

Saint Naamtallah Hardini Catholic Church

The greatest is he that can save his soul



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This Sunday:

Second Sunday after Epiphany

The readings for this week:

Old Testament; Jer 1:4-10

Epistle; 2 Cor 4:5-15

Gospel; Jn 1:35-42

Mass Schedule

- Mass is every Sunday 10:30 AM
- Confession available before and after Mass
- **Mass Intentions:** Inaam Hijazi

The Holy Rosary-Tuesday Night

- **Zoom Info:**
 - **Time:** 06:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)
 - Every week on Tuesday evening.
 - **Join Zoom Meeting:**
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82618430907?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82618430907?pwd=K0cvNmJVVUzY3dyQVJvTDZmcExUUT09)
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 - **Meeting ID:** 826 1843 0907
 - **Pass code:** 489447

Collection

- Last Sunday : \$463
- On line donation : \$100



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Reflection

In what ways did popes embrace their surrounding culture and in what ways did they reject it?

The popes embraced the surrounding culture because they used the language of the empire. For example, they divided the Churches up into dioceses, which was the same division that was used in the empire. Also, using the new Vulgate Latin Bible, the Pope's described their authority "to bind and loose" using Latin legal terminology. When appeals are made in court cases in the Church, the courts are organized according to provinces of various bishops grouped together. The final appeal, however, goes to Julius, the Pope.

One thing that popes rejected, however, is the idea that their authority came from the fact that they ruled in Rome. When Constantinople tried to make itself the second most important see, because it was located in "New Rome", the Pope rejected this reasoning. The Pope is the vicar of Christ and the successor of Peter, not the new Emperor of Rome.

Giving Tuesday Letter

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

I pray this finds you and your loved ones doing well, especially with the coming holiday season.

This year, our parish will participate in #GivingTuesday which will be celebrated from now until the end of the year. #Giving Tuesday is the single largest giving movement in the world which focuses on the ideals of generosity and collective action. During the Thanksgiving holiday, we focus on family gatherings with our loved ones and friends as well as shopping on Black Friday and Cyber Monday. #GivingTuesday is a time when we can focus on helping others including your parish community and the less fortunate in an act of gratitude to the almighty God.

#GivingTuesday is meant to inspire each and every one of us to take action in a way that benefits the community and humanity at large. Together, as a Parish, we are able to do this through our different ministries and programs including retreats, MYA, MYO and other activities. Your funding is critical to ensure we can continue our efforts and your support of #GivingTuesday will be of great help.

As you know, our Church has many extensive programs that assist our children, youth, and young adults through our Religious Education programs, the MYO, and the MYA along with our Family Ministry. We also need your support to keep the Church operating to serve you better. We continue to help with various calls for assistance including charity for the less fortunate in the community and for the Middle East and our beloved homeland of Lebanon. Every donation will count to help us continue our ministry of mercy and our community efforts.

Pray, reflect, and consider making a donation of any size to Saint Naamtallah Hardini Church on #GivingTuesday. Choose a quote that speaks to you.

To donate please visit www.sthardini-seattle.com or call Fr. Tony Sharbet 206-941-1122.

We are sincerely thankful for your consideration of this request and your support of our parish community. We look forward to a successful #GivingTuesday this year.

May our merciful and loving God guide and bless you all the days of your life.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Abouna Tony Sharbel

Mass Schedule 2026

Saint Hardini - Maronite Mass Schedules

Sunday's Mass 10:30 AM

January 1st	11:00 AM	New Year
January 6th	7:00 PM	Epiphany
January 22nd	7:00 pm	St. Sharbel
February 6th	12:00pm	First Friday
February 9th	7:00 PM	St. Maron
February 16th	7:00pm	Ash Monday
February 20th	7:00 pm	Station of the Cross
February 27th	7:00 PM	Station of the Cross
March 6th	6:00 PM	Station of the Cross & First Friday
March 13th	7:00 PM	Station of the Cross
March 20th	7:00 PM	Station of the Cross
March 27th	7:00 PM	Station of the Cross
March 30th	7:00 PM	Holy Week
March 31st	7:00 PM	Holy Week
April 1st	7:00 PM	Holy Week
April 2nd	7:00 PM	Holy Thursday
April 3rd	7:00 PM	Great Friday
April 4th	6:00 PM	Easter Vigil Mass
April 22nd	7:00 PM	St. Sharbel
May 1st	12:00pm	First Friday
May 14th	7:00 PM	The Ascension
May 22nd	7: 00PM	St. Sharbel
June 5th	12:00 PM	First Friday
June 22nd	7:00 PM	St. Sharbel
July 3rd	12:00 PM	First Friday
July 23rd	7:00pm	St. Sharbel
August 7th	12:00 PM	First Friday
September 4th	12:00 PM	First Friday
September 22nd	7:00 PM	St. Sharbel
October 3rd	12:00 PM	First Friday
October 22nd	7:00 PM	St. Sharbel
November 6th	12:00 PM	First Friday
December 4th	12:00 PM	First Friday
December 8th	7:00 PM	The Immaculate Conception
December 14th	7:00 PM	St. Naamtallah
December 24th	4:00 PM	Vigil of the Glorious Bith
December 25th	10:30 AM	Christmas

Upcoming Event



Registration and more info are available at
www.maroniteyouth.org

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If you are interested in becoming a Priest or Religious Sister, contact Vocations Director, Chorbishop Donald J. Sawyer, D. Min at (512) 458 3693 or frdsawyer@outlook.com

Virtual Men's Maronite Discernment Group

Have you ever found yourself wondering, "What's my purpose in life? Which direction should I take?" You are not alone.

Your path is waiting. Are you ready to take the first step? Join men from across the country for an incredible journey of discernment, community and prayer.

Scan the QR Code to Register!

If you feel called to the priesthood, this is your chance to explore God's plan for you.

Don't delay- Join today and take the next step toward discovering the life you're meant to live

When: Twice a Month
Where: ZOOM

For any inquiries, email Chorbishop Don J. Sawyer D. Min. frdsawyer@outlook.com

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Pope Leo loves the Eastern rite churches, and how esteems the Liturgy.
<https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2025/05/14/250514a.html>

The twelve mortal sins by Pope Leo:
https://youtu.be/lRGp3F_e28c?si=XePlrqh4rD7DE34P

Petition Link: <https://chng.it/njbTTJ8Mch>
<https://youtu.be/y8oJB5epw8>

Lenten Appeal & Vocation

BISHOP'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

As we approach the Lenten season, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support of our cherished Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles. These times present us with numerous challenges, both locally and internationally, and yet your commitment remains steadfast.

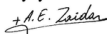
Lent offers us a unique opportunity to deepen our spiritual lives through prayer, fasting, and acts of kindness. It invites us to reflect on the countless blessings bestowed upon us and encourages us to extend our hands to those who are in need.

This Lent, I reach out to you for your assistance in addressing our most pressing needs:

- Education and Formation for our Seminarians
- Support for Missions and Parishes
- Development of Ministries for our Children, Youth, and Young Adults
- Charitable Aid for our brothers and sisters both here in the USA and in Lebanon, Syria, and across the Middle East

The Annual Appeal details these urgent needs, as outlined in the enclosed brochure. Your generous contributions and prayers are invaluable and deeply appreciated. On behalf of those who will benefit from your kindness, I want to personally thank you for your thoughtful consideration and support.

Prayerfully yours in Christ,



+A. Elias Zaidan

Bishop of the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles



A Light To Our Maronite Church

The Maronite Servants of Christ the Light are a congregation of consecrated religious serving the Church in the parish as spiritual mothers in imitation of

Mary, radiating the Light of Christ in their life of contemplative prayer, asceticism, and apostolic mission to children, youth, young adults, families, the sick, dying, and grieving... We serve alongside the priest in pastoral ministry reaching out with a maternal touch to the many needs of the parish family.

"I am the servant of the Lord. Let it be done to me according to Your word."

Luke 1:38



Cedars of St. Naamtallah Youth Catechesis and MYA Schedule



Attention young people ages 12-17 come check out our new youth group, **The Cedars of St. Naamtallah!**

Who: Anyone ages 12 to 17 interested in building friendships, participating in important and relevant discussions and having fun!

Facilitated by Gennifer Karam and assisted by parent volunteers. Please contact Abouna Tony or Gennifer directly to register.

What: The Cedars of St. Naamtallah is a group of young people seeking to better understand the love of Jesus and His calling to be disciples. **The Cedars meet once a month** for which teach us about our identity as followers of Christ, **our mission as young Maronite Christians, and where to find the answers to the questions we have in our hearts regarding faith, life, decision making, and more.** The vision for this group also includes creating a subgroup, the MYO (The Maronite Youth Organization), which will focus on service to the church and social activities for ages 12-17.

Where/When: Cedars Youth sessions are held once a month (usually) on a Sunday. After Sunday liturgy, youth are to take 15 minutes downstairs to have a bite to eat before they are invited to the St. Naamtallah Rectory upstairs for fun and discussion. All meetings will be announced ahead of time through email and church announcements.

SAVE THE DATES:

Cedars of St. Naamtallah Youth Catechesis 2025-2026 Tentative Schedule

Theme for the Year: How to defend the faith in various instances, with personal testimonies from real people.

- January 25 – How to answer Protestants and non-denominationalists
- February 22 – Defending the real presence in the Most Holy Eucharist
- March 22 – non-Christian religions of the East, Mormonism, JW's, new agers, etc.
- April 26 – Guest Speaker TBA followed by open forum Q & A
- May 31 – Defending Mary, the Mother of God

MYA Maronite Young Adults

...A local chapter of a **national organization** consisting of Maronite Catholics who intentionally live the teaching of the Catholic Church and embrace Jesus in their daily lives. By their service, social, and spiritual activities, they seek to live the Gospel values of mercy and compassion and grow in their relationship with Jesus and one another.

SAVE THE DATES:

St. Naamtallah MYA (Maronite Young Adults)

2025-2026 Tentative Schedule

Themes of Discussion for this Year: Apologetics, The Sacraments (The Mysteries), and Discernment of Spirits, and more.... to be announced month by month. See full schedule below!

January 25

February 22

March 22

April 26

May 31

June Meeting TBA

Jubilee Year Letter

Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles

December 31, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings and Peace!

His Holiness, Pope Francis, has opened the Jubilee Year on Christmas Eve at St. Peter's Basilica. Since then, all of the dioceses around the world have embarked on a spiritual journey calling the faithful to heed the call of the Holy Father to become "Pilgrims of Hope." The Jubilee Year is a time of grace, mercy, and renewal. It is a time to open wide the doors of our hearts to Christ, to draw closer to him in every way, and to let the Holy Spirit transform us into faithful disciples.



In our Eparchy, to enhance our spiritual journey during this Jubilee year, I am pleased to designate the following Churches as pilgrimage sites:

- Our Lady of Mt. Lebanon-St. Peter Cathedral in Los Angeles, CA
- St. Raymond Cathedral in St. Louis, MO
- The Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon in North Jackson, OH
- St. Maron Church in Detroit, MI, the first Maronite Cathedral in the U.S.
- St. Maron Church in Minneapolis, MN, the oldest Church in our Eparchy
- St. George Church in San Antonio, TX, celebrating its 100-year anniversary in 2025
- St. Sharbel Church in Portland, OR, the first Church dedicated to St. Sharbel in our Eparchy

To live the Holy Year fully and fruitfully, the faithful are encouraged to embrace the following:

1. Prayer: Personal and communal, frequent participation in the Holy Eucharist, and Mystery of Reconciliation
2. Pilgrimage and Indulgences: Visit a pilgrimage site, meet the requirements for plenary indulgence (<https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2024/05/13/240513f.html>) and prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father.
3. Acts of Charity and Mercy: Practice other corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

In preparation for this Jubilee Year, I encourage each of you to take part in the events and activities scheduled throughout our communities. Let us gather in prayer, reflection, and service as we journey together in faith.

I want you to mark your calendars for the following days and follow us on the different social media outlets:

- January 5: Opening of the Jubilee Year from our Cathedral in Los Angeles (Divine Liturgy at 11:00 a.m. PST).
- January 7: Talk about the Jubilee Year from St. Jude Church in West Covina at 7:00 p.m. PST.
- March 28: The Holy Father has asked us to offer "24 Hours for the Lord" in Eucharistic Adoration.

More events will be announced during the year either at the local or Eparchial levels.

Please visit the following sites for more information:

Vatican Jubilee Year 2025 website; <https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en.html>

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Jubilee Year 2025 website:

<https://www.usccb.org/committees/jubilee-2025>

May this coming Jubilee Year be a time of profound personal and communal transformation for all of us. Let us open our hearts to God's grace and allow it to guide us on our spiritual journey.

With sincere best wishes and prayers, I remain

Yours in Christ,

+A. Elias Zaidan

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