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**HOLY MYSTERIES OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION:** Please contact the clergy in advance to arrange for the required baptismal instructions.  
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# Our Lady of the Annunciation

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Sunday, Sept. 8, 2024  
 Sunday Before the Holy Cross  
 الأحد قبل رفع الصليب



Nativity of the Mother of God



## Liturgy Intentions

**Sunday Sept. 8, 2024. Sunday before the Holy Cross. Nativity of the Virgin Mary**

**9:30 AM:**

- +Sidney Hajjar by Checrallah Abichaker.
- +Lisa Tamer (35 Yrs.) by Neil Foley.
- +Salime (Azzi) by Gracia Skaf.
- +Rev. Basil Samra by his Family.
- +Fr. Steven McNeil, brother of Fr. Bryan McNeil.
- +Fr. Bernard Ghosn.

**11:30 AM:**

- +Therese ElKhoury by Camile Rodrigues.
- +Salime (Azzi) Homsy by Saliba Shako.
- +Fr. Dimitri Nicholas.
- +Archimandrite Antoun Glaiel by Nihad El-Eid & Family

**Wed. Sept. 11, 2024.**

**7:00 PM:** Divine Liturgy.

**Fri. Sept. 13, 2024.**

**7:00 PM: Feast of the Holy Cross.**

**Sat. Sept. 14, 2024.**

**5:00 PM: Vespers.**

**Sunday Sept. 15, 2024. Sunday after the Holy Cross.**

**9:30 AM:**

- +Sidney Hajjar by Ibrahim & Christiane Warde.
- +Salime (Azzi) by Tony & Viviane Tannoury.
- +Abouhala & Heney Families by Sadie & Ron Ward Sr.
- +Rose Handy & her brothers
- +Faraj, +Cadem & +Naif by Sadie & Ron Ward, Sr.
- +Rev. Basil Samra by his Family.
- +Fr. Bernard Dimitri Nicolas.

**11:30 AM:**

- +Therese ElKhoury by Jean & Fida Ataya.
- +Salime (Azzi) Homsy by Abe & Colette Tannous.
- +Fr. Dimitri Nicholas.
- +Archimandrite Antoun Glaiel by Nihad El-Eid & Family
- +Fr. Elias Denissoff.

**Wed. Sept. 18, 2024.**

**7:00 PM:** Divine Liturgy & Memorial Service.

- +Leonie Pierre
- +Marie Edma
- +Emile Hercule
- +Jacques Pierre.



**Sunday Readings: Gal. 6:11-19 Jn. 3: 13-17**

**Please pray for the health and divine protection of**

Tony Abdi, Michele Domaney, Elizabeth Higgins, Saleem Ghazaleh, Daniel Jabbour, Harry McKannon, Teresa Mattar, Theresa Quinn, Edward Rezek, Maggie Rosenthal, John Williams.

**Parish Financial Support Sept. 1, 2024**

(Weekly donations needed for budget: \$3,000)

<b>Candles:</b>	\$	114.00
<b>9:30 AM:</b>	\$	648.00
<b>11:00 AM:</b>	\$	539.00
<b>Mail. In:</b>	\$	980.00
<b>Special Donation:</b>	\$	5,200.00
<b>Memorials &amp; Funeral:</b>	\$	3,460.00
<b>Total:</b>	\$	10,827.00

Many thanks to all of you for your weekly contributions. We depend greatly on your steady stewardship. God bless you for your generous support.



### The Sanctuary Lamp

Keeps vigil this week for

**All named after Santa Maria**

Please remember them in your prayers.

+Archimandrite Antoun Glaiel (40 Day) Memorial Service, will be here in the Annunciation Cathedral, in the second Divine Liturgy at 11:30 AM. by his brother Dr. Sami Glaiel and his son Firas Glaiel & Family.

Our Condolences to his Family & Friends.

May His Memory be Eternal



**Back to former Divine Liturgies timing**

**9:30 AM & 11:30 AM**

### Weekly Liturgy Schedule

**Sunday:**

Orthros 8:45 a.m.  
Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

**Wednesday:**

Divine Liturgy 7:00 p.m.

**Saturday:**

Vespers 5:00 p.m.

**Feast Days:**

Great Vespers: 7:00 p.m. Evening before Feast  
Divine Liturgy: 7:00 p.m. Day of the Feast.

### Eucharistic Miracles Celebration

Saint Anthony of the Desert Maronite Catholic Church, 300 North Eastern Ave., Fall River, MA is hosting a special celebration of Eucharistic Miracles September 6-8. The relics of the new Blessed Carlo Acutis will also be present and venerated. There will be a Melkite Divine Liturgy on Saturday, September 7, at 4 PM to be celebrated by Bishop Francois and the New England Melkite Clergy. Everyone is invited for this special event. Please let us know if you will attend.



### Sunday School News

\*Registration Forms for Sunday School are now available in the narthex of the church. Registration Sunday will be Sunday, September 8. Feel free to register your children before that date.

\*\*The first day of class will be Sunday, September 15 at 10:30 AM.

\*\*\*We are happy to announce that Father Marwan Koury has volunteered to lead the Teen Group each Sunday. They will meet in their regular meeting room on the left side of the corridor during the Sunday School time slot.

**Remember Me In Your Kingdom:** The Liturgy & Memorial Service for the departed is on the third Wednesday of the month (Sep. 18) at 7 PM.

**Rector's Committee:** The September meeting will be on Tuesday, Sept. 10, at 7:30 PM via Zoom.



**God With Us +ONLINE+** is a collaborative outreach of the Eastern Catholic Bishops and eparchies of the United States to provide educational resources for the faithful in our Eastern Christian traditions.

Go to **EASTERNCATHOLIC.ORG** to find many excellent talks, the opportunity to sign up for live educational webinars and other resources! *All resources are offered free of charge.*

The Pine Street Inn Shattuck Shelter has asked us to once again help them by collecting pre-packaged food donations for their clients. These "snack" foods should be easy to eat, carry and must not need refrigeration or cooking. The shelter does not have room to house the majority of their clients so carrying food back out with them is important. The shelter volunteers and workers also drive to homeless camps and hand out these snacks.

We are grateful to have a parishioner and company willing to help us provide such snacks at a reduced cost. We welcome your financial contribution OR if you would prefer to donate food please arrange a drop off with Laila Zeinieh ([lailazeinich@gmail.com](mailto:lailazeinich@gmail.com) 617-327-3011). Here are some snack ideas: Crackers, chips, granola bars (all kinds), dried fruit, trail mix, etc. Thank you!

### Middle Eastern Picnic

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Melkite Catholic Church, 256 Hamilton Street, Worcester, MA will hold its Middle Eastern Picnic on Sunday, September 8, 2025 from Noon-6 PM on the church grounds. There will be homemade Lebanese food, kids' activities, and music by Mitch Kaltsunas and Band. Let us support our sister Melkite Parish and attend.

### Melkite Week at the Byzantine Catholic Seminary

Sept. 16-19 will be Melkite Week at the Byzantine Catholic Seminary in Pittsburgh, PA, Bishop Nicholas and Father Philip will celebrate church services according to the Melkite Rites, and give lectures about the Melkite Church. During this week Fr. Tomas Moses will care for the Cathedral.

The **Building Committee** is working on a master plan for the maintenance of the parish plant. If you notice anything to repair, or think one project should take precedence over another, please let them know. The members are: Jeffrey Bashara, Alan Crede, Neil Foley and Ron Kfoury.

### PRAY FOR OUR PARISH:

A successful parish is the parish that prays, not just at formal church services, but at home as well. Prayer keeps us connected to God and each other. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for people to pray for the parish. You sign up for the same date each month. If you sign-up for the 10th, then on Jan 10, Feb. 10 & March 10 etc... you would pray for the parish. You pray at home and remember the clergy, parishioners, parish activities, and groups. We all need each other's spiritual support. Please sign up so that not a day goes by when our parish is without prayer.