Divine Liturgy Intentions	<b>Maronite Synaxarion</b>
Sunday, June 15th 8:30am  Mary Jane Gardner by Sdn. Paul and Gena Boulos Albert Chaoui by the OLC Caregivers 11:00am  Marleine Lababidi by the Lababidi family Helen Koury Brown by Dcn. Tom and Bernie Maroon	St. Basil the Great
Monday, June 16th No Divine Liturgy	Hosea the Prophet. St. Methodius I
Tuesday, June 17th 9:00am Divine Liturgy	Amos, the Prophet
Wednesday, June 18th 9:00am Divine Liturgy	St. Leontius, Martyr. St. Abba Aboun
Thursday, June 19th 11:00am Funeral	St. Jude the Apostle
Friday, June 20th 9:00am Divine Liturgy	St. Silverius and St. Zosimos, Martyrs
Saturday, June 21st 9:00am Divine Liturgy	St. Louis Gonzaga
Sunday, June 22nd 8:30am  Mary Jane Gardner by Sdn. Paul and Gena Boulos Albert Chaoui by the OLC Caregivers 11:00am  Marleine Lababidi by the Lababidi family Helen Khoury Brown by Dcn. Tom and Bernie Maroon	St. Eusebius, Martyr

Please don't forget to offer intentions for your Loved ones; living or deceased.

We believe in the Power of the Eucharist

# HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL FATHERS!



# **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

Website:

www.Ourladyofthecedarschurch.org

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Ourladyofthecedarschurch@gmail.com

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### **Tangier at the Cedars**

Angelica George (330) 418-4778

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# FATHER RONALD EID (330) 666-3598 EXT. 100

PARISH OFFICE HOURS TUESDAY – FRIDAY 9:00AM – 1:00PM

June 15, 2025

**Trinity Sunday** 

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit..."

Matthew 28:19



# **READINGS**

# **THIS SUNDAY**

**Trinity Sunday** 

Romans 11:25-36 Matthew 28:16-20

# **EPISTLE READERS**

### Sunday, June 15

8:30am – Cynthia Maroon 11:00am – Layla Roland

### Sunday, June 22

8:30am – Sandy Hamad 11:00am – Michelle Reyes

### Sunday, June 29

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

### Sunday, July 6

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

# **Coming Events**

Parish Advisory Board Meeting - TBA

<u>Ladies' Guild Meeting – TBA</u>

Men's Club Meeting - TBA

<u>Caregivers' Meeting - 7/6/2025</u> (Following 8:30 Liturgy)

# **Next special collection:**

June 29th Peter's Pence Collection

Next First Friday Divine Liturgy
And Adoration
will be held on
Friday, July 4th

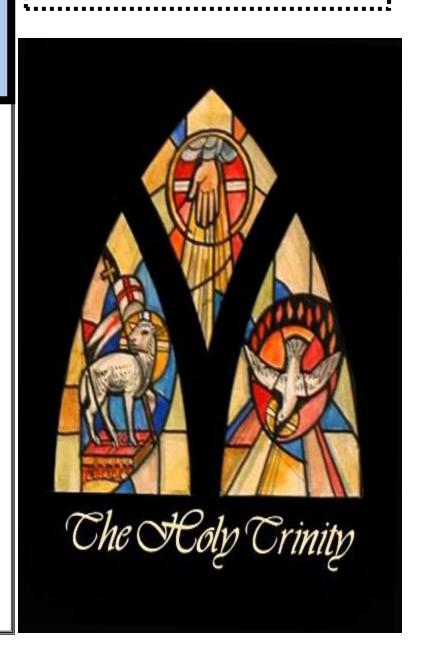
# Counting our Blessings

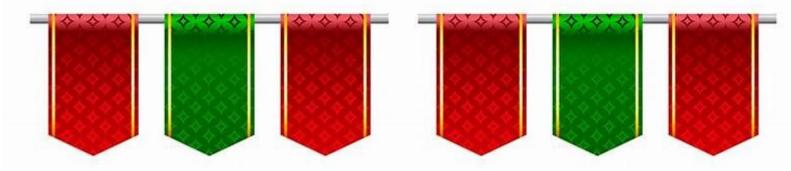
Weekly Collection
June 8, 2025
\$2,282.00
Thank you for your generosity!

# Electronic Giving

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







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

The raffle basket committee has begun collecting donations for this year's amazing raffle!!

There are many different ways for you to help out and we appreciate anything that you are willing to donate.

We are looking for cash donations for Lottery scratch-off baskets, gift cards, event tickets and vouchers, along with many other products.

If you own a business, please consider donating a product or service.

Please contact Nancy Sahlani at 347-578-2291 if you have any questions or for more information. Thank you!

# 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









# **Steps to Encounter Christ: A Journey Through the Ignatian Way**

Seventeen years ago, I attended a silent retreat at St. Joseph Monastery in Taanayel, in the heart of the Bekaa Valley. It was led by Jesuit priests and shaped by the spirit of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Even after all these years, I still carry that experience in my heart, because it was there that I truly encountered Christ.

St. Ignatius teaches that Christ is not far. He is close, speaking through His Word, our hearts, our experiences, and the silence. But to encounter Him, we must make space. Here are some simple Ignatian steps that can help us deepen our prayer and meet the Lord personally in meditation:

## 1. Preparation

Find a quiet place. Become aware that you are in God's presence. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your heart and mind. St. Ignatius calls this the "composition of place"—imagine the scene of the Gospel you are about to pray with.

### 2. Ask for the Grace

Before reading, ask God for what you desire. For example: "Lord, let me know You more clearly, love You more dearly, and follow You more nearly." Ignatian prayer is about asking for a specific grace each time.

# 3. Read and Imagine

Read a short Gospel passage slowly. Place yourself in the scene. Are you one of the disciples? A bystander? Speak to Jesus. Listen to Him. What do you see? Hear? Feel?

# 4. Speak with Christ

Ignatian prayer leads to conversation, heart to heart. Speak to Jesus as a friend speaks to a friend. Share your worries, your joys, your sins, your love.

# 5. Reflect and Respond

After this time of prayer, ask: What touched me? What stayed with me? What is Christ asking me to do or change? Let the encounter shape your actions.

### 6. End with Gratitude

Always finish by thanking God for what He revealed, even if it was silence. That silence, too, is holy.

As St. Ignatius teaches: "It is not much knowledge that fills and satisfies the soul, but the ability to feel and taste things interiorly."

May we all make space in our hearts to feel, taste, and encounter Christ the Lord, just as I did in that quiet place in Taanayel so many years ago.

In Christ,

Fr. Ron

# PENTECOSTSUNDAY



# The History of Pentecost Sunday

The Acts of the Apostles recounts the story of the original Pentecost Sunday (Acts 2). Jews "from every nation under heaven" (Acts 2:5) were gathered in Jerusalem to celebrate the Jewish feast of Pentecost. On that Sunday, ten days after the <u>Ascension of Our Lord</u>, the Apostles and the Blessed Virgin Mary were gathered in the Upper Room, where they had seen Christ after His Resurrection:

And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. [Acts 2:2-4]

Christ had promised His Apostles that He would send His Holy Spirit, and, on Pentecost, they were granted the gifts of the Holy Spirit. The Apostles began to preach the Gospel in all of the languages that the Jews who were gathered there spoke, and about 3,000 people were converted and baptized that day.

"I have called you by name, you are mine."
Isaiah 43:1

# A Spiritual Journey to Discern the Call to Consecrated Life

with the

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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