DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS	<b>Maronite Synaxarion</b>
Sunday, June 23rd 8:30am Cemil Hamad by Sandy Hamad Pamela Thomas by Barbara Foster 11:00am Intentions of the members of the Ladies Guild by Sdn. Paul and Gena Boulos Lisa Liming by the OLC Good Samaritans/Caregivers	St. Agrippina, Martyr. Memorial of the 3rd Ecumenical Council (The Council of Ephesus)
Monday, June 24th No Service	The Birth of St. John the Baptist
Tuesday, June 25th 9:00am – Divine Liturgy Intentions of Yvonne and Tom Jesser by Sdn. Paul and Gena Boulos	St. Febronia, Martyr
Wednesday, June 26th 9:00am – Divine Liturgy Cemil Hamad by Sdn. Chuck and Mary Beth Abraham	St. John and St. Paul, Martyrs. Blessed Abouna Yaacub the Capuchin
Thursday, June 27th No Service	St. Sampson, the Hospitable.
Friday, June 28th 9:00am – Divine Liturgy Pam Thomas by Sdn. Chuck and Mary Beth Abraham	St. Leo II, Pope
Saturday, June 29th 4:00pm – Divine Liturgy Intentions of the Caregivers group	Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles
Sunday, June 30th 8:30am Simon E. Taylor by Sandy Hamad Silva Mahrouk by Deacon Tom and Bernie Maroon 11:00am Deacon Bob Foster by Beth and Leo Michael and family Roula Hanna by the OLC Good Samaritans/Caregivers	Memorial of the Twelve Apostles

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



## Please register at our parish office

#### DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

**Sunday** 8:30am. & 11:00am **No Service** Monday **Tuesday** 9:00am 9:00am Wednesday **Thursday** No Service 9:00am **Friday 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. Ronald Text/call 330-509-0098

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

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June 23, 2024

# 6th Sunday of **Pentecost**

"If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more those of this household." Matthew 10:25



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## **READINGS**

## **THIS SUNDAY**

Sixth Sunday of Pentecost
1 Corinthians 12:12-13, 27-30
Matthew 10:16-25

## **EPISTLE READERS**

#### Sunday, June 23

8:30am – Stephanie Hamad 11:00am – Sara Sabbagh

#### Sunday, June 30

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

#### Sunday, July 7

8:30am – Erica Peters 11:00am – George Zogbi

#### Sunday, July 14

8:30am Tom Jesser, Jr. 11:00am – Georgie Hasrouni

## **Coming Events**

Parish Advisory Board Meeting - TBA

**Ladies' Guild Meeting - TBA** 

Men's Club Meeting - TBA

<u>Caregivers' Meeting - TBA</u> (Following 8:30 Liturgy)

#### **Next special collection:**

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June 30, 2024
Peters Pence Collection

Next First Friday Divine Liturgy
And Adoration
will be held on
Friday, August 2, 2024

## Counting our Blessings

Weekly Collection June 16, 2024 \$3,178.00

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:



From the OLC Good Samaritans/Caregivers

Thank you for your interest in the

4:00PM Liturgy on Saturday, June 29th.

If you find that you need a ride to This Liturgy, please call the office On Tuesday-Friday between 9:00 and 1:00.

The Good Samaritans/Caregivers Will be happy to assist anyone who needs transportation to the Liturgy.





# \*\*\*\*\*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 they appreciate Anything that you are willing to donate.

They 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.



### FESTIVAL BANNER SALES

DO YOU, OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW OWN A BUSINESS
THAT COULD
USE SOME PUBLICITY AT OUR 2024 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.

The cost is \$250.

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

Thank you for your generous donation.

# CONSECRATION OF THE HUMAN RACE TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Most sweet Jesus, Redeemer of the human race, look down upon us, humbly prostrate before Thine altar.

We are Thine and Thine we wish to be; but to be more surely united with Thee, behold each one of us freely consecrates himself today to Thy Most Sacred Heart.

Many, indeed, have never known Thee; many, too, despising Thy precepts, have rejected Thee.

Have mercy on them all, most merciful Jesus, and draw them to Thy Sacred Heart.

Be Thou King, O Lord, not only of the faithful who have never forsaken Thee, but also of the prodigal children who have abandoned Thee, grant that they may quickly return to their Father's house, lest they die of wretchedness and hunger.

Be Thou King of those who are deceived by erroneous opinions, or whom discord keeps aloof and call them back to the harbour of truth and unity of faith, so that soon there may be but one flock and one shepherd.

Be Thou King of all those who even now sit in the shadow of idolatry or Islam, and refuse not Thou to bring them into the light of Thy kingdom. Look, finally, with eyes of pity upon the children of that race, which was for so long a time Thy chosen people; and let Thy Blood, which was once invoked upon them in vengeance, now descend upon them also in a cleansing flood of redemption and eternal life.

Grant, O Lord, to Thy Church, assurance of freedom and immunity from harm; give peace and order to all nations, and make the earth resound from pole to pole with one cry: Praise to the Divine Heart that wrought our salvation: to it be glory and honour forever.

Amen.

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#### **FEAST OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL**

#### **Saint Peter**

Saint Peter was a fisherman from Bethsaida in Galilee. He was the son of John and the brother of Andrew. He was probably a disciple of John the Baptizer and partner in fishing with James and John, sons of Zebedee and Salome. His name was Simon, but Christ changed it to Peter which means "rock". He was married, living with his mother-in-law in Capernaum. Tradition says that he has a daughter named Petronilla.

The Gospels speak about Peter more than any other apostle. He was honored on many occasions. Christ stayed at his home, preached from his boat. He was with Jesus at the transfiguration, at the raising from death of the daughter of Jairus, at the agony of Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane. There he struck the high Priests' servant Mallkus and cut off his ear. But he denied Jesus three times at the court of Caiaphas.

But after the resurrection, Jesus appeared to him personally. He appeared also to him and six other disciples on the seashore of the Lake of Tiberius. He conferred the Primacy on him and he became the Vicar of Christ and the head of the Apostles and the first Pope. After the Pentecost he delivered the first public sermon and cured and converted 3000 people, cured a man lame from birth and as Acts of the Apostles say "Act.5:15", the shadow of Peter used to cure the sick people put on his way in the streets of Jerusalem. Peter received the first gentiles, Cornellius and his family. He presided at the Apostolic Council in Jerusalem in the year 50. Then, he went to Antioch and became the first Bishop of that city. Peter was miraculously rescued from the prison of Herod at Grippe.

Peter dwelt in Rome intermittently for 25 years, as founder and first Bishop of Rome. Finally in the last year of Nero's reign, he was crucified with his head downward at his own request.

The two Epistles of the New Testament are attributed to him and the gospel of Saint Mark, who was his disciple, and his interpreter has been called "The Gospel of Peter".

#### Saint Paul

Saint Paul was born at Tarsus, Cilicia, at the beginning of the Christian era. He was of Jewish parents and was a Roman citizen from birth. As a young man he was at the stoning of Saint Stephen. In order to complete his schooling, Saint Paul was sent to Jerusalem, where he sat at the feet of the learned Rabi Gamaliel and was educated in the strict observance of the law. Soon his zeal and emotional character developed into a religious fanaticism against the Christians.

Entrusted with a formal mission from the high Priest, he departed for Damascus to arrest the Christians there and bring them bound to Jerusalem. As he was nearing Damascus about noon, a light from Heaven suddenly blazed around him. Jesus, with his glorified body, appeared to him. An immediate transformation was made in his soul. He was suddenly converted to the Christian faith. He lost his sight. But Ananias brought back his vision and baptized him and he became an Apostle.

Saint Paul remained some days in Damascus, then he went to Arabia for two years, then he returned to Damascus to preach. But this time because of the hatred of the Jews he was forced to flee from the city, lowered down in a basket from the walls of the city. Later he went back to his native Tarsus. From there he joined Barnabas in Antioch. After one year, on the occasion of a famine, Paul and Barnabas carried alms to the community of Jerusalem.

After this, Paul and Barnabas made the first missionary journey visiting Cyprus and Asia Minor and established churches there. On their way to Jerusalem, they passed by Phoenicia, Tyr or Saida. Arriving in Jerusalem they attended the council of Jerusalem.

After that, Paul, accompanied by Silas, Timothy and Luke, made his second missionary journey to Asia Minor then, sailed to Europe: Philippi, Thessalonica, Athens, Corinth, then back to Ephesus and Antioch. At Troas, Paul restored to life, the young man Eutychus who fell from the third floor and was found dead.

On his third missionary journey, Paul visited the same previous regions. He remained three years in Ephesus, making from it the center of his mission. Then he started his passion: two years of imprisonment at Caesarea, very, disturbing trip to Rome with two soldiers. He was released after two years of imprisonment, then he was arrested again and was beheaded in the last year of Nero.

Saint Paul wrote 14 Canonical Epistles. They show him as a profound religious thinker. He had an enduring formative influence in the development of Christianity. The centuries have made more apparent his greatness of mind and spirit. He was a giant Apostle.

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## The Birth of St. John the Baptist

In both the scriptures and in the Church's liturgy John the Baptist is referred to as an angel, prophet, apostle, hermit, and martyr, for these terms well describe his life and work. John, like the angels, was sent from God to be the messenger of the Lord. His message was that of the prophets who came before him: repent for the Messiah of God is at hand.

Like the Apostles who followed him, John pointed to Jesus and proclaimed him as the "Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world." He prepares for his ministry as a hermit in the desert, living a life of prayer, fasting and continence. And, like all those who dare to proclaim the truth, he suffered a martyr's death in fidelity to the word of God. The birth of John was announced by the Archangel Gabriel who would also announce Christ's birth. His birth, like that of the Lord, was surrounded by wonder: for an aged couple, with no hope of offspring, the angel gives the joyful news of the birth of a son, John. While in the womb, John was selected for his mission of preaching repentance and preparing the way for the Messiah.

Before their birth, Jesus and John encountered each other in the persons of their mothers. As Mary greeted Elizabeth, John (still in the womb) jumped with joy as he recognized the presence of Jesus in the womb of Mary. Thus John was born to grace before his human birth. Since he was to prepare the Lord's way, it was only proper that he should be prepared by God's grace for his prophetic work. May his prayers be with us.

**Evening with the Scriptures** 

On the <u>last Tuesday of each Month</u>, at 7:00pm, Father Ronald will be leading a Scripture Study at the Church.

No studies will be held in the summer months (June and July). Study will resume in the Fall.

All are welcome! Come and expand your knowledge of the Word of God.



We have raised \$23,279.00 toward this beautiful statue. Please continue to make your donations... for yourselves or in memory of a loved one.