

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 demonstrates 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 "Tintinabulum" (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.



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59TH ANNUAL ASSUMPTION PILGRIMAGE

"THE MOTHER OF GOD,
A GIFT TO US"

PREPARING FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR 2025

AUGUST 13-15, 2024



**FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION
THURSDAY, AUGUST 15TH**



TUESDAY, AUGUST 13TH

9:00 AM: Shrine Opens

3:00 PM: Cedars Hall Opens
Food will be available

7:00 PM: Divine Roman Rite Liturgy
*Bishop David J. Bonnar
Celebrant and Homilist
Diocese of Youngstown*

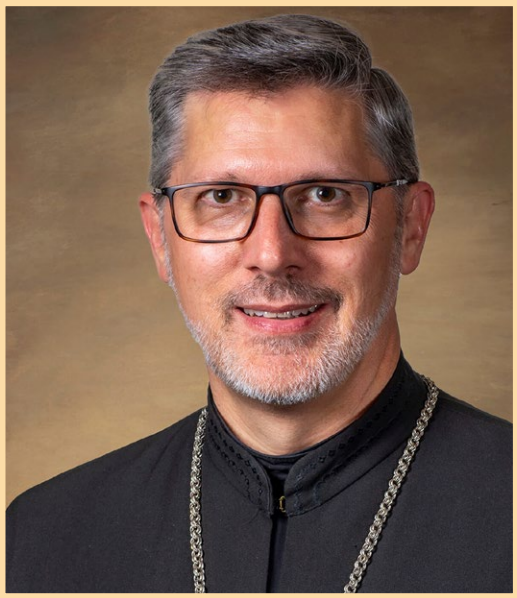
*Combined choirs of Basilica of St John
the Baptist and St Peter's Church
Canton, Ohio
Robert Sullivan, Director*

8:00 PM: Procession and Blessing with the Icon
of Our Lady of Lebanon following
the Liturgy

Following
Procession: Cedars Hall open for food,
refreshment and fellowship



Bishop David J. Bonnar
Diocese of Youngstown



Bishop Robert M. Pipta
*The Byzantine Eparchy of Parma
Parma, Ohio*

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14TH

9:00 AM: Shrine Opens

3:00 PM: Cedars Hall Opens
Food will be available

4:00 PM: Spiritual Conference
in the Shrine Basilica

7:00 PM: Byzantine Hierarchical Divine Liturgy
Bishop Robert M. Pipta,
Celebrant and Homilist
Byzantine Eparchy of Parma

8:00 PM: Choir of the Byzantine
Eparchy of Parma

8:00 PM: Procession with the Shroud of the
Dormition of Our Lady
Burial Service of the Theotokos

Blessing with the Icon of
Our Lady of Lebanon
*We invite you to bring fresh cut
flowers to lay at the shroud of
Our Lady.*

Following
Procession: Cedars Hall open for food,
refreshment and fellowship





THURSDAY, AUGUST 15TH
59TH ANNUAL FEAST OF
THE ASSUMPTION

- 9:00 AM: Shrine Opens
- 11:00 AM Maronite Divine Liturgy with Anointing of the Sick
Bishop Gregory Mansour and Bishop Elias Zaidan – Celebrants
- 1:00 PM: Cedars Hall Opens
Food will be available
- 2:00 PM: Spiritual Conference in the Shrine Basilica
- 3:00 PM: Organ Concert
*Dr. Richard Konzen
 Music Director
 St. John's Episcopal Church
 Youngstown*
- 5:00 PM: Band Concert
*Cedars Hall
 Lowellville Band*
- 7:00 PM: Maronite Pontifical Divine Liturgy
*Bishop Elias Zaidan and Bishop Gregory Mansour – Celebrants
 Combined Maronite Choirs*
- 8:00 PM: Procession and Blessing with the Icon of Our Lady of Lebanon
- Following Procession: Cedars Hall open for food, refreshment and fellowship

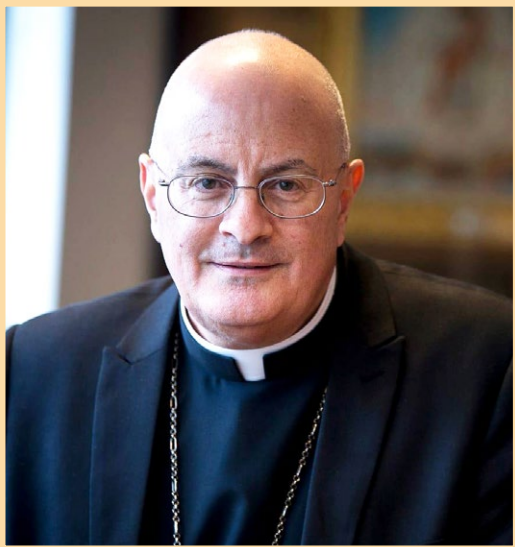
Day of Plenary Indulgence

You are welcome to bring your own chairs for the outdoor liturgy. No Shrine chairs are to be taken outside.

The Gift Shop will be closed during the evening 7:00 p.m. Liturgies and will reopen immediately following the Liturgy.



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



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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18TH
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: Refreshments Provided



Saint Rocco was born of noble parentage about 1340 A.D. in Montpelier, France. At birth, it was noted that he had a red cross-shaped birthmark on the left side of his chest. As a young child, St. Rocco showed great devotion to God and the Blessed Mother. At an early age, his parents died leaving him an orphan under the care of his uncle, the Duke of Montpelier. Soon after, St. Rocco distributed his wealth among the poor and took a vow of poverty.

St. Rocco dressed in the clothes of a pilgrim and departed for Rome. At that time, Italy was stricken with a rampant disease. St. Rocco cured many with this dreaded disease by praying for them and making the sign of the cross.

During his travels, he too contracted the plague which was evident by an open sore on his leg. St. Rocco was banished from the city and took refuge in a cave. Miraculously, a dog that refused to eat faithfully brought him bread from the table of a neighboring nobleman. The nobleman had pity on St. Rocco and brought him to his castle where St. Rocco was cured.

St. Rocco traveled through northern Italy for two or three more years before returning to his birthplace in France. So weak and sick from suffering, the townspeople did not recognize him and he was thrown into jail as a spy without any proof. But yet, he was kept in prison for five years. On August 16, 1378, a guard entered his cell and found St. Rocco near death. The dungeon was illuminated with a blue light radiating from his body. Upon hearing this, the Governor demanded to know St. Rocco's identity.

St. Rocco faintly replied, "I am your nephew Rocco." Only one thing could prove that, so he had him disrobed and the red cross-like mark was visible on the left side of his chest. The Governor and the townspeople present in the cell then believed. A voice from paradise was heard announcing that St. Rocco's soul had merited immortal glory in Heaven. Even after death, St. Rocco performed many miracles.

St. Rocco is venerated in the Roman Catholic Church as the protector against the plague and all contagious diseases. The statue of St. Rocco is considered unique among theologians because of his pose. It is most unusual because it depicts him with his left hand pointing to an open sore on his left leg. Few images of saints expose any afflictions or handicaps. His body is enclosed in a glass tomb in the church of St. Rocco in Venice, Italy. St. Rocco is remembered on August 16th of each year.

Assumption Pilgrimage 2024

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PREPARING FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR 2025

Catholics in the United States have devoted the past two years to a renewal in belief and understanding of the Lord Jesus in the Most Holy Eucharist which culminated in a great Eucharistic celebration in July.

Now we prepare for another great celebration, "Jubilee Year 2025, soon to be proclaimed by Pope Francis.

As Maronites we will celebrate the Jubilee Year, because we have the honor of being a Papal Basilica, but also, because we will be celebrating, during the same time, the 60 th Anniversary of the dedication of the National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon.

We will be honored to participate in this great year of spiritual renewal as a Jubilee Year and as an anniversary milestone for the Maronites in the United States.

With this year's Pilgrimage, we begin a year long journey to this great event and we ask that you refer to the National Shrine Webpage and Facebook for information of events which will take place during this Holy Year.

We pray that this year long celebration will bring many closer to the Lord, especially those who have become weak in faith, those who are in difficulty, those who are suffering in various ways. We will pray, in a very special way, for all in need. It will be a great year of renewal for all of us as we journey toward a great milestone and increase our faith and love for God and others.

Our Lady of Lebanon, the Mother of God, will be our guide on the Pilgrimage.



ENDOWMENT FUND

Several years ago, an Endowment Fund was established for the preservation and improvements to the Shrine Basilica.

We have been blessed with many modest and generous contributions to the fund and are very grateful for the kindness and generosity of so many who are faithful and dedicated to this holy Shrine.

There is still much that needs to be accomplished as well as planning for the secure and stable future of the Shrine Basilica.

We ask that you consider a contribution to the Shrine Endowment Fund in order that we may preserve what the Lord has given us and allow us to provide for the generations to come.

You may make your contributions via e mail, telephone or by mail.

Be assured that all our benefactors, living and deceased, are remembered daily in prayer and at the Divine Liturgy. God bless your for your devotion and generosity to Our Blessed Lady and Her Shrine.

THE PARTICULARS OF THE ENDOWMENT FUND

- Only the income from the fund can be used as the principal will remain untouched.
- The minimum donation to the fund is \$50.
- 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 welcomed by individuals, organizations, or from estates and wills.

ENDOWMENT FUND FORM

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