

# Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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## Ninth Week of Pentecost

### **Prophet Elijah Prayer**

Send us as prophets to herald your Gospel.  
Allow us to rise to you in paradise.  
Those who met your son Jesus saw in him  
the spirit of Elijah.  
May Elijah lead us to your Son.  
We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

### **St. Charbel Prayer**

Lord Jesus, you inspired the Saint, Monk  
and Hermit Charbel to live and die in your  
path and you gave him the strength to detach  
himself from the world. We implore Thee  
to bestow upon us the grace to love Thee  
and serve Thee following his example.

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## **Feast of St. Charbel: July 23rd**

On July 24, the Catholic Church celebrates the life of St. Charbel Makhlouf, a Maronite Catholic priest, monk, and hermit who is known for working miracles both during his life and after his death. On the occasion of his beatification in 1965, the Eastern Catholic hermit was described by Pope Paul VI as “a new, eminent member of monastic sanctity,” who “through his example and his intercession is enriching the entire Christian people.” Born into humble circumstances in Lebanon during 1828, Youssef Antoun Makhlouf was the youngest of Antoun Zaarour Makhlouf and Brigitta Elias al-Shediyaq's five children. Antoun, who had been taken away from the family and forced into hard labor, died when his youngest son was only three. Youssef studied at the parish school and tended to his family's cow. Engaged in prayer and solitude from a early age, he spent a great deal of time outdoors in the fields and pastures near his village, contemplating God amid the inspiring views of Lebanon's valleys and mountains.

His uncle and guardian Tanious wanted the boy to continue working with him, while his mother wanted him to marry a young woman. Youssef had other plans, however, and left home in 1851 without informing anyone. Youssef would become “Brother Charbel,” after making a pilgrimage on foot to his new monastic home. In this, he followed the example of his maternal uncles, who were already living as solitary monks at the Hermitage of Saint Paul in the Qadisha Valley. Charbel took his monastic vows in November of 1853, during a solemn ceremony which was closed to the public and off-limits even to his family. He subsequently studied for the priesthood and was ordained, returning to the Monastery of St. Maron. The priest-monk lived and served in the monastery for 19 years, showing great devotion to the life of prayer, manual work, and contemplative silence.

Charbel's superiors observed God's “supernatural power” at work in his life, and he became known as a wonder-worker even among some Muslims. In 1875, he was granted permission to live as a solitary monk in a nearby hermitage dedicated to Saints Peter and Paul. Rigorous asceticism, and a profound union with God, continued to characterize the monk's life for the next 23 years. Deeply devoted to God's Eucharistic presence, he suffered a stroke while celebrating the Divine Liturgy of the Maronite Catholic Church on December 16, 1898. He died on Christmas Eve of that year. St Charbel's tomb has been a site for pilgrimages since his death. Hundreds of miracles are believed to have occurred through his intercession with God, both in Lebanon and around the world. He was canonized in 1977 by Pope Paul VI, who had earlier hailed the Lebanese Maronite saint as an “admirable flower of sanctity blooming on the stem of the ancient monastic traditions of the East.”

Source: [www.catholicnewsagency.com](http://www.catholicnewsagency.com)

## **Elijah the Prophet: July 20th**

O Prophet and foreseer of the great works of God, O greatly renowned Elias (Elijah), who by your word held back the clouds of rain, intercede for us to the only Loving One.

### **This Week's Mass Intentions**

Tuesday, 7/20: Sunny & Alphonsine Ugochukwu & Family,  
Raul & Ines Cifuentes

Wednesday, 7/21: Amechi & Rose Onoh, Leonel Terrazas

Thursday, 7/22: Diana Ugochukwu, Raul & Ines Cifuentes

Friday, 7/23: No Mass Intentions

Saturday, 7/24: †Tony Cucinotta; †James & Rosadel Fanning

Sunday, 7/25: Precious Nwaiwu

### **Daily Scripture Readings July 18th through July 24th**

Sunday, 7/18:	2Cor 5:20-6:10	Lk 4:14-21
Monday, 7/19:	Acts 18:18-28	Lk 11:33-36
Tuesday, 7/20:	Acts 19:1-10	Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday, 7/21:	Acts 19:11-22	Lk 11:42-46
Thursday, 7/22:	Acts 19:23-40	Lk 11:47-51
Friday, 7/23:	Rom 8:28-39	Mt 13:36-43
Saturday, 7/24:	Acts 20:17-35	Mt 23:1-12

### ***PRAYER ST. CHARBEL***

Lord, infinitely Holy and Glorified in Your Saints, You have inspired Charbel, the saint monk, to lead the perfect life of a hermit.

We thank You for granting him the blessing and the strength to detach himself from the world so that the heroism of the monastic virtues of poverty, obedience, and chastity, could triumph in his hermitage.

We beseech You to grant us the grace of loving and serving You, following his example.

Almighty God, Who has manifested the power of St. Charbel's intercession through his countless miracles and favors, grant us...through his intercession. Amen.

### Religious Education Update

Since we are not having the festival this year, we will start our religious education courses early. You can find the registration form on our parish website underneath the 'Ministries' tab and on the front page. Please call the church office for any questions.

### Reverence in Our Chapel

When you are visiting Our Lord in the chapel of our parish, we ask that you refrain from talking to others. Your focus should be on Christ in the Eucharist. The chapel is not a "coffee shop." If you would like to talk to someone, please talk to him/her outside. Thank you.

### Weekly Emails

Our parish publishes weekly emails on Friday. If you are not receiving these emails, we may not be using your correct email. If you would like to receive these emails or are not receiving them when you should be, please email the church office at [LadyofL719@gmail.com](mailto:LadyofL719@gmail.com).

### The Holy Father's Intentions for July

We pray that, in social, economic, and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

### St. Joseph Image

This week the St. Joseph image is going to the Cunningham family.

### Confessions

You are encouraged to approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Catholics must go to Confession at least once a year and as often as they need it in order to cleanse themselves of sins and be in a state of grace. Fr. Assaad holds confessions every Saturday from 3:30pm—5:00pm in the sacristy. The line is formed on the benches in the hallway.

### Online Giving

Please remember that you can support our parish through an online donation. This method is secure. To give online, visit our parish website, and click on the 'Needy Families Fund/Online Donations' tab beneath the 'Online Giving' header. May God reward your generosity.

### Weekly Collections

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Cash	\$771
Loose Checks	\$1,380
Envelope Checks	\$2,015
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,166</b>

Thank you for your support of the House of the Lord!

### Modesty

Modesty is an attitude of propriety and decency in dress, grooming, language, and behavior. If we are modest, we do not draw undue attention to ourselves. Instead, we seek to "glorify God in our body, and in our spirit."



### FROM THE CATHOLIC JOKE DICTIONARY

Justice:

When kids have kids of their own.

### Requesting a Mass Intention

Masses are offered for the living or departed as a means of mercy to their souls. Masses are either scheduled on the date you request or on the nearest date that is open. Please schedule your Mass intentions by contacting Michael in the Church Office at 972.436.7617 or [LadyofL719@gmail.com](mailto:LadyofL719@gmail.com).

### Reverence for the Eucharist

Many Catholics attending Mass today receive Our Lord in the Eucharist and do not even think about what they are doing. Statistics ([pewresearch.org](http://pewresearch.org)) show that only about 1/3 of Catholics believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, and a good majority of Catholics do not agree with some of Mother Church's teachings. Heresy!

Please respect Our Lord in the Eucharist. Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and pray before and after receiving Him. By consuming Our Lord, you are publicly saying that you agree with everything that the Catholic Church teaches. If you do not agree with all of the Church's teachings, even if you disagree with only one teaching, you should not receive Holy Communion.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. Please pass this information on to your family and friends.

### Community Rosaries:

Tuesday—Friday: 8:30 AM (Sanctuary)

Saturday: 5:00 PM (Sanctuary)

Sunday: 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM (Sanctuary)



### Respect Life Rosaries:

Respect Life Rosaries are held on the third weekend of each month prior to the Sunday 8:30 AM Mass.

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