

Divine Liturgy Intentions	Maronite Synaxarion
<b>Sunday, September 14th</b> <b>8:30am</b> Jane Hamad by Nita Torch Tom Hadley by Barbara Foster Dan Obermeyer by Sdn. Chuck and Mary Beth Abraham <b>11:00am</b> 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	<b>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</b>
<b>Monday, September 15th</b> <b>No Divine Liturgy</b>	<b>St. Shaina</b> <b>St. Sassine</b>
<b>Tuesday, September 16th</b> <b>9:00am Divine Liturgy</b> Jane Hamad Tom Hadley Dan Obermeyer	<b>St. Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage</b> <i>Anaphora of the Twelve Apostles</i> p. 754
<b>Wednesday, September 17th</b> <b>9:00am Divine Liturgy</b> Robert Thomas II Milhelm and Samir Sahlani Tom Jesser, Sr.	<b>St. Sophia and her daughters</b> <i>Anaphora of St. Peter</i> p. 774
<b>Thursday, September 18th</b> <b>No Divine Liturgy</b>	<b>The flight of the Lord Jesus to Egypt</b>
<b>Friday, September 19th</b> <b>No Divine Liturgy</b>	<b>St. Januarius</b>
<b>Saturday, September 20th</b> <b>No Divine Liturgy</b>	<b>St. Eustatius and his wife and children</b>
<b>Sunday, September 21</b> <b>8:30am</b> Dan Obermeyer by Barbara Foster Tom Jesser, Sr. by Chuck and Mary Beth Abraham Carol Hellmers by Sandy Hamad and family <b>11:00am</b> Lisa Owen by the Stewart family Tom Jesser, Sr. by Dcn. Tom and Bernie Maroon Ray Hamad by Andrea and Dave Reusch Josie Michael by Barbie and Larry Taylor	<b>St. Quadratus</b> <b>Bishop of Athens</b>



**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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**September 14, 2025**

**Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

“The Father will honor whoever serves me.”  
John 12:26



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# READINGS

## THIS SUNDAY

### Exaltation of the Holy Cross

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

John 12:20-32

## EPISTLE READERS

### 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

### Sunday, October 5

8:30am – Erica Peters

11:00am – Noor Neochi

## 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  
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## Counting our Blessings

*Weekly Offerings*

*September 7, 2025*

**\$2,886.00**

*Thank you for your generosity!*

## *Electronic Giving*

This donation link will be updated in the future.

Please watch for the updated QR Code.

## **Next special collection:**

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

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

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To offer Liturgy intentions, please email Betty at:

[betty@ourladys.church](mailto:betty@ourladys.church).

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

## The 21 Coptic Martyrs

The 21 Coptic Martyrs of Libya The Maronite Church, following the example of the Holy See, recently added a new commemoration to the Maronite Sanctoral Calendar on 15 February: the commemoration of the 21 Coptic Martyrs of Libya. On 15 February 2015, 21 Coptic Orthodox men were beheaded by ISIS on a beach in Sirte, Libya. The martyrdom of these 21 men, most of whom were from Egypt, was filmed by ISIS and released online. The video showed masked men beheading the 21 martyrs in orange jumpsuits, as they knelt on a Libyan beach. The authenticity of the video was later confirmed by the Egyptian government and the Coptic Orthodox Church. Within a week of their murders in 2015, the Coptic Orthodox Church declared the 21 Coptic Christians as martyr saints. In October 2017, authorities found the mass grave of the 21 martyrs, and in 2018, a Coptic Orthodox Church was dedicated to the 21 Coptic Martyrs of Libya in the village of Al-Our, Egypt, home of 13 of the 21 men. On 11 May 2023, during a formal meeting between Pope Francis and the Coptic Orthodox Pope Tawadros II of Alexandria, Pope Francis stated: "I am glad to announce today that, with the consent of Your Holiness, these 21 martyrs will be inserted in the Roman Martyrology as a sign of the spiritual communion uniting our two Churches. ...May the prayer of the Coptic martyrs, united with that of the Theotokos, continue to grow the friendship between our Churches, until the blessed day when we can celebrate together at the same altar and commune in the same Body and Blood of the Savior, 'that the world may believe.'" Pope Francis also noted that these 21 men were not killed because they belonged to a particular denomination, but simply because they were Christian. He went on to say that the 21 Coptic Martyrs of Libya "are also ours." And "These martyrs were baptized not only in water and the Spirit, but also in blood, blood that is a seed of unity for all followers of Christ." This declaration by Pope Francis is historic and rare, but it is not without any precedent, for one can arrive at sainthood through a number of routes; not always through the current formal canonization process, as was the case recently with the Three Massabki Martyrs. For a discussion of this historic declaration, see: [www.ncregister.com/blog/coptic-martyrs-roman-martyrology](http://www.ncregister.com/blog/coptic-martyrs-roman-martyrology). The inclusion of the 21 Coptic Martyrs of Libya in the Roman Martyrology in 2023, in keeping with the calls of Pope Saint John Paul II to establish some kind of "common martyrology" among the churches, prompted members of the Maronite Patriarchal Liturgical Commission's "Sanctoral Calendar Committee" to likewise add these Coptic Martyrs to the Maronite Sanctoral Calendar. As a sign of ecumenism and as part of a reunion effort, Pope Francis did not simply add the 21 Coptic Martyrs to the Roman Martyrology on his own authority (though he certainly could have), but he sought Pope Tawadros II's consent. For his part, Pope Tawadros II gave Pope Francis relics of the 21 Coptic Martyrs as a sign of spiritual communion between the two churches. The inclusion and celebration of the 21 Coptic Martyrs of Libya not only in the Roman Martyrology, but also on the Maronite Sanctoral Calendar is a great moment in the life of the Catholic Church, as we make every effort to live up to our Lord's command: "That they all may be one" (John 17:21).

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, September 21, 2025

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

## FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY CROSS

### EPISTLE

2 Timothy 2:1-10 Timothy's Conduct

So you, my child, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And what you heard from me through many witnesses entrust to faithful people who will have the ability to teach others as well. Bear your share of hardship along with me like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. To satisfy the one who recruited him, a soldier does not become entangled in the business affairs of life. Similarly, an athlete cannot receive the winner's crown except by competing according to the rules. The hardworking farmer ought to have the first share of the crop. Reflect on what I am saying, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything. Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David: such is my gospel, for which I am suffering, even to the point of chains, like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore, I bear with everything for the sake of those who are chosen, so that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, together with eternal glory.

**Praise be to God Always!**

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### GOSPEL

Mark 10:35-45    **Ambition of James and John**

The Evangelist Mark writes: Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Jesus and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” He replied, “What do you wish me to do for you?” They answered him, “Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right and the other at your left.” Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?” They said to him, “We can.” Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink, you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right or at my left is not mine to give but is for those for whom it has been prepared.” When the ten heard this, they became indignant at James and John. Jesus summoned them and said to them, “You know that those who are recognized as rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones make their authority over them felt. But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

**This is the Truth. Peace be with you.**



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## Menu

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