



Saints Peter & Paul Maronite Catholic Church

September 2024

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Weekend Mass Saturday Vigil 6:00 pm - Sunday 11:30 am

Almighty God, we exalt and venerate the Holy Cross, the instrument of our salvation. Through the Cross, you revealed your boundless love for us, and in the death and resurrection of Jesus, our Lord, you conquered sin and death.

May the Cross be our guide, our strength, and our hope. May it remind us of the depth of your love and the price you paid for our redemption.

Through the Cross, we pray for the salvation of the world, for the unity of all Christians, and for the triumph of your kingdom.

May the Cross protect us from harm, defend us from evil, and lead us to eternal life.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world.

Amen.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baptism: By appointment, one parent and one sponsor must be practicing Catholics

Confession: One hour before the Divine Liturgy. At other times by appointment.

First Holy Communion : Celebrated publicly once a year . Please contact Father Fadi to sign up for classes.

- Communion of the Sick:

Please let us know when a loved one is sick, hospitalized, or homebound.

- **Last rites:** Please let us know immediately when a loved one is gravely ill and in danger of death. Be sure to provide for the spiritual needs of your loved ones.

- **Mass intentions:** If you would like to have a Mass offered for your intentions or the intentions of a loved one, living or deceased, please contact the Pastor before two weeks at least .

The Parent of the Virgin Mary :

The parents of the Virgin Mary, Saints Joachim and Anne, are revered in the Catholic Church for their faith and devotion. According to tradition, Joachim and Anne were childless for many years, but prayed fervently for a child, and were blessed with Mary, who would become the Mother of God. Their feast day, celebrated on September 9, honors their role as the grandparents of Jesus and their dedication to raising Mary to be a virtuous and faithful servant of God. The feast day is also a celebration of the importance of family, marriage, and the intergenerational transmission of faith. In many Catholic traditions, Saints Joachim and Anne are invoked as patron saints of grandparents, parents, and families, seeking their guidance and protection in family life.



Announcements:

- Announcement 1

We invite you to join us on Sunday, September 22, as we offer a special mass for the departed souls of the Lebanese martyrs. This mass is offered by the Lebanese Forces and Kataeb in Tampa and will be followed by a special mercy meal. Please join us as we come together to honor and remember the martyrs.

- Announcement 2

First Communion 2024

Parents, please take note! The first meeting for the children of the First Communion 2024 will take place on October 6 at 10:15 AM at St. Charbel's House. Your attendance is required, so mark your calendars!

- Announcement 3

MYA Group

Calling all young adults! Our MYA group will be starting their new season on Sunday, October 6 at 6 PM. Join us for an evening of fellowship, discussion, and growth.

- Announcement 4

MYO Group

Youth, get ready! Our MYO group will be starting their new season on Saturday, October 5 at 4:30 PM at St. Charbel's House. Don't miss out on the fun and spiritual growth!

- Announcement 5

CCD Meeting

Children between the ages of 6-12, you're invited! Join us on Saturday, October 26 at 4 PM for our CCD meeting. Come and learn about your faith in a fun and engaging way!

Dear Maronite sisters in Christ,

Let us embark on a new season of spiritual growth and fellowship together! We invite you to join us on October 2nd at 7 PM at St. Charbel's House for our first gathering.

We look forward to seeing you there and sharing in the joy and love of our Maronite community.

May this new season bring us closer to each other and to our Lord.



- * September 1: Mrs. Noha Chalawit
- * September 8: Mr. Gassan & Mrs. Milia Akrouch.
- * September 15: The Parish
- * September 22: Lebanese forces and Katareb group.
- * September 29: Mr Roger and Mrs. Rita Atallah .

If you are interested to offer the coffee hour please contact Mrs. Dolly Saker: 8139922377

How they found the Holy cross of our lord Jesus?

The discovery of the Cross of Jesus Christ is attributed to Saint Helena, the mother of Emperor Constantine, in 326 AD. According to tradition, Helena traveled to Jerusalem to find the True Cross, the actual cross on which Jesus was crucified. She was aided by a local bishop, Macarius, and a Jew named Judas, who had knowledge of the location. Here's a brief summary of the story:

- Helena arrived in Jerusalem and ordered the destruction of a pagan temple built by Emperor Hadrian on the site of Jesus' crucifixion.
 - Excavations revealed three crosses, but it was unclear which one was the True Cross.
 - A miracle revealed the True Cross: a dying woman was touched to each cross, and only when she touched the True Cross was she healed.
 - Helena had a church built on the site, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, to house the True Cross.
 - A portion of the Cross was left in Jerusalem, and the rest was taken to Constantinople by Helena.
- This event is celebrated in the Catholic Church on September 14, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.



Masabki Brothers:

The Pope approved the “favorable votes of the Ordinary Session of the Cardinals and Bishops for the canonization of Blessed Emanuele Ruiz and 7 Companions, of the Order of Friars Minor, and Francesco, Abdel Mooti, and Raffaele Massabki, Lay Faithful, killed in hatred of the Faith in Damascus (Syria) between July 9 and 10, 1860.”

The Massabki Martyrs were brutally murdered thus giving their lives for Christ and the Church on July 10, 1860. The three laymen were given the choice to renounce their faith in Jesus Christ and convert to Islam, or face death. They chose Christ and were martyred along with eight Franciscans that day. On October 7, 1926, Pope Pius XI beatified the three brothers. We continue to pray for their canonization.

These martyr-brothers are the patron saints for the Maronite laity in the United States. Their intercession will be a mighty fortress for our people as they are raised to the altars of the wider Church.

Their feast day is July 10.

O Massabki Martyrs, intercede for us!



*You're
Invited!*



Join us for a special Mass on
Saturday, September 14 at 7PM,
celebrating
the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

Immediately following the Mass,
we'll gather for a "Meet and Greet"
dinner to welcome new parishioners
and kick off our new year together!

We look forward to seeing you all !
The event is free

You are Invited to attend the Canonization of The Blessed Massabki Brothers

Pilgrimage

*With Mary
Sing Alleluia
to the Lord*

October 15 - 22, 2024



attend the
canonization of
**The Blessed
Massabki
Brothers**

Tour Includes
Rome • Vatican City
San Giovanni • Assisi

Package Includes
International full coverage insurance,
2-person room, bus transportation,
monument entrance fees, hotel breakfast

Package Price: \$1900 / person
(airfare not included)

Limited seats available. Register by 8/31/2024

**For more information,
contact Fr. Antoine Kairouz
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724-732-4064**



This trip is hosted by the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn.

July 2024 Financial Standing Position

Ordinary Income:

- Collections on the Weekend, Holy Days and ACH, Church Stipends from Marriages, Funerals and Baptism, Candles, Coffee Hour, Raffles, Dues, Checks... : \$6,363.50

Extraordinary Income:

- Donations & Catholic Home Mission Eparchy Grant : \$14,605.00

Total Ordinary Revenue: \$20,968.50

Ordinary Expenses:

- Electricity, Water, Bookkeeping, Medical Insurance, Assessment, Retirement, Rent, Internet, Phone, Alarm, Waste Management, Eparchy Appeal, Cleaning, Maintenance (Landscaping, AC, Pest...)Charity, Church Supplies, Salary and Activity expenses for CCD, MYO and MYA : \$20,730.23

Extraordinary Expenditures: 3,610.00

- New Rectory (9509 Charlston) Repairs, Material & Labor
-NAM Conference

Total Ordinary Expenses : \$24,340.23

Total Ordinary Income vs Expenses: -\$3,371.73

Total in Saving: \$44,965.02

Total in Checking \$60,428.38

Money Market: \$11,233.88

Thank you for your contribution in helping maintain the Church. May God bless you and your families.

Father Fadi Rouhana

Lebanese Food Festival

We are excited to announce that our Lebanese Food Festival is just around the corner, taking place on November 8-10, 2024, at Saints Peter and Paul Maronite Catholic Church, located at 6201 Sheldon Rd., Tampa, FL.

We invite you to be a part of this joyous celebration by considering sponsorship opportunities: For \$500, you can have a banner displayed in our festival area, promoting your business or organization. Alternatively, for \$1,000, you can reserve a booth to showcase your products and services, while also advertising your brand.

If you prefer to remain anonymous, you can still support our festival through a donation. Your contribution will help us share our culture, traditions, and love for the church with the community.

For more information, please contact Mr. Jean Maroun at +1 (813) 505-5085.

God bless, and we look forward to seeing you at the festival!

Save the Date !

STS. PETER AND PAUL

11th annual

**LEBANESE
FOOD FESTIVAL
OF TAMPA**

**NOVEMBER
8th, 9th, 10th**

**Lebanese Cuisine, Live Entertainment
Games, Kids Zone, Dance Groups, Vendors**

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