

THE PARISH OF Saint Maron

LITURGIES

Weekdays

- 8:30 a.m. Tuesdays & Thursdays
- 7:00 p.m. Wednesday following with Holy Hour
- No Liturgy on Mondays (Except Holy Days)
- Fridays at noon; no liturgies on legal holidays

Weekends

- Saturday evening at 4:30 p.m.
- Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

CONFESSION

Every Saturday at 3:30 p.m. • Wednesdays 8:00 p.m.
Sundays 30 mins. before Liturgy, or by appointment

COMMUNION CALLS FOR SHUT-INS

Conducted weekly. Please contact the Parish office to arrange for special visits.

HOSPITAL CALLS

If someone is in the hospital, please call the Parish office.

Maronite Center: 330-792-7671

Antonine Sisters: 330-538-9822

Adult Daycare: 330-538-9822

Music Director: Micky Hafely 330-272-7557

Pastor: Rev. Tony Massad

Deacon: William George

Subdeacon: James Essad

Director of Religious Education:

Sr. Samia Abou-Shakra

PRAYER LINE

Please call the office with names of family and friends in need of our prayers.

MYSTERIES OF INITIATION (BAPTISM AND CHRISMATION)

Arrangements for these Mysteries must be preceded by instructional classes for parents and sponsors. (One sponsor must be an active Catholic and both sponsors must be 18 years or older.) It is desirable that classes be taken when a couple learns of pregnancy. Sponsorship forms are required for sponsors. Contact Fr. Tony Massad for instructions.

MARRIAGES

The couple themselves should contact the Parish office at least **six months** in advance.

FUNERAL LITURGY AND PRAYER SERVICES

Have the funeral director contact the Parish Office directly. Pastor must be consulted to set times for Prayer Service and Funeral Liturgies. The regular Parish Liturgy will be cancelled on the day of the funeral, on weekdays only.

MARONITE CATHOLIC FORMATION (MCF)

From September to May

1555 South Meridian Rd. • Youngstown, Ohio 44511

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DIVINE LITURGIES



We pray the Rosary in church every Saturday at 4:10 pm and before weekday liturgies at 8:10 am on Tuesday and Thursday and at 11:40 am on Friday.
We also pray the Rosary every Wednesday at 6:15 pm in the church and on Facebook.

SAT 12 SEP/CELEBRATION of the EXALTATION of the HOLY CROSS/St. Cornelius 4:30 PM

- + Repose of John T. Abbas, Sr. and John T. Abbas, Jr. by Family
- + Repose of Richard, Francis, Lena & Ronnie Marinelli by Beverly Marinelli
- + Repose of The Borak Family (Jim & Jane, Virginia & George) by Family

SUN 13 SEP/CELEBRATION of the EXALTATION of the HOLY CROSS/St. Christopher 8:30 AM

- + For the director, teachers and children of the MCF Program
- + Repose of Tanios Abi Khattar by Samir & Yolla, and Family
- + Repose of Gertrude Greco by Family

11:00 AM

- + For the director, teachers and children of the MCF Program
- + Repose of Jaime Cardenas Duran / Beatriz Ramirez Granados / Anabel Cardenas Ramirez by Joe & Adriana Bishara and Family
- + Repose of Nabeh J. & Frances E. Rouhana by Family

MON 14 SEP / 07:00 PM / EXALTATION of the HOLY CROSS FEAST DAY

- + Repose of John Abbas, Jr. by Ann Detec

TUE 15 SEP / 8:30 AM / St. Shaina, St. Sassine

- + Prayers for The Holy Souls in Purgatory by John Abbas, Jr.†

WED 16 SEP / 07:00 PM / St. Cyprian

- + 2-year Anniversary of Lloyd Yazbek by Mary Beth & Neil Taylor

THU 17 SEP / 8:30 AM / St. Sophia and Her 3 Daughters

- + Repose of Sr. Augustine Nemer by Emmalyn Borak

FRI 18 SEP / 12:00 PM / The Flight of the Lord Jesus to Egypt

- + Repose of Steve Welch by Bruce & Rosemarie Yardas

SAT 19 SEP / 1st SUNDAY AFTER HOLY CROSS / St. Januarius

4:30 PM

- + Repose of John T. Abbas, Sr. by Wife & Family
- + Repose of Donald & Shirley Sunderlin by Children & Grandchildren

SUN 20 SEP/1st SUNDAY AFTER HOLY CROSS / St. Eustatius and His Wife & Children

8:30 AM

- + Repose of Adwane Warchol by Lawrence & Jo Ann Stephan
- + Repose of Alice Rohan by Anthony & Christine Vross

11:00 AM

- + Repose of Msgr. Peter Eid by Nina Hanna
- + Repose of Msgr. Maroun Eid by Nina Hanna
- + Repose of Sr. Mary Augustine Nemer by Bruce & Karen Joseph

We adore You,
O Christ,
& we bless You,
for by Your Cross
You have redeemed
the world.
Francis Assisi



Remember in your prayers

SHUT-INS AT HOME:

Ann Detec, Marie Eckenrode, Dorothy Fares,
Joann Knuth, Vail Rohan, Frank Santisi, Jr.

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Ex 17:8-15; 1Cor 1:18-25;
Jn 12:20-32



Lectors - September 12 & 13

Saturday

4:30 pm: Mike Dohar
/ Madeline Clarke

Sunday

8:30 am: Anne-Marie Luchansky
/ Beverly Mike-Nard

11:00 am: Salma Hallett

/ Justine Truslow

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Deut 17:14-20; 2Tim 2:1-10;
Mk 10:35-45



Lectors - September 19 & 20

Saturday

4:30 pm: Christopher Brocious
/ Carol Essad

Sunday

8:30 am: Thomas Calko
/ Theresa Calko

11:00 am: Meckenzie DePasquale

/ Makayla DePasquale

ALTAR SERVERS

THIS WEEK - Sep. 12 & 13

Sat. - 4:30 pm Volunteers

Sun. - 8:30 am Joe/Anna

11:00 am Volunteers



NEXT WEEK - Sep. 19 & 20

Sat. - 4:30 pm Volunteers

Sun. - 8:30 am Ava

11:00 am Volunteers

Ushers:

Sat: Michael Essad, Bill Alexander,
Buddy Rezek and volunteers, please

Sun: John Farris and Volunteers, please



Please pray for

the following people who have died
in the past years
September 12 - 18

Budia (Ida) Nagem,

Leonard Layshock,

Sadie Beshara, Sadie Hanna,

Archbishop Francis Zayek,

Anthony D'Apolito, Anna Stephens,

George K. Nader, Saba Wakim,

Joseph Basile, James Borak,

Anna Sliman, George Kanaan,

Bessie A. Hayek, Lloyd Yazbek,

Mable Joseph, Nazira Ibrahim Basile

For emergencies,
Please contact:

Fr. Tony Massad at (810) 691-7055

CELEBRATION OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS SEPTEMBER 12 & 13, 2026

SANCTUARY CANDLES - SEPTEMBER

- ◆ In Loving Memory of **Peter & Judy Dohar**
by Michael & Georgia Dohar, and Families
- ◆ In Loving Memory of **George & Jane Clarke**
by David and Madeline Clarke, & Families
- ◆ In Loving Memory of **Aleda Bukovinsky** by Family

ALTAR WINE - SEPTEMBER

- ◆ In Loving Memory of **Aleda Bukovinsky** by Family

ALTAR BREAD - SEPTEMBER

- ◆ In Loving Memory of **Lloyd Yazbek** by Linda B. Yazbek & Family

Happy Birthday!

- Sep 12 Louis Irizarry, Missy Maroun, Anne Vross
- Sep 13 JoAnn Healey, Eric Hillard, Barbara Jakubek, Matthew Krause
- Sep 14 Harry Bukovinsky, Rami Chammas, Gregory DeAngelo, Nicole Dohar, Ashlee Rohan, David Simon
- Sep 15 Lori George
- Sep 16 Michael P. Dohar
- Sep 17 Daniel Dohar, Michael Mike III
- Sep 18 Ellyse Beshara, Victoria Boulos



Happy Anniversary!

- Sep 06 Brian & Jennifer See (24 Years)
- Sep 07 Mark & Micheline Thompson (28 Years)
- Sep 09 Michael & Georgia Dohar (57 Years)
- Sep 10 Ziad & Nina Abi Ghanem (21 Years)
- Sep 11 Michael & Rose DiFabio (33 Years)



BOURBON RAFFLE

The Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon is holding a Bourbon Raffle. Tickets are \$25 each. Get your tickets at the Shrine's office (330-538-3351), or contact Mark Luchansky (330-519-5049)



EXALTATION OF THE CROSS CELEBRATION

Tresa invites you to an evening of prayer, great food, fun, And a bonfire on Saturday, September 12th at 5:00 p.m. at 792 Braceville Robinson Rd NW, Newton Falls, OH 44444. Please bring a dish to share and a lawn chair. Kindly RSVP to Tresa at 910-988-6620.



CONGRATULATIONS

... to Mark Moradian (son of Bedros & Lonia Moradian) and Jordan Sanner, who were married on Saturday, Sep. 5th. We extend our warmest wishes to the new Mr. & Mrs. Moradian. May God bless them as they begin their life together in faith and love!



Weekly Financial Report

09/06/2026

Offertory Collection (62 envelopes used of 258)	\$4,345.00
Candles	\$86.00
Needy (8 envelopes)	\$135.00
The Catholic University of America (5 envelopes)	\$90.00
Online Offerings (11 envelopes)	\$905.00

Thank you for your generous donations!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Divine Liturgy & Brunch at the Shrine - Sat., Sep. 12th at 10 am
Exaltation of the Cross Bonfire - Sat., Sep 12th at 5 pm at Tresa's
MCF Classes - Starting Sunday September 14th, between Liturgies
St. Sharbel Healing Liturgy - Every 22nd of the month at 7 pm
Education Foundation Fundraiser - Sat., Jan. 16, 2027 at 6 pm (MC)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Holy Day of Obligation, Monday September 14th

Divine Liturgy, at 7:00 pm



MCF CLASSES REGISTRATION

Maronite Christian Formation Classes (MCF) 2026 will begin Sunday, September 14th between the 8:30 am & 11:00 am liturgies. Children must also attend MCF to qualify for Catholic school tuition allowances. We need a count of the kids attending, so please register as soon as possible. Online registration for MCF Classes is available, [click here](#).



SAINT SHARBEL HEALING LITURGY

Join us at Saint Maron Church for a special St. Sharbel Healing Liturgy starting Tuesday, Sep. 22nd, and every 22nd of the month at 7:00 PM. The evening will include Divine Liturgy (Holy Mass), veneration of Saint Sharbel and his relic, blessing with Saint Sharbel oil, and prayers for physical, emotional, and spiritual healing.



Come in prayer and hope as we seek the intercession of Saint Sharbel. All are welcome!

GOSPEL OF THE WEEK

In this week's Gospel, John 12:20-32, we hear Jesus speak about the hour of His glorification:

"The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified."

Yet Jesus immediately explains that His glory will come through the Cross. As we celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, these words take on a profound meaning. The Cross, which appears to the world as a sign of suffering, weakness, and defeat, becomes for us the throne of Christ's victory and the instrument of our salvation. In the Maronite tradition, the Holy Cross is not simply remembered as an event from the past; it is exalted and placed at the heart of our prayer because through the Cross, Christ has transformed suffering into glory, death into life, and despair into hope.

The Cross becomes a meeting place between heaven and earth, between humanity and God. It reminds us that God does not remain distant from our suffering but enters into it and transforms it through His love. Like the grain of wheat that must fall into the earth before it can bear fruit, Christ willingly gives Himself so that we might receive new life. The Cross also challenges us to understand Christian discipleship differently: following Christ does not mean avoiding every difficulty or suffering, but trusting that God can bring something new and fruitful even from the struggles we experience.

We do not exalt the Cross because we love suffering; we exalt it because we love the One who conquered sin and death through it. Every time we make the Sign of the Cross, we proclaim who we belong to and remind ourselves that our lives are marked by the death and resurrection of Christ. The Cross calls us to surrender our pride, selfishness, fear, and distractions and to place our lives into the hands of God. It teaches us that true glory is found not in power, possessions, or recognition, but in self-giving love. On this Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, may we look upon the Cross with renewed faith and recognize in it the greatest expression of God's love for us. May the Cross strengthen us when we are suffering, humble us when we are proud, encourage us when we are discouraged, and remind us that every sacrifice offered with love can bear fruit.



**GOOD FOOD. GREAT PEOPLE.
GOD AT THE CENTER.**

Tresa would like to invite you to
celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation
of the Holy Cross with prayer & fun!



Saturday, Sep. 12 at 5 pm

Please bring a dish and a lawn chair

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Please RSVP to Tresa at 910-988-6620
or by email at info@monasticcreations.org





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Youngstown, OH

Saint Sharbel *Healing Mass*

& Blessing with
Saint Sharbel oil

every 22nd of the month



Every 22nd
of the month
7:00 PM

Join us for a special evening of **prayer, healing, and hope** as we celebrate Divine Liturgy (Holy Mass) and implore the intercession of **Saint Sharbel**.

“
For nothing will be impossible with God.

— Luke 1:37

The evening will include:

-  Divine Liturgy (Holy Mass)
-  Veneration of Saint Sharbel
-  Veneration of Relic
-  Blessing with Saint Sharbel Oil
-  Prayers for Physical, Emotional, and Spiritual Healing

Dates

Tue., Sept. 22nd, 2026
Thu., Oct. 22nd, 2026
Sun., Nov. 22nd, 2026
Tue., Dec. 22nd, 2026
Fri., Jan. 22nd, 2027
Mon., Feb. 22nd, 2027
Mon., Mar. 22nd, 2027
Thu., Apr. 22nd, 2027
Sat., May 22nd, 2027
Tue., Jun. 22nd, 2027
Thu., Jul. 22nd, 2027
Sun., Aug. 22nd, 2027



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SEPTEMBER 27



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WELCOME THE SEASON WITH OUR

Autumn BOURBON RAFFLE!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH | AFTER THE 10AM LITURGY

This year the Shrine is hosting a
Autumn Bourbon Raffle! The
winner will be drawn on
Sunday, October 4th after the
10AM Liturgy!

THE PRIZE

**Multiple Bottles of
Fine Bourbons**

TICKETS ARE \$25 EACH

**A limited number of tickets are
available!**

Proceeds from this raffle will assist
in meeting the Shrine's rising
expenses. Thank you for your help
and generosity.



TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE FROM
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- GOOD LUCK & GOD BLESS!

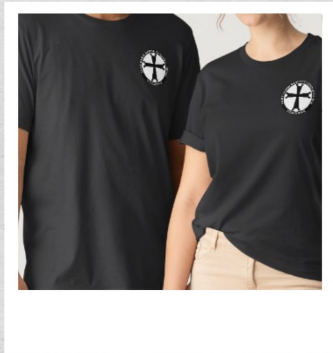
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Pilgrimage to Lebanon at the Occasion of the Ordination of Archbishop-Elect sharbel Maroun with Bishop A. Elias Zaidan



REQUIREMENTS

- \$1,000 Deposit Required Per Person or registration/space cannot be guaranteed
- Departure from the U.S. on January 2, 2027 to arrive in Lebanon by January 3, 2027
- Full Pilgrimage amount due by November 30, 2026

TO RESERVE

Call: Ivette Jackson: 323-336-3168
Jamileh Koury: 818-294-2901
Email: info@eparchy.org

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