

Divine Liturgy Intentions	Maronite Synaxarion
<p>Sunday, July 27 8:30am Dan Obermeyer (40 Day Liturgy) by the Obermeyer family جناز الاربعين Jane Hamad by Allan and Clarissa Moser Norma Bieganski by Barbara Foster Lisa Owen by the OLC Caregivers 11:00am Tom Jesser, Sr. (40 Day Liturgy) by the Jesser family جناز الاربعين Hala Jubran from her family Amanda Hinton by the Stewart family</p>	<p>St. Pantaleon, Martyr</p>
<p>Monday, July 28th No Divine Liturgy</p>	<p>St. Anthusa, Martyr. Memorial of the 6th Ecumenical Council (The Third Council of Constantinople)</p>
<p>Tuesday, July 29th 9:00am Divine Liturgy Members of the Ladies Guild by Sdn. Paul and Gena Boulos</p>	<p>St. Martha, Sister of Lazarus. Ezekiel the Prophet</p>
<p>Wednesday, July 30th 9:00am Divine Liturgy</p>	<p>Sts. Abdon and Sennen, Martyrs.</p>
<p>Thursday, July 31st No Divine Liturgy</p>	<p>The 350 Martyrs, Disciples of St. Maron.</p>
<p>Friday, August 1st No Divine Liturgy</p>	<p>St. Shmouni and her sons, Martyrs.</p>
<p>Saturday, August 2nd No Divine Liturgy</p>	<p>The Discovery of the remains of St. Stephen, First Deacon. St. Stephen I, Pope.</p>
<p>Sunday, August 3rd 8:30am Reno and Beverly Alessio by Sdn. Paul and Gena Boulos Norma Bieganski by Sdn. Chuck and Mary Beth Abraham Tom Hadley by Doris Khoury 11:00am Jane Hamad by Dcn. Tom and Bernie Maroon Souad Mouaness by Rosemarie George Tom Jesser, Sr. by Barbie and Larry Taylor</p>	<p>The Prophet David</p>

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



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

Banquet Hall / Caterer:

Tangier at the Cedars
 Angelica George
 (330) 418-4778

Our Lady of the Cedars of Mount Lebanon
 MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH
 كنيسة سيّدة أرز جبل لبنان المارونيّة

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

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

July 27, 2025

Eighth Sunday of Pentecost

“I shall place my spirit upon him, and he will proclaim justice to the Gentiles.”

Matthew 12:18




READINGS

THIS SUNDAY

Eighth Sunday of Pentecost

Romans 8:1-11

Matthew 12:14-21

EPISTLE READERS

Sunday, July 27

8:30am – Chris Abraham

11:00am – Sara Sabbagh

Sunday, August 3

8:30am – Cynthia Maroon

11:00am – Noor Neochi

Sunday, August 10

8:30am – Sandy Hamad

11:00am – Freddy Nemr

Sunday, August 17

8:30am – Erica Peters

11:00am – Layla Roland

Coming Events

Parish Advisory Board Meeting – TBA

Ladies' Guild Meeting – TBA

Men's Club Meeting - TBA

Caregivers' Meeting - TBA
(Following 8:30 Liturgy)

Next special collection:

August 17th
Maintenance and General Upkeep

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

Counting our Blessings

Weekly Collection

July 20, 2025

\$2,223.00

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:



If you're passionate about golf and saving babies, this is the perfect event for you! Join Right to Life of NEO for **GOLF FOR LIFE at Silver Lake Country Club on Monday, September 8th. For \$125 per golfer, your registration includes breakfast, lunch, golf cart and prizes. Your participation helps us continue our mission of protecting the most vulnerable.**

Register by calling 234-334-0088 or visiting RTLofNEO.com. We can't wait to see you there!

Thank you for helping us in our mission of **“Protecting innocent human life from conception to natural death...no exceptions”**



******FOOD FESTIVAL NEWS******

Do you or someone you know own a business that could use some publicity at our 2025 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.

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

Thank you for your consideration.

(If anyone wants copies of the flyer to hand out, please contact the Church office.)

With the festival less than two weeks away, we are asking the men of the parish to please plan to come help with set up of the hall and grounds.

Beginning Monday and going through Thursday of festival week, there are set up needs every day – including tables/chairs, small tents, bringing out coolers, setting up flags and more. We will be there throughout the day and evening each day.

We also need men to help with take down on Sunday/Monday after the festival. If you are able to assist, please contact Chuck Abraham or Jim Peters.



37th Annual

Lebanese Festival

August 1st & 2nd

Friday & Saturday
11-9 PM

507 S. Cleveland - Massillon Rd.
330 • 666 • 3598

LOST AND FOUND



There are many items in the tote
In the sunroom that people have
Left behind in the Church.

At the end of July, everything in
The Lost and Found tote will be
Finding a new home...donated!



From the Desk of The Pastor



Face to Face

In today's world, we are more "connected" than ever. A post online can gather dozens of hearts, thumbs up, and kind comments in a matter of minutes. Many of you interact faithfully with our parish Facebook page, liking prayers, sharing feast day reflections, or commenting "Amen" to a Bible verse.

But sometimes, I wonder: what happens when we meet in person?

Too often, the warmth we see online doesn't always carry into face-to-face encounters. The eye contact is less frequent. The smiles are more reserved. The conversations are shorter. And we leave wondering, were those "likes" just digital gestures, or signs of something deeper?

This isn't to criticize, but to invite reflection. We are human beings, created not for screens but for communion. Not just "connection," but *presence*.

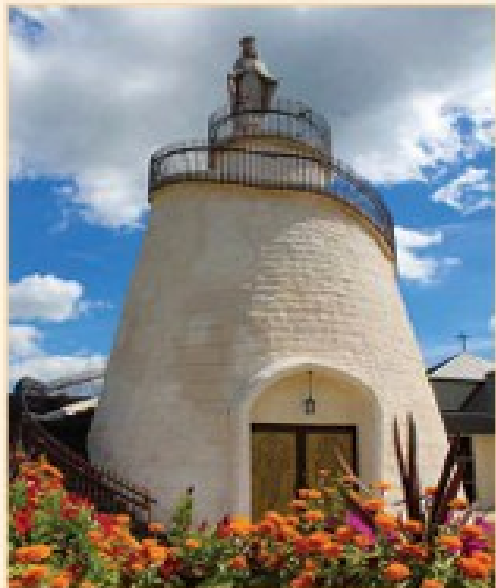
Even our Lord, God Himself, chose not to stay in heaven and send blessings from afar. He *became flesh and dwelt among us*. He walked with us, ate with us, cried with us, touched the leper, and looked into the eyes of the sinner and the saint alike. The Incarnation wasn't a long-distance message, it was love made visible, present, and face to face.

If relationships could grow fully from a distance, the Lord would have stayed on His throne and simply "liked" our prayers. But He didn't. He came. He stayed. He gave us His presence.

So let us take His example seriously. Let's not let our online presence replace our in-person love. Let our smiles, greetings, and conversations in church, in the hall, or in the parking lot reflect the same joy and encouragement we share on social media.

Let us be truly *present*, to God, and to one another.

With love in Christ,
Fr. Ronald



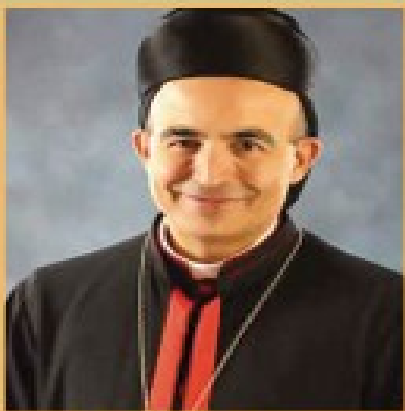
WEDNESDAY AUGUST 13TH

9:00 AM:	Shrine Opens
10:00 AM:	Gift Shop Opens
3:00 PM:	Cedars Dining Hall Opens <i>Food will be available</i>
4 – 5:00 PM:	Confessions in the Basilica Church
7:00 PM:	Roman Rite Liturgy <i>Bishop David Bonnar, Celebrant</i>
	Basilica Shrine Choir <i>Adam Zagots, Director</i> <i>Singing of the "Te Deum"</i>
	Procession and Blessing with the icon following the Liturgy
Following Procession:	Cedars Dining Hall open after Liturgy for food and refreshments

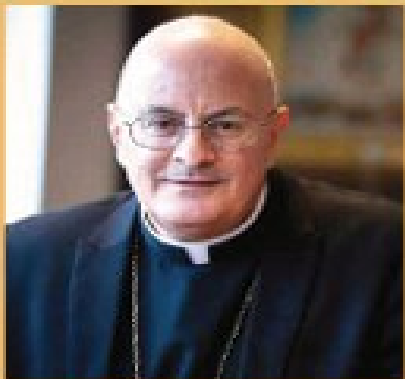


FRIDAY, AUGUST 15TH 60TH ANNUAL FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

9:00 AM	Shrine Opens
10:00 AM	Gift Shop Opens Maronite Divine Liturgy with anointing of the sick <i>Bishop Gregory Mansour and Bishop Elias Zaidan, Celebrants</i>
11:00 AM	Cedars Dining Hall Opens <i>Food will be available</i>
1:30 – 4:30 PM	Children's Activity <i>At the outside tent</i>
3:00 PM	Confessions in the Basilica Church
	Spiritual Conference in the Basilica Topic: <i>Encountering Christ Our Hope in the Holy Rosary</i> <i>Sister Therese Maria Youma</i> <i>Maronite Servants of Christ the Light</i>
4:00 PM	Organ Concert in the Basilica <i>Robert Sullivan, Recitalist and Music Director, Basilica of St John the Baptist and Saint Peter Church, Canton, Ohio</i>
5:00 PM	Lowellville Band Concert <i>in the Cedars Dining Hall</i>
7:00 PM	Maronite Pontifical Liturgy <i>Bishop Elias Zaidan and Bishop Gregory Mansour, Celebrants</i>
	Procession and Blessing with the icon following the Liturgy
Following Procession:	Cedars Dining Hall open after Liturgy for food, refreshments, Lebanese music, and Childrens' Dance Troupe



Bishop A. Elias Zaidan, M.L.M.
Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon Los Angeles, California



Bishop Gregory J. Mansour S.T.L.
Eparchy of St. Maron, Brooklyn, New York



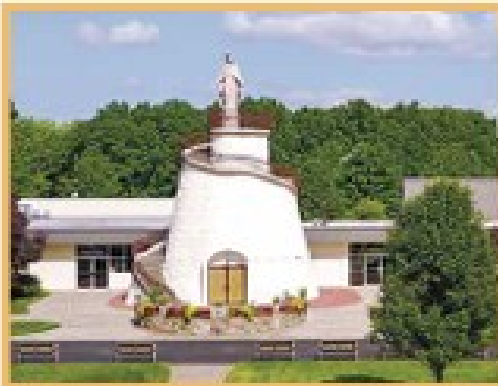
Archbishop William Skurla
Archeparchy of Pittsburgh



Bishop David J. Bonnar
Diocese of Youngstown

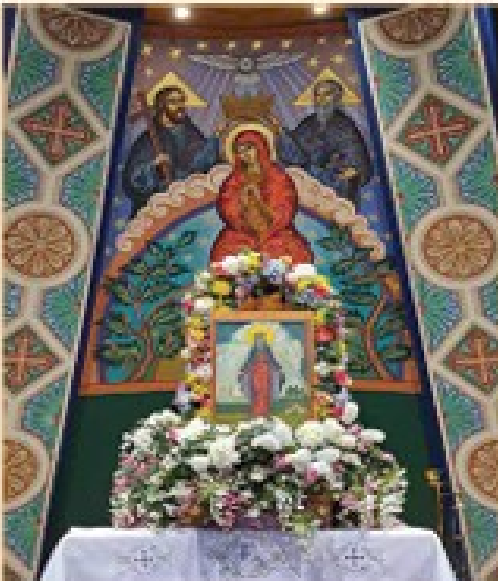
THURSDAY, AUGUST 14TH

9:00 AM	Shrine Opens
10:00 AM	Gift Shop Opens
3:00 PM	Cedars Dining Hall Opens <i>Food will be available</i>
4:00 PM	Confessions in the Basilica Church
	Spiritual Conference in the Basilica Topic: <i>Gift of Mary, Mother of Hope</i> <i>Sister Therese Maria Youma</i> <i>Maronite Servants of Christ the Light</i>
7:00 PM	Hierarchical Byzantine Liturgy <i>Archbishop William Skurla, Celebrant</i> <i>Archeparchy of Pittsburgh</i>
	Archeparchial Choir <i>Carlene Feyla, Director</i> <i>Dormition of the Virgin</i>
	Dormition of the Virgin Procession following the Liturgy <i>You are welcome to bring out flowers to place at Our Lady's tomb.</i>
Following Procession:	Cedars Dining Hall open after Liturgy for food and refreshments



SUNDAY, AUGUST 17TH CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF ST. ROCCO

10:00 AM	Maronite Divine Liturgy: Celebrant: <i>Charbishop Anthony Spinoso</i> Rector Basilica & National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon
11:00 AM	Procession with the Statue of St. Rocco
11:30 AM	Refreshments Provided



The Prophet David:

David, the second king of Israel, is one of the most prominent figures in the Bible. His life and reign are detailed in the books of 1 Samuel, 2 Samuel, 1 Kings, and 1 Chronicles. Known for his deep faith, military prowess, and poetic contributions, David's legacy is foundational to both Jewish and Christian traditions.

Early Life:

David was the youngest son of Jesse, a Bethlehemite of the tribe of Judah. He was anointed by the prophet Samuel while still a shepherd boy, chosen by God to succeed Saul as king of Israel (1 Samuel 16:1-13). His early life was marked by his musical talent and bravery, notably when he played the harp to soothe King Saul and when he defeated the Philistine giant Goliath with a sling and a stone (1 Samuel 16:23; 17:49).

Rise to Kingship:

David's victory over Goliath brought him national fame and favor in Saul's court, but it also incited Saul's jealousy, leading to multiple attempts on David's life. Despite this, David remained loyal to Saul, refusing to harm the Lord's anointed (1 Samuel 24:6). After Saul's death, David was anointed king over Judah and later over all Israel (2 Samuel 2:4; 5:3).

Reign as King:

David's reign was marked by military conquests and the unification of Israel. He captured Jerusalem, making it the political and spiritual center of Israel, and brought the Ark of the Covenant to the city (2 Samuel 5:6-9; 6:12-15). His military campaigns expanded Israel's borders and secured peace with surrounding nations.

Covenant with God:

God made a covenant with David, promising that his descendants would rule Israel forever, a promise ultimately fulfilled in Jesus Christ, who is often referred to as the "Son of David" (2 Samuel 7:12-16; Matthew 1:1). This covenant established David's line as central to God's redemptive plan.

Personal Life and Challenges:

David's personal life was tumultuous. His sin with Bathsheba and the subsequent murder of her husband Uriah brought severe consequences, including turmoil within his own family (2 Samuel 11:2-27). Despite his failings, David's repentance was sincere, as reflected in Psalm 51, a poignant expression of his contrition.

Legacy and Psalms:

David is credited with composing many of the Psalms, which express a range of emotions from deep despair to exuberant praise. These writings reveal his intimate relationship with God and have been a source of comfort and inspiration for believers throughout the ages.

Final Years and Death:

In his later years, David faced rebellion from his son Absalom and other internal conflicts. Despite these challenges, he prepared for the construction of the Temple, which his son Solomon would build (1 Chronicles 22:6-10). David died after a 40-year reign and was buried in the City of David (1 Kings 2:10-11).

Significance:

David's life exemplifies the complexities of human nature and the grace of God. His account is a testament to the power of repentance and the enduring faithfulness of God to His promises. David remains a central figure in biblical history, revered as a man after God's own heart (1 Samuel 13:14; Acts 13:22).