

## Maronite Synaxarion

<p><b>Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup></b>  <b>8:30am</b>                  Intentions of Yvonne and Tom Jesser by Subdeacon Paul and Gena Boulos                  Adiby Hamad by Mary Beth and Chuck Abraham  <b>11:00am</b></p>	<p><b>St. Marcellus, Martyr.</b>  <b>The Prophet Micah.</b></p>
<p><b>Monday, August 15th</b>  <b>No Service</b></p>	<p><b>The Assumption of the Virgin Mary</b></p>
<p><b>Tuesday, August 16th</b>  <b>6:00pm Divine Liturgy</b></p>	<p><b>St. Roch (Roukoz)</b></p>
<p><b>Wednesday, August 17th</b>  <b>6:00pm Divine Liturgy</b></p>	<p><b>St. Myron the Priest, Martyr</b></p>
<p><b>Thursday, August 18th</b>  <b>No Service</b></p>	<p><b>Memorial of the Letter of King Abgar to Christ</b></p>
<p><b>Friday, August 19th</b>  <b>6:00pm Divine Liturgy</b></p>	<p><b>St. Andrew and his Companions, Martyrs</b></p>
<p><b>Saturday, August 20th</b>  <b>10:00 Divine Liturgy</b></p>	<p><b>St. Bernard of Clairvaux</b></p>
<p><b>Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup></b>  <b>8:30am</b>                  Robert Thomas II by Lisa Thomas and Family                  Intentions of Bianca and Jeff Gardner by Subdeacon Paul and Gena Boulos  <b>11:00am</b>                  Adiby Hamad by Our Lady of the Cedars Caregivers                  Martha Andrawos by Deacon Bob and Barbara Foster                  Jossline Boumadi and Joseph Roland (second anniv.)                  By Vera and Sam Boumadi</p>	<p><b>Prophet Samuel.</b>  <b>St. Bassa And her Children, Martyrs.</b></p>

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



*Welcome New Parishioners*  
 Please register at our parish office

### DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday	8:30am. & 11:00am
Monday	No Service
Tuesday	6:00pm
Wednesday	6:00pm
Thursday	No Service
Friday	6:00pm
Saturday	10:00am

### 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 Parish Office or Call  
 Deacon Thomas Maroon

**DEACON** Thomas Maroon, Sr.  
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**SUBDEACON** Paul Boulos

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**Contact Fr. Ronald directly**  
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Contact Fr. Eid via email, calling, or  
 text message. If you receive  
 voicemail, he will return your call

*Our Lady of the Cedars of Mount Lebanon*

MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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



**AUGUST 14, 2022**

**The Assumption of Mary**  
**11<sup>th</sup> week after Pentecost**

“My soul proclaims  
 the greatness of the  
 Lord; my spirit  
 rejoices in God my  
 savior.”  
 (Luke 1:46)



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# READINGS

## THIS SUNDAY

1 Corinthians 12:1-11  
Luke 1:46-55

## EPISTLE READERS

### Sunday, August 14

8:30am Sandy Hamad 11:00am Sara Sabbagh

### Sunday, August 21

8:30am Erica Peters 11:00am Mike Kelley

### Sunday, August 28

8:30am Stephanie Hamad 11:00am George Zogbi

### Sunday, September 4

8:30am Chuck Abraham 11:00am John Jesser

## Coming Events

Parish Advisory Board Meeting – Sep 7th

Ladies' Guild Meeting - TBA

Men's Club Meeting - TBA

Caregivers' Meeting - September 11

**Next First Friday Mass and Adoration will be held on Friday, September 2, 2022**

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Second Collection:  
Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup>  
Maintenance and Upkeep

## Counting our Blessings

### *Weekly Collection*

*August 7, 2022 \$2,309.00*

*Festival Donations to date:*

*\$10,980.00*

*Festival Advertising sponsors to date*

*\$ 12,900.00*

### *Electronic Giving*

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



Make a difference...  
Support FINANCIALLY struggling  
Clergy in Lebanon.  
Our goal is \$5,000.00  
Collected so far: \$1,452.00  
Remainder: \$3,548.00



Dear Parish Family,

Our Lebanese Festival was a GREAT SUCCESS!!!

My heart was filled with joy as I saw the community come together to accomplish this enormous task. Young and old, rich and poor, the very active and the less active all worked together. Some used their talents as great cooks and bakers. Others gave their leadership and organizational skills. Still others gave of their time and diverse talents. Of course, many, if not all of you, gave of your money in donation and in the purchase of our delicious wares. How generous! EVERYONE of our church members gathered with the intention to support Our Lady of the Cedars of Mount Lebanon Church.

But something much more happened...

I do not know the final numbers from our financial gain, but the success I speak of is far greater than money. It was the sincerity of your hearts that you accomplished the most important achievement; spreading Christ's message of love and salvation. I know this meant that some people had to put aside petty arguments and pride. For some, they had to give up a day(s) of work or fun. For some, they had to push through aches, pains and exhaustion. You ALL sacrificed something – and with a smile on your face. Sacrifice, as our beloved Savior taught us, is the greatest act of love one can give.

You sacrificed:

For your love of one another, to ensure the longevity of this community.

For your love and devotion to the preservation of our Maronite traditions.

For your love and trust in the intercessions of our dear mother, Our Lady of the Cedars.

For your love of people, so that neighbors, friends and patrons could know the Good News.

For your love and deep abiding faith in our Savior Jesus Christ with whom all things are possible.

The true fruit of your labor wasn't the incredible financial gain, the true deliciousness of the food, or the auspicious investment of your many talents and treasures (although all of these achievements happened). It was indeed the message that Christ is Love itself, and eternal salvation is made possible because of Him. In our little corner of the world, you spread the good news and demonstrated what can happen when you allow the love of Christ to illuminate your heart. Our patrons surely felt His presence because of your loving and sincere sacrifice and diligence. This is the very mission of our lives and the TRUE success of the Lebanese Festival.

I know God has smiled on us and, as your Abouna, I congratulate you on a job very well done! God bless you, your families, and the community of Our Lady of the Cedars of Mount Lebanon.

In the peace of Christ,

Father Ronald





## ***The Assumption of Mary, August 15th***

On November 1, 1950 Pope Pius XII defined as a truth revealed by God that the immaculate Mother of God, Mary the ever virgin, when the course of her life on Earth was finished, was taken up body and soul into Heaven. Such is the dogma of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The definition of the dogma says: "it was surely fitting, it was becoming, that she should be taken up into Heaven and not lie in the grave till Christ's second coming, who had passed a life of sanctity and of miracles such as hers....Who can conceive that God should so repay the debt, which he considered to owe to his mother for the elements of his human body as to allow the flesh and blood from which it was taken to molder in the grave? Or who can conceive that, that virginal frame which never sinned, was to undergo the death of a sinner?...."

Mary died then because even our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ died. But though she died as well as others she died not as others died; for, through the merits of her son, by whom she was what she was, she had been saved from disease and malady, and all that weakens and decays the bodily frame.

Tradition says that after the ascension of her son Jesus into Heaven, Mary remained on Earth 23 years. She was with the Apostles at the descent of the Holy Spirit. She probably attended the first great council of Jerusalem in the year 50 A.D., in order to consolidate the young new church. She accompanied St. John to Ephesus. Scholars think that Mary died when she was close to 72 years of age.

It is said that, while the Blessed Virgin Mary was with St. John in Ephesus, she said to St. John: "Let us go back to Jerusalem. I feel that my end on this Earth is near and I should die like my son in Jerusalem."

Then St. John took Mary immediately to the Holy city. When they arrived there they found themselves surrounded by all the Apostles. What happened was that through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, all the Apostles were directed to Jerusalem at the same time to bid farewell to the Mother of the Savior. Mary died, but her death, it is said, was more like a sleeping than a death. As soon as she closed her eyes, she has been taken body and soul to Heaven. The Eastern church calls this death "the Dormition of Mary". She had been buried close to the Gethsemane Garden.

St. Thomas the Apostle coming from India arrived three days later. Refusing to believe that Mary could die, they opened for him the grave and the casket. Surprise! They found no body but flowers, roses and heavenly perfume.

I remember that in 1948 a special committee was sent by Rome to Lebanon to investigate about the opportunity of declaring the Dogma of the assumption of Mary. Their surprise was great when they found in a convent, called the Convent of Our Lady of the Field, with cloistered Maronite nuns and a beautiful church with a big magnificent icon representing the assumption of Mary. This convent is situated, East of Ghazir, on a little hill, between Dlepta and Aramoun. Long time before 1950 the Maronites were already honoring the assumption of Mary. Tradition reports that St. John, after the departure of Mary and in order to honor the assumption of Mary into Heaven with her soul and body, fact that he witnessed with his own eyes, instituted three annual feasts for Mary. The first feast was celebrated in January, to bless the plantation of the seeds, the second in May, to bless the harvest of the wheat and the third in August, to bless the harvest of the grapes. In Lebanon there are 3,000 churches dedicated to Mary. Every city or village has at least one alter in the name of Mary with her icon above it.

***Our Lady of the Assumption pray for us.***

Amen



BASILICA & NATIONAL SHRINE  
— of Our Lady of Lebanon —



### **SATURDAY, AUGUST 13TH**

9:00 AM: Shrine Opens 2:00-4:00 PM: MYO/MYA Activities 3:00 PM: Cedars Hall Opens Food will be available 4:00-5:00 PM: Confessions in the Basilica 7:00 PM: Latin Rite Liturgy Bishop David Bonnar – Celebrant Combined choirs of Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Jude Columbiana Brendan Kuzior - Director 8:00 PM: Te Deum, Procession and Blessing with the Icon of Our Lady of Lebanon Following Procession: Cedars Hall open for food, refreshment and fellowship.

### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 14TH**

9:00 AM: Shrine Opens 10:00 AM: Maronite Divine Liturgy 11:00 AM: Cedars Hall Opens Food will be available 12:00-2:00 PM: Holy Rosary on the hour in the Tower Chapel 2:00-4:00 PM: Confessions in the Basilica 2:00-4:00 PM: MYO/MYA Activities 2:00 PM: Tridentine Missa Cantata Celebrant: Chorbishop Anthony Spinosa Choir: St Cecilia Chorale and Mens Schola from the Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon 3:00 PM: Spiritual Conference Father Aaron Sanbothe Saint George Maronite Church Uniontown, Pa. 7:00 PM: Byzantine Hierarchial Liturgy Archbishop William Skurla Archeparchy of Pittsburgh Archeparchial Choir Darlene Fejka - Director 8:00 PM: Procession with the Shroud of the Dormition of Our Lady Burial Service of the Theotokos Archimandrite Monsignor George Appleyard Blessing with the Icon of Our Lady of Lebanon \* We invite you to bring fresh cut flowers to lay at the shroud of Our Lady of Lebanon. Following Cedars Hall open for food, Procession: refreshment and fellowship.

### **MONDAY, AUGUST 15<sup>TH</sup> – THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION**

9:00 AM: Shrine Opens 11:00 AM Maronite Divine Liturgy with the Blessing and Anointing of the Sick Bishop Gregory Mansour and Bishop Elias Zaidan 11:00 AM: Cedars Hall Opens Food will be available 12:00-2:00 PM: Holy Rosary on the hour in the Tower Chapel 2:00-5:00 PM: Confessions in the Basilica 2:00 PM: Organ Concert on the Basilica Wicks Organ Opus 5809 Sean Baran & Adam Zagotti 5:00 PM: Band Concert Cedars Hall Lowellville Band 7:00 PM: Maronite Pontifical Liturgy Celebrants: Bishops Elias Zaidan, & Gregory Mansour Combined Maronite Choirs 8:00 PM: Procession and Blessing with the Icon of Our Lady of Lebanon Following Cedars Hall open for food, Procession: refreshment and fellowship