



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

September—October 2024

October 6 **4th Sunday after Holy Cross - Holy Rosary Sunday**

Epistle

Gospel

1 Thes 5:1-11

Mt 24:45=51



October 13 **5th Sunday of the Holy Cross**

Epistle

Gospel

Phil 2:12-18

Mt 25:1-13



*** L I T U R G Y I N T E N T I O N S ***

FROM

Remember your loved ones with Mass Intentions

Oct. 6	11:00 AM	Alia Youssef Antoun	By: Jacques Akl-Matar
Oct. 13	11:00 AM	Joseph George	By: Gloria Salim-Brown
Oct.20	11:00 AM	Available	

HOSPITALITY - COFFEE HOUR /2024

Oct. 6	Alina & Jacques Akl-Matar
Oct. 13	Janane & Elie Abou-Rjeileh
Oct. 20	Nathalie & Jack Daoud



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

PARISH OFFERING September 29, 2024



Weekly offering	\$1,096.00
Donations	\$263.12
Covered Dish	\$144.00
Total Income	\$1,503.12

*Thank You for your generosity and
your support*

Important Messages

Daily Readings

Monday: Rev 15:1-8; Jn 12:20-28
Tuesday: Rev 18:1-8; Jn 16:20-24
Wednesday: Rev 19:1-16; Lk 12:16-21
Thursday: Rev 21:1-14; Lk 13:6-9
Friday: Rev 21:22-22:5; Lk 15:3-7
Saturday: Rev 22:16-21,13; Lk 15:8-10



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

October 20: World Mission Sunday
November 3: Maronite Patriarchal Charities

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS - 2024

October 7:	Prayers for Lebanon
October 13:	Order of St. Sharbel Sunday
December 1:	Ste Barbara Trunk or Treat
December 7:	MYO One Day Retreat
December 14:	Christmas Dinner
December 22:	Children Christmas Party

Fourth Sunday after Holy Cross

Qurbono P. 606; Creed P. 748; Anaphora of The Twelve Apostles p. 754

Matthew 24:45-51)

This Sunday explains the second topic in the Season of the Holy Cross. We must anticipate the coming of the Lord by being vigilant and firm without boredom or hesitation. We must also remain faithful to the ministry which is entrusted to us, and be the faithful and prudent servant whose example is given in today's gospel.

The faithful and prudent servant in this parable is the one who is in charge of the community and whose function is to provide food, which is the most important and basic thing for life. That is why he has to prepare all the necessary things that the community needs spiritually and materialistically. It is certain that in this function there is a sign about the teaching of the Word and a reference about the Eucharist. These two are the most important functions of those who are entrusted with the ministry of the Church. However, if the servant used his authority for a personal purpose, got wrapped up in his selfishness and ignored the obligations of his role, he would be removed from the community and will be assigned "a place where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth."

Our Christian faith urges us to be vigilant, wise, attentive, courageous, firm, be constantly ready so that when that final day comes we would be prepared. Since when thieves announce their time, actions, and intentions? Their nefarious weapon is "Surprise." We all have personal treasures and we must always be on guard to protect them from thugs. The advise is that we must remain constantly vigilant so that no surprising disaster overwhelms us and catches us off guard. Have we ever realized that our soul is the greatest treasure God has granted us? Therefore, we must set our priorities straight. We must remember that the waiting of the Christian for the second coming of the Lord is not mere destruction of the world, is not complete chaos and disillusion; but it is rather the watching of anxious expectation and the eager anticipation for the final day which would be crowned with triumph and glory, with security, serenity and joy.

In this parable we must appreciate and understand the concept of TIME. Should we make time work to our advantage or should it be to our destruction? Here is a little story that puts time in perspective. Three devils planned to come to earth to finish their internship. In their attempt to ruin mankind they stopped by Satan to submit their proposals. The first said: "I will tell them there is no God." Satan responded: "This will not work, they all know there is a God." The second said: "I will tell them there is no hell." Satan answered: "This will not work, they all know that there is hell as punishment for sins." The third said: "I will tell them take your time, there is no hurry." Satan told him: "GO, you will destroy them by the thousand." The most dangerous thing in our life is when we learn that there is such a word as TOMORROW. The moral is be attentive, do not delay today's work, spiritual or otherwise, until tomorrow. We should not procrastinate for we know not if our tomorrow may ever come.

The faithful and prudent servant was highly rewarded because the master trusted his ability, vigilance, hard word and readiness. The master put him in charge of his entire estate. Whereas the servant who failed his duties was severely punished, cast out of the community, where he was "grinding his teeth." God rewards us for our faithfulness, loyalty, fidelity, efforts and achievement. Should he find us faithful and ready, on that day our reward will be the inheritance of the heavenly kingdom. Those who have abused their authority, and those who were not faithful and ready for his coming, will be banished from his sight, will lose the heavenly inheritance and will be wailing and grinding their teeth."