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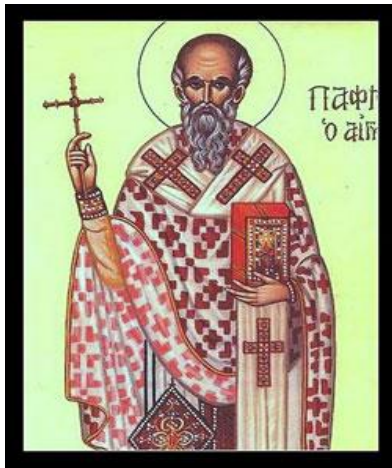


## Maronite Catholic Church

September 23-24, 2023

### SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY CROSS

#### FEAST OF SAINT PAPHNUTIUS



The holy confessor Paphnutius was an Egyptian who, after having spent several years in the desert under the direction of the great St. Antony, was made bishop in the Upper Thebaid. He was one of those confessors who under the Emperor Maximinus lost the right eye, were hamstrung in one leg, and were afterwards sent to work in the mines. Peace being restored to the Church, Paphnutius returned to his flock, bearing all the rest of his life the glorious marks of his sufferings for the name of his Crucified Master. He was one of the most zealous in defending the Catholic faith against the Arian heresy and for his holiness. As one who had confessed the Faith before persecutors and under torments, he was an outstanding figure of the first General Council of the Church, held at Nicaea in the year 325. Paphnutius, a man who had observed the strictest continence all his life, is said to have distinguished himself at the Council by his opposition to clerical celibacy. Paphnutius said that it was

enough to conform to the ancient tradition of the Church, which forbade the clergy marrying after their ordination. To this day it is the law of the Eastern Churches, whether Catholic or dissident, that married men may receive all Holy Orders below the episcopate, and continue to live freely with their wives. St. Paphnutius is sometimes called "the Great" to distinguish him from other saints of the same name; the year of his death is not known. His feast day is September 25 in the Maronite calendar.

#### ARABIC CLASSES TO BEGIN IN OCTOBER

I am happy to inform our community that we will begin Arabic classes for beginners in October. This class will include writing, reading, and speaking the Arabic language. These classes will be split into two groups: one for children and one for adults. Please contact the office for registration forms.

Classes will be held once a week for adults and for the youth. Classes will be held on the following days:

**Adult classes will be held on Tuesdays from 6:30-7:45 PM.**

**Youth classes will be held on Thursdays from 6:30-7:45 PM.**

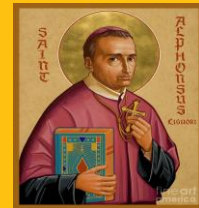
We are looking forward to beginning the classes in October. The starting date will be announced soon. Thank you for your support.

(Arabic classes are open to all parishioners. To help with the cost of materials and books, there will be a \$50.00 registration fee for the year. If this is a hardship for anyone, please contact Fr. Vincent privately. I do not want this to be a hinderance for anyone who would like to learn Arabic.)

#### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"The more a person loves God, the more reason he has to hope in Him. This hope produces in the Saints an unutterable peace, which they preserve even in adversity, because as they love God, and know how beautiful He is to those who love Him, they place all their confidence and find all their repose in Him alone."*

*Saint Alphonsus Liguori*



#### FAMILY PICTURES FOR DEDICATION PROGRAM

As we move closer to completion of the new Church construction, Bishop Gregory has set aside December 8-10, for the dedication of the new Church and Church grounds. That weekend will be filled with many activities and functions, including a Commemorative Church Dedication Program.

Along with many pages of the history of OLOP, it will also include family pictures for each family in the parish. I am asking each of you to please email me a very good quality picture of you and your family to include in this program book. We need to have these pictures by Friday, November 3, 2023. I am hoping that every family will send a picture for this special booklet. Should you have any questions, please contact me at the office.

**Fr. Vincent Farhat, Pastor | Rev. Mr. Jean Mattar, Deacon**

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**OFFICE HOURS:** The Church office will be open Monday through Thursday from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm.

## 2023 FESTIVAL FINANCIALS

Mabrook! I would like to take this time to thank all our volunteers, from near and far, who worked so hard to make this year's festival a wonderful event. Every year gets better and considering all that is going on within our community, I am even more grateful for your dedication and hard work. I also thank all our sponsors and benefactors for their support by helping with much needed equipment and food donations.

Below is a breakdown of expenses and income. May we continue to build upon our successes financially, spiritually, and communally, for a brighter future for OLOP. God bless all of you.

## 2023 CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The Christmas Bazaar is now underway for planning. This year our bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 11, from 10AM- 6PM, and Sunday, November 12, from 10AM- 3PM. Baked Kibbee presale is now available online or by using the order forms. **The kibbee trays are \$35.00 each. All presale orders for kibbee must be in the office by Sunday, October 22, 2023,** so that we can prepare accordingly. You may order online, or contact:

**Smitty Cabral (508-961-8599), Hiba Chdid (508-617-3888), or the Church office (508-996-8934).**

If anyone would like to donate Holiday raffle baskets, items for the Caravan Auction, or monetary donations for the food, we would certainly appreciate this. More details will follow next week. Please mark your calendars and join us for this beautiful celebration.

## MYO REGIONAL RETREAT 2023

MYO members are encouraged to attend this regional MYO Retreat in Whiting, NJ, October 27-29. Any member who would like to go, please contact Fr. Vince at 508-996-8934. This will be a beautiful gathering and to meet other MYO members from our region. God bless our youth.

## LECTORS FOR SEPTEMBER

**Saturday, September 23,**

Rachael Higgins

Intercessions: Anna & Helen Higgins

**Sunday, September 24,**

Rana Choubah / Hiba Chdid

**Saturday, September 30,**

Smitty Cabral

Intercessions: Eric Tavares

### Festival Income:

Saj	\$ 3,384.00
Marketplace	\$ 583.00
Basket Raffles	\$ 2,861.00
Bar Sales	\$ 7,049.00
Festival Desserts	\$ 3,691.00
Food Sales	\$ 15,684.00
Hooka Sales	\$ 1,410.00
Raffle Sales	\$ 2,885.00
Festival Sponsors	\$ 11,350.00
Equipment Donations	\$ 6,005.00
Festival Donations	\$ 5,300.00

Totals: \$ 60,202.00

### Total Profit:

\$ 30,132.11

### Festival Expenses:

Permits	\$ 300.00
Cleaning Expense	\$ 1,000.00
Gift Shop	\$ 500.00
Bar Supplies	\$ 667.60
Dessert Costs	\$ 280.39
Food Expense	\$ 4,644.46
Hooka Expense	\$ 394.00
Raffle Expense	\$ 1,700.00
Security/Police	\$ 2,471.75
Print/Advertising	\$ 1,813.66
Entertainment	\$ 5,800.00
Tent/Tables Rental	\$ 9,629.00
Credit Card Fees	\$ 217.03
Equipment/Supplies	\$ 652.00

\$ 30,069.99

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## ANNUAL LEBANESE HOLIDAY CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

**Saturday, November 11, 2023**      **Sunday, November 12, 2023**  
 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM      10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

MONEY & BASKET RAFFLES

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## TUNE IN

### EPARCHIAL MYO RETREAT 2023

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**27**  
Oct  
FRIDAY

4:00 PM Arrivals

6:00 PM Welcome / Kick-Off

6:30 PM Dinner

7:15 PM Break the Ice

7:45 PM Talk #1

8:15 PM Re-Group

8:30 PM Evening Prayer

8:50 PM Break

9:00 PM Bonfire - Light it Up!

11:00 PM Wind Down

MIDNIGHT Lights OutZzzzzzz

**28**  
Oct  
SATURDAY

7:30 AM Waky-Waky

8:00 AM Breakfast

8:30 AM Welcome

8:45 AM Talk #2

9:15 AM Break-Out Sessions

9:45 AM Re-Group

10:00 AM Break

10:30 AM Adoration / Confession

11:45 AM Free Time

12:30 PM Lunch

1:15 PM Re-Group

1:30 PM Talk #3

2:00 PM Break-Out Sessions

2:30 PM Re-Group / Prepare for Liturgy

2:45 PM Divine Liturgy

3:30 PM Group Activity

5:30 PM Dinner

6:15 PM Free Time

7:00 PM Swimming & Recreation

9:00 PM Get Fresh / Look Nice!

9:30 PM Party! Party! Party!

11:30 PM Wind Down

MIDNIGHT Lights OutZzzzzzz

**29**  
Oct  
SUNDAY

7:30 AM Waky-Waky

8:00 AM Breakfast

8:30 AM Pack-Up and Leave Rooms

9:30 AM Testimonials / Closing

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy

11:00 AM Group Photo

11:15 AM Brunch

12:00 PM Recreation / Farewell

# SCHEDULE

NEW ENGLAND | MID-ATLANTIC EAST  
MID-ATLANTIC WEST | EPARCHIAL RETREAT 2023

## LITURGY INTENTIONS

**Saturday, September 23, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Jonah the Prophet).** Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Peter and Mary David and the deceased members of their family requested by Mariam David and family. May they rest in peace.

**Sunday, September 24, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint Thecla, the First Woman Martyr). Remember Me In Your Kingdom Liturgy.** Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Jean D'Arc ElKhoury requested by Family. May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of the deceased members of the Thomas family requested by family (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

**Saturday, September 30, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Gregory the Illuminator).** Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Joseph, Maryanne, George and Heurta Farris and all the deceased members of their family requested by Mariam David and family. May their souls rest in peace.

**Sunday, October 1, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Doctor of the Church).** Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Selma Joseph requested by family (FM). May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Shirley David requested by family (FM). May her soul rest in peace.

## IN OUR PRAYERS

Magda Moosa, Alice Daher, Sister Juanita Marie, Sharon Conti, David Techlin, Debbie Freedenberg, Josephine Chedid, Efrangieh Daou, Reggie Thomas, Peter Helmer, Renee Helmer, Natalya Sarkis, Octavia David, Jacob Rego, Amal Assaf, Denise Magaletta, Fernanda Thomas, Angela Scorza-Anderson, Theresa John, Laurette Bou Ramia, Annie Peter, Jeannie Francis, Mariam David, Norma Thomas, Zita Drouin, Lucienne Rodrigues, Edmond Salameh, Ed Da Rocha, and Alice Daher. If anyone is missing from this list, please contact the Church office.

## FINANCE COUNCIL

### MEMBERS:

Jimmy Kalife, Wassim Chedid, Rose Dupre, Rana Choubah, Nigel Hitchings, and Joseph Barckett.

## PARISH COUNCIL

### MEMBERS:

Fadi Bark, Johnny Kalife, Vicki Thomas Marini, Jacques Barbour, and Smitty Cabral.

## WINE AND HOST OFFERING

The altar bread and wine for the month of September is offered for Jean D'Arc ElKhoury requested by Jacques and Amal Barbour.

## THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR....

This week the sanctuary candle burns for the good health of Abouna Tanios Abi Ramia requested by Mariam David and Family. Anyone who would like to offer the sanctuary candle for a loved one or special intention, this will be offered each week. An offering of a \$10.00 donation is appreciated.

## MYA Eparchial Conference

Are you a young adult between the ages of 18 and 39? Are you looking to grow deeper in your faith and connect with other like-minded young adults from your culture and faith? Join our MYA family October 13th-15th 2023 at St. Anthony Parish in Glen Allen, VA for an unforgettable experience. We will discuss relationships and love relating to all states in life including single, dating, engaged, and married couples. To learn more or to register for the Conference visit [myaeparchystmaron.org](http://myaeparchystmaron.org). If you have any questions, reach out to MYA Eparchial President Maya Khoury at [mya.eparchystmaron@gmail.com](mailto:mya.eparchystmaron@gmail.com).

## LECTORS FOR OCTOBER

**Sunday, October 1,**  
John Barbour / Halim Choubah

**Saturday, October 7,**  
Mae Dickinson

Intercessions: Eric Tavares

**Sunday, October 8,**  
Rana Choubah / Hiba Chdid

**Saturday, October 14,**  
Annemarie Espindola

Intercessions: Eric Tavares

**Sunday, October 15,**  
Ann Dupre / Gaby Baroody

**Saturday, October 21,**  
Rachel Higgins

Intercessions: Anna and Helen Higgins

**Sunday, October 22,**

Mae Dickinson / Jano Baroody

**Saturday, October 28,**  
Smitty Cabral

Intercessions: Eric Tavares

**Sunday, October 29,**

Ann Dupre / Hiba Chdid

## WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 16-17, 2023

<b>Sunday Collection</b>	\$ 1,510.00
<b>Festival Sponsorship</b>	\$ 750.00
<b>Memorial</b>	\$ 200.00
<b>Second Collection</b>	\$ 111.00
<b>Sanctuary Candle</b>	\$ 20.00
<b>Candles</b>	\$ 34.00
<b>Total</b>	\$ 2,625.00

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY BY SENDING IN YOUR WEEKLY COLLECTIONS VIA MAIL. THIS HAS BEEN VERY HELPFUL FOR THE CHURCH. GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.**

**MYA 2023 FALL CONFERENCE**

**OCT 13-15 - RICHMOND, VA**

*Friday October 13*

3:00 PM	Guest Check-in
5:30 PM	Ramsho (Evening Prayer)
6:00 PM	Welcome/Casual Cocktail Hour/Board and Directors Intro
6:30 PM	Bishop's Talk on his Letter
7:15 PM	Dinner
8:00 PM	Rosary
8:00 PM	Priests available for confession
9:15 PM	Bonfire
11:00 PM	Social Outing - TBD

*Saturday October 14*

9:00 AM	Liturgy
10:00 AM	Breakfast/Break
10:45 AM	Talk #1 with Rachel Ulmann + Q&A
11:45 AM	Breakout Session #1
12:30 PM	Lunch/Group Photo
1:30 PM	Adoration/Confession
2:45 PM	Talk #2 with Rachel Ulmann + Q&A
3:45 PM	Breakout Session #2
4:15 PM	Q&A with Bishop Gregory
5:00 PM	Scavenger Hunt
6:00 PM	Sports/Free Time
7:30 PM	Sisters and Bishop available for prayers
8:30-1:00 AM	Change and get ready, travel back to hotel

*Sunday October 15*

10:00 AM	Confessions available
11:00 AM	Liturgy
12:15 PM	Lunch

\*Schedule is subject to change

This is a Church sponsored event. Please be mindful to dress modestly for all liturgical events and activities. Register now at [myaeparchystmaron.org/book-online](http://myaeparchystmaron.org/book-online).

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