



St. Michael the Archangel Maronite Catholic Church

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EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



CLERGY

Fr. Paul Damien, Pastor
Fr. Jack Morrison (retired)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday, Thursday,
Friday

10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

LITURGY / MASS :

Tues - Fri: 9:00 am

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 10:30 AM

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The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross marks the beginning of the final liturgical season of the Maronite year.

The feast originated after Saint Helen found the True Cross of Christ when she was on a pilgrimage to the Holy lands. Born in the 3rd Century, St Helen converted to Christianity and was the mother of the Emperor Constantine who was the first Christian Emperor of Rome.

In the Hoosoyo of the liturgy of the feast we are reminded that the Holy Cross is the instrument of our salvation. The instrument of death became the life-giving tree. The wood of Adam's tree of sin became Christ's tree of life.

After converting to Christianity, Saint Helena, the mother of Emperor Constantine, went on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem to search for the cross used in the Crucifixion. She positioned groups of believers on all of the hilltops between Constantinople and Jerusalem. During the search, she found three crosses down in the valley between the hills. To verify which Cross belonged to Jesus, Saint Helena brought sick people with her. Each sick person touched the crosses and it was when the sick person touched the third one and was healed that she knew it was the True Cross. She lit a bonfire as a signal which was then passed to Constantine with bonfires on all the hills.

In Maronite and Eastern tradition, on the night of the feast, huge bonfires and candles illuminate houses and villages as far as the eye can see. Bonfires are lit on mountains and in villages, huge crosses with lights are hung and candles in sandbags are placed around the houses.

It is a wonderful tradition to teach our children and is one which you can prepare for the eve of the feast the night of 13 September. You can light candles and place them around your house and teach your children of the triumph of light over darkness!

God Bless you



PRAYER CHAIN

Please contact Lucy Zahran or call church office to **join the prayer chain** or with **prayer requests**

“EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS” (2nd collection)

Saturday September 9- 5:00 PM: for Steven Milburn by Warren & MJ Hahn

Sunday September 10- 10:30 AM: for Joan VanHeusen by Ingrid Franklin

Tuesday	Sep 12	9:00 am	St. Cornelius the Centurion, M	
Wednesday	Sep 13	9:00 am	St. Christopher, M	For Kim Ngan Nguyen intentions by Thanh & Han Vo
Thursday	Sep 14	9:00 am	Exultation of the Holy Cross (actual feast)	
Friday	Sep 15	9:00 am	St. Shaina, C St. Sassine, M	For Giacat’s birthday by Thanh & Han Vo

“EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS”

Saturday September 16- 5:00 PM: for Anna My Linh (3) by the Shermans

Sunday September 17 - 10:30 AM: For Giacat’s birthday by Thanh & Han Vo

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Sign up today, at the church entrance for a holy hour!

Every Thursday
9:30 am - 2:00pm
Rosary for Peace @ 9:30 am

CATHOLIC SOCIAL MINISTRIES

Place your donation of Peanut butter & jelly in the basket next to the Confessional.

August: Donations 84 lbs

READERS

9/9	MJ Hahn	9/10	Betty Gurney
9/16	Annika Nesbitt	9/17	Ed Baez
9/23	Lynn Vaughan	9/24	Marie Catalana
9/30	Kathy Kriminger	10/1	Cris Cooper

SCRIPTURE

Exaltation of the Holy Cross
1 Cor 1: 18-25/Jn 12: 20-32

1st Sunday after Holy Cross
2 Tim 2: 1-10/ Mk 10: 35-45

2nd Sunday after Holy Cross
1 Cor 15: 19-34/Mt 24: 1-14



To be listed as Reader, please text Kim Phelan @ 352-317-8529 or email consecrated2021@gmail.com or the church office

GIFTS OF THANKSGIVING

Offer the Incense, Candles and Wine for one month in memory/honor of someone for a \$25 donation.

September
In Thanksgiving
By Thanh & Han Vo



Collections (Sep 2-3)	\$ 1692.00
Candles	\$ 93.00
Building Fund	\$ 500.00
THANK YOU	



Congratulations to St. Michael Archangel Ladies Guild, established in 2013, celebrating 11 years of service. Committed to "promoting the work of the Church & building a spiritual community of faith within the Parish." AD BY: **MJ**

2nd Collection - REMINDER:

September 10 - Catholic University of America (75% will benefit our seminary)



ONLINE GIVING

VOCATION CHALICE

9/9: Volunteer
 9/10: Bert Andres
 9/16: Volunteer
 9/17: Chris Cooper



If your family would like to volunteer to pray for Vocations to Religious Life, please see Kimberly P.

Custom Handmade Rosaries

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Premade Rosaries, as well as a complete list of all available styles, are in the social hall by the Ladies Guild gift counter! **All proceeds benefit the Parish!**



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KNIGHTS CORNER

The Knight's are providing pinewood derby kits to children of the church for the derby race to be held October 7, 2023. For those children that want to participate we will have a workshop Wednesday September 13th, at the social hall 6:30pm to 7:30 pm. Kits will be available at the workshop and after Sunday Mass at the social hall. For more information contact Warren Hahn (910) 988-6013. ZOOM ZOOM ZOOM



- Saturday, Sep.23:** Light celebratory bash in the hall
- Thursday, Sep. 28 :** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- Friday, Sep. 29:** Retro 50th party. Register please
- Saturday, Sep 30:** Meeting w/ Choir, KOC, Ladies Guild & Council
- Saturday, Sep 30:** Vigil Mass at 5:00 pm
- Sunday, Oct 1:** Divine Liturgy followed by Lunch with the parish .



FROM THE LADIES GUILD

- Anyone interested in hosting the Social Hour on the 4th Sunday in September, please contact Marie.
- Thank you Annika for hosting Rosary and the Traveling Virgin Mary. (we still need a hostess for October)
- Our next meeting is Sunday, Oct 10th at noon.
- The Seven Sisters Apostolate is looking for 13 more women to commit to an hour of Adoration one day a week to cover Fr. Jack and Bishop Gregory in Prayer. Ft Paul is currently covered. Contact sferry84@verizon.net for more information.



Church etiquettes

No walking during Scripture & Gospel Readings and during the Consecration & Invocation of the Holy Spirit . Wait at the entrance until done then go back to your seat.
 - crossing of legs is not allowed .

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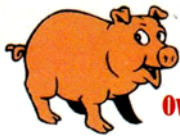
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