below:



RECIPE FOR SPIRITUAL/ETERNAL SUCCESS

- CONFESSION – TO CLEAR OUT ANY MISTAKES OR PROBLEMS.
- ROSARIES – TO SEND ALL OF OUR HOPES TO MARY, MOTHER OF GOD.
- LITURGIES – WHAT BETTER WAY TO PRAISE AND WORSHIP OUR LORD.
- ADORATION – SPENDING TIME WITH OUR LORD TO SPEAK AND TO LISTEN.

MIX ALL INTO YOUR DAILY ROUTINE
AND YOU WILL FEEL THE PRESENCE OF
OUR LORD WITH YOU!!



From the Desk of The Pastor



Face to Face

In today's world, we are more "connected" than ever. A post online can gather dozens of hearts, thumbs up, and kind comments in a matter of minutes. Many of you interact faithfully with our parish Facebook page, liking prayers, sharing feast day reflections, or commenting "Amen" to a Bible verse.

But sometimes, I wonder: what happens when we meet in person?

Too often, the warmth we see online doesn't always carry into face-to-face encounters. The eye contact is less frequent. The smiles are more reserved. The conversations are shorter. And we leave wondering, were those "likes" just digital gestures, or signs of something deeper?

This isn't to criticize, but to invite reflection. We are human beings, created not for screens but for communion. Not just "connection," but *presence*.

Even our Lord, God Himself, chose not to stay in heaven and send blessings from afar. He *became flesh and dwelt among us*. He walked with us, ate with us, cried with us, touched the leper, and looked into the eyes of the sinner and the saint alike. The Incarnation wasn't a long-distance message, it was love made visible, present, and face to face.

If relationships could grow fully from a distance, the Lord would have stayed on His throne and simply "liked" our prayers. But He didn't. He came. He stayed. He gave us His presence.

So let us take His example seriously. Let's not let our online presence replace our in-person love. Let our smiles, greetings, and conversations in church, in the hall, or in the parking lot reflect the same joy and encouragement we share on social media.

Let us be truly *present*, to God, and to one another.

With love in Christ,
Fr. Ronald

The Story of the Transfiguration of the Lord

All three Synoptic Gospels tell the story of the Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-9; Luke 9:28-36). With remarkable agreement, all three place the event shortly after Peter’s confession of faith that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus’ first prediction of his passion and death. Peter’s eagerness to erect tents or booths on the spot suggests it occurred during the week-long Jewish Feast of Booths in the fall.

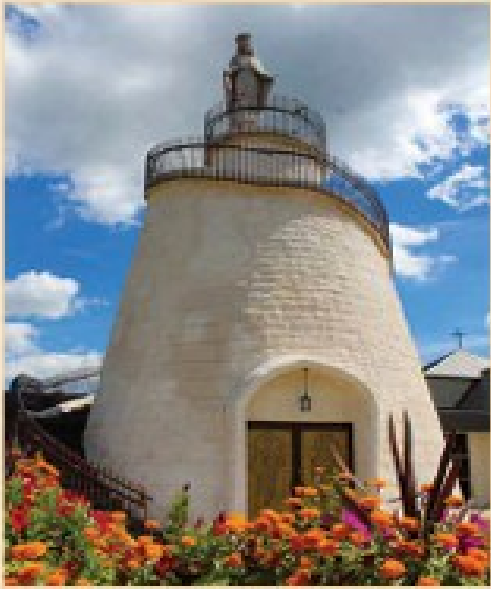
According to Scripture scholars, in spite of the texts’ agreement it is difficult to reconstruct the disciples’ experience, because the Gospels draw heavily on Old Testament descriptions of the Sinai encounter with God, and prophetic visions of the Son of Man. Certainly Peter, James, and John had a glimpse of Jesus’ divinity strong enough to strike fear into their hearts. Such an experience defies description, so they drew on familiar religious language to describe it. And certainly Jesus warned them that his glory and his suffering were to be inextricably connected—a theme John highlights throughout his Gospel.

Tradition names Mount Tabor as the site of the revelation. A church first raised there in the fourth century was dedicated on August 6. A feast in honor of the Transfiguration was celebrated in the Eastern Church from about that time. Western observance began in some localities about the eighth century.

Reflection

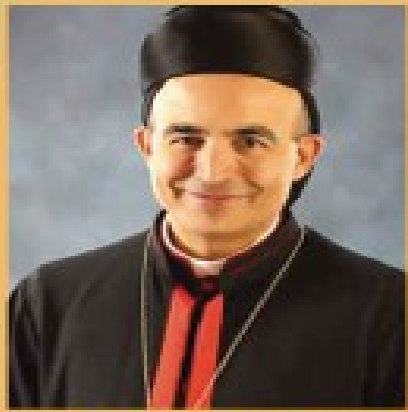
One of the Transfiguration accounts is read on the second Sunday of Lent each year, proclaiming Christ’s divinity to the Elect and baptized alike. The Gospel for the first Sunday of Lent, by contrast, is the story of the temptation in the desert—affirmation of Jesus’ humanity. The two distinct but inseparable natures of the Lord were a subject of much theological argument at the beginning of the Church’s history; it remains hard for believers to grasp.



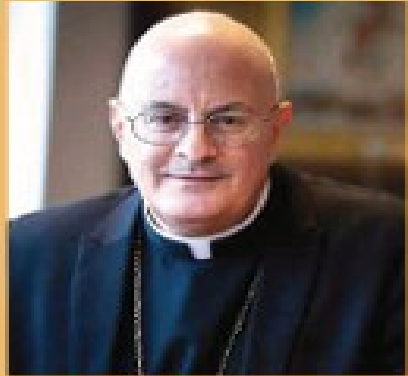


WEDNESDAY AUGUST 13TH


9:00 AM:	Shrine Opens
10:00 AM:	Gift Shop Opens
3:00 PM:	Cedars Dining Hall Opens <i>Food will be available</i>
4 – 5:00 PM:	Confessions in the Basilica Church
7:00 PM:	Roman Rite Liturgy <i>Bishop David Bonnar, Celebrant</i>
	Basilica Shrine Choir <i>Adam Zagatti, Director</i> <i>Singing of the "Te Deum"</i>
	Procession and Blessing with the Icon following the Liturgy
Following Procession:	Cedars Dining Hall open after Liturgy for food and refreshments




Bishop A. Elias Zaidan, M.L.M.
*Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon
Los Angeles, California*




Bishop Gregory J. Mansour S.T.L.
*Eparchy of St. Maron,
Brooklyn, New York*



Archbishop William Skurla
Archeparchy of Pittsburgh



Bishop David J. Bonnar
Diocese of Youngstown

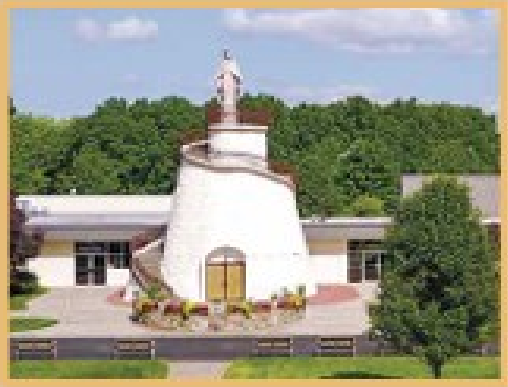


FRIDAY, AUGUST 15TH
60TH ANNUAL FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION


9:00 AM	Shrine Opens
10:00 AM	Gift Shop Opens Maronite Divine Liturgy with anointing of the sick <i>Bishop Gregory Mansour and Bishop Elias Zaidan, Celebrants</i>
11:00 AM	Cedars Dining Hall Opens <i>Food will be available</i>
1:30 - 4:30 PM	Children's Activity At the outside tent
3:00 PM	Confessions in the Basilica Church
4:00 PM	Spiritual Conference in the Basilica Topic: Encountering Christ Our Hope in the Holy Rosary <i>Sister Therese Maria Touma Maronite Servants of Christ the Light</i>
4:00 PM	Organ Concert in the Basilica <i>Robert Sullivan, Recitalist and Music Director, Basilica of St John the Baptist and Saint Peter Church, Canton, Ohio</i>
5:00 PM	Lowellville Band Concert in the Cedars Dining Hall
7:00 PM	Maronite Pontifical Liturgy <i>Bishop Elias Zaidan and Bishop Gregory Mansour, Celebrants</i>
	Procession and Blessing with the Icon following the Liturgy
Following Procession:	Cedars Dining Hall open after Liturgy for food, refreshments, Lebanese music, and Children's Dance Troupes

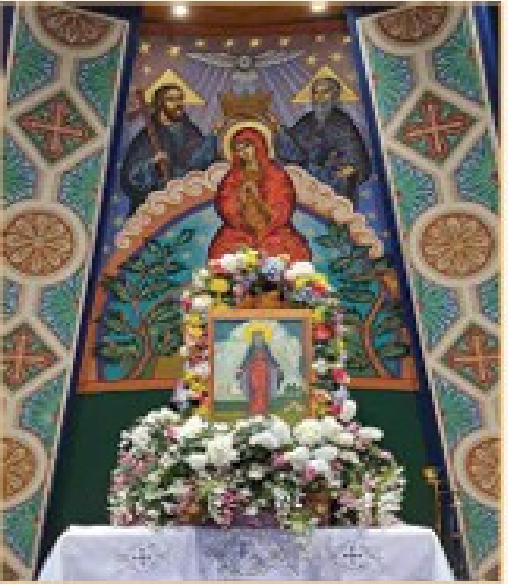
THURSDAY, AUGUST 14TH

9:00 AM	Shrine Opens
10:00 AM	Gift Shop Opens
3:00 PM	Cedars Dining Hall Opens <i>Food will be available</i>
4:00 PM	Confessions in the Basilica Church
	Spiritual Conference in the Basilica Topic: Gift of Mary, Mother of Hope <i>Sister Therese Maria Touma Maronite Servants of Christ the Light</i>
7:00 PM	Hierarchical Byzantine Liturgy <i>Archbishop William Skurla, Celebrant Archeparchy of Pittsburgh</i>
	Archeparchial Choir <i>Darlene Fajka, Director Dormition of the Virgin</i>
	Dormition of the Virgin Procession following the Liturgy <i>You are welcome to bring cut flowers to place at Our Lady's tomb.</i>
Following Procession:	Cedars Dining Hall open after Liturgy for food and refreshments



SUNDAY, AUGUST 17TH
CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF ST. ROCCO

	10:00 AM	Maronite Divine Liturgy: Celebrant: <i>Chorbishop Anthony Spinosi</i> <i>Rector Basilica & National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon</i>
	11:00 AM	Procession with the Statue of St. Rocco
	11:30 AM	Refreshments Provided



St. Clare

St. Clare of Assisi was born in Assisi on July 16, 1194, as Chiara Offreduccio, the beautiful eldest daughter of Favorino Sciffi, Count of Sasso-Rosso and his wife Ortolana. Tradition says her father was a wealthy representative of an ancient Roman family and her mother was a very devout woman belonging to the noble family of Fiumi.

As a young girl, Clare dedicated herself to prayer. At 18-years-old, she heard St. Francis of Assisi preach during a Lenten service in the church of San Giorgio and asked him to help her live according to the Gospel. On Palm Sunday in 1212, Clare left her father's home and went to the chapel of the Porziuncula to meet with Francis. While there, Clare's hair was cut off and she was given a plain robe and veil in exchange for her rich gown.

Clare joined the convent of the Benedictine nuns of San Paulo, near Bastia, under Francis' orders. When her father found her and attempted to force her back into his home, she refused and professed that she would have no other husband than Jesus Christ. In order to give her the greater solitude she desired, Francis sent Clare to Sant' Angelo in Panzo, another Benedictine nuns monastery. Clare's sister Catarina, who took the name Agnes, joined her at this monastery. The two remained there until a separate dwelling was built for them next to the church of San Damiano.

Over time, other women joined them, wanting to also be brides of Jesus and live with no money. They became known as the "Poor Ladies of San Damiano." They all lived a simple life of austerity, seclusion from the world, and poverty, according to a Rule which Francis gave them as a Second Order. St. Clare and her sisters wore no shoes, ate no meat, lived in a poor house, and kept silent most of the time. Their lives consisted of manual labor and prayer. Yet, they were very happy, because Our Lord was close to them all the time.

San Damiano became the center of Clare's new order, which was then known as the "Order of Poor Ladies of San Damiano." For a brief period of time, the order was directed by St. Francis himself and by 1216, Clare became the abbess of San Damiano. Ten years after Clare's death, the order became known as the Order of Saint Clare.

While serving as the leader of her order, Clare defended them from the attempts of prelates to impose a rule on them that more closely followed the Rule of Saint Benedict than Francis. Clare was so devoted and dedicated to Francis that she was often referred to as "alter Franciscus," or another Francis. She encouraged and aided the man she saw as a spiritual father figure and took care of him as he grew old.

Following Francis' death, Clare continued to promote her order, fighting off every attempt from each pope trying to impose a rule on her order that would water down their "radical commitment to corporate poverty."

In 1224, an army of rough soldiers from Frederick II came to attack Assisi. Although very sick, Clare went out to meet them with the Blessed Sacrament on her hands. She had the Blessed Sacrament placed at the wall where the enemies could see it. Then on her knees, she begged God to save the Sisters.

"O Lord, protect these Sisters whom I cannot protect now," she prayed. A voice seemed to answer: "I will keep them always in My care." In that moment, a sudden fright struck the attackers, and they fled as fast as they could without harming anyone in Assisi.

St. Clare became sick and suffered great pains for many years, but she expressed that no pain could trouble her. So great was her joy in serving the Lord that she once exclaimed: "They say that we are too poor, but can a heart which possesses the infinite God be truly called poor?"

On August 9, 1253, Pope Innocent IV declared Clare's rule would serve as the governing rule for Clare's Order of Poor Ladies. Two days later, Clare died at 59-years-old. Her remains were placed in the chapel of San Giorgio while the church dedicated to her remains was being built. At Pope Innocent's request, the canonization process for Clare began immediately, and two years later in 1255, Pope Alexander IV canonized Clare as Saint Clare of Assisi.

The construction of the Basilica of Saint Clare was finished in 1260, and on October 3, 1260 Clare's remains were transferred there and buried beneath the high altar. Nearly 600 years later, her remains were transferred once again to a newly constructed shrine in the crypt of the Basilica of Saint Clare. Her body is no longer claimed to be incorrupt.

The Order of Poor Ladies was officially changed to the Order of Saint Clare in 1263 by Pope Urban IV.

St. Clare was designated as the patron saint of television in 1958 by Pope Pius XII, because when St. Clare was very ill, she could not attend mass and was reportedly able to see and hear it on the wall in her room.

She is also the patroness of eye disease, goldsmiths, and laundry.

Clare is often pictured carrying a monstrance or pyx, to commemorate the time she ward off the soldiers at the gates of her convent with the Blessed Sacrament. St. Clare's feast day is celebrated on August 11



THANK YOU!!!

These two words are not nearly enough to convey
The gratitude from the parish to all of the hard-working
Members of the amazing festival team!

This year's Lebanese festival was perhaps the greatest
and Most Successful festival EVER and it is because of
all of the Great teamwork from all of you!

From the youngest volunteer to the most experienced,
your dedication was over the top and it showed.

Our God provided the perfect weather and our team
Provided the amazing food and the FUN!!

