



## Our Lady of Mercy Maronite Catholic Church

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There are so many ways through which we can show our love and care for others and at the same time support our church. Perhaps offering “Gifts of the Heart” can be the most meaningful and valuable one; they include requesting Divine Liturgies, offering the Altar Bread and Wine, the Sanctuary Lamp (*the candle enclosed in a red glass placed near the tabernacle, perpetually lit to signal the presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist there*) and Altar Candles (the candles lit only during Divine Liturgy or Eucharistic Adoration) for a specific intention, or in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for an event or a person.

So many people have a lot of misconceptions about offering Masses/Divine Liturgies for others. I invite you to check this online article from which I quoted below [“5 Things You Need To Know About "Offering A Mass" For A Loved One”](#)

- 1.) It doesn't cost anything...but if you're able to give, an offering is appreciated.
- 2.) A Mass can be offered for a person who is still living.
- 3.) You can have a Mass said in Thanksgiving or for a celebration
- 4.) It's not a long or difficult process to request a Mass.
- 5.) Because the Mass is the highest form of worship on Earth, there are many fruits and graces that result from having a Mass said.

Remember you can still request a Mass even if you cannot attend it yourself. Having a Mass offered for someone is a form of intercessory prayer and can also be a gift of spiritual support, offering solace, healing, and comfort to those in need. It becomes a source of strength and a reminder of the unwavering love and compassion of our Lord. You can read more about the importance of offering Masses for the living and the dead [here](#).

We are accepting requests for Gifts of the Heart for the rest of 2024. Please fill in the form below and return to the Church office or give it in person to Father Peter. We will try to accommodate each request. A listing of suggested donations is found below. Please know that you can still request a Divine Liturgy or another Gift of the Heart even if you can't donate the suggested amount.

- Altar Bread and Wine for the chapel \$30.00 per month.
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- Sanctuary Lamp in the church \$40 per month.
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- Altar Candles in the Church - \$20 per month.
- Altar Candles in the Chapel - \$20 per month.
- Adoration Candles in the Church - \$40 per month. ← This got added recently.
- Divine Liturgy Intention on a specific weekday - \$10

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Contact Number/Email** \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle your requested item(s), location(s) and month(s) requested

**Request Item:** Sanctuary Lamp   Altar Candles   Bread & Wine   **Location:** Chapel   Church

**Month Requested:** 2024 Oct Nov Dec 2025 Jan Feb March April May June July August Sept Oct Nov Dec

**In Memory of:** \_\_\_\_\_ **In Thanksgiving of:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Divine Liturgy Intention:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date requested:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Altar Bread and Wine in the Chapel**

September 2024: In Memory of Mohson Bassim requested by Adrian Bassim  
October 2024: In Memory of Najat and Fares Melki requested by Sabine Melki Bassim  
November 2024: In Memory of Najat and Fares Melki requested by Sabine Melki Bassim  
December 2024: For the intentions of the parishioners of St Anthony in VA

**Altar Bread and Wine in the Church**

September 2024: In Memory of Mohson Bassim requested by Adrian Bassim  
October 2024: In Memory of Jamal Darrous requested by Aline & Fadi Khoury  
November 2024: In Thanksgiving for God’s blessings requested by Deacon Adonis ElAsmar  
December 2024: In Thanksgiving for God’s blessings requested by Deacon Adonis ElAsmar  
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**Sanctuary Lamp in the Chapel**

September 2024: In Memory of Mohson Bassim requested by Adrian Bassim  
October 2024: For the intentions of the Zoghbi Family  
November 2024: In Memory of Najat and Fares Melki requested by Sabine Melki Bassim  
December 2024: For the intentions of the parishioners of St Anthony in VA

**Sanctuary Lamp in the Church**

September 2024: In Memory of Mohson Bassim requested by Adrian Bassim  
October 2024: For the intentions of the Zoghbi Family  
November 2024: In Memory of Najat and Fares Melki requested by Sabine Melki Bassim  
December 2024: For the intentions of the parishioners of St Anthony in VA  
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**Altar Candles in the Chapel**

September 2024: In Memory of Mohson Bassim requested by Adrian Bassim  
October 2024: For the living and deceased members of the Chouki and Ibri family  
November 2024: In Memory of Najat and Fares Melki requested by Sabine Melki Bassim  
December 2024: For the intentions of the parishioners of St Anthony in VA

**Altar Candles in the Church**

September 2024: In Memory of Mohson Bassim requested by Adrian Bassim  
October 2024: In Memory of Jamal Darrous requested by Aline & Fadi Khoury  
November 2024: In Memory of Najat and Fares Melki requested by Sabine Melki Bassim  
December 2024: In memory of Louis Iovieno requested by Louise Iovieno  
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**Adoration Candles in the Church**

September 2024: In Memory of Mohson Bassim requested by Adrian Bassim  
October 2024: For the living and deceased members of the Frangie Family  
November 2024: For the intentions of the parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy  
December 2024: For the intentions of the parishioners of St Anthony in VA

**Sanctuary Lamp in the Church**

January 2025: In Memory of the Thomas Family  
offered by Denise Thomas

February 2025:  
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**Altar Bread and Wine in the Chapel**

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**Altar Candles in the Church**

**January - December 2025 will be lit in memory of  
Louis Iovieno offered by Louise Iovieno**

**Adoration Candles in the Church**

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