



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 20

6th Sunday after Holy Cross

Epistle

Gospel

Gal 6:1-10

Mt 25:14-30

October 27

Sunday of Christ the King

Epistle

Gospel

Rom 12:9-21

Mt 25:31-46



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FROM

Remember your loved ones with Mass Intentions

Oct.20

11:00 AM

Available

Oct. 27

11:00 AM

Remember Me In Your Kingdom

By: The Priest

Nov. 3

11:00 AM

Available

HOSPITALITY - COFFEE HOUR / 2024

Oct. 20

Nathalie & Jack Daoud

Oct. 27

Yolla & Imad Harb

Nov. 3

Monica & Nadim Gebrael



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Donation for coffee hour is appreciated

PARISH OFFERING

October 13, 2024



Weekly offering

\$1,631.00

Coffee Hour

\$50.00

Second Collection—Lebanon

\$746.00

Total Income

\$2,427.00

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your support*

Important Messages

Daily Readings

Monday: 1 Cor 6:1-11; Mt 13:1-9

Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:12-20; Mt 13:10-17

Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:1-24; Mt 13:18-23

Thursday: 1 Cor 7:25-35; Mt 13:24-30

Friday: 1 Cor 9:13-18; Mt 13:31-35

Saturday: 1 Cor 9:19-27; Mt 13:36-43



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 20:	Order of St. Sharbel Sunday
December 7:	MYO One Day Retreat
December 8:	Ste Barbara Trunk or Treat
December 14:	Christmas Dinner
December 22:	Children Christmas Party

Sixth Sunday after Holy Cross

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

(Matthew 25:14-30)

This Sunday invites us to a practical position and that is how our work prepares us for the coming of the Lord and allows us to share the master's joy, just as the Lord Jesus promises us in the parable of the **TALENTS**. This parable emphasizes the responsibility of the faithful and our obligation of cultivating God's gifts. Knowing the value of the talents helps us understand and appreciate God's goodness and immeasurable generosity. The talent which is described in the Gospel, referring to that particular time, is equal to six thousand dinars, where the dinar is worth one working day pay. Not only did God give us mind, free will, health, and all earthly goods, but also he has given us his heavenly kingdom and made us sharers in his divine life, each according to his capacity.

The traveling of the master and his return after a long time indicate the ample time given so we may use our freedom and responsibility when he settles account with us. Our reward is "The Eternal Joy with the Lord!" As for the punishment of the servant who buried the talent and disobeyed the command, his master said: "you should have put my money in the bank!" This useless servant painted the image of his master to be merciless, greedy and difficult to deal with and ruined his intimate relationship with his master! FAITH IN GOD for us is an adventure. To have FAITH is to accept the stewardship of God's freely given grace to us.

This parable draws our attention to avoid the behavior of the useless servant. There is no religion without adventure. God does not accept laziness, idleness and shut minds. The servant who received one talent did absolutely nothing with it. If he were to adventure and lose what he had, it would have been better for him than to bury it in the ground. His attitude is wrong because he thought that it is not even worth his effort to try and that he could not do much with the little he has. He accused the master of being unfair to him by giving him a meager talent. He is cast out because he did not try to use it or risk it for the common good of his fellow-men.

God gives people differing gifts. We are not equal in the measure of our individual talents, for we have been given different ones. It is not the value of the talents which matters, but rather how we use them. If God were to ask of us what we don't have, then he is not just. God never demands from us more than our capability. God gave us the freedom to choose. It is up to us to make full use of the abilities we possess. It is not the size of the talents that counts but the effort we put into cultivating them. By using what was freely granted to us, we are putting all at the service of God. Furthermore, it helps us and others by being prosperous and by helping build our society and our neighbor.

The universal phenomenon in this parable is that, on the one hand, when talents are exercised and used progressively they result in prosperity and bring good returns. On the other hand, when talents are not exercised they result in disastrous loss and failure. Thus, the Gospel saying: "For to everyone who had, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away." If we are proficient at a certain game, or gifted for doing something, the more we work and exercise that proficiency and those gifts, the greater the task becomes. Thus, great will be our investment. The talents with which God has endowed us are not ours. This parable teaches us that we are only stewards of these talents. They do not belong to us but to God and to our fellow-men. Our best way to keep them is to place them at the service of our neighbor who could benefit from them. We must dedicate them to the service of God and to our fellow-men