

Divine Liturgy Intentions	Maronite Synaxarion
<p>Sunday, September 21st 8:30am Dan Obermeyer by Barbara Foster Tom Jesser, Sr. by Chuck and Mary Beth Abraham Carol Hellmers by Sandy Hamad and family</p> <p>11:00am Tom Jesser, Sr. by Dcn. Tom and Bernie Maroon Ray Hamad by Andrea and Dave Reusch Josie Michael by Barbie and Larry Taylor Soraya Tabet by Bechara Tabet</p>	<p>St. Quadratus Bishop of Athens</p>
<p>Monday, September 22nd No Divine Liturgy</p>	<p>St. Phocas and His Companions</p>
<p>Tuesday, September 23rd 9:00am Divine Liturgy Salwa Sabbagh by the Sabbagh family</p>	<p>Jonah the Prophet <i>Anaphora of St. James</i> <i>p. 794</i></p>
<p>Wednesday, September 24th 9:00am Divine Liturgy Carol Hellmers Soraya Tabet</p>	<p>St. Thecla, the First Woman Martyr <i>Anaphora of St. John</i> <i>p. 815</i></p>
<p>Thursday, September 25th No Divine Liturgy</p>	<p>St. Paphnutius the Confessor</p>
<p>Friday, September 26th 9:00am Divine Liturgy Tom Jesser, Sr. Ray Hamad</p>	<p>St. John the Evangelist <i>Anaphora of St. Mark</i> <i>p. 835</i></p>
<p>Saturday, September 27th 9:00am Divine Liturgy Josie Michael Dan Obermeyer Tom Jesser, Sr.</p>	<p>St. Vincent de Paul <i>Anaphora of St. Sixtus</i> <i>p. 856</i></p>
<p>Sunday, September 28th 8:30am Jane Hamad by Barbara Foster Tom Jesser, Sr. by Cheryl Christ Ray Hamad by Sdn. Paul and Gena Poulos Tom Hadley by Barbie and Larry Taylor</p> <p>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</p>	<p>St. Chariton</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*

DEACON Thomas Maroon, Sr.

SUBDEACON Paul Boulos
SUBDEACON Chuck Abraham

CAREGIVERS Chuck Abraham

Website:
www.Ourladyofthecedarschurch.org

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father@ourladys.church

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS TUESDAY – FRIDAY
9:00AM – 1:00PM
BETTY’S EMAIL ADDRESS:
betty@ourladys.church

September 21, 2025

**First Sunday after
The Holy Cross**

“For the Son of
man did not come
to be served but
to serve...”

Mark 10:45



READINGS

THIS SUNDAY

First Sunday after the Holy Cross

2 Timothy 2:1-10

Mark 10:35-45

EPISTLE READERS

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

Facilities Committee Meeting - 9/30/25

Tuesday, 6:00pm

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



Counting our Blessings

Weekly Offerings

September 14, 2025

\$1,970.00

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

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!

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. 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