

Divine Liturgy Intentions	Maronite Synaxarion
Sunday, September 28th 8:30am Jane Hamad by Barbara Foster Tom Jesser, Sr. by Cheryl Christ Ray Hamad by Sdn. Paul and Gena Boulos Tom Hadley by Barbie and Larry Taylor 11:00am Gloria Thomas by Lisa Thomas and the Thomas family Tom Hadley by the Stewart family Dan Obermeyer by Tom and Peggy Maroon and family	St. Chariton
Monday, September 29th No Divine Liturgy	St. Romanos (Cyriacus) Also known as Rouhanna The Cantor
Tuesday, September 30th 9:00am Divine Liturgy Jane Hamad Tom Hadley	St. Gregory the Illuminator <i>Anaphora of St. John Chrysostom</i> p. 876
Wednesday, October 1st 9:00am Divine Liturgy Eva Abraham McDonald by Sdn. Chuck and Mary Beth Abraham	St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Doctor of the Church <i>Anaphora of St. John Maron</i> p. 897
Thursday, October 2nd No Divine Liturgy	Sts. Cyprian and Justina
Friday, October 3rd First Friday 9:00am Divine Liturgy and Adoration Tom Jesser, Sr. Ray Hamad	St. Dionysius the Areopagite. St. Mother Theodore Geurin <i>Anaphora of St. Peter</i> p. 774
Saturday, October 4th 9:00am Divine Liturgy Gloria Thomas Dan Obermeyer	St. Francis of Assisi <i>Anaphora of St. James</i> p. 794
Sunday, October 5th 8:30am Glen Melton by Sdn. Chuck and Mary Beth Abraham Tom Jesser, Sr. by Judy Seabolt and family Dan Obermeyer by Dcn. Tom and Bernie Maroon 11:00am Jane Hamad by Teddi Kay John & Silva Mahrouk by the Sabbagh family Lisa Owen by Barbie and Larry Taylor Tom Hadley by Sdn. Paul and Gena Boulos	St. Paul the Simple. Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos



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*

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
BETTY’S EMAIL ADDRESS:
betty@ourladys.church



September 28, 2025

**Second Sunday after
The Holy Cross**

“...But the one
who perseveres
to the end
will be saved.”

Matthew 24:14



READINGS

Sunday, September 28, 2025

Second Sunday after the Holy Cross

1 Corinthians 15:19-34

Matthew 24:1-14

EPISTLE READERS

Sunday, September 28

8:30am - Sandy Hamad

11:00am - Sara Sabbagh

Sunday, October 5

8:30am – Erica Peters

11:00am – Noor Neochi

Sunday, October 12

8:30am – Stephanie Hamad

11:00am – Freddy Nemr

Coming Events

Facilities Committee Meeting - 9/30/25

Tuesday, 6:00pm

Ladies Guild Meeting – 10/5/25

10:00am

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting – 10/6/25

Monday, 6:30-7:30pm

Caregivers' Meeting - 10/18/25

Saturday, 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



Weekly Offerings

September 21, 2025

\$3,747.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Next Special Offering:

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

**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 John Vianney

On 4 August, the Maronite Church commemorated Saint John Vianney, also known as the Curé d'Ars ("the parish priest of Ars"). Saint John Vianney was born in Dardilly, France (near Lyon) on 8 May 1786 to Matthieu and Marie (Belize) Vianney and was baptized the same day. The Vianney family were devout Catholics who assisted the poor. Saint John Vianney was born during an anticlerical time of the French Revolution, in which many faithful priests were forced to hide to celebrate the Sacraments. The priests would often travel to distant farms to celebrate the Eucharist, and the Vianneys would make the journey to receive Communion. Saint John Vianney realized the risk that these priests were taking and looked upon them as heroes of the faith. It was during this period of persecution that Saint John Vianney received his catechetical instruction from two nuns, in preparation to receive his First Holy Communion in a private home.

Saint John Vianney received his First Holy Communion at age 13 in a neighbor's kitchen. Napoleon Bonaparte re-established religious peace throughout France with the Catholic Church in 1802. Saint John Vianney desired to become a priest, and at age 20, his father allowed him to leave the farm for a "presbytery school" in the village of Écully, which was instructed by Abbé Balley. Since his past education had been interrupted by the French Revolution, Saint John Vianney struggled with his education, especially with Latin. However, he persevered due to both his desire to be a priest and the patience of Abbé Balley. In 1809, Vianney's studies were interrupted once again when he was drafted into Napoleon's army. However, due to an illness, he was delayed in meeting up with his troop. Later, he was separated from his troop again and led by another young man into the Forez mountains, where a number of deserters were hiding at a farmhouse under the care of Claudine Fayot. Here, Vianney assumed the name of Jerome Vincent and opened a school for the village children.

In March 1810, after fourteen months on Fayot's farm, an imperial proclamation granted amnesty to all deserters, and Vianney resumed his studies at Écully. In 1811, Vianney was tonsured and went to minor seminary in 1812. He was sent to major seminary in 1813 at Lyons. However, as Vianney was considered slow, he was returned to Abbé Balley. Balley persuaded the vicar general that Vianney's piety would compensate for his lack of education, and he was ordained to the Subdiaconate on 2 July 1814, was ordained a Deacon in June 1815, and ordained a Priest on 12 August 1815, and was appointed as an assistant to Abbé Balley in Écully. After Balley's death in 1818, Saint John Vianney was appointed as the parish priest of Ars, a town of 230 inhabitants.

Vianney realized that the French Revolution had created a religious ignorance and indifference in the people, and he set out to fix this. Vianney gave homilies in which he preached against the blasphemies he saw the people committing, and especially against profane dancing. Due to his example and his stern homilies, he attracted many to come to Confession and would spend 12 hours in the Confessional in the winter months and up to 16 hours in the summer months. His fame spread to distant places and by 1855, the number of pilgrims had reached 20,000 a year. Saint John Vianney died at the age of 73 on 4 August 1859. His funeral was presided over by the bishop and 300 priests, and more than 6,000 lay people were in attendance.

He was proclaimed Venerable on 3 October 1874 by Pope Pius IX; he was Beatified on 8 January 1905 by Pope Pius X; and he was canonized on 31 May 1925 by Pope Pius XI and made patron saint of parish priests.

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