

Sixth Sunday of Pentecost - The Three Massabki Maronite Martyrs July 9, 2017

Sunday	July 9	<i>Sixth Sunday of Pentecost</i> 10:00 am 40 Day Liturgy of Alexander Kamouh	Req. by: Family
Monday	July 10	NO LITURGY	
Tuesday	July 11	<i>Saint Benedict, Abbot - Confessor</i> 10:00 am Norma Halpin	Req. by: William Halpin
Wednesday	July 12	10:00 am Joseph Simone	Req. by: Carol Hamid
Thursday	July 13	10:00 am Elias Azzi	Req. by: Lina Fakhoury
Friday	July 14	<i>Saint Kateri Tekakwitha (USA) - Confessor</i> 10:00 am Hanna Chedrawi	Req. by: Lina Fakhoury
Saturday	July 15	<i>Saint Kyriakos and His Mother Saint Yolitta - Martyr</i> 10:00 am Tanios Hanna Ferris	Req. by: Aboona James
Sunday	July 16	<i>Seventh Sunday of Pentecost</i> <i>The Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel</i> 10:00 am Mary Nofil	Req. by: Lydia Gordon

Weekly Offering

Collection:	\$ 2,902.00
Peter's Pence:	\$ 325.00
Candles:	\$ 282.00
Rent:	\$ 24,833.00
Memorials:	\$ 795.00
Debt Reduction:	\$ 35.00
 Total:	 \$ 29,172.00

Yearly Budget – 2017

<i>Annual Operating Budget:</i>	<i>\$ 375,000.00</i>
Collections to Date:	\$ 85,712.00
Candles to Date:	\$ 3,727.00
Donations to Date:	\$ 8,285.00
Cathedral Stipends to Date:	\$ 4,800.00
Memorials to Date:	\$ 795.00
Dividends to Date:	\$ 708.79
Rentals to Date:	\$ 140,077.00
Fund Raising/Advertising:	\$ 285.00
Debt Reduction to Date:	\$ 2,370.00
Easter /Christmas Flowers:	\$
Bishop's Appeal to Date:	\$ 4,565.00
Altar Bread/Wine/Lamps:	\$
Bequests:	\$
 Total:	 \$ 251,393.79 (- 123,606.21)
 Each Quarter we must generate \$93,750.00 in revenue to keep the Cathedral on budget.	

Readings

July 9, 2017	<i>Sixth Sunday of Pentecost</i>
Reading:	I Corinthians 12: 12 - 13, 27 - 30
Gospel:	Matthew 10: 16 - 25
Lectors:	10:00 am Leila Vogl - Arabic 10:00 am Subdeacon Norbert - English
 July 16, 2017	 <i>Seventh Sunday of Pentecost</i> <i>The Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel</i>
Reading:	II Corinthians 3: 1 - 6
Gospel:	Luke 10: 1 - 7
Lectors:	10:00 am Mary Eladem - Arabic 10:00 am Lydia Gordon - English
 July 23, 2017	 <i>Eight Sunday of Pentecost</i> <i>Feast of Saint Sharbel</i>
Reading:	Romans 8: 1 - 11
Gospel:	Matthew 12: 14 - 21
Lectors:	10:00 am Adonis ElAsmar - Arabic 10:00 am Raymond Gill - English

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

This weekend we anticipate the Feast of the Three Massabki Martyrs. Their story is so similar to what is going on, and has continued to go on throughout the Middle East, to Christians for centuries.

The Massabki Brothers: Francis, Abdel Mooti and Raphael, is a story of true Christian courage and a burning love for Jesus Christ. It all took place in Damascus, Syria in the year 1860, the same time as the Civil War here in the United States.

In the course of the fighting in Syria and Lebanon in 1860, a great number of Christians died for their faith. Among them were the Franciscan Fathers and the Massabki Brothers who were all martyred at Damascus. The names of the Franciscans are: Fathers Ruiz, Bolta, Ascanio, Soler, Alberca, Pinazo, Fernandez, and Kolland. They were all martyred on the night of July 10, 1860.

The Massabki Brothers were among the thousands of lay Christians who shed their blood for their faith. On that same night, they fled to the Church for safety, but their assailants were able to enter and demanded them to abandon their religion. In the name of all, the elder brother, Francis refused their demand and said: "We do not fear the one who kills the body, a crown is prepared for us in heaven, we have our souls, and we do not wish to lose them, we are Christians and we wish to die as Christians."

They were martyred in the Church before the Altar, and their bodies were buried in the Maronite Church in Damascus. Pope Pius XI declared them Blessed on October 10, 1926. May their prayers be with us.

Aboona James



Pilgrimages

We are sponsoring a Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon in North Jackson, Ohio from August 12 to 16, 2017. Please see the enclosed Flyer for details.

We are also sponsoring a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land from April 23 to May 2, 2018. There are brochures as well as a flyer in this week's bulletin. If you have any questions please call either Tony Tannoussis, Marleine Aflak or the Rectory.

Maronite Christian Formation

We are taking registrations for Religious Education. Lily Elhaje will be sending out the forms to those who have participated in the last few years.

Please note the first class will be on Sunday, September 10, 2017. Again, classes will be held from 10:15 am to 11:15 am. All children, whether attending Catholic School or Public are too be registered in this program.

For students receiving First Communion, they must be in our Program for at least two years. If they have attended CCD in another parish we must have a certificate stating as such.

Finally, those children who have made First Communion must return for further studies. We offer classes up to Grade 8.

Adult Formation

We will hold Adult Formation Classes at the same time for all interested adults. This is open , not only to the parents of the MCF children, to all interested adults who would like to have a better understanding of our faith. I strongly encourage all to attend these very interesting and formative sessions.

Aarabic Classes

Arabic classes will be offered in the Fall Semester on Sunday mornings as well. Leila Vogl is taking registrations for the Program.

Summer Parish Picnic

The Picnic will be on Sunday, August 27th at the Fort Hamilton Army Base in Bay Ridge.

Liturgy will be celebrated at the Cathedral at 10:00 am and also on the Picnic Grounds at 12:00 noon.

Massabki Relics

We are privledged to have a First Class Relic of the Massabki Brothers, a gift to us from Sayedna Gregory. Following the Divine Liturgy you may come up for a blessing asking the three holy Martyrs to intercede for us and for Peace for all Christians throughout the world, especially in Syria. May their prayers be with us!

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Divine Liturgy Schedule

Monday through Friday at 10:00 AM

Sunday at 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

Holy Days at 10:00 AM and 7:30 PM

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday of the month from

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.

