

Divine Liturgy Intentions	Maronite Synaxarion
<p><b>Sunday, August 31st</b>  <b>8:30am</b>            Dan Obermeyer by Donn Cory            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            Tom Hadley by Dcn. Tom and Bernie Maroon            Albert Chaoui by Sdn. Paul and Gena Boulos</p>	<p><b>St. Aegidius</b></p>
<p><b>Monday, September 1st</b>  <b>No Divine Liturgy</b></p>	<p><b>St. Simeon the Stylite</b></p>
<p><b>Tuesday, September 2nd</b>  <b>9:00am Divine Liturgy</b></p>	<p><b>St. Mammas the Great</b>  <i>Anaphora of the Twelve Apostles</i>  <i>p. 754</i></p>
<p><b>Wednesday, September 3rd</b>  <b>9:00am Divine Liturgy</b>            For the intentions of Sdn. Chuck and Mary Beth Abraham by            Sdn. Paul and Gena Boulos</p>	<p><b>St. Theodore the Great</b>  <i>Anaphora of St. Peter</i>  <i>p.774</i></p>
<p><b>Thursday, September 4th</b>  <b>No Divine Liturgy</b></p>	<p><b>St. Babylas, Patriarch</b></p>
<p><b>Friday, September 5th</b>  <b>First Friday</b>  <b>9:00am Divine Liturgy and Adoration</b></p>	<p><b>St. Sharbel of Edessa and his sister</b>  <b>St. Teresa of Calcutta</b>  <i>Anaphora of St. James</i>  <i>p. 794</i></p>
<p><b>Saturday, September 6th</b>  <b>9:00am Divine Liturgy</b></p>	<p><b>St. Michael the Archangel</b>  <i>Anaphora of St. John</i>  <i>p. 815</i></p>
<p><b>Sunday, September 7th</b>  <b>8:30am</b>            Souad Mouaness by Rosemarie George            Helen Khoury Brown by Sdn. Chuck and Mary Beth Abraham            Dan Obermeyer by the Stewart family            Gary Louis Owen and Gary John Owen by the Owen family</p> <p><b>11:00am</b>            Ray Hamad (40 Day Liturgy) by the family جناز الاربعين            Elie El Asmar (1 yr. Anniv.) by the Seif family            Tom Jesser, Sr. by Paul and Nila Ellis            John and Silva Mahrouk by the Sabbagh family</p>	<p><b>St. Sozon</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.

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SUBDEACON Chuck Abraham

CAREGIVERS Chuck Abraham

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

**August 31, 2025**

**Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost**

**“We are GOD’S Co-workers”**  
 1 Corinthians 3:9




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# READINGS

## THIS SUNDAY

### Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost

1 Corinthians 3:1-11  
Luke 8:1-15

### EPISTLE READERS

#### 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

#### Sunday, September 21

8:30am – Cynthia Maroon

11:00am – Georgie Hasrouni

## Coming Events

Parish Advisory Board Meeting – TBA

Ladies’ Guild Meeting – TBA

(10:00am)

Men’s Club Meeting - TBA

Caregivers’ Meeting - 8/31/2025

(Following 8:30 Liturgy)

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If you need to report child  
or vulnerable adult sexual abuse by a Cleric (Priest  
or Deacon), Member of a Religious Congregation,  
Lay Employee or Volunteer in the Eparchy of Our  
Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles contact

**Dr. Laura Kahwaji**  
Victim Assistant Coordinator  
(323) 428-6815



## Counting our Blessings

*Weekly Offerings*

*August 24, 2025*

**\$2,319.00**

*Thank you for your generosity!*

## *Electronic Giving*

This donation link will be updated  
in the future.

Please watch for the updated  
QR Code.

## **Next special collection:**

September 7th

The Catholic University of  
America

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Next First Friday Divine Liturgy  
And Adoration will be held on  
September 5, 2025 at 9:00am.

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To offer Liturgy intentions, please  
email:

olcoffices@gmail.com This way  
we have the correct spelling of  
the names. Please also indicate  
which Liturgy time you prefer!

# SAINT MONICA, MOTHER OF SAINT AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO

On 4 May, the current Maronite Sanctoral Calendar commemorates Saint Monica. The current Latin Calendar of Saints commemorates Saint Monica on 27 August, the day before the commemoration of her son, Saint Augustine of Hippo, on 28 August. Her date of commemoration on the Maronite Sanctoral Calendar on 4 May is based upon the Farhat Synaxarion. She is also commemorated on 4 May on the Eastern Orthodox Calendars and the Old Roman Martyrology.

Saint Monica was born c. 330 in Tagaste, North Africa, to Christian parents, but little else is known about her early life. Most of the information we know about Saint Monica comes from Book IX of Saint Augustine’s Confessions. Saint Monica was married to a pagan official named Patricius. He had a short temper and lived a dissolute life. Saint Monica had three children with Patricius: two sons, Saint Augustine, Navigius and one daughter, Perpetua. Patricius would not permit the children to be baptized, which caused great sorrow for Saint Monica. Augustine became ill, and Patricius agreed to have him baptized, however once he recovered Patricius removed his consent. Through her constant prayers and example, her husband converted to Christ before his death. Later, Augustine moved to Carthage and began living with a young woman, with whom he had an illegitimate son. Then, Augustine became involved in the heretical Manichean sect.

Saint Monica was filled with anxiety at her son’s wayward life, and she was horrified that he had fallen into heresy. She had a dream, however, in which she was told to be gentle and patient with her son. Augustine continued in the Manichean heresy for another nine years; however, Saint Monica never gave up on him. During this time, an unnamed bishop consoled her with these words: “it is not possible that the son of these tears should be lost.” Augustine secretly went to Rome, but Saint Monica found out and followed him there, however, by the time she had arrived, he had gone onto Milan. She followed him to Milan, where she met Saint Ambrose, the Bishop of Milan. It was through Saint Ambrose that Saint Augustine ultimately converted and was baptized at Saint John the Baptist Church in Milan.

Saint Monica and Saint Augustine ended up spending six months of peace together, and then they planned to return to North Africa together. They stopped to rest in Ostia, where Saint Monica fell asleep in the Lord. Saint Augustine buried his mother in Ostia, though her remains were removed in the sixth century to a crypt in the Church of Saint Aurea of Ostia. In the thirteenth century, as the popularity of Saint Monica grew, a feast in her honor was established on 4 May. In 1430, Pope Martin V ordered that her relics be transferred to Rome, and later a church at Rome, in honor of Saint Augustine, was built (Basilica di Sant’Agostino), and the relics of Saint Monica were placed in a chapel to the left of the high altar.

Saint Monica is known as the patron  
saint for: victims of abuse, including verbal  
abuse, married women, difficult marriages,  
disappointing children, victims of adultery and  
conversion of relatives.

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