



PARISH SCHEDULE

SUNDAY LITURGY | at 11:00 AM

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Sunday Liturgy: 11:00 AM

Saturday Liturgy: 5:00 PM

Wednesday & Friday Liturgy: 6:30 PM

Thursday Liturgy & Adoration: 6:30 PM



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READINGS

July/2022

July 10

6th Sunday of Pentecost; The Blessed Massabki Brothers

Epistle

Gospel

Heb 12:1-9

Mt 10:16-25

July 17

Celebration of St. Sharbel

Epistle

Gospel

Rom 8:28-39

Mt 13:36-43



TIME

* LITURGY INTENTIONS *

FROM



Remember your loved ones with Mass Intentions

July 10

11:00 AM

George Hanna

By: Alain & Elie Hanna

July 17

11:00 AM

All Parishioners

By: The Priest

July 23

5:00 PM

All Parishioners

By: The Priest

HOSPITALITY - COFFEE HOUR / 2022

July 10

Condolences

July 17

Roche Haught

July 24

Covered Dish



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PARISH OFFERING

July 3, 2022



Weekly offering

\$891.00

Donations

\$100.00

Coffee Hour

\$79.00

Total Income

\$1,070.00

Thank You for your generosity and your support

Important Messages

Daily Readings

Monday: Acts 12:1-11; Mt 15:1-9

Tuesday: Acts 12:12-24; Mt 15:10-20

Wednesday: Acts 12:25-13:12; Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Mt 16:1-4

Friday: Acts 13:26-39; Mt 16:5-12



THE SANCTUARY LAMP

Is a vigil light burning 24/7 and kept near the Blessed Sacrament. The light indicates the unfathomable mystery of the Eucharistic presence of Jesus. It reminds us of the reverence due to the Sacrament. The burning light is a pious custom as a way of prolonging our adoration and prayer to honor His presence.

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Upcoming Second Collection

- Sept. 11: Catholic University of America
 Oct. 23: World Mission Sunday
 Nov 13: Maronite Patriarchal Charities

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS - 2022

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| July 10: | The Three Blessed Massabki Maronite Martyrs |
| July 10: | Pastoral Council Meeting |
| July 17: | Feast of St. Sharbel (celebrated) |
| July 23: | Feast of St. Sharbel (actual) |

6th Sunday of Pentecost

The Three Blessed Massabki Maronite Martyrs

Qurbono P. 708; Creed P. 748; Anaphora of St. John Maron p. 897

The Massabki brothers, Francis, Abdel Moati and Raphael, were Maronite martyrs, slain in Damascus in 1860 in part of a dramatic anti-Christian uprising in Syria and Lebanon from April to July of that year, when more than sixty villages were destroyed in the Shouf and the Matn. Around 2,600 Christians were slaughtered in Deir El-Qamar with the help of the Turkish authorities. It is estimated that some 12,000 Christians were slain in Lebanon, and 11,000 in Syria.

Of the Massabki brothers, Francis and Abdel Moati were each married with children. Raphael, the youngest, remained single. When the 1860 attacks and massacres by Muslims in Damascus and Druze in parts of Lebanon started, Muslims set fire in the Christian neighborhood of Damascus, and the brothers, along with a large crowd of Christians, took refuge in the Franciscan monastery. There, they prayed and celebrated the Mysteries of Reconciliation (confession) and the Eucharist for the last time.

While Francis was alone in the Church, kneeling and praying before the statue of Our Lady of Sorrow, he was filled with supernatural hope. After midnight, a band of armed Muslim rioters broke into the monastery. The Christians were terrified: some managed to run away, and others hid themselves. The murderers said to him: "Sheikh Abdallah has sent us to save you from death; you, your brothers, your families, and all those who depend upon you for protection, on the condition that you deny your faith and convert to Islam." Francis courageously replied: "Sheikh Abdallah can take my money, he can also take my life; but my faith, no one can make me deny. I am a Maronite Christian and in the faith of Christ I will die. As our Lord Jesus commanded, we do not fear those who can kill the body." As Francis began to pray, they massacred him with swords and daggers.

Abdel Moati was seized at the chapel door, and told to deny his faith in order to save his life. In a clear voice, he said: "I am a Christian, kill me, I am ready." Raphael was found and given the same order – convert or die. He fell to his knees in prayer. Both of them, like their brother, were cut down. They were later buried in the Maronite Church in Damascus.

On 10 July 1860, his Holiness Pope Pius IX declared them Venerable. On 10 October 1926 they were beatified. The campaign for their beatification was spearheaded by Archbishop Bechara Al Chemaly of Damascus' letter to Pope Pius XI, noting that it would be a source of grace for the Damascus community, and could help to revive Christian life in the hearts of the Eastern faithful. On 7 October 1926, His Holiness Pius XI proclaimed the beatification of the three brothers, saying: "By the power of these lines are named Most Blessed Martyrs the servants of God: Francis, Abdel Moati, and Raphael Massabki, Maronites of Damascus. ... and we hereby permit the display of their relics before all the devout, and the celebration, on their day of remembrance, of the Liturgy of the Martyrs.