

Divine Liturgy Intentions	Maronite Synaxarion
<p>Sunday, September 7th 8:30am Souad Mouaness by Rosemarie George Helen Khoury Brown by Sdn. Chuck and Mary Beth Abraham Dan Obermeyer by the Stewart family Gary Louis Owen and Gary John Owen by Cheryl Owen and family</p> <p>11:00am Ray Hamad (40 Day Liturgy) by the family جناز الاربعين Elie El Asmar (1 yr. Anniv.) by the Seif family Tom Jesser, Sr. by Paul and Nila Ellis John and Silva Mahrouk by the Sabbagh family</p>	<p>St. Sozon</p>
<p>Monday, September 8th No Divine Liturgy</p>	<p>Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</p>
<p>Tuesday, September 9th 9:00am Divine Liturgy Helen Khoury Brown Dan Obermeyer</p>	<p>Sts. Joachim and Anne Blessed Frederic Ozanam <i>Anaphora of St. Mark</i> <i>p. 835</i></p>
<p>Wednesday, September 10th 9:00am Divine Liturgy Pat Delagrange by Betty Schnitzler</p>	<p>St. Pulcheria the Queen <i>Anaphora of St. Sixtus</i> <i>p. 856</i></p>
<p>Thursday, September 11th No Divine Liturgy</p>	<p>St. Theodora of Alexandria</p>
<p>Friday, September 12th 9:00am Divine Liturgy Gary Louis Owen and Gary John Owen John and Silva Mahrouk</p>	<p>St. Cornelius the Centurion <i>Anaphora of St. John Chrysostom</i> <i>p. 876</i></p>
<p>Saturday, September 13th 9:00am Divine Liturgy Elie El Asmar Tom Jesser, Sr.</p>	<p>St. Christopher <i>Anaphora of St. John Maron</i> <i>p. 897</i></p>
<p>Sunday, September 14th 8:30am Jane Hamad by Nita Torch Tom Hadley by Barbara Foster Dan Obermeyer by Sdn. Chuck and Mary Beth Abraham</p> <p>11:00am Robert Thomas II (Bobby) by Lisa Thomas and the Thomas family Milhelm and Samir Sahlani by Barbara Foster Tom Jesser, Sr. by Paul and Karla Wilkinson</p>	<p>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</p>



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

SACRAMENTS

CONFESSION

Available following Saturday
Divine Liturgy
or by appointment

Baptism & Chrismation
Contact the Parish Office

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

Sick Calls & Anointing
Notify Fr. Armando Elkhoury (202) 876-6648

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS TUESDAY – FRIDAY
9:00AM – 1:00PM
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September 7, 2025

Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost

“There is need of only one thing...”
Luke 10:41



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READINGS

THIS SUNDAY Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost

1 Thessalonians 2:1-13
Luke 10:38-42

EPISTLE READERS

Sunday, September 7
8:30am – Cheryl Christ
11:00am – Monique Binkley

Sunday, September 14
8:30am – Chris Abraham
11:00am – Mike Kelly

Sunday, September 21
8:30am – Cynthia Maroon
11:00am – Georgie Hasrouni

Sunday, September 28
8:30am - Sandy Hamad
11:00am - Sara Sabbagh

Coming Events

Parish Advisory Board Meeting – TBA

Ladies' Guild Meeting – TBA

Men's Club Meeting - TBA

Caregivers' Meeting - 10/18/2025
Saturday at 10:00am

If you need to report child or vulnerable adult sexual abuse by a Cleric (Priest or Deacon), Member of a Religious Congregation, Lay Employee or Volunteer in the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles contact

Dr. Laura Kahwaji
Victim Assistant Coordinator
(323) 428-6815



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Weekly Offerings
August 31, 2025
\$2,145.00

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Next special collection:

September 7th
The Catholic University of
America

Next First Friday Divine Liturgy
And Adoration will be held on
October 3, 2025 at 9:00am.

To offer Liturgy intentions, please
email Betty at:
betty@ourladys.church.

This way we have the correct
spelling of the names. Please also
indicate which Liturgy time you
prefer!

SAINT MONICA, MOTHER OF SAINT AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO

On 4 May, the current Maronite Sanctoral Calendar commemorates Saint Monica. The current Latin Calendar of Saints commemorates Saint Monica on 27 August, the day before the commemoration of her son, Saint Augustine of Hippo, on 28 August. Her date of commemoration on the Maronite Sanctoral Calendar on 4 May is based upon the Farhat Synaxarion. She is also commemorated on 4 May on the Eastern Orthodox Calendars and the Old Roman Martyrology.

Saint Monica was born c. 330 in Tagaste, North Africa, to Christian parents, but little else is known about her early life. Most of the information we know about Saint Monica comes from Book IX of Saint Augustine's Confessions. Saint Monica was married to a pagan official named Patricius. He had a short temper and lived a dissolute life. Saint Monica had three children with Patricius: two sons, Saint Augustine, Navigius and one daughter, Perpetua. Patricius would not permit the children to be baptized, which caused great sorrow for Saint Monica. Augustine became ill, and Patricius agreed to have him baptized, however once he recovered Patricius removed his consent. Through her constant prayers and example, her husband converted to Christ before his death. Later, Augustine moved to Carthage and began living with a young woman, with whom he had an illegitimate son. Then, Augustine became involved in the heretical Manichean sect.

Saint Monica was filled with anxiety at her son's wayward life, and she was horrified that he had fallen into heresy. She had a dream, however, in which she was told to be gentle and patient with her son. Augustine continued in the Manichean heresy for another nine years; however, Saint Monica never gave up on him. During this time, an unnamed bishop consoled her with these words: "it is not possible that the son of these tears should be lost." Augustine secretly went to Rome, but Saint Monica found out and followed him there, however, by the time she had arrived, he had gone onto Milan. She followed him to Milan, where she met Saint Ambrose, the Bishop of Milan. It was through Saint Ambrose that Saint Augustine ultimately converted and was baptized at Saint John the Baptist Church in Milan.

Saint Monica and Saint Augustine ended up spending six months of peace together, and then they planned to return to North Africa together. They stopped to rest in Ostia, where Saint Monica fell asleep in the Lord. Saint Augustine buried his mother in Ostia, though her remains were removed in the sixth century to a crypt in the Church of Saint Aurea of Ostia. In the thirteenth century, as the popularity of Saint Monica grew, a feast in her honor was established on 4 May. In 1430, Pope Martin V ordered that her relics be transferred to Rome, and later a church at Rome, in honor of Saint Augustine, was built (Basilica di Sant'Agostino), and the relics of Saint Monica were placed in a chapel to the left of the high altar.

Saint Monica is known as the patron saint for: victims of abuse, including verbal abuse, married women, difficult marriages, disappointing children, victims of adultery and conversion of relatives.

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Sunday, September 14, 2025

“So, Faith comes by hearing the Word of the Living God”

EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 1:18-25 **Paradox of the Cross**

Brothers and Sisters: The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written: “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the learning of the learned I will set aside.” Where is the wise one? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made the wisdom of the world foolish? For since in the wisdom of God the world did not come to know God through wisdom, it was the will of God through the foolishness of the proclamation to save those who have faith. For Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, Jews and Greeks alike, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

Praise be to God Always!

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GOSPEL

John 12:20-32 **The Coming of Jesus' Hour**

The Apostle John writes: Now there were some Greeks among those who had come up to worship at the feast. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we would like to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.” “Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me.” ‘Father, save me from this hour’? “I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it and will glorify it again.” The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder; but others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered and said, “This voice did not come for my sake but for yours. Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself.”

This is the Truth. Peace be with you.



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Wednesday October 8, 2025

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