

~ Sunday, September 2 ~

Celebration of The Feast of St. Rocco



10:00 AM: Maronite Divine Liturgy:
Celebrant: Chorbishop
Anthony Spinosa
Rector Basilica & National Shrine
of Our Lady of Lebanon

11:00 AM: Procession with the
Statue of St. Rocco

11:30 AM: Light Lunch Provided

*O Great St. Rocco, deliver us,
we beseech thee,
from the scourges of God;
through thy Intercessory,
preserve our bodies from contagious diseases,
and our souls from the contagion of sin.
Obtain for us salubrious air;
but, above all, purity of heart.
Assist us to make good use of health,
to bear suffering with patience;
and, after thy example,
to live in the practice of penance and charity,
that we may one day enjoy the happiness
which thou has merited by thy virtues.
St. Rocco, pray for us*

BASILICA OF CHRIST, THE PRINCE OF PEACE NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF LEBANON

It was in July 2014 that we received notification that the Shrine Church, named in honor of Christ the Prince of Peace, was raised to the great and awesome dignity of Minor Papal Basilica by His Holiness, Pope Francis I. The great news arrived just as the Shrine was preparing to celebrate the 50th Jubilee of establishment. This was a great joy and surprise.

The honor and title of Papal Basilica is granted only to special places of worship of the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church.

This great honor allows our Shrine to be one of only a few churches in the United States to share in this great dignity and it also makes the Shrine a "special" church of our Holy Father, the Pope of Rome as well as the second Maronite Basilica in the entire world.

When you visit the Shrine you will see the insignia which demonstrate how this is a very special place.

The Papal Coat of Arms is proudly displayed over the entrance to the Church as well as the great red and gold "Ombrellino" (papal canopy), the "Tintintabulum" (shield with three small bells to announce the arrival of the Pope should he visit the Basilica) and the massive "Cera Basilicum" (candle and stand with the coat of arms of the Pope and the Basilica). All these demonstrate how special and honored a place this is.

We welcome you to the Shrine Basilica and we pray that Our Blessed Lady of Lebanon will draw you closer to her Divine Son who is truly the Prince of Peace.

53rd ANNUAL ASSUMPTION PILGRIMAGE

August 13-15, 2018

**Feast of the Assumption
Wednesday, August 15th**



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~ Monday, August 13th ~



Rev. Robert C. Ramser
Diocese of Cleveland,
Cleveland, OH

- 9:00 AM Shrine Opens
- 3:00 PM Cedars Hall Open
-Food Available
- 7:00 PM Divine Liturgy:
Roman Rite
Celebrant: Rev. Robert C. Ramser
Diocese of Cleveland, Ohio
Choir from St. Christine Church
- 8:00 PM Candlelight Procession
Procession and Blessing with the
Icon of Our Lady of Lebanon
- Following
Procession: Food & Refreshments

MYA & MYO Youth Activities

~Endowment Fund~



The National Shrine has expanded over the past four decades and has provided spiritual support to countless pilgrims and visitors. In order to accommodate pilgrims, the Shrine has expanded services improving greatly over the years.

Unfortunately the financial obligations have outweighed the income. Repairs, maintenance and expansion projects have always consumed the meager finances.

In order to insure the future of the Shrine a Perpetual Endowment Fund has been established.

The purpose of this fund is to ensure the financial stability of the National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon and to allow for capital expenditures for maintenance, repair and expansion of the Shrine

The Particulars of the Fund

Only the income from the fund can be used as the principal will remain untouched.

The minimum donation to the fund is \$50.00

Donations can be given in memory or as a gift. All names will be entered into a Perpetual Endowment Fund book which will be kept close to the altar in either the Prince of Peace Chapel or the Tower Chapel.

All donors, living and deceased, will be remembered daily at the Divine Liturgy, (Perpetual Remembrance)

Donations are welcome by individuals, organizations or from estates and wills

~ Tuesday, August 14th ~



Bishop Milan Lach SJ
Eparchy of Parma
Parma, OH

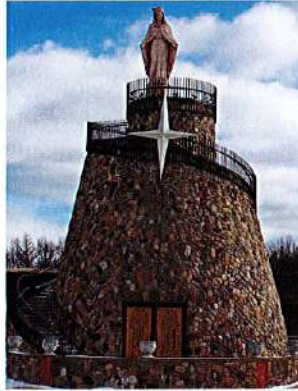
- 9:00 AM Shrine Opens
- 3:00 PM Cedars Hall Open
-Food Available
- 2:00-5:00 PM Confessions
- 7:00 PM Byzantine Divine Liturgy:
Celebrant: Bishop Milan Lach SJ
Eparchy of Parma
Parma Ohio
- 8:00 PM Procession to the Tomb and the
Prayers for the Dormition of the
Blessed Virgin -Msgr. George
Appleyard
- Following
Procession: Food & Refreshments

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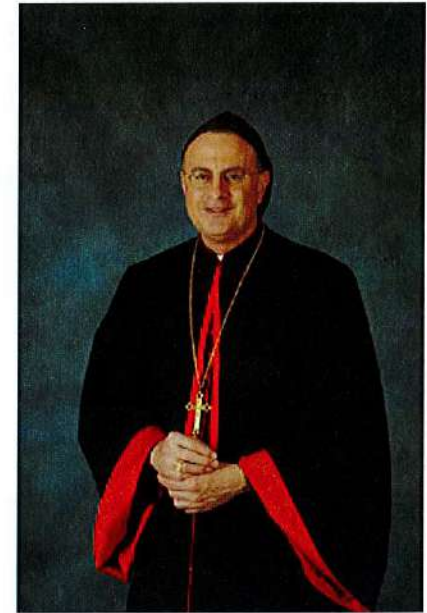
*Bishop A. Elias Zaidan M.L.M.
Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon
Los Angeles, California*

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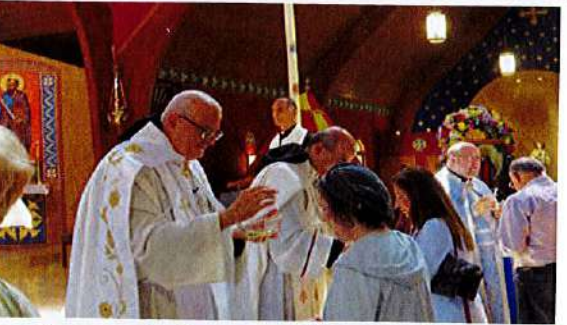
~ Wednesday, August 15 ~

- 9:00 AM Shrine Opens
- 11:00 PM Cedar Hall Opens-Food Available
- 12:00 PM Maronite Divine Liturgy
"Anointing of The Sick"
Bishops Elias Zaidan
Gregory Mansour,
- 1:00-4:00 PM Rosary (Tower Chapel)
- 2:00-5:00 PM Confessions
- 4:00 PM Adoration -Homily
- 7:00 PM Maronite Pontifical Liturgy
Celebrants: Bishops Elias
Zaidan, Gregory Mansour,
& Massoud Massoud
*Procession and Blessing with Icon
of Our Lady of Lebanon
*Choir: Basilica Jubilee Choir
- 8:00 PM Candlelight Procession
Food & Refreshment



*Bishop Gregory J. Mansour S.T.L.
Eparchy of St. Maron
Brooklyn, New York*





SHRINE HISTORY

In June of 1960, the Maronite priests of America met with the Archbishop in Washington. It was there that the Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon was first publicly proposed. However, it did not happen. On the way home, Father Peter Eid suggested the Maronites in the Youngstown and surrounding areas would buy a large piece of land and build a large shrine. One day, driving along Lipkey Road, (probably on his way to Cedar Lake), Father Peter noticed a sign, "Property for Sale 80 Acres" "That's it", he said. He was impressed by the long frontage, the evergreens of the State Forest, the Meander Reservoir (close to the property) and the turnpike gate and nearby Holiday Inn.

The owner of this property told Father Eid that she "will never sell to a Catholic." He tried to explain that a house of prayer would be much better than a junkyard or a supermarket, but to no avail. After three visits, Father Eid told her, "This is my last visit. But, I am going to call my friends and we will pray for nine days so that He will tell you to sell us the land to build a Sanctuary for His Mother, Mary." Father Peter then called upon his brother, Father Maroun Eid, Father Maroun Abi Nader and his brother Father Elias Abi Nader to pray a novena for this very intention. Surprisingly, before the nine days were over, the lady owning the land, called Father Eid and declared, "Priest, come and take the land. Your Lady is bothering me in my sleep!" In 1961, Father Eid paid \$3,000 for a six-month option on the N. Lipkey Road property.

In 1961 Msgr. Peter Eid purchased eighty acres of land in his name in North Jackson for the intent of building a Shrine in honor of Our Lady of Lebanon. The entire Shrine project was initiated in 1963 when it was proposed to the St Maron Holy Name Society.

With the cooperation of the Maronite parishes in Akron, Ohio and New Castle, PA the Youngstown, Ohio society became the leader for the program. The Shrine project received the approval of Pope John XXIII and Bishop Emmet M. Walsh, Bishop of Youngstown, and the association was incorporated as a non-profit organization of Ohio.

Msgr. Peter Eid had a will drawn up which stated that in case of his death before his dream of a National Shrine could be recognized, the land would revert to the Youngstown Diocese who could sell it as they would but that all the money from that sale would go to the Antiochian Patriarch in Lebanon. It is through the grace of God and His Mother that this precaution never had to be taken, as Msgr. Peter did live the see that his and his brother Maroun's dream became a reality.

**Rest in Peace Dear Joanne.
You will be greatly missed.
Our hearts and prayers are with you.**

