

St. Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church
3679 Providence Rd., Newtown Square PA



Friday Sept 11th, 5pm-11pm

Saturday Sept 12th, 1pm-11pm

Sunday Sept 13th, 1pm-9pm

LIMITED CHURCH PARKING

Secondary Parking with FREE Shuttle Service located at
Regal Cinema - 4777 W Chester Pike, Newtown Square

Our Lady of Lebanon
Easton MYA

Car Wash

55 South 4th Street
Easton, PA

11am-3pm

September 19th

Price:
\$15



Elias:
484-542-8836

Albert:
484-627-9546

COMMUNION HOST & WINE

The Communion Host and Wine offering for September has been donated anonymously for a special intention.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle for September has been donated in loving memory of
DIMITRA GIACOUMOPOULOS ACHI
by her parents,
Nick and Susan Giacomopoulos

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Saturday, Sept 5 - \$720.00

Sunday, Sept 6 - \$1,476.00

Total - \$2,196.00



PASTOR CONTACT

For pastoral assistance, please have only the family contact Fr. Kamil on his cell phone at **610-739-8586**.

Fr. Kamil's email is **clergy95@gmail.com**.



OUR LADY OF LEBANON
MARONITE CATHOLIC
CHURCH

55 South 4th Street
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Week 37 - Week 39

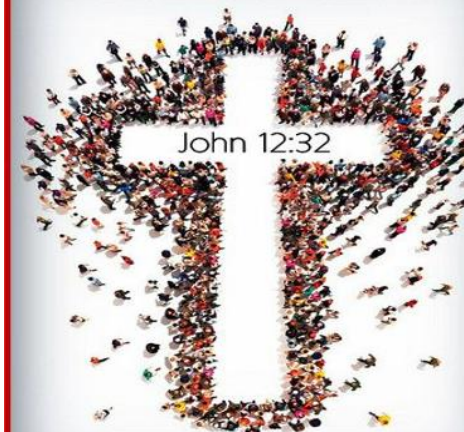
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Sept 12 - Sept 27, 2026

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

When I am lifted up
from the earth,



I will draw everyone
to myself.

The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint John 12:20-32

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.

Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. "Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say, "Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again". The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him."

Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself."

CLERGY:

Fr. Kamil Al-Chouefati, Pastor
Deacon Adonis El-Asmar

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday through Thursday
10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Closed on Fridays.

RECTORY & MAILING ADDRESS:

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LITURGIES:

Saturday: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 10:00 AM
Tuesday - Friday: 9:00 AM
Weekday Holy Days of Obligation: 7:00 PM
Eucharistic Adoration - Thursdays 7:00 PM
Confession is available 30 minutes before Mass or by appointment.

Registration for 1st Holy Communion and Maronite Christian Formation (MCF) Classes are now open!

Registration forms are available on our parish website,
ololeaston.com. Printed copies may be found
at both church entrances.

Parents are encouraged to continue their child's faith formation beyond First Holy Communion so they may grow more deeply in the Maronite tradition and in their relationship with Christ.

The Original
ITALIAN FOOD FESTIVAL
AT HOLY CROSS PARK AND CELEBRATION
For 115 Years

A TRADITION OF FAITH, FAMILY & COMMUNITY SINCE 1911

THE ITALIAN FOOD FESTIVAL AT HOLY CROSS PARK AND CELEBRATION IN EASTON, PA.
Founded 115 years ago, our festival honors our faith, our heritage, and the holy cross that has guided generations of Italian families.

SEPTEMBER 11 & 12, 2026 5:00 PM - 10:00 PM BOTH NIGHTS

Authentic Homemade Italian & Sicilian Food Prepared by Families Whose Ancestors Came From Santo Stefano Di Camastra, Sicily

Rooted in Faith. Proud of Our Heritage. Together in Community.
SEPTEMBER 11 & 12, 2026 | ITALIAN FOOD FESTIVAL AT HOLY CROSS PARK AND CELEBRATION
102 CEDARVILLE RD., EASTON, PA

*** <i>Celebration of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i> ***			
Saturday, Sept 12 - 5:00 PM - TONY SIMONETTA by Dr. & Mrs. George Nassoor			
Sunday, Sept 13 - 10:00 AM - DEACON ANTHONY KOURY by Mary Karam Figueroa			
<i>2nd Collection - Holy Cross - September 12th & 13th</i>			
Monday	Sept 14	7:00 PM	EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS (actual feast)
Tuesday	Sept 15	9:00 AM	JOSEPH SERGEI by Mr. & Mrs. Peter Shaheen
Wednesday	Sept 16	9:00 AM	GEORGE BAURKOT by Donna & Mike Merring
Thursday	Sept 17	9:00 AM 7:00 PM	JEANETTE KASSIS by Erina Joseph EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Friday	Sept 18	9:00 AM	SANNA BAURKOT by Earl & Bernadette Metzgar
*** <i>1st Sunday after Holy Cross</i> ***			
Saturday, Sept 19 - 5:00 PM - BILLY JOSEPH by Rafih Hayek and Family			
Sunday, Sept 20 - 10:00 AM - EVETTE MERHI NEHMEH - AUSTRALIA (40 DAY MASS) by the Family			
Tuesday	Sept 22	9:00 AM	LOIS BURKOT by Labebe Buesing
Wednesday	Sept 23	9:00 AM	TONY KARAM by James Canone
Thursday	Sept 24	9:00 AM 7:00 PM	MARY NAJJAR by Patty Mosellie EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Friday	Sept 25	9:00 AM	RED BURKOT by Cathy & George Baurkot
*** <i>2nd Sunday after Holy Cross</i> ***			
Saturday, Sept 26 - 5:00 PM - CHEFFIE KOURY by Mr. & Mrs. Nick Giacomopoulos			
Sunday, Sept 27 - 10:00 AM - BARBARA KASSIS (Birthday Remembrance) by the Family			

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Ex 17:8-15 / 1 Cor 1:18-25 / Jn 12:20-32

1st Sunday after Holy Cross

Deut 17:14-20 / 2 Tim 2:1-10 / Mk 10:35-45

2nd Sunday after Holy Cross

Joel 2:1, 10-13, 15-16a/1 Cor 15:19-34/Mt 24 1-14

ProJeCt

Helping People Help Themselves

FOOD PANTRY

This month, the Holy Name Society and St. Theresa Sodality are collecting **Jelly** for ProJeCt of Easton.

Donations will be accepted this weekend

September 12th and 13th.

Thank you for your continued support!

The Meaning and Dimensions of the Holy Cross

The Cross is not simply a sign that we make on our bodies or place in our homes and churches. It is the mystery of God's love and the salvation of humanity. On the Cross, Christ revealed to us that true love is capable of giving itself completely, even to the very end.

1.

The Cross is a Sign of Love - Jesus tells us: "God so loved the world that He gave His only Son" (John 3:16). The Cross tells us that God does not love us only with words. He loved us so deeply that He gave Himself for us.

2.

The Cross is a Sign of Salvation - On the Cross, Christ carried our sins and our suffering and' opened for us the way to reconciliation with God. Therefore, the Cross is not only a symbol of death; it is the passage from death to life.

3.

The Cross is a School of Forgiveness - From the Cross, Jesus prayed: "Father, forgive them." Here we learn that Christians are not called to live as prisoners of hatred and revenge. We learn from Christ to forgive, even when forgiveness is difficult.

4.

The Cross is a School of Humility and Self-Giving - Christ, although He is Lord and Savior, humbled Himself and accepted the Cross. The Cross therefore calls us to move beyond selfishness and to serve our families, our Church, and others with love.

5.

The Cross is Hope in Times of Suffering - Every person carries a cross: illness, difficulties, loss, family problems, or anxiety about the future. The Holy Cross reminds us that we do not carry our cross alone. Christ walks with us, and suffering united with Christ can become a path of grace and hope.

6.

The Cross Leads to the Resurrection - The story does not end at the Cross or in the tomb. After Good Friday comes the Resurrection. Therefore, our faith in the Cross is faith that life is stronger than death, light is stronger than darkness, and hope is stronger than despair.

Conclusion

When we make the Sign of the Cross on our forehead, our heart, and our body, let us make it with faith and say within ourselves: Lord, make Your Cross in my life a sign of love when I am tempted to hate, forgiveness when I am hurt, hope when I am afraid, strength when I am weak, and a path that always leads me to the Resurrection. The Cross is not only what we carry; it is Christ Himself who carries us when we can no longer carry our own cross.

31ST ANNUAL

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A Taste of Lebanon in West Scranton

ST. ANN MARONITE CHURCH

SUNDAY, SEPT. 20 · 12 – 7 PM



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