

# Maronite Synaxarion

<p><b>Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup></b>  <b>8:30am</b>                  Robert Thomas II by Lisa Thomas and Family                  Intentions of Bianca and Jeff Gardner by                  Subdeacon Paul and Gena Boulos  <b>11:00am</b>                  Adiby Hamad by Our Lady of the Cedars Caregivers                  Martha Andrawos by Deacon Bob and Barbara Foster                  Jossline Boumadi and Joseph Roland (second anniv.)                  By Vera and Sam Boumadi</p>	<p><b>Prophet Samuel.</b>  <b>St. Bassa And her Children,</b>  <b>Martyrs.</b></p>
<p><b>Monday, August 22nd</b>  <b>No Service</b></p>	<p><b>St. Symphorian, Martyr</b></p>
<p><b>Tuesday, August 23rd</b>  <b>6:00pm Divine Liturgy</b>                  Salwa Sabbagh by Sabbagh Family</p>	<p><b>St. Isaac the Syriani</b></p>
<p><b>Wednesday, August 24th</b>  <b>6:00pm Divine Liturgy</b></p>	<p><b>St. Eutychius, Martyr</b></p>
<p><b>Thursday, August 25th</b>  <b>No Service</b></p>	<p><b>St. Titus, Disciple of St. Paul.</b></p>
<p><b>Friday, August 26th</b>  <b>6:00pm Divine Liturgy</b></p>	<p><b>St. Zephyrinus, Pope.</b>  <b>St. Adrian, Martyr</b></p>
<p><b>Saturday, August 27th</b>  <b>10:00 Divine Liturgy</b></p>	<p><b>St. Abba Amoun, Martyr</b></p>
<p><b>Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup></b>  <b>8:30am</b>                  Intentions of Tami and Dean Tschannen and Family                  By Subdeacon Paul and Gena Boulos                  Adiby Hamad by Jane Hamad  <b>11:00am</b>                  Mona Kahwaji جناز الاربعين (40 Day Liturgy)                  By the Family</p>	<p><b>St. Moses the Ethiopian.</b>  <b>St. Augustine</b></p>

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



*Our Lady of the Cedars of Mount Lebanon*

MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH

كنيسة سيّدة أرز جبل لبنان المارونيّة

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

**Welcome New Parishioners**

*Please register at our parish office*

**DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE**

Sunday 8:30am. & 11:00am  
 Monday No Service  
 Tuesday 6:00pm  
 Wednesday 6:00pm  
 Thursday No Service  
 Friday 6:00pm  
 Saturday 10:00am

**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 Parish Office or Call  
 Deacon Thomas Maroon*

**DEACON** Thomas Maroon, Sr.  
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**SUBDEACON** Paul Boulos

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**(330) 509-0098.**

*Contact Fr. Eid via email, calling, or  
 text message. If you receive  
 voicemail, he will return your call*



**AUGUST 21, 2022**

**12th week after  
 Pentecost**

“O woman, great  
 is your faith! Let  
 it be done for  
 you as you  
 wish.”  
 (Matthew 15:28)



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# READINGS

## THIS SUNDAY

Ephesians 3:1-13  
Matthew 15:21-28

## EPISTLE READERS

### Sunday, August 28

8:30am Chuck Abraham 11:00am George Zogbi

### Sunday, September 4

8:30am Paul Boulos 11:00am John Jesser

### Sunday, September 11

8:30am Tom Jesser, Jr. 11:00am Sara Sabbagh

### Sunday, September 18

8:30am Cheryl Christ 11:00am Monique Binkley

## Coming Events

Parish Advisory Board Meeting – Sept. 7th

Ladies' Guild Meeting - Sept. 11th

Men's Club Meeting - TBA

Caregivers' Meeting - September 11th

**Next First Friday Mass and Adoration will be held on Friday, September 2, 2022**

**Second Collection – August 21, 2022 Upkeep and Maintenance.**

### LADIES GUILD ACME CASH BACK FUNDRAISER PLEASE SAVE YOUR ACME RECEIPTS

We need your Acme receipts dated from August 4 thru December 24, 2022.

Place your receipts in the box in the church lobby.  
WE WILL DO THE REST!!

The funds benefit our church directly, so please help us out!!  
The more Acme Fresh Market store brands you buy the more money we will receive.

Ask your friends and family to save their receipts also.  
THANK YOU!!

## Counting our Blessings

### Weekly Collection

August 14, 2022 \$ 1,758.00

*Festival Donations to date:*

\$11,080.00

*Festival Advertising sponsors to date*

\$ 13,300.00

### Electronic Giving

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



Make a difference...  
Support FINANCIALLY struggling  
Clergy in Lebanon.  
Our goal is \$5,000.00  
Collected so far: \$1,543.00  
Remainder: \$3,457.00



Dear Parish Family,

Our Lebanese Festival was a GREAT SUCCESS!!!

My heart was filled with joy as I saw the community come together to accomplish this enormous task. Young and old, rich and poor, the very active and the less active all worked together. Some used their talents as great cooks and bakers. Others gave their leadership and organizational skills. Still others gave of their time and diverse talents. Of course, many, if not all of you, gave of your money in donation and in the purchase of our delicious wares. How generous! EVERYONE of our church members gathered with the intention to support Our Lady of the Cedars of Mount Lebanon Church.

But something much more happened...

I do not know the final numbers from our financial gain, but the success I speak of is far greater than money. It was the sincerity of your hearts that you accomplished the most important achievement; spreading Christ's message of love and salvation. I know this meant that some people had to put aside petty arguments and pride. For some, they had to give up a day(s) of work or fun. For some, they had to push through aches, pains and exhaustion. You ALL sacrificed something – and with a smile on your face. Sacrifice, as our beloved Savior taught us, is the greatest act of love one can give.

You sacrificed:

For your love of one another, to ensure the longevity of this community.

For your love and devotion to the preservation of our Maronite traditions.

For your love and trust in the intercessions of our dear mother, Our Lady of the Cedars.

For your love of people, so that neighbors, friends and patrons could know the Good News.

For your love and deep abiding faith in our Savior Jesus Christ with whom all things are possible.

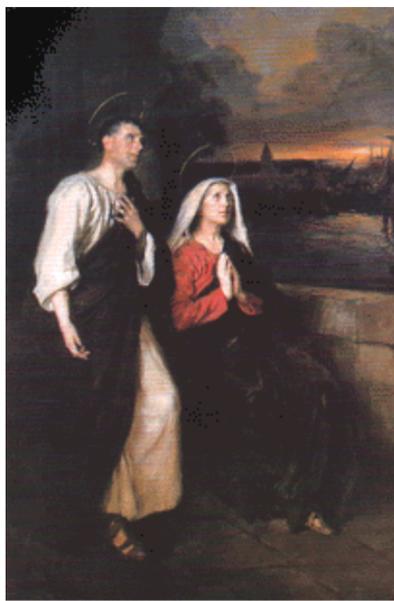
The true fruit of your labor wasn't the incredible financial gain, the true deliciousness of the food, or the auspicious investment of your many talents and treasures (although all of these achievements happened). It was indeed the message that Christ is Love itself, and eternal salvation is made possible because of Him. In our little corner of the world, you spread the good news and demonstrated what can happen when you allow the love of Christ to illuminate your heart. Our patrons surely felt His presence because of your loving and sincere sacrifice and diligence. This is the very mission of our lives and the TRUE success of the Lebanese Festival.

I know God has smiled on us and, as your Abouna, I congratulate you on a job very well done!  
God bless you, your families, and the community of Our Lady of the Cedars of Mount Lebanon.

In the peace of Christ,

Father Ronald





ST. AUGUSTINE  
FEAST DAY AUGUST 28TH

St. Augustine of Hippo is the patron of brewers because of his conversion from a former life of loose living, which included parties, entertainment, and worldly ambitions. His complete turnaround and conversion has been an inspiration to many who struggle with a particular vice or habit they long to break.

This famous son of St. Monica was born in Africa and spent many years of his life in wicked living and in false beliefs. Though he was one of the most intelligent men who ever lived and though he had been brought up a Christian, his sins of impurity and his pride darkened his mind so much, that he could not see or understand the Divine Truth anymore. Through the prayers of his holy mother and the marvelous preaching of St. Ambrose, Augustine finally became convinced that Christianity was the one true religion. Yet he did not become a Christian then, because he thought he could never live a pure life. One day, however, he heard about two men who had suddenly been converted on reading the life of St. Anthony, and he felt terribly ashamed of himself. "What are we doing?" he cried to his friend Alipius. "Unlearned people are taking Heaven by force, while we, with all our knowledge, are so cowardly that we keep rolling around in the mud of our sins!"

He was baptized, became a priest, a bishop, a famous Catholic writer, Founder of religious priests, and one of the greatest saints that ever lived. He became very devout and charitable, too. On the wall of his room he had the following sentence written in large letters: "Here we do not speak evil of anyone." St. Augustine overcame strong heresies, practiced great poverty and supported the poor, preached very often and prayed with great fervor right up until his death. "Too late have I loved You!" he once cried to God, but with his holy life he certainly made up for the sins he committed before his conversion.

## ***The Canaanite Woman*** ***Matthew 15: 21-28***

This passage describes the only occasion on which Jesus was ever outside of the Jewish territory. He went to the cities of Tyre and Sidon in the Phoenician Land. It shows us the beginning of the end of all the barriers.

For Jesus, this was the time of deliberate withdrawal. The end was coming near and he wished sometime of quiet to prepare his Disciples for the day of the cross. In Palestine, there was no place for safety and privacy. The hostility of the Scribes and Pharisees was mounting dangerously and the popularity of the people was becoming also as much dangerous. That is why, Jesus decided to take some rest into the Gentile territory where no Jew would be likely to follow him. But even in these foreign lands, Jesus was not to be free from the demand of a human need. This woman was not only a Gentile but also a Canaanite woman. The Canaanites were the ancestral enemies of the Jews. This woman had a daughter who was seriously ill. What a mother cannot do for her child in danger of death? She must have heard somehow of the wonderful things which Jesus was doing. She followed him and his Disciples, crying desperately for help.

The Disciples were disturbed by her constant shouting. Their reaction was not really compassionate. To them the woman was a nuisance and all they wanted was to be rid of her as quickly as possible. To get rid of a person who is nuisance, is a common reaction but it is not the response of Christian love and pity and compassion. The Disciples didn't have yet the Holy Spirit. To the insistence of the Disciples, Jesus remained silent.

He was without any doubt moved with compassion for this woman. However he had to limit his public ministry to the Jews, it was in his program, and here is a woman who is Gentile and worst of all, a Canaanite. His first answer to the woman was a terrible offense; Lord help me, she said and Jesus replied "it is not right to take the food of the children and to throw it to the dogs". During the time of Christ the Gentiles were called dogs, not a domesticated dog but an ugly dog of the street. The woman understood the insinuation and instead of being offended she gave the most beautiful answer of faith and humility; "but she said, even the dogs get some crumbs from the master of the table". Jesus was overcome by so great a faith. With joy and willingly he granted her what she so much desired. At the same time her daughter was completely cured of her illness.

Faith is the great arm of the Christian. St. Paul is certainly the great champion of faith; Romans 4 & 5, Galatians 2 & 3, Philippians 1, especially Hebrews 11.

Faith can transport mountains. One day Jesus and his Disciples were on the top of Mt. Olive from which they can see the Dead Sea. He was talking about faith and he said to them: "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, be uprooted and planted in the sea, (he meant the Dead Sea) and it would obey you". This saying means that with faith nothing is impossible because the sea in question is 20 miles East of Mt. Olive. Faith can mean two things; we believe at Jesus and we believe in Jesus. We believe at Jesus signifies that we believe in all that Jesus says and does. This is not yet the real profound belief. But when we believe in Jesus, we believe in the person of Jesus and this is the real faith. Faith is a direct connection with Jesus and this gives us the force to do the impossible. Apparently, we feel incapable of hoping for having a new church but with faith and prayers nothing is impossible. Let us say to Jesus with the Apostles; "Lord increase our faith" let us ask him the same grace.

Amen