



## *St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth Maronite Catholic Church*

Most Rev. A. Elias Zaidan, Bishop of The Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon

Most Rev. Mitchell Rozanski, Archbishop of St. Louis

Rev. John Nahal, Rector

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### Crestwood

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Website: [stelizabethhungary.org](http://stelizabethhungary.org)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/  
sehcrestwood/](http://www.facebook.com/sehcrestwood/)

### DIVINE LITURGY

Sunday: 10:15am  
Mon, Wed, Fri: 12 noon

### RECONCILIATION:

Sunday: 9:15am  
or by appointment

### DIVINE LITURGY/HOLY MASS:

Saturday: 4:00pm- Roman  
5:15pm— Maronite  
Sunday: 8am and 10:30am—Roman  
Monday-Friday: 8am  
Tuesday & Thursday: 6pm

### RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 3:00pm; Sunday: 9:45am

### MINISTERING THE SACRAMENTS/MYSTERIES

**Sacrament of Baptism:** call the rectory 1 month in advance to schedule an appointment and date with Msgr. John

**Sacrament of Matrimony:** call the rectory 6 months in advance (1 year in advance if there are canonical issues)

**Visitation and Anointing of the Sick:** call the rectory; Msgr. John's emergency contact is on the answering machine

**Intentions for Divine Liturgy:** call the rectory, mail, or email your intentions



**MOST HOLY TRINITY**  
Liturgy p. 416  
Genesis 18:1-8  
Romans 11:25-36  
Matthew 28:16-20



**THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**  
Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9  
Psalm 52  
2 Corinthians 13:11-13  
John 3:16-18

*Sunday, May 31st, 2026*

## DIVINE LITURGY & MASS INTENTIONS DOWNTOWN:

|                         |  |
|-------------------------|--|
| Sat. May 30             | <i>St Pope Philix I &amp; St Jeanne D'arc</i>  |
| Sun. May 31<br>10:15 am | <b>SUNDAY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY</b><br>+Marwan Sholy- 40 Day Divine Liturgy By the Sholy Family<br>+Enas Ayoka Issou By Freeda Salman and Family<br>+Lydia Elking By Ed Elking and Family<br>+Jean Moubarak By Dennis & Roxanne Elking<br>+Ameal Nassif By Francis Leisure and Family |
| 12:00 pm                | +Jonathan Paul Zogbi, brother of Fr. Peter Zogbi<br>+Melhem Moussa Hanna, father of Msgr Dominique Hanna   |
| Mon. June 1<br>12:00 pm | <i>St Justin</i><br>Poor Souls in Purgatory  |
| Tue. June 2             | <i>The Four Evangelists</i>  |
| Wed. June 3<br>12:00 pm | <i>St Awtel, Confessor</i><br>Ralph Wahby By Nina Bouhasin and Family  |
| Thurs. June 4           | <i>St Arismos, St Ilaria</i>   |
| Fri. June 5<br>12:00 pm | <i>St Conan and his son, martyrs</i><br>Poor Souls in Purgatory  |
| Sat. June 6             | <i>St Dorotheus</i>  |
| Sun. June 7<br>10:15 am | <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF PENTECOST</b><br>+Robert Risha and Margaret Risha By Monica Kunkel and Family<br>+Catherine Haman and deceased members of the Haman Family by the Haman Family<br>+Jean Moubarak By Dennis & Roxanne Elking<br>+Ralph Wahby By The Oesterlei Family                   |

## CRESTWOOD: (RC Roman Catholic, MC Maronite)

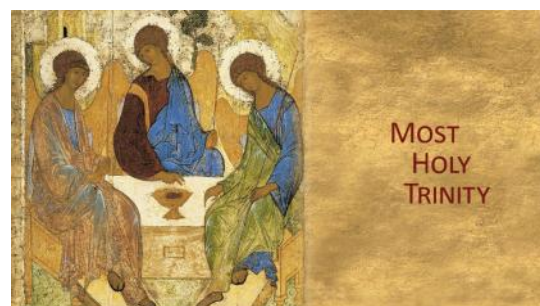
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| Sat. May 30<br>4:00 pm RC<br>5:15 pm MC      | <i>Sunday Vigil; Blessed Virgin Mary</i><br>Maureen Meyers<br>Poor Souls in Purgatory By Brenda Winebright<br>Alster Family  |
| Sun. May 31<br>8:00 am RC<br>10:30 am RC     | <b>THE MOST HOLY TRINITY</b><br>Aron Alster (for healing)<br>Wlodzimierz Karcz   |
| Mon. June 1<br>8:00 am RC                    | <i>St Justin</i><br>Max Kaiser by Steven Gilroy  |
| Tue. June 2<br>8:00 am RC<br>6:00 pm MC      | <i>St Marcellinus and Peter</i><br>Neal Alster<br>Loretta (Husnie) & Anthony (Thunsa) Simon By Linda Hill  |
| Wed. June 3<br>8:00 am RC                    | <i>St Charles Lwanga and Companions</i><br>Aaron Alster (for healing)<br>Raffaello Moran   |
| Thurs. June 4<br>8:00 am RC<br>6:00 pm MC    | <i>St Francis Caracciolo</i><br>Roger Renschen<br>Elias Hitti By Nazha Hitti and Family  |
| Fri. June 5<br>8:00 am                       | <i>St Boniface, First Friday of the Month</i><br>Neal & Aaron Alster by Pat Alster   |
| Sat. June 6<br>4:00 pm RC<br>5:15 pm MC      | <i>Sunday Vigil; St Norbert</i><br>Raffaello Moran, John Lauber, Jordan Lauber<br>Pauline Norwood By David & Kathy Mueckl  |
| Sun. June 7<br>8:00 am MC<br><br>10:30 am RC | <b>THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST</b><br>Ralph Wahby By George & Elaine Simon<br>Aaron Alster (for healing), Micheal & James Swejlowky, Betty Wolkey Burnette<br>Chuck Hardwick By James Stegher |

## WEEKLY FINANCES 5/24/2026 ST. RAYMOND-ST.ELIZABETH:

|  |            |
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| 4:00pm Saturday<br>Loose cash  | 400        |
| Checks/Envelopes   | 985        |
| 7:00pm Saturday<br>Loose cash  | -          |
| Checks/Envelopes   |            |
| 8:00am Sunday<br>Loose cash  | 173        |
| Checks/Envelopes   | 140        |
| 10:30am Sunday<br>Loose cash   | 186        |
| Checks/Envelopes   | 180        |
| Candles  | 67         |
| Pickleball   | 442        |
| Revenue during the week<br>(for kitchen remodeling)  | 25,890     |
| Second Collection  | 81         |
| Online Giving<br><a href="https://osvhub.com/stelizabethhungary/funds">https://osvhub.com/stelizabethhungary/funds</a> | 716.29     |
| Expenses   | \$3,821.02 |

## ST. RAYMOND:

|  |             |
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| 5:15pm Saturday<br>Loose cash  | 45          |
| Checks/Envelopes   | 80          |
| 10:15amm Sunday<br>Loose cash  | 274         |
| Checks/Envelopes   | 1,150       |
| Revenue during the week  | 135         |
| Candles  | 67          |
| Second Collection  | 130         |
| Coffee hour  | 105         |
| May 2 (Youth)  |             |
| Online Giving<br><a href="https://osvhub.com/straymond-mc/giving/funds">https://osvhub.com/straymond-mc/giving/funds</a> | 1,058       |
| Expenses   | \$19,592.16 |



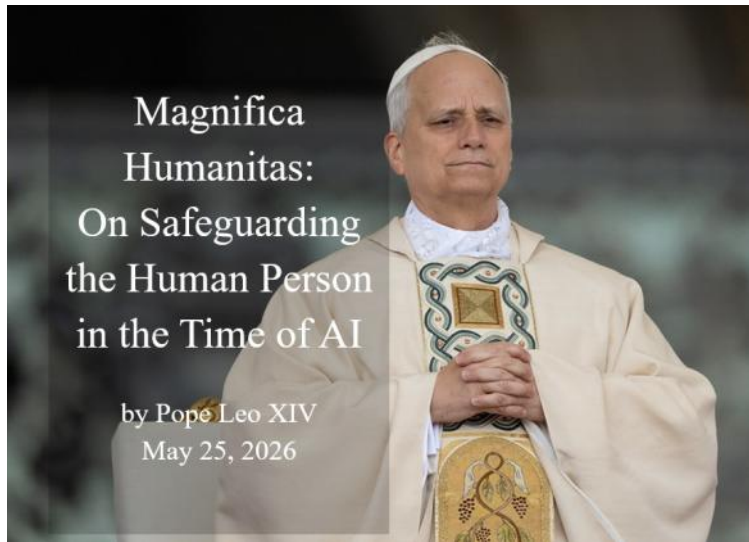


# A note from the pastor

## ENCYCLICAL LETTER MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS

OF HIS HOLINESS  
POPE LEO XIV

### ON SAFEGUARDING THE HUMAN PERSON IN THE TIME OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE



Marking the 135th anniversary of *Rerum novarum*, Pope Leo XIV releases his first encyclical, entitled ‘Magnifica humanitas: On Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence.’ He appeals for the safeguarding of humanity, promotion of truth, dignity of work, social justice, and peace.

“Humanity, created by God in all its grandeur, is today facing a pivotal choice: either to construct a new Tower of Babel or to build the city in which God and humanity dwell together.” The opening words of Pope Leo XIV’s first encyclical, *Magnifica humanitas: On Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence*, summarize its underlying reasons and purpose.

Published on Monday, May 25, the Pope signed the encyclical on May 15, the 135th anniversary of the promulgation of Pope Leo XIII’s *Rerum Novarum*.

Pope Leo XIV has taken up the legacy of his predecessor, writing a social encyclical which addresses one of the principal challenges of the contemporary age: artificial intelligence. Divided into five chapters, *Magnifica humanitas* has an underlying premise: technology is not “a force antagonistic to humanity”, nor is it “inherently evil”. However, “technology is never neutral, because it takes on the characteristics of those who devise, finance, regulate, and use it. Therefore, Pope Leo XIV appeals for people to build “for the common good” and to “remain human,” following a courageous mentality of shared responsibility and communion, so that the world “will come to recognize the human heart as the place where God desires to dwell”.

<https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/encyclicals/documents/20260515-magnifica-humanitas.html>

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submit to: Felicity  
steeliz@straymond-mc.org

##### ONLINE GIVING

Crestwood:  
osvhub.com/stelizabethhungary/funds  
Downtown:  
straymond-mc.org/online-giving

##### MERCY MEAL

Kathleen Wahby 314 276 3062

##### MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

Donate or Borrow piece of medical  
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Patty Renschen 314 517 7044

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##### CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

Carla Aouad  
Margo Kassab

##### YOUNG ADULTS

Joseph Nesser



**LECTORS: CRESTWOOD**

|   |                                  |
|---|----------------------------------|
| <b>Sat, May 30</b><br>4:00 pm             | Ralph & Margie                   |
| <b>Sun, May 31</b><br>8:00 am<br>10:30 am | Nancy Wall<br>Fabi Pineda        |
| <b>Sat, June 6</b><br>4:00 pm             | Sr Rosalie                       |
| <b>Sun, June 7</b><br>8:00 am<br>10:30 am | Dan & Kathleen<br>Austin Krueger |

**UP COMING EVENTS**

- \*June 6: Golf Tournament
- \*June 8-11: Vacation Bible School
- \*June 23-28: Youth National Conference  
Univ. of Dayton OH
- \*June 29-July 5: NAM Conv., San Diego, CA
- \*Sep. 18,19,20: Lebanese Festival
- \*Sep. 28- Oct. 9: Trip to Lebanon
- \*Oct. 17: Autumn Harvest Festival
- \*Nov. 14: Vendor Fair
- \*Dec. 3: Men’s Christmas Dinner
- \*Sun Dec. 6: Breakfast with Santa

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISH**

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|--------------------|--------------------|
| Tom Hearst         | Janet Zhakaria     |
| Victor Sciarrino   | John Cleary        |
| Rosalie Hubert     | Tom Morrow         |
| Mike McSorley Sr.  | Marie Kallial      |
| James Brumfield    | Rob Turner         |
| Cathy Seemayer     | Emil Salman        |
| Mary Lou Works     | Jennifer Van Luven |
| Chris Nelms        | Janet Emerson      |
| Ted Arunski        | Burton Droste      |
| Dave Holdinghausen | Gabe Vollet        |
| Michelle Bausworth | Barb Rohr          |
| Tom Saucier        | Gerry Nassif       |
| Rhoda Simpher      | Tim Gamma          |
| Patricia Beck      | Munir Matar        |
| Don Ganim          | Rima Cabbabe       |
| John Anton         | Lynn Kersting      |
| Jim Hoffman        | Mary Saucier       |
| Richard Baker Sr   |                    |
| Patrick Carr       |                    |
| Steve Baker        |                    |

**COFFEE HOUR Sun May 31**

We welcome all our parishioners and visitors to the Cedars hall right after 10:15am Divine Liturgy for Coffee and donuts, prepared and served by the Men’s Society of our parish, thank you!

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Eucharistic Adoration this coming Mon. June 1, 8:30am—5:00pm, at St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth Church.

**KITCHEN SCOOP**

The Kitchen will be open Wed. June 3, 2026. On Tuesday, June 2, at 8:30am we will be preparing kibbe aras, and rolling grape/cabbage leaves and another shift at 2pm for April 28th. We encourage you to place your orders, Monday and Tuesday before the Wed. luncheon, through Square (<http://st-raymond-cathedral.square.site/>). Dine in and Carry out are both available. Thank you! Denise and Gina

**THURSDAY CHRISTIAN DOCUMENTARY FILMS**

our last Thursday video showing will be June 4, as we will take summer break until late August! Thank you!

**MEN’S SOCIETY MEETING**

Men’s society meeting, Thurs. June 4, at 6:30pm, at the cafeteria of St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth church, Crestwood, and 6pm Divine Liturgy!

**MEN OF ST JOSEPH- MEETING JUNE 13**

Men of St Joseph Meeting is moved to June 13, at 7:30 am this month of June so that all can support golf tournament. Thank you!

**35th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth Church, 35th Annual Golf Tournament at Oak Valley Golf Course and Resort on Saturday, June 6th, 2026. For Registration/Sponsorship and additional information please log on to the link: [St-RaymondMaroniteCathedral:Events \(straymond-mc.org\)](http://St-RaymondMaroniteCathedral:Events(straymond-mc.org))

**REGISTRATION FOR REL ED & VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Registrations are open for Religious Education classes for year 2026-2027, and for the Vacation Bible School June 7-11, 2026. For more information, please contact Pam Olimpio, Director, at <[pamela.olimpio@johnpaulprep.org](mailto:pamela.olimpio@johnpaulprep.org)>

**OCIA CLASS**

If you like to know more about the Catholic/Maronite Faith, please join the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults OCIA. For more info Jacob Garanzini <[jacob.hart.g@gmail.com](mailto:jacob.hart.g@gmail.com)>

**STUDYING THE NEW ENCYCLICAL OF THE POPE**

Come and join Msgr. John in studying and understanding the new encyclical of Pope Leo XIV, MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS, on AI. Wed. June 8th, St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth Church, Fr. Edwards hall, at 6:00 pm.



**ST. RAYMOND FOOD PANTRY & ASSISTANCE FUND:**

Please consider making a monetary donation to the St. Raymond Food Pantry Assistance Fund to help with rent, utilities, and medical expenses for those in our parish who are in need. You may contribute through on-line giving or by personal check payable to St. Raymond Maronite Cathedral. If paying by personal check, please write "Food Pantry Assistance Fund" in the note section of your donation in the weekly collection or mail it to St. Raymond Maronite Cathedral, 931 Lebanon Drive, St. Louis, MO 63104. Thank you for your generosity.

**COMMUNION CALLS & HOME VISITS**

If you are sick or homebound and would like a Communion minister to come to your home, please let us know! Contact the office to get in touch: (314) 968-0760 or email deacon Bill WilliamMeister@archstl.org

**PARISH DEVOTIONS**

**Monday**

Adoration 8:30-5pm

**Tuesday**

Our Lady of Perpetual Help after 8am Mass  
Patriotic Rosary at 5:15pm

**1st Friday**

Sacred Heart Litany

**4th Saturday of the Month**

Rosary at noon for Intentions at Fatima

**ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD**

|                         |            |
|-------------------------|------------|
| ✠ Marwan Sholy          | 4-13-2026  |
| ✠ Jean Brendel          | 4-9-2026   |
| ✠ Bro Leo Slay          | 3-20-2026  |
| ✠ Ralph Wahby           | 3-13-2026  |
| ✠ Dorothy Smith         | 2-25-2026  |
| ✠ Patricia Warfel       | 2-27-2026  |
| ✠ Ameal Nassif          | 2-24-2026  |
| ✠ Steven Vidra          | 2-2-2026   |
| ✠ Mary Ojile            | 1-30-2026  |
| ✠ Gloria 'Skip' Leisure | 1-13-2026  |
| ✠ Christine Van Doren   | 11-30-2025 |
| ✠ Janet Wright          | 11-14-2025 |
| ✠ Gus Millati           | 11-13-2025 |
| ✠ Patricia Augustyniak  | 11-1-2025  |
| ✠ Terry Leong           | 10-31-2025 |
| ✠ Jad Michel Gennaoui   | 10-17-2025 |
| ✠ Milad Abounader       | 10-6-2025  |
| ✠ Carol Bilger          | 9-25-2025  |

**ST RAYMOND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

High School and College student scholarship applications are at St. Raymond Cathedral and St Raymond– St Elizabeth Church foyers and websites [St. Raymond Maronite Cathedral: Scholarships](#)  
For NAM Scholarship information and application visit [www.namaronites.org](http://www.namaronites.org), e-mail [scholarship@namaronites.vorg](mailto:scholarship@namaronites.vorg) or call NAM at 440-821-6303

**HELP TO CHRISTIAN FAMILIES IN LEBANON**

We are praying for peace in Lebanon, the Middle East, and the world. Caritas Lebanon always is helping the families in need with food, medicine, and shelter. You may donate to help the families affected by the war.



- 1/ You can go to [www.CaritasLebanon.org](http://www.CaritasLebanon.org) and donate
- 2/ or make a check to the order of Caritas Lebanon and mail to: St Raymond Cathedral, 931 Lebanon Dr, St Louis, MO 63104
- 3/ Stock donations, contact your financial advisor to donate stock to "St. Raymonds Church" account number 5887-3955 DTC# 0141 @ Wells Fargo
- 4/ wire transfer to Bank of America (call 314 621 0056)

**PROTECTION OF GOD'S CHILDREN**

Please, all volunteers and employees, including for Lebanese and Autumn Festivals of St. Raymond Cathedral and St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth Church have to do online training for the Protection of God's Children and Safe Environment, at

<https://eparchyofourladyoflebanon.cmgconnect.org/>

For any questions, please contact Msgr. John

**REMODELING AND CONSTRUCTION**

Our church in both campuses, needs some remodeling.

Tuck pointing in both churches,

Resurfacing and sealing of parking lots. Contract is being finalized.

Kitchen hood and suppression system, new aluminum shelves, floor, at St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth church in Crestwood.

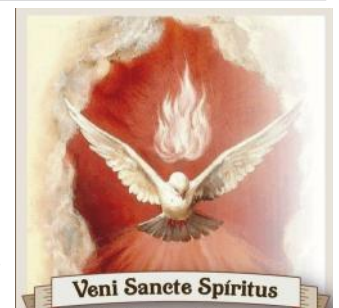
At St. Raymond's kitchen, downtown, we are installing new stainless steel wall panels, and gas connection to the outside, for frying and grilling.

We already finish, from painting the hall, and installing new Fire Alarm electronic panel, changing all pull stations, and updating the fire sprinkler in the hall.

We are having bids on a new church organ, and colored stained glass windows for St. Raymond's.

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.



St Raymond Cathedral / St. Raymond-St Elizabeth ARCH co-op & St JPII Prep  
 Present **Sacred Heart of Jesus Vacation Bible School Celebrating:  
 Consecration of the United States on its 250th Anniversary  
 to the Sacred Heart of Jesus**



**SACRED HEART VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**Campers:** 4-10 years old

**Helpers:** Parent volunteers needed for teaching, food prep, games, songs. Student volunteers to lead groups of campers and assist teachers.

**When:** Monday, June 8- Thursday June 11

**Time:** 9:30-12:00pm

**Cost:** \$25.00 per child

**Where:** St. Raymond- St. Elizabeth,  
 1420 Sappington Rd., Crestwood, MO 63126

Registration

QR code: ->

Or Link:

<https://forms.gle/nuf8rgekSLoYPUFS8>



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1230 Abbey Lane,  
 Pevely MO, 63070  
 (Formerly Union Hills,



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 Anthony Wahby (314) 835-7397  
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June 6 —2026

8 AM Start Time

Thanks to our sponsors, and generous donors, last year's tournament was very successful.

The Men's Society strives each year to improve our tournament.

With your support, we look forward to another successful event.

Sponsorship Rates:

Hole Sponsorship: .....\$125

Beverage/Food Cart Sponsorship:.....\$250

Corporate Sponsorship:.....\$500

Place your business information as you would like it to appear below. If desired, please include your company logo. Feel free to attach your business card, or email your information to the contacts above.

Please, make all checks payable to: St. Raymond Cathedral Men's Society

Return completed forms to: 931 Lebanon Drive, St. Louis, MO, 63104

**The 59th Annual**

*St. Louis  
 Lebanese  
 Festival*

**FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 18, 2026, 6:00 PM — 9:00 PM**

(Friday: drink specials including imported Almaza Lebanese beer/ limited Food menu/ Music)

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 19, 2026, 12:00 Noon — 10:00 PM**

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 20, 2026, 11:00 AM — 5:00 PM**

at St. Raymond Maronite Cathedral

931 Lebanon Dr., St. Louis, MO 63104

Authentic Lebanese Cuisine  
 Beer , Wine, and Refreshing Drinks  
 Traditional Dance/Dabkeh Performances  
 Live Music, Singer, Band, and Dancing

Games  
 Raffle and Prizes  
 Free Admission and Parking

*Singer Said, Ali, Ali  
 and Band*



On the Menu:  
 Tabouli, Hummus, Kibbee, Beef/Chicken Shawarma, Kafta, Falafel,  
 Lebanese Sweets, and other Delicious Food



Hosted by St. Raymond  
 Maronite Cathedral  
[www.StRaymond-MC.org](http://www.StRaymond-MC.org)



Pre-Order of Festival Tickets and Raffle:  
 + Online Sep 13- Sep 17  
<https://st-raymond-cathedral.square.site>  
 + Call-In, Sep 4- Sep 17, 9am-12pm,  
 Tel: 314 621 0056