

Fifth Sunday after the Holy Cross *October 15, 2017*

Sunday	October 15	<i>Fifth Sunday after Holy Cross</i> <i>Saint Theresa of Avila, Doctor of the Church - Confessor</i> 9:00 am Almaz Ferris 11:30 am For Grace and Raymond Habib 11:30 am Anniversary of Elie Safi	Req. by: Msgr. James Req. by: Richard and Joan Habib and Family Req. by: Family
Monday	October 16	NO LITURGY	
Tuesday	October 17	<i>Saints Cosmas and Damian - Martyr</i> 10:00 am Barbara Segre	Req. by: Carol Hamid
Wednesday	October 18	<i>Saint Luke the Evangelist - Apostle</i> 10:00 am For all couples	Req. by: Anonymous
Thursday	October 19	<i>Saint Aaron of Antioch - Martyr</i> <i>saints Jean de Brebeuf, Isaac Joques, and Companions (USA) - Martyrs</i> 10:00 am Msgr. George Webby	Req. by: Carol Hamid
Friday	October 20	<i>Saint Shallita (Artemius) - Martyr</i> 10:00 am Norma Halpin	Req. by: William Halpin
Saturday	October 21	NO LITURGY	
Sunday	October 22	<i>Sixth Sunday after Holy Cross - Saint Sharbel Devotions</i> <i>Saint John Paul II - Confessor</i> 9:00 am For Vocations 11:30 am First Anniversary of Hanne Mansour	Req. by: William and Rafka Abou Chrouch and Family

<i>Weekly Offering</i>	
Collection:	\$ 1,558.00
Candles:	\$ 112.00
Donation:	\$ 500.00
Rent:	\$ 4,000.00
Cathedral Stipends:	\$ 200.00
Debt Reduction:	\$ 135.00
Dividends:	\$ 43.50
Total:	\$ <u>6,548.50</u>

<i>Yearly Budget – 2017</i>	
<i>Annual Operating Budget:</i>	\$ 375,000.00
Collections to Date:	\$ 113,585.00
Candles to Date:	\$ 6,879.00
Donations to Date:	\$ 9,285.00
Cathedral Stipends to Date:	\$ 8,900.00
Memorials to Date:	\$ 2,780.00
Dividends to Date:	\$ 1,173.03
Rentals to Date:	\$ 189,813.33
Fund Raising/Advertising:	\$ 285.00
Debt Reduction to Date:	\$ 3,745.00
Easter /Christmas Flowers:	\$ 2,835.00
Bishop's Appeal to Date:	\$ 5,005.00
Total:	\$ 365,119.69 (- 9,880.31)
Each Quarter we must generate \$93,750.00 in revenue to	

<i>Readings</i>	
October 15, 2017	<i>Fifth Sunday after the Holy Cross</i> Reading: Philippians 2: 12 - 18 Gospel: Matthew 25: 1 - 13 Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill 11:30 am Denise Abou Chrouch - English 11:30 am Lina Fakhoury - Arabic
October 22, 2017	<i>Sixth Sunday after the Holy Cross</i> Readings: Galatians 6: 1 - 10 Gospel: Matthew 25: 14 - 30 Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill 11:30 am Vivian Akel - English 11:30 am Zahia Abi Habib - Arabic
October 29, 2017	<i>Seventh Sunday after Holy Cross</i> <i>Feast of Christ the King</i> Readings: Romans 12: 9 - 21 Gospel: Matthew 25: 31 - 46 Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill 11:30 am Subdeacon Norbert Vogl - English 11:30 am Adonis El Asmar - Arabic



Dear Parishioners and Friends:

Often we hear the word Liturgy used. This word comes from the Greek word leitourgia meaning "a work of the people." In ancient times, liturgy was very often a public action in civil events, such as the dedication of a public building, although it could have religious meaning as well. In specifically Christian, religious terms, it refers to the ceremonial action of the "CHURCH: Eucharistic (Divine) Liturgy, Divine Office, the seven Sacramental Mysteries, and devotional prayers.

It is important then to focus in on the idea and praxis of devotional prayers. The Holy Rosary would fit into the category as well as Stations of the Cross and the Christmas Oration (Novena) for example.

Eucharistic Adoration is very much a part of that mind set as well. Eucharistic Adoration is adoring or honoring the Eucharistic Presence of Christ. In a deeper sense, it involves 'the contemplation of the Mystery of Christ truly present before us.' By worshipping the Eucharistic Jesus, we become what God wants us to be. The Lord draws us to Himself and gently transforms us. Eucharistic Adoration is "God and Man reaching out for each other, at the same time.

At our Cathedral we have many people who make a Holy Hour daily. These are people who either live or work in our area and come for some quiet time with our Lord. Many times we think we have to constantly talk to "God". He knows what is on our hearts and He wants us to listen to Him. This is why I am always encouraging you to keep silence in the Church. Christ wishes for us to come and know Him in the silence of our beings and our surroundings.

Normally you need at least one person, preferably two or more for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, meaning Jesus exposed in the monstrance. However, Our Saint Rafka Chapel has a special Tabernacle that the cover on the front opens to expose the Eucharist so we may sit in silent Adoration with Him. We reserved Christ in the Chapel for that purpose; silent, personal prayer time in which we could encounter Christ.

One of the miracles of Sister Rafka was how she went, crawling miraculously, to venerate the Eucharistic Jesus on the Feast of Corpus Christi. Our Chapel dedicated to her could not have been a better place to also reserve Jesus so that like Rafka, we would come to Adore Him.

Aboona James



Pilgrimage

We are still accepting reservations for our trip to the Holy Land April 23, 2018 to May 2, 2018. If you have any questions please call either Tony Tannoussis, Marleine Aflak or the Rectory.

Maronite Christian Formation

Classes are held this week October 15th and October 22nd. No class on the 29th due to the Pastoral Visait of our Patriarch.

Prayers for the Sick

We ask that you remember all those who are either in the hospital, home bound or in nursing homes.

Adoration for Priests and Vocations

Today we will keep Holy Hour in honor of Vocations to priestly and religious life and the sanctity of married life.

Our November Adoration will be held on November 26th due to the NAM Regional retreat in Sleepy Hollow, New York.

National Apostolate of Maronites

The National Apostolate of Maronites Mid Atlantic Regional Convention will be held November 17 - 19, 2017. It will be hosted by Saint John Paul II Maronite Church in Sleepy Hollow, NY. Please make your reservations as quickly as possible.

Patriarchal Visit

If you plan on attending the Reception for His Beatitude, Patriarch Rai, please see one of the Ushers today. We need an idea of how much food to prepare for the occasion. Thank you.

Maronite Christian Formation Day of Recollection

We will hold a one day retreat for our youth registered in our MCF Program. This is open to all the children registered and their families. Originally it was meant to be only for the children in grades 3 and up but we are now encouraging all families to participate. *The Theme is: O Come Emanuel, our hearts are ready for You.*

The retreat will be held on Saturday, November 4, beginning with Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am followed by the retreat which will include story time, Arts and Crafts and a family movie. Lunch will be served and the day is free to all children and their families. Registration forms will be sent to all the families registered in the MCF Program and on our website. We encourage the parents to attend.

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Divine Liturgy Schedule

Tuesday through Saturday at 10:00 AM

Sunday at 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM

Holy Day Vigils at 7:30 pm and
at 10:00 AM on the Holy Day.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday of the month immediately
Following 10:00 AM until 12:00 Noon.

Reconciliation

10:15 AM to 10:45 Sunday
11:00 AM to 11:45 AM First Friday and
upon Request.

Initiation Rites (Baptism—Chrismation)

Parents and Godparents must meet
with the Rector for Instructions and
then a time will be set for the Baptism
and Chrismation of the child.

Mystery of Crowning (Marriage)

Rector must be notified at least six
months in advance to set up
instructions.

Hospital and Sick Calls

Notify the Rector as soon as possible.

New Parishioners

All are welcome at Our Lady of
Lebanon Cathedral. Please notify the
Rector as soon as possible.

