

Saint Naamtallah Hardini Catholic Church

The greatest is he that can save his soul



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February 8, 2026



This Sunday:

Sunday of the Faithful Departed

The readings for this week:

Old Testament; Ezek 37:1-10

Epistle; 1 Thes 5:1-11

Gospel; Lk 16:19-31

Mass Schedule

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

Collection

- Last Sunday : \$652
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Reflection

The Middle Ages were a time of big change in the Church and in the world. Two of the most important changes which happened were the coming of the mendicants and the development of scholasticism. Both of them built upon the spirituality and learning of the monasteries, but also changed many things as well.

During the 12th century, there was a renaissance of learning in the Church and in Europe. One of the big causes for this was the rediscovery of the philosophy of Aristotle through the Arabic translations that Muslims had made. These were discovered especially in Spain and Italy, which had a lot of contact with the Muslim world. Another major cause for this transformation was the establishment of Cathedral schools. Prior to this time, almost all learning was done in the monasteries. However, now these new schools were opened up, and they were meant to teach not only monks and priests, but also courtiers who worked in the king's court. Both students and professors were in guilds.

The style of teaching in these cathedral schools was very different from what was in the monasteries. In the monasteries, the emphasis was on personal prayer with the scriptures, and growth in holiness through learning. The two words that monks used were *affectus* and *humilitas*, which meant that the scriptures were supposed to affect the person and help them to grow in humility. *Scientia*, or knowledge, was not something that a person should pursue for its own sake. St. Bernard of Clairvaux, the great monastic reformer, had a saying that the monk should be “learnedly ignorant and wisely unlearned”. This means that, even if a person studies, he should always know his limits.

The style of teaching in the new schools put a new focus on knowledge in itself. Peter Abelard, a famous scholastic, wrote a book called *sic et non*, which means “yes and no”. He said, “by doubting, we come to inquiry, through inquiry we gain truth”. This shows the aggressive quality of scholasticism to come to the truth. This method critiqued the old monastic method as being too soft and passive about coming to the truth. This new method had five steps that it followed. First, there is the question which needs to be answered. Then, arguments are made in favor of one answer to the question. Then, after that, arguments are raised in the opposite direction. After this, the author gives his own answer to the question, which may be a combination of the two previous two solutions. Finally, the author answers any arguments against his position.

Actually, even though these scholastic theologians are much more technical than the monks before them, they are not against the spiritual approach of the monks. Love and pastoral care are central to doing scholastic theology well. A good example of this is Ivo of Chartres, who compared many different sources on Canon Law in order to understand them better. In his prologue, Ivo says that everything should be studied in order to better serve and love the people of God. In other words, true scholastic study must have a pastoral heart, or it is not true to its real purpose. Knowledge and love must go together.

The most famous scholastic theologian was St. Thomas Aquinas, who lived from 1225-1274. His most famous work is the *Summa Theologica*. It is called a complete theology, because it covers all of theology's main topics, point by point, from beginning to end. Another very famous scholastic theologian is St. Bonaventure, who focused on the love of God and on bringing together Plato with the Christian faith.

Both Aquinas and Bonaventure were members of another new group in the Middle Ages, the mendicants. Like scholasticism, the mendicants also had a lot of inspiration from monasticism, but also changed many of the practices of the monks. One of the chief characteristics of the mendicants is that they focused on poverty, in imitation of Christ. This renewal of poverty had already begun with monks and in particular with Cistercians, who were led by St. Bernard of Clairvaux. These monks had wanted to go back to the original rule of St. Benedict, and thought that monks in the middle ages had become too rich and ornate. Under St. Francis, however, his followers lived their poverty amongst the real poor who lived in the cities and towns and countryside. They did not stay behind the cloister wall, like monks.

According to Bellitto, there are four key characteristics of St. Francis' spirituality. The first is that it is evangelical. Francis wanted his men to live like Jesus Christ lived, and part of this meant being poor, going from place to place and preaching the good news to people everywhere. The second is that it is ecclesial. In Francis' day, there were other spiritual leaders who practiced extreme poverty and preached everywhere. However, these men were heretics who rejected Church authority. Francis, on the other hand, was a loyal son of the Church. This is why, even though he did not feel worthy, Francis agreed to be ordained a deacon, because in the Church at that time, only deacons and priests could preach publicly to the people. The third characteristic of his spirituality is poverty. Francis placed a great emphasis on being poor as a means of being like Jesus Christ. However, this also caused a lot of fighting among his followers, because they didn't know exactly how poor they should be. The last characteristic of St. Francis' spirituality is that it is incarnational. All of creation sings a hymn of praise to God.

Another great mendicant who lived at the same time as Francis, was Dominic. He also formed a community that moved from town to town, and which took a vow of poverty. Unlike Francis, however, Dominic specifically wanted his followers to be educated. The reason for this is because they needed to combat the heresy of the Albigensians. They had a saying, which summed up their approach to spiritual life: *contemplata aliis tradere*. This means sharing with other people what you have contemplated. This requires great prayer and holiness, but it also requires study and learning in order to share it correctly. Unlike Francis, who was not very good at writing a rule, Dominic was skilled at organizing his Dominicans. He had each priory elect its own superior, rather than have him be chosen from above.

Mass & Event 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

ST. NAAMTALLAH HARDINI EVENT CALENDAR

14-21 SAT-SAT Maamoul Orders
MARCH

29 SUN Palm Sunday Breakfast / Egg Hunt
MARCH

12 SUN First Holy Communion
APRIL

9 SAT Mother's Day Banquet
MAY

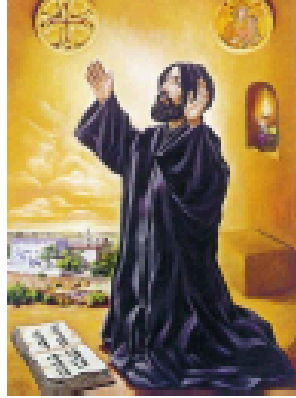
21 SUN Father's Day Picnic
JUNE

30 SUN Summer Food Festival
AUGUST

12 SAT St. Hardini Feast Day Party
DECEMBER

20 SUN Breakfast with Santa
DECEMBER

Saint Naamtallah Prayer



Saint Naamtallah, man of God, monk, priest, teacher, worker, servant, and Prior who lived heroically according to the evangelical counsels of obedience, chastity, and poverty. You made the mystery of the Eucharist the center of your daily life and taught your disciples and brothers the theological virtues of faith, hope, and charity. You managed with responsibility and humility the ministries entrusted to you by the Church, and you worked silently and diligently. You served people and souls with joy and selflessness.

We implore you to intercede for us with the Holy Trinity, that He may grant us to be guided by your example, to follow in your footsteps, and to strive as you did, and to attain the same holiness and union with our Lord Jesus Christ. May we listen, like you, to the inspirations of the Holy Spirit, and love, as you did, the Virgin Mary, the Mother of God and our Mother, and glorify with you God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit forever. Amen.

ايها القديس نعمة الله، الراهب، وكاهن، المعلم وامدبر، العامل والخدام، با من عشت بطولة المشورات الانجيلية، الطاعة والعفة والفقر، وجعلت محور حياتك اليومية سر الافخارستيا، وعلمت تلاميذك واخوتك الفضائل الالهية، اليمان والرجاء والمحبة، ودبرت بمسؤولية وتواضع ما اسندت اليك الكنيسة من خدم، وعملت بصمت وجدية، وخدمت الناس والنفوس نسالك ان تشفع لنا لدى القالوت القدوس فيمنحنا ان نهتدي بفرح ومجانية وتبلغ ما بلغتمن قداسة واتحادبرينا ونسعى مسعاك ونقتفي خطاك بيمتلك ونصغي نظيرك الى الهامات الروح القدوس ونحب مثلك يسوع المسيح العزراء مريم ام الله امنا ونمجد معك الله الاب والابن والروح القدوس الى الابد
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PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE OF FATIMA PARISH VISITATION

The National Pilgrim Statue
of Our Lady of Fatima will be
visiting our parish family on
Thursday, February 12th:

- **Our Lady of Sorrows**
9am-12pm (Mass, communal
prayer, consecration to Mary and
personal prayer)
- **Mary, Queen of Peace**
7-8:40pm (Adoration, communal
prayer, consecration to Mary, and
personal prayer)

All are welcome to join us for this
special opportunity to pray with our
Blessed Mother.

For more information visit the
individual parish websites.

See full tour schedule at:
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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/IRGP3F_e28c?si=XePlrqh4rDTDE34P

Petition Link: <https://chng.it/njbtTJ8Mch>

<https://youtu.be/y8oJB5eqh8c>

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.

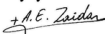
Lent offers us a unique opportunity to deepen our spiritual lives through prayer, fasting, and acts of kindness. It invites us to reflect on the countless blessings bestowed upon us and encourages us to extend our hands to those who are in need.

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

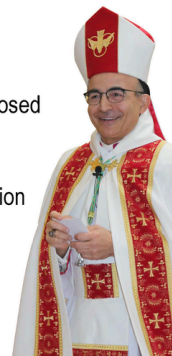
The Annual Appeal details these urgent needs, as outlined in the enclosed brochure. Your generous contributions and prayers are invaluable and deeply appreciated. On behalf of those who will benefit from your kindness, I want to personally thank you for your thoughtful consideration and support.

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.

- 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!

February 22

March 22

April 26

May 31

June Meeting TBA

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