



### 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: Eucharistic Adoration:** 6:30 PM



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# READINGS

## June 2024

<b>June 9</b>	<b>4th Sunday of Pentecost</b>	
	<b>Epistle</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
	1 Cor 2:11-16	Lk 10:21-24
<b>June 16</b>	<b>5th Sunday of Pentecost</b>	
	<b>Epistle</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
	Phil 3:7-14	Mt 10:1-7



		<b>* LITURGY INTENTIONS *</b>	<b>FROM</b>
<b>Remember your loved ones with Mass Intentions</b>			


June 9	11:00 AM	Maurice Chakib Ayoub	By: Chakib Ayoub
June 16	11:00 AM	All Fathers	By: The Priest
June 23	11:00 AM	Available	

### HOSPITALITY - COFFEE HOUR / 2024

June 9	Aline & Chakib Ayoub
June 16	Father's Day Picnic
June 23	St. Sharbel Dabke Group



*To sponsor a coffee hour pls contact Gloria Salim-Brown: 919.345.3483, [gsalim@aol.com](mailto:gsalim@aol.com).  
Donation for coffee hour is appreciated*

 <b>PARISH OFFERING</b> <b>June 2, 2024</b>	
Weekly offering	\$1,482.00
Coffee Hour	\$22.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$1,504.00</b>

### Important Messages

**Daily Readings**

Monday: Acts 7:44-50; Mt 18:1-5  
 Tuesday: Acts 7:51-8:1a; Mt 18:6-10  
 Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Mt 18:11-14  
 Thursday: Acts 8:9-13:b; Mt 18:15-20  
 Friday: Acts 8:26-40; Mt 18:21-35  
 Saturday: Acts 9:1-19; Mt 11:25-30

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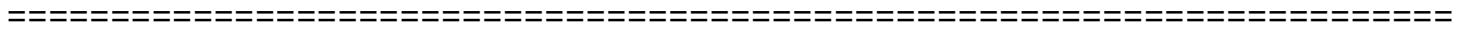
## **THE SANCTUARY LAMP**

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**

June 30: Holy Father's Collection

September 8: Catholic University of America and Maronite Seminary

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS - 2024**

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| June 16: | Father's Day Picnic         |
| June 29: | Sts. Peter & Paul           |
| July 4:  | 4th of July Celebration     |
| July 20: | St. Elias the Prophet       |
| July 21: | St. Sharbel Celebration     |
| July 23: | Actual feast of St. Sharbel |

## Fourth Sunday of Pentecost

Qurbono P. 492; Creed P. 748; Anaphora of St. Mark p. 835

### Jesus Rejoices in the Holy Spirit (Luke 10:21-24)

Jesus rejoiced in the Holy Spirit. In the presence of his disciples he offered a hymn of thanks and praise to God the Father who has revealed his mystery to them, who are the “small children” and not to the wise Pharisees! He invites us all to become his disciples because he is humble of heart, his yoke is easy, and burden light!

This particular passage is found in Luke and in Matthew (11:25-30). It is referred to as the only Johannine passage in the synoptic gospels. Jesus expresses his unique filial relation with God his Father in three ways: (a) God has handed over everything to Jesus, (b) the use of the word “Son” with the absolute reference to Jesus, and (c) the mutual knowledge between the Father and the Son. This similarity between the synoptic and John shows its true authenticity and witnesses to the faith of the first Christian Community in the divinity of Jesus. It is explained as follows:

1. Jesus finds delight in his relation to the Spirit of God and to God himself, whom he acknowledges as Father. He extols the Father, who has seen fit to reveal eschatological secrets not to the wise of the world, but to the “small children” the chosen disciple. What they have seen and heard has been a revelation from the Father himself. They have been eyewitnesses of the Son’s unique revelation. In the old Covenant, prophets and kings longed to see God’s salvific plan at work. Now, however, the “small children” of this age have witness it. The wisdom of simplicity is here told. You do not need to be a scholar to be a good Christian. To be a good Christian should not mean that one must know all theories about the New Testament, or all doctrines of theology and Christology. **To be a good Christian does not mean knowing about Christ, but it means knowing Christ.** To know Christ does not require earthly or worldly wisdom but a simple touch of heavenly grace.

2. The unique relationship which exists between God and Jesus, “the Father and the Son.” This is what the Gospel of John (1:14) meant by “The Word became flesh,” John (10:30) “I and the Father are one” and John (14:9) Jesus said to Philip: “He who has seen me has seen the Father.” To the Greeks at the time there was a huge gap between what is tangible and what is intangible, between matter and spirit, between God and man. Thus, the concept of God as a Father, the way Christ introduced it, was then unknown. He explained further that “the words I speak are not spoken of myself, it is the Father who lives in me accomplishing his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe because of the works I do.” This proves that if we want to know God, we must look at Jesus in whom we will find the mind, the words, and the deeds of God.

3. Jesus is the consummation of all history. He privately told his disciples that he is the one that prophets and kings wished to see but could not. He explained to them that he is the peak to which history was climbing. Jesus is the fulfillment because God’s plan of salvation has been proclaimed. This is why the disciples are blessed, for they saw and heard what kings and prophets of old could not experience. Revealing himself to them, Christ is revealing himself to us. We are truly blessed because he is happy with us hearing his word and being his disciples. This, in fact, is a direct link to what the Gospel of last week taught us.