

Divine Liturgy Intentions	Maronite Synaxarion
<b>Sunday, June 29th</b> <b>8:30am</b> Helen Khoury Brown by Sandy Hamad Tom Hadley by the OLC Caregivers <b>11:00am</b> Albert Chaoui by Walid and Renee Lababidi Antoine & Leila Ghorayeb by Camile and Jessica Ghorayeb Fr. Edward Burba by Sdn. Paul and Gena Boulos	<b>Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles</b>
<b>Monday, June 30th</b> <b>No Divine Liturgy</b>	<b>Memorial of the Twelve Apostles</b>
<b>Tuesday, July 1st</b> <b>No Divine Liturgy</b>	<b>St. Gregory X, Pope</b>
<b>Wednesday, July 2nd</b> <b>No Divine Liturgy</b>	<b>The Visitation of the Virgin to Elizabeth</b>
<b>Thursday, July 3rd</b> <b>No Divine Liturgy</b> (Parish Office is closed for the holiday)	<b>St. Jerome (Hieronymus)</b>
<b>Friday, July 4th</b> <b>No Divine Liturgy</b> (Parish Office is closed for the holiday)	<b>St. Andrew, Archbishop of Crete</b>
<b>Saturday, July 5th</b> <b>9:00am Divine Liturgy</b>	<b>St. Abba Macarius of the Cross</b>
<b>Sunday, July 6th</b> <b>8:30am</b> Jane Hamad by Doris Khoury Norma Bieganski by the OLC Caregivers Souad Mouaness by Yvonne Jesser <b>11:00am</b> John and Silva Mahrouk by the Sabbagh family Albert Chaoui by Dcn. Tom and Bernie Maroon	<b>St. Abba Sisoës</b>

**Please don’t forget to offer intentions for your Loved ones; living or deceased.**  
**We believe in the Power of the Eucharist**



**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

**CONFESSION**

Available following Saturday  
Divine Liturgy  
or by appointment

**SACRAMENTS**

**Baptism & Chrismation**  
Contact the Parish Office

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

**Sick Calls & Anointing**  
Notify Fr. Ron  
Through the Parish Office

**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**

**June 29, 2025**

**Fourth Sunday of Pentecost**

“Blessed are  
the eyes that  
see what you  
see.”

**Luke 10:23**




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# READINGS

## THIS SUNDAY

### Fourth Sunday of Pentecost

1 Corinthians 2:11-16  
Luke 10:21-24

### EPISTLE READERS

#### Sunday, June 29

8:30am – Erica Peters  
11:00am – Monique Binkley

#### Sunday, July 6

8:30am – Stephanie Hamad  
11:00am – Mike Kelly

#### Sunday, July 13

8:30am – Tom Jesser, Jr.  
11:00am – George Zogbi

#### Sunday, July 20

8:30am - Cheryl Christ  
11:00am – Georgie Hasrouni

## Coming Events

Parish Advisory Board Meeting – TBA

Ladies’ Guild Meeting – TBA

Men’s Club Meeting - TBA

Caregivers’ Meeting - 7/6/2025  
(Following 8:30 Liturgy)

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### Next special collection:

**June 29th**  
**Peter’s Pence Collection**

**Next First Friday Divine Liturgy**  
**And Adoration**  
**will be held on**  
**September 5, 2025**

## Counting our Blessings

### *Weekly Collection*

*June 22, 2025*

*\$2,276.00*

*Thank you for your generosity!*

### *Electronic Giving*

If you would like to make your Sunday contributions, or give a donation please scan the QR Code below:



## Notice from the Church Office

Father Ron will be at the NAM Conference From Sunday, June 29th until Friday, July 4th.

There will be no Divine Liturgies during the week.

The parish office will be closed For the Holiday on July 3rd and 4th.

Divine Liturgy will resume on Saturday, July 5th.



**GOD BLESS AMERICA!!**



## **\*\*\*FOOD FESTIVAL NEWS\*\*\***

Do you or someone you know own a business that could use some publicity at our 2025 Food Festival?

If you would like to help sponsor this year’s festival, Please consider donating to have your name and/or company name on a banner.

If you are interested in donating in this way, please call Roger Hamad at 330-338-9719.

Thank you for your consideration.

Dear Parishioners,

Our Lebanese Festival is coming soon, and we need your help with food preparation! Please join us on:

**•Sambousek – Sunday, June 29**

We’ll start at **9:00 AM** in the morning. Any time you can give is truly appreciated. Let’s make this year’s festival a great success together!

With gratitude,  
Fr. Ron





## A Prayer Puzzle

Unscramble each of the following words related to prayer, using the clues given for each word. Then take the letters that appear circled in boxes and unscramble them to find the name of an important Marian devotion.

A prayer in which we ask for God's loving care for a person, place, or activity

BILNESGS  
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A way of praying in which we use our thoughts, imagination, and emotions to get in touch with God

MITTIODAEN  
[ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ]

A prayer in which we acknowledge God's greatness and tell him how much we appreciate all that he does for us

SIRPAE  
[ ][ ][ ][ ][ ]

A type of prayer in which we thank God

SIGTAGKIVNHN  
[ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ]

A type of prayer in which we ask God for good things

TINTOEPI  
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A prayer that uses words to speak to God

LOVCA  
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Wordless prayer in which we listen for God's presence in our lives

NANTOLPOTCEMI  
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The Church's official, public, communal prayer

LYGRUTI  
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The Church's official prayer for certain times of the day

RUYTGLI FO TEH RUSHO  
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A type of prayer in which we pray on behalf of someone else

COTSNSEENIIR  
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Forms of piety such as Eucharistic Adoration and the Stations of the Cross

SIOTEDVON  
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Prayers such as the Hail Mary or the Lord's Prayer that are standard prayers of our faith

NIOTAIDRLAT  
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## From the Desk of The Pastor



### What Makes a Parish Truly Special?

Not long after I arrived at Our Lady of the Cedars four years ago, I began asking some of our parishioners a heartfelt question:

**“What is something special you’ve done as a parish, something that truly stayed in your heart?”**

I wanted to understand the spirit and history of this community before I became part of it.

Again and again, the answer came back: *“The festival.”*

And I understand why. I had the blessing of witnessing it myself, one of the most successful and joyful parish festivals I’ve ever seen. The dedication, the food, the hospitality, the teamwork, it was a living testimony of your love for the Church and for one another. I saw a parish acting as *one family, one team*. It made me proud to walk with you.

But I also feel the need to say: festivals, as beautiful as they are, are not unique to churches. Many secular communities also organize amazing events. So what makes *our* parish different? What makes us *Church*?

As I prepare to leave on August 17 to begin a new mission, I carry one deep hope. In the future, if another priest asks the same question,

**“What is something special you’ve done as a parish?”**, I hope your answer will be even greater than before.

I hope your answer will be:

**“At Our Lady of the Cedars... we encountered Christ.”**

We encountered Him in the Eucharist.

We encountered Him in each other.

We encountered Him in prayer, in healing, in service, and in love.

Because that is what truly makes a parish holy, not just what we *do*, but *Whom* we meet.

And when Christ is at the center, every festival becomes a foretaste of Heaven.

With love and prayers,

**Fr. Eid**



## THE VISITATION OF MARY TO ELIZABETH

When the angel revealed his message to the Virgin Mary he gave her a sign to win her trust. He told her of the motherhood of an old and barren woman to show that God is able to do all that he wills.

When she hears this, Mary sets out for the hill country. She does not disbelieve God's word; she feels no uncertainty over the message or doubt about the sign. She goes eager in purpose, dutiful in conscience, hastening for joy.

Filled with God, where would she hasten but to the heights? The Holy Spirit does not proceed by slow, laborious efforts. Quickly, too, the blessings of her coming and the Lord's presence are made clear: as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting the child leapt in her womb, and she was filled with the Holy Spirit [Luke 1:41].

Notice the contrast and the choice of words. Elizabeth is the first to hear Mary's voice, but John is the first to be aware of grace. She hears with the ears of the body, but he leaps for joy at the meaning of the mystery. She is aware of Mary's presence, but he is aware of the Lord's: a woman aware of a woman's presence, the forerunner aware of the pledge of our salvation. The women speak of the grace they have received while the children are active in secret, unfolding the mystery of love with the help of their mothers, who prophesy by the spirit of their sons.

The child leaps in the womb; the mother is filled with the Holy Spirit, he fills his mother with the same Spirit. John leaps for you, and the spirit of Mary rejoices in her turn. When John leaps for joy Elizabeth is filled with the Holy Spirit, but we know that though Mary's spirit rejoices she does not need to be filled with the Holy Spirit. Her son, who is beyond our understanding, is active in his mother in a way beyond our understanding. Elizabeth is filled with the Holy Spirit after conceiving John, while Mary is filled with the Holy Spirit before conceiving the Lord. Elizabeth says: Blessed are you because you have believed [Luke 1:45].

You also are blessed because you have heard and believed. A soul that believes both conceives and brings forth the Word of God and acknowledges his works.

Let Mary's soul be in each of you to proclaim the greatness of the Lord. Let her spirit be in each to rejoice in the Lord. Christ has only one mother in the flesh, but we all bring forth Christ in faith. Every soul receives the Word of God if only it keeps chaste, remaining pure and free from sin, its modesty undefiled. The soul that succeeds in this proclaims the greatness of the Lord, just as Mary's soul magnified the Lord and her spirit rejoiced in God her Savior. In another place we read: Magnify the Lord with me. The Lord is magnified, not because the human voice can add anything to God but because he is magnified within us. Christ is the image of God, and if the soul does what is right and holy, it magnifies that image of God, in whose likeness it was created and, in magnifying the image of God, the soul has a share in its greatness and is exalted



*"I have called you by name, you are mine."*

Isaiah 43:1

# A Spiritual Journey to Discern the Call to Consecrated Life

with the

## Maronite Sisters of the Holy Family, California

THIS INVITATION IS FOR  
YOUNG WOMEN AGED 18 TO 35

Those who wish to participate are kindly asked to attend  
all meetings and a spiritual retreat on the following dates:

- Wednesday, June 4
- Wednesday, June 18
- Wednesday, July 2
- Spiritual Retreat: Saturday, August 9

Meetings will be held on Zoom at 7:30 pm CA time

To participate and register, please contact  
Sister Rose Therese Tannous  
via WhatsApp on 657-657-4422  
by 28th of May