

Divine Liturgy Intentions	Maronite Synaxarion
<p><b>Sunday, August 24th</b>  <b>8:30am</b>            Mariam and Elias Boulos by Sdn. Paul and Gena Boulos            Robert Thomas II (Bobby) by Lisa Thomas and family            Dan Obermeyer by Sandy Hamad</p> <p><b>11:00am</b>            Tom Jesser, Sr. by Tom and Peggy Maroon and family            Helen Khoury Brown by the Stewart family            Georges Philip Risha by Sdn. Chuck and Mary Beth Abraham</p>	<p><b>St. Eutychius, Martyr</b></p>
<p><b>Monday, August 25th</b>  <b>No Divine Liturgy</b></p>	<p><b>St. Titus, Disciple of St. Paul</b></p>
<p><b>Tuesday, August 26th</b>  <b>9:00am Divine Liturgy</b></p>	<p><b>St. Zephyrinus, Pope.</b>  <b>St. Adrian, Martyr</b></p>
<p><b>Wednesday, August 27th</b>  <b>9:00am Divine Liturgy</b></p>	<p><b>St. Abba Amoun, Martyr</b></p>
<p><b>Thursday, August 28th</b>  <b>No Divine Liturgy</b></p>	<p><b>St. Moses the Ethiopian.</b>  <b>St. Augustine.</b></p>
<p><b>Friday, August 29th</b>  <b>9:00am Divine Liturgy</b></p>	<p><b>The Beheading of St. John the Baptist</b></p>
<p><b>Saturday, August 30th</b>  <b>9:00am Divine Liturgy</b></p>	<p><b>St. Felix of Rome, Martyr.</b>  <b>Blessed Brother Estephan</b></p>
<p><b>Sunday, August 31st</b>  <b>8:30am</b>            Tom Hadley by Dcn. Tom and Bernie Maroon            Glen Melton by the family            Tom Jesser, Sr. by Patti Staeger and Paula Hadley</p> <p><b>11:00am</b>            Tom Jesser, Sr. by Sdn. Chuck and Mary Beth Abraham            Dan Obermeyer by Donn Cory            Albert Chaoui by Sdn. Paul and Gena Boulos</p>	<p><b>St. Aegidius</b></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

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



**August 24, 2025**

**Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost**

“Have pity  
 on me, Lord,  
 Son of David!”

Matthew 15:22



# READINGS

## THIS SUNDAY

### Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost

Ephesians 3:1-13  
Matthew 15:21-28

### EPISTLE READERS

#### Sunday, August 24

8:30am – Stephanie Hamad  
11:00am – Layla Roland

#### Sunday, August 31

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

#### Sunday, September 7

8:30am – Cheryl Christ  
11:00am – Monique Binkley

#### Sunday, September 14

8:30am – Chris Abraham  
11:00am – Mike Kelly

## Coming Events

Parish Advisory Board Meeting – TBA

Ladies' Guild Meeting – 8/24/2025

(10:00am)

Men's Club Meeting - TBA

Caregivers' Meeting - 8/31/2025

(Following 8:30 Liturgy)

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### Next special collection:

September 7th  
The Catholic University of America

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

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To offer Liturgy intentions, please email:  
[olcoffices@gmail.com](mailto:olcoffices@gmail.com) This way we have the  
correct spelling of the names. Please also  
indicate which Liturgy time you prefer!

## Counting our Blessings

### *Weekly Offerings*

*August 17, 2025*

*\$2,136.00*

*Thank you for your generosity!*

## *Electronic Giving*

This donation link will be updated  
in the future.

Please watch for the updated  
QR Code.

The Ladies Guild has decided  
To forgo the Community Cash  
Back program for this year.

The program could be restarted  
In the future but will not be held  
For the 2025-2026 school year.

Thank you for your past support  
Of this fundraising program for  
Our Church.



## August 28: Saint Augustine of Hippo, Bishop and Doctor of the Church— Memorial

354–430

Patron Saint of brewers, printers, and theologians

Invoked against sore eyes and vermin

Pre-Congregation canonization

Declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Boniface VIII in 1298

Despite her challenging life, Monica's prayers and compelling virtues led her husband, mother-in-law, and her three children to convert. Augustine, the oldest, was born Aurelius Augustinus Hipponensis in Tagaste, present-day Souk Ahras, Algeria, North Africa. His father, Patricius (Patrick), was a pagan, known for his violent temper and immoral lifestyle. Monica lived out her Catholic faith as a model of charity in the face of her husband's temper and adultery. Augustine's father would not permit his children to be baptized, but Monica's faith instilled within Augustine an awareness of his Savior. Still, he became a troublemaker. After Patricius' death, Augustine went to Carthage to continue his education where he became intoxicated by his literary successes and moved in with a young woman with whom he fathered a child. He became a follower of Manichaeism, which looked at reality as a struggle between light (good) and dark (evil).

When Augustine finished his studies around age nineteen, he returned to Tagaste with his girlfriend and son. He taught there and in Carthage before accepting an invitation to Rome. Monica told Augustine that she was going with him, but he tricked her and left without her. After a few years, he accepted a position in Milan where his mother caught up with him and witnessed his conversion.

Still searching for truth, Augustine met the future saint, Bishop Ambrose of Milan. Ambrose taught Augustine how to properly read the Bible. While sitting in a garden one day, Augustine heard a child's voice say, "Take and read." He picked up the Bible next to him and randomly opened to Romans 13:13–14 which advised proper conduct, "not in orgies and drunkenness, not in promiscuity and licentiousness, not in rivalry and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the desires of the flesh." He hastily began his conversion. Time talking with Catholic friends, Monica's wisdom and insight, and her tearful prayers led to Augustine's baptism by Bishop Ambrose during the Easter Vigil in 387, along with his son. As Augustine returned to Tagaste with his mother, son, and friends, Monica fell ill just outside Rome and died. Augustine beautifully depicted their love and recounted her passing in the *Confessions*.

Upon returning home, Augustine formed a religious community with his friends. By the people's acclamation, he became a priest in 391 and was consecrated as bishop of the nearby town of Hippo in 396. One of the greatest theologians in Church history, Augustine's pastoral work, sermons, and attentiveness to people's needs changed their lives. His autobiographical *Confessions* traces his conversion, interspersed with theological insights. In *City of God*, he defends the faith and points society to the ideals to which it is called. Over five million words written by Augustine have survived until today, numbering over 1,000 documents.

*Saint Augustine, you were a sinner redeemed by Christ. You then devoted your whole life to the glory of God and the salvation of souls. Please pray that I will discover what you discovered and imitate your radical conversion, holding nothing back from our merciful God. Saint Augustine of Hippo, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.*

<https://mycatholic.life/saints/saints-of-the-liturgical-year>