

Divine Mysteries Intentions	Maronite Synaxarion
Sunday, October 12th 8:30am Tom Jesser, Sr. by the OLC Caregivers Ray Hamad by Tom and Peggy Maroon and family Richard Traxler by Sdn. Chuck and Mary Beth Abraham Dan Obermeyer by Barbie and Larry Taylor 11:00am Laurice Mourad (40 Day Liturgy) by her family جناز الاربعين John Lahood by Camile and Jessica Ghorayeb Lisa Owen by the Stewart family	St. Edno
Monday, October 13th No Divine Liturgy	Sts. Carpus & Papyrus and their Companions
Tuesday, October 14th 9:00am Divine Liturgy Tom Jesser, Sr. Ray Hamad	St. Isaiah the Monk <i>Anaphora of St. John</i> p. 815
Wednesday, October 15th 9:00am Divine Liturgy Richard Traxler Dan Obermeyer	St. Teresa of Avila, Doctor of the Church <i>Anaphora of St. Mark</i> p. 835
Thursday, October 16th No Divine Liturgy	St. Longinus, the Centurion
Friday, October 17th 9:00am Divine Liturgy Laurice Mourad John Lahood	Sts. Cosmas and Damian <i>Anaphora of St. Sixtus</i> p. 856
Saturday, October 18th 9:00am Divine Liturgy Lisa Owen	St. Luke the Evangelist <i>Anaphora of St. John Chrysostom</i> p. 876
Sunday, October 19th 8:30am Helen Khoury Brown by Barbara Foster Tom Jesser, Sr. by Leo and Beth Michael George Philip Risha by the OLC Caregivers 11:00am The Bieganski family by the Stewart family Ray Hamad by Dennis and Christine Miller Laurice Mourad by Peggy and Tom Maroon and family	St. Aaron of Antioch, Sts. John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues, and Companions



PASTOR:

Welcome New Parishioners
Please register at our parish office

DIVINE MYSTERIES SCHEDULE

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

MYSTERIES

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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SUBDEACON Chuck Abraham

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9:00AM – 1:00PM
BETTY’S EMAIL ADDRESS:
betty@ourladys.church



October 12, 2025

**Fourth Sunday after
The Holy Cross**

“For all of you are
children of the
light and children
of the day. We are
not of the night or
of darkness.”
1 Thessalonians 5:5



READINGS

Sunday, October 12, 2025

Fourth Sunday after the Holy Cross

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Matthew 24:45-51

EPISTLE READERS

Sunday, October 12

8:30am – Stephanie Hamad

11:00am – Christian Nemr

Sunday, October 19

8:30am – Tom Jesser, Jr.

11:00am – Layla Roland

Sunday, October 26

8:30am – Cheryl Christ

11:00am – Michelle Reyes

Coming Events

Caregivers' Meeting - 10/18/25

Saturday, 10:00am

Ladies Guild Meeting – 10/22/25

Weds. 6:30pm

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Facilities Committee Meeting

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



Weekly Offerings

October 5, 2025

\$1,821.00

*Thank you for your
generosity!*

Next Special Offering:

**World Mission Sunday-
Propagation of the Faith
October 19, 2025**

**Next First Friday Divine Mysteries
And Adoration will be held on
November 7, 2025, at 9:00am.**

**To offer Liturgy intentions, please
email Betty at:**

betty@ourladys.church.

(Note...new email address!)

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

Saint Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage

Cyprian was born around 200 in the city of Carthage, located in Northern Africa. He was the son of a wealthy pagan senator. Cyprian received a secular education in rhetoric and philosophy in the school of Carthage. He received a fortune from his parents and spent it on lavish banquets, but he never felt satisfied. Cyprian soon became acquainted with the writings of Tertullian. After reading Tertullian's apologies for Christianity, Cyprian was convinced of the truth of Christianity. Cyprian became a catechumen at age 46. Before receiving Baptism, he distributed his wealth to the poor. Cyprian was ordained a priest two years after having been baptized, and when the bishop of Carthage died in the year 248, he was chosen as bishop. Cyprian's first concern was with taking care of the needs of the poor and wiping out vices in both the clergy and laity. Many of the clergy and laity were inspired to imitate his piety, humility and wisdom. Soon, Emperor Decius (249-251) began persecuting Christians. Cyprian had a vision of the upcoming persecution and went into hiding. Some of the clergy saw this as an act of cowardice, though Cyprian defended himself by asserting that he fled so as not to leave his flock without a shepherd and pointed out that Jesus Himself had "commanded us in the persecution to depart and flee; and both taught that this should be done, and Himself did it." During this period of self-exile, he wrote letters to the Christians of Carthage. Unfortunately, during the Decian persecution some of the Christians, after having been tortured, offered sacrifice to the pagan gods. Many of these Christians who had lapsed in their faith, known as lapsi, sought to be restored to the Church after the persecutions had ended. Cyprian held that they might be permitted to return to the Church, but only after there had been an investigation into the circumstances of their having fallen, a determination of their sincerity and only after having undergone some form of penance. Some priests in Carthage disregarded Cyprian's instructions and readmitted these lapsi with little to no public penance. On the other extreme, were the followers of Novatian of Rome, who would not allow any lapsi to ever be reconciled with the Church, even if they repented of their sins. Cyprian's position eventually became the position of the Church, which was a middle ground between the two extremes. Soon, a new persecution of the Christians occurred during the reign of Emperor Valerian (253-259). The proconsul of Carthage, Paternus, ordered Cyprian to offer sacrifice to the pagan idols. Cyprian steadfastly refused, for which he was sent into exile, during which he wrote many letters and books. However, he desired to suffer in Carthage, so he returned. Cyprian was put on trial and again refused to offer sacrifice to the pagan gods and idols, and this time he was sentenced to death by beheading by the sword. As Cyprian approached the place of his execution, he blessed all the Christian faithful, tied a handkerchief over his own eyes and bowed his head. Christians held cloths and napkins before him to collect the blood of the holy martyr. Saint Cyprian's martyrdom occurred in the year 258, and his body was secretly collected at night and buried in a private tomb. Tradition holds that his relics were transferred from Carthage to France during the reign of King Charlemagne (771-814).

Fr. Claude Franklin is the pastor of St. Joseph Maronite Church in Olean, NY, a member of the Maronite Patriarchal Liturgical Committee, and a feature writer of The Maronite Voice

Sunday, October 19, 2025

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

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY CROSS

EPISTLE

Philippians 2:12-18 **Obedience and Service in the World**

So then, my beloved, obedient as you have always been, not only when I am present but all the more now when I am absent, work out your salvation with fear and trembling. For God is the one who, for his good purpose, works in you both to desire and to work. Do everything without grumbling or questioning, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine like lights in the world, as you hold on to the word of life, so that my boast for the day of Christ may be that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. But, even if I am poured out as a libation upon the sacrificial service of your faith, I rejoice and share my joy with all of you. In the same way you also should rejoice and share your joy with me.

Praise be to God Always!

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GOSPEL

Matthew 25:1-13 **The Parable of the Ten Virgins**

The Lord Jesus says: “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps. Since the bridegroom was long delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight, there was a cry, ‘Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’ Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise ones replied, ‘No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.’ While they went off to buy it, the bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. Afterwards the other virgins came and said, ‘Lord, Lord, open the door for us!’ But he said in reply, ‘Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.’ Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

This is the Truth. Peace be with you.

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WHEN:

OCTOBER 24-26, 2025

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