



SAINT SHARBEL CHURCH

# LEBANESE FESTIVAL 2025

JUNE 6 | 7 | 8    FRIDAY-SUNDAY





SHADY YOUNES    ANDRE IBRAHIM    RAMI BADR  
FRI 5-10PM    SAT 12-11PM    SUN 12-10PM





LEBANESE FOOD & PASTRIES    LIVE MUSIC & DANCERS

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## COMMUNION HOST & WINE

The Communion Host and Wine offering for June is donated in loving memory of  
**Victor & Adeline Karam**  
by Frank, Naomi and Jake Koerwitz

## SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary candle for June is dedicated to **The Sacred Heart of Jesus**  
by Lila Melan

## PASTOR CONTACT

In case of any needed pastoral assistance, we ask that only the family contact Fr. Kamil on his cell phone at **610-739-8586**.

## WEEKLY COLLECTION

Saturday, May 31 -	\$523.00
Sunday, Jun 1 -	\$1,454.00
Mail-In -	\$365.00
<b>Total -</b>	<b>\$2,342.00</b>

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## OUR LADY OF LEBANON MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Week 23 - Week 25    Email: [ololchurch@yahoo.com](mailto:ololchurch@yahoo.com)    Website: [ololeaston.org](http://ololeaston.org)    June 7 - June 22, 2025

# Pentecost Sunday



### The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint John 14:15-20

'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever.

This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.


### Act of Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

O Heart of Jesus, my God, most adored, full of holiness and mercy, I dare to offer it to You, for You are the Heart of the Most Holy of all saints. My heart is weak and prone to sin. However, I am confident that Your abundant mercy will accept it from me to purify, reform and sanctify it.

O my beloved Sacred Heart my entire possess, that is, my life, my discernment, my my will, and especially my and desires. I offer You my my deeds, all my pains. As a result, I offer to Your Most Sacred Heart from now until eternity.

I gladly promise you that I will honor your most sacred heart and worship it all the days of my life. I will strive to spread its name, honor it, and attract hearts to its love.

Your Divine Heart, truly existing with Your Holy Humanity under the wonderful mystery, will from now on be my refuge, my comfort, my consolation, my hope, and my love. O my beloved Savior, let Your Heart be the fulfillment of my prostration, my thanks, my prayers, and my repentance. Let it be everything to me, that is, my light, my strength, my support, my abode, and my life. O Jesus, gentle and humble of heart, make our heart like yours.



Master, I offer to Your Most self, all that I have and death, my reason, my conscience, my imagination, heart with all its movements body, my senses, my words, occupations, my joys and my and consecrate my entire self

#### CLERGY:

Fr. Kamil Al-Chouefati, Pastor

#### PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday through Thursday 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Closed on Fridays.

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#### LITURGIES:

Saturday: 5:00 PM  
Sunday: 10:00 AM  
Weekdays: 9:00 AM, Tuesday - Friday  
Weekday Holy Days of Obligation: 7:00 PM

Confession will be available 30 minutes before each Mass or by appointment.

## 60th Annual NAM Convention

### July 3-6, 2025





Registration is OPEN!

**60th Annual NAM Convention**  
 July 3-6, 2025  
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Visit [namconvention.org](http://namconvention.org) for more information and to register



Please join us in celebrating

## Patrick Melan's

### GRADUATION PARTY

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Saturday, Jun 7 - 5:00 PM - YVONNE CANONE NOONAN by James Canone & Family			
Sunday, Jun 8 - 10:00 AM - TONY RIZK (1st Anniversary) by the Family			
Tuesday	Jun 10	9:00 AM	BERLIN KASSIS by Mr. & Mrs. George Moussa & Family
Wednesday	Jun 11	9:00 AM	ANTHONY HANNI by Mr. & Mrs. Peter Murgia
Thursday	Jun 12	9:00 AM	LILA HAYEK by Michael & Marcine Solliday
		7:00 PM	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Friday	Jun 13	9:00 AM	FOR ALL THE SICK AND DECEASED OF THE PARISH by Nick & Susan Giacomopoulos
*** <b>Sunday of The Most Holy Trinity</b> ***			
Saturday, Jun 14 - 5:00 PM - ANTHONY SYMIA (Birthday Remembrance) by Children & Grandchildren			
Sunday, Jun 15- 10:00 AM - FOR ALL LIVING AND DECEASED FATHERS OF THE PARISH by Fr. Kamil			
Tuesday	Jun 17	9:00 AM	MICHAEL M. JABBOUR by Tony Sortino
Wednesday	Jun 18	9:00 AM	HABOUK SHUMAR by Rema Netz
Thursday	Jun 19	9:00 AM	DEACON JOHN HANNI by Sharon John & Family
		7:00 PM	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Friday	Jun 20	9:00 AM	QUEENIE JABBOUR by Mark & Colleen Ziegenhorn
*** <b>3rd Sunday of Pentecost</b> ***			
Saturday, Jun 21 - 5:00 PM - MANOR (Birthday Remembrance) & JOSEPHINE MELHEM (Anniversary) by John Melhem & Family			
Sunday, Jun 22- 10:00 AM - PRAYERS TO ST. SHARBEL, GEORGE KOORIE (Anniversary) by the Family			
Weekend Mass Epistle Readings - We kindly request that families of those for whom the Mass is being offered inform the Altar Servers of the designated reader for the Epistle. Additionally, please confirm that you have selected at least two individuals to present the gifts at the altar. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.			

SCRIPTURE  
READINGS

Pentecost Sunday

Gen 11:1-9 / Acts 2:1-21/Jn 14:15-20

Sunday of The Most Holy Trinity

Gen 18:1-8/Rom 11:25-36/Mt 28:16-20

3rd Sunday of Pentecost

Prov 8:22-23, 30-36/1 Cor 2:1-10/Jn 14:21-27



CONGRATULATIONS  
TO OUR 2025  
1ST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS

# The Feast of Pentecost in the Maronite Catholic Church

Pentecost, celebrated fifty days after Easter, is one of the most significant feasts in the liturgical calendar of the Maronite Catholic Church. Known as the “Feast of the Descent of the Holy Spirit,” it commemorates the moment when the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles and Mary, fulfilling the promise Jesus made before His Ascension. For Maronites, as for all Christians, Pentecost marks both a powerful spiritual renewal and the birth of the Church.

The account of Pentecost is found in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 2:1–4). As the apostles gathered in the Upper Room, a sound like a mighty wind filled the house, and tongues of fire rested on each of them. They were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different languages, enabling them to proclaim the Gospel to people from many nations gathered in Jerusalem. This miraculous event emboldened the apostles to begin their public ministry, and it is considered the beginning of the Church’s mission in the world.

In the Maronite tradition, the Feast of Pentecost holds a unique place. The liturgical prayers, rich in Syriac hymns and poetic imagery, invite the faithful to experience the descent of the Spirit not just as a past event, but as a present and personal encounter. The liturgy speaks of the Holy Spirit as the "giver of life," "sanctifier of the Church," and "comforter of the faithful." The emphasis on the Holy Spirit is especially strong in Maronite spirituality, which continually calls upon the Spirit to enlighten, purify, and renew the Church.

The Maronite Church also observes the Season of Pentecost, which begins with the feast and extends over several weeks. This season highlights the fruits and gifts of the Holy Spirit and is a time of deep reflection on how the Spirit continues to guide and animate the Church and its members.

One of the most beautiful and ancient features of the Maronite Pentecost liturgy is the rite of kneeling. It takes place at the end of the Pentecost Divine Liturgy. The celebrant, along with the faithful, kneels three times in solemn prayer, invoking the Holy Spirit for forgiveness, renewal, and divine grace. Each kneeling is accompanied by special prayers asking the Spirit to come upon the Church and upon each person present.

This rite marks a liturgical turning point: from the triumph of Easter to the mission of the Church empowered by the Spirit. It is a reminder that while we rejoice in the Resurrection, we now humbly depend on the Spirit to lead us, guide us, and make us courageous witnesses in the world.

Pentecost resonates deeply with the Maronite Church’s history of endurance, mission, and spiritual resilience. Like the apostles, the early Maronites—rooted in the spirituality of Saint Maron—relied on the power of the Holy Spirit to spread the Gospel and preserve their faith in times of persecution and hardship. The Church’s very survival in the mountains of Lebanon and its expansion across the world is a testimony to the Spirit’s continuing guidance.

Today, Maronites are called to be Pentecost people—living in the power of the Spirit, proclaiming Christ with boldness, and bearing witness through lives of holiness, service, and unity.

The Feast of Pentecost is not merely a historical remembrance; it is an invitation to open our hearts to the Spirit. It reminds each believer that the same Spirit who descended on the apostles dwells in us through baptism and confirmation. Pentecost calls us to rekindle the fire of faith, to speak with courage, and to live in communion with one another.

As the Church sings on Pentecost, “Come, O Holy Spirit, and renew the face of the earth,” the Maronite faithful are encouraged to pray for a new outpouring of the Spirit in their lives, in their communities, and in the world. The powerful rite of kneeling renews our sense of humility and dependence on God’s Spirit. May the gifts of the Holy Spirit—wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord—be awakened anew in each of us, now and always.

By Deacon George Geagea