



St. Raymond Maronite Cathedral

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Divine Liturgy: ✠Daily at 12 noon ✠Saturday at 5:00 pm ✠Sunday at 10:00 am
(Divine Liturgy at 11:30am in Arabic/English-every last Sunday of the month)

Ministering The Sacraments (or Mysteries in our Tradition)

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday at 4:00pm, or by appointment at the cathedral

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

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

Visitation and Anointing of the Sick: call the rectory, and Fr John's cell phone number is on the answering machine for emergency

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

6th WEEK OF PENTECOST

1Cor 12:12-13, 27-30

Mt 10:16-25

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July 9, 2017

July 10 - Blessed Massabki Brothers Martyrs

The three Massabki brothers, Francis, Abdel El Maoti and Raphael lived in Damascus in the nineteenth century. They were known for their piety, generosity and Christian values.

By 1860, political and sectarian tension for Maronites and other Christians, in both Damascus and Mount Lebanon had increased and things in Damascus had become very dangerous.

On 9 July 1860, a fire had torn through the Christian quarters of Damascus and the Massabki brothers and some other Maronite families had taken refuge in the Franciscan convent. At about eleven o'clock the Superior Father Emmanuel closed the Monastery's doors and called everyone to the Church, where they prayed, made their confessions, prayed for the intercession of the Blessed Mother, participated in the Procession of the Holy Eucharist, and proceeded to Holy Communion.

Then, all except Francis, who remained kneeling at the feet of the Sorrowful Mother, went up to the roof.

Moments later, the aggressors entered and caught Father Superior Emmanuel, who told them, "Come, let me lead you to a treasure inside the church." When he went up to the altar, he lit two candles, took out the Eucharist from the tabernacle to protect it, and said, "This is the treasure. I have nothing else." He was then put to death.

The aggressors saw Francis kneeling in prayer and recognized him, as he was a man of stature in the city. According to his nephew Nehmeh, who was twelve years old at the time and who hid and survived the massacre, the aggressors said to Francis, "Sheik Abdallah has sent us to save you from death; you, your brothers, your families, and all those who depend upon you for protection, on the condition that you deny your faith and convert..." Francis answered them, "Sheikh Abdallah can take my money, he can also take my life; but my faith no one can make me deny. I am a Christian and on the faith of Christ, I will die." They replied, "We shall kill you then." So Francis said, "I shall be with my Lord who told us 'Do not fear those who kill the body, but are unable to kill the soul.'" The men killed him. The men caught Abdel El-Maoti in the convent yard next to the church door, and also asked him to renounce his faith to escape death. But he also refused.

As for Raphael, who was hiding inside the convent, his fate was no better. When he refused to renounce his faith in order to escape death he remained in prayer, he was also beheaded.

According to witnesses, the three Massabki brothers were buried in the convent along with the eight martyr priests and others who had sought refuge there.

On October 7, 1926, His Holiness Pius XI proclaimed the beatification of the three brothers. We pray for the day when these three great Maronites are canonized as saints.



Terry Leong, Connie McDermott, Judge Paul and Mary Jane Simon, Joseph and Mary Ojile, Vincent Wahby, John Rachid, Shirley Milford, Barbara (Babs) Oseguera, Gloria (Skip) Leisure, Elizabeth Wolff, Dr. Jamal Makhoul, Maggie Risk, Don Ganim, Kathleen Antoni, John & Nina Bouhasin, and all parishioners who are sick, hospitalized or home-bound.



BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYERS

☞ If you would like to schedule an evening of Prayer and Bible Study at your house, please contact Fr. John (rector@straymondsmaronitecathedral.com)



COFFEE HOUR

Our Youth will be serving Coffee hour after Sunday 10am Divine Liturgies, July 9.

KITCHEN SCOOP

We will be serving Lunch Wednesday, July 12, help is needed to prepare the food, Monday, July 10, and Tuesday, July 11.

Grape Leaf Schedule - The kitchen will be rolling grape leaves Tuesday July 18th at 4pm.



Tabbouli

Diana Slay and Mary Anne Powell are leading a group for Tabbouli and they will be starting Tuesday July 11th at 10 am in the kitchen. Tabbouli is a specialty item served once a month for Wednesday lunch and requires a lot of prep from volunteers. The kitchen would love to continue with the tradition of serving this specialty item. For the month of July, we will serve it July 12th, due to the holiday. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Diana or Mary Anne for more information.

MEETINGS

July 9: Youth Coordinators; Monday, July 10: Finance Council

PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY OF LEBANON SHRINE

☞ If you are participating in the pilgrimage this coming August to OLOL Shrine in North Jackson, OH, the final payment deadline is July 9. Please, contact Roxie Rask for any additional information.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

July 17-20, 2017, at St. Raymond Maronite Cathedral, from 9am till 12pm (noon).

To register your child, please contact Mary Beth Stevens (Ph# 314-800-5477 and email: mbstevens27@gmail.com) . \$10 registration fee per child. Registration flyers are in the foyer of our church.



ST LOUIS LEBANESE FESTIVAL

Volunteers are needed for the Lebanese Festival that our church is hosting on September 16-17, 2017.

Please, call Robbyn Wahby if you would like to volunteer.



DANCE TROUP FOR LEBANESE FESTIVAL

If you would like to be part of the Dance Troup for the Lebanese Festival, please contact Pam Gazall.



Thanks for all your support and help in the maintenance of our church building and property. Our future projects:

- ✂ New Air-conditioning (2x 20ton units) for the church: \$52,000 (done)
- ✂ New commercial garbage disposer in dishwashing room: \$3,400 (done)
- ✂ Floor for Walk-In-Cooler: \$9,000 (estimated cost)
- ✂ Roof for the sacristy and 2 storages on the East side of the church: \$7,000

FOOD PANTRY Thanks to all who have been donating to our food pantry. The Food Pantry Committee has two special requests: (1) Please donate only canned or packaged goods with an expiration date of 2018 or later, and (2) We have a particular need for ready-to-eat, single-serving sized items that are high in protein, such as canned meat/fish, soups/stews, beans, and peanut butter. Please see the full list of suggested food and personal care items in the supplement to the bulletin and posted above the food pantry donation box in the church vestibule.



Divine Liturgy Intentions

7-8-2017	Sat	5 pm	✠ Terry Rask	By the Kitchen Volunteers
7-9-2017	Sun	10 am	✠ The Slay, Kerry, and Solomon Families	By Nancy , Diana Slay and Antoinette Lemons
7-10-2017	Mon	12 noon	Poor Souls	By Brenda & George Winebright
7-11-2017	Tues	12 noon	Poor Souls	By Brenda & George Winebright
7-12-2017	Wed	12 noon	Paul Simon, Jr. (2 year Ann.)	By Paul Simon, Sr. and Family
7-13-2017	Thurs	12 noon	Poor Souls	By Brenda & George Winebright
7-14-2017	Fri	12 noon	Sam Simon	By Theresa McDermott
7-15-2017	Sat	5 pm	✠ The Slay, Kerry, and Solomon Families	By Nancy , Diana Slay and Antoinette Lemons
7-16-2017	Sun	10 am	✠ Dr. Hanna Khoury	By The Abrahamians/Batanians

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark your calendar



- ✠ July 3 - 8: MYO National Retreat, St. Maron Maronite Church Minneapolis, MN
- ✠ July 17–20: Vacation Bible School for our children at St. Raymond Cathedral
- ✠ August 12-16: Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Lebanon Shrine in North Jackson, OH
- ✠ September 16-17: Lebanese Festival
- ✠ November 18-19: St. Raymond Feast Day Celebrations
- ✠ November 23: Thanksgiving Luncheon
for the less fortunate in our community
- ✠ December 31: New Year's Eve Party



Parish Finances - July 2, 2017

Saturday loose offertory: \$45.00
 Saturday checks and envs: \$675.00
 Sunday loose offertory: \$77.00
 Sunday checks and envs: \$3,170.00
 Revenue during the week: \$1,565.00
 Candles: \$205.00
 Second Collection: \$95.00
 Coffee hour: \$192.00
 Total: \$6,024.00

 Expenses: \$8,692.11
 (up to date donation toward AC/Heating: \$25,400.00)

We did not serve Lunch on July 5, 2017

Total Revenue	\$	
Total Cost	(\$)	
Gross Profit		\$
Utilities	(\$)	
Labor	(\$)	
Security	(\$)	
Operation Cost		(\$)
Net Income		\$



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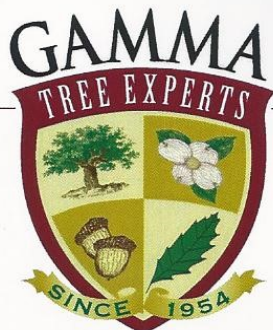
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Susan DuBois, Director of Religious Education
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Michael Vitale, Organist
Jim Risk, Guitarist
Denise Seifert, Kathy Wahbe, Gina Fanetti: Wed Lunch
Teri Elking, President of the Ladies' Society
Jason Oesterlei, President of the Men's Society
Jim Grogan, Parish Maintenance

Parish Pastoral Council

Dr. Maged Haikal (President), Mary Anne Powell, Shawn
Nesser, Nina Bouhasin, Samirah Day, Gina Oesterlei,
John Simon Jr, Jim Ulett, and John Jabouri

Finance Committee

Linda Hill, Michael Hurley, John Jabouri, and
Mary Cohen Ehlen