



**Maronite Catholic Church**

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*Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

**September 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

*~ Parish Schedule ~*

<b><u>Daily Divine Liturgy:</u></b>	Monday thru Thursday	8:30 am <i>unless noted</i>
	Friday	8:00 am
<b><u>Sunday Divine Liturgy:</u></b>	Saturday	4:00 pm
	Sunday	7:30 am & 10:30 am 12:30 pm – Arabic Mass
<b><u>Confessions:</u></b>	Saturday	2:00 pm – 3:30 pm
	Sunday	9:30 am – 10:00 am <i>or by appointment</i>
<b><u>Adoration:</u></b>	Each First Friday	7:00 pm until 7:00 am Saturday
	Each Saturday	2:00 pm until 4:00 pm
<b><u>CCD Class:</u></b>	Each Sunday	9:00 am Sept – May <i>unless noted</i>
<b><u>Baptism:</u></b>	Call Father Joubran <i>for arrangements</i>	
<b><u>Marriage:</u></b>	Contact Father Joubran <i>five to six months in advance</i>	
<b><u>Communion /Illness:</u></b>	For illnesses, surgeries, shut-ins: <i>please call the Rectory to have Father Joubran bring the Sacraments</i>	

**Parish Organizations**

**Parish Advisory Board:**

**Chairman:** Richard Tabish: 801-253-4195

Meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at 6:30 pm

**Religious Education Program:**

**Director:** Theresa Pendergast: 801- 484-6322

Classes are held each Sunday at 9:00 am (*Sept. thru May*)

**Ladies Club:**

**President:** Tammy Anton: 801-879-9775

Meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm

**Helping Hands Ministry**

Sheila Anderson: 801-486-0602

**Lectors Director:**

Sub Deacon Tony Allam: 801-484-1655

**MYO (Maronite Youth Organization):**

**Advisors:** Jeanette Johns: 801-205-3030

Joe Allen: 801-440-7909

Meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month at 11:30 am

**Mens Club:**

**President:** Tom Allen: 801-635-5711

Meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 6:30 pm

**Sunday Refreshments Director:**

Wadell Goins: 801-455-9970

**Upcoming Lectors and Readings**

**September 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> – Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

<b>LECTORS:</b>	Saturday: <b>Joe</b>	Sunday: <b>Marwan</b>
<b>READINGS:</b>	1 Corinthians 1:18-25	<b>GOSPEL:</b> John 12:20-32

**September 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> – First Sunday after Holy Cross**

<b>LECTORS:</b>	Saturday: <b>Angela</b>	Sunday: <b>Claudio</b>
<b>READINGS:</b>	2 Timothy 2:1-10	<b>GOSPEL:</b> Mark 10:35-45

## Divine Liturgy Intentions

### Exaltation of the Holy Cross

13th – Saturday	4:00 pm	Tony Nelson	by Kris & Mike Edwards
14th – Sunday ( <b>Holy Cross</b> )	7:30 am	Christine Grant +	by Barb Herndon
	10:30 am	John Mullahy +	by Pam & Rick Watkins
15th – Monday	8:30 am	Isaiah Martinez +	by Barb Herndon
16th – Tuesday	8:30 am	Intentions & Donors of Catholic Extension Society	
17th – Wednesday	8:30 am	Franky Sconfienza +	by June Sconfienza
18th – Thursday	8:30 am	Intentions & Donors of Catholic Extension Society	
19th – Friday	8:00 am	Intentions & Donors of Catholic Extension Society	

### First Sunday after Holy Cross

20th – Saturday	4:00 pm	Larry Murray +	by Kris & Mike Edwards
21st – Sunday	7:30 am	Beatrice Trople (health)	by Barb Herndon
	10:30 am	Pauline Wubben +	by Gerald & Judy Coomes
22nd – Monday	8:30 am	Intentions & Donors of Catholic Extension Society	
23rd – Tuesday	8:30 am	Isaiah Martinez +	by Barb Herndon
24th – Wednesday	8:30 am	Intentions & Donors of Catholic Extension Society	
25th – Thursday	8:30 am	Isaiah Martinez +	by Barb Herndon
26th – Friday	8:00 am	Intentions & Donors of Catholic Extension Society	
27th – Saturday	4:00 pm	Rose Kaleel + (5 yr mem)	by Jerry & Rosemary Bennett
28th – Sunday	7:30 am	Pauline Wubben +	by Leon & Mary Kleinschmit
	10:30 am	Mary Lou Winge	by Anonymous
	12:30 pm	Special Intentions	by Father Joubran

*If you wish to offer Diving Liturgy for a special intention, please complete a Mass Intentions Envelope, located on the bookcase; give it to Father Joubran or Pam, or place it in the Collections Basket. Thank you.*

### **7-DAY ALTAR CANDLES** are offered for the intentions of **Connie Kaleel**

**9/21/14:** Bertha Cervantes; **9/28/14:** Moises Lopez; **10/5/14:** Bertha Cervantes; **10/12/14:** Val Tezak; **10/19/14:** Kaleel  
*If you would like the Sanctuary and Side Altar candles offered for a loved one, or a special intention, please talk with Anna Marie or Pam. The Altar Candle donation is \$5 for all three candles, for the week.*

### **SUNDAY REFRESHMENTS:** Thanks to all who have contributed to our Welcome Pot Luck today!

**9/21/14: ???; 9/28/14: ???; 10/5/14: ???; 10/12/14: ???; 10/19/14: ??? ; 10/26/14: ???**

*Please sign the sheet at the Church Entrance and/or talk with Wadell if you are able to donate refreshments for a week, as you can see we have no refreshment volunteers scheduled. Thank you.*

## **PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES**

- 9/13/14:** Parish Work Day with the neighbors from Wasatch Street
- 9/13 & 14/14:** Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross / 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for the Middle East
- 9/14/14:** **POT LUCK LUNCHEON** to welcome Chorbishop Bill Leser
- 9/21/14:** Carmelite Fair – 11:00 until 5:00 – Carmelite Monastery grounds
- 9/22/14:** Parish Council Meeting, 6:30 pm, Church Hall
- 9/26/14:** Father Joubran returns
- 9/27 & 28/14:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection at all Masses for the Patriarchal Charities
- 9/27/14:** **Deadline for online Dinner Tickets for our St. Jude Lebanese Festival!** / Chorbishop Bill leaves
- 9/28/14:** **IMPORTANT Meeting** for all volunteers who are working with \$\$\$ at the Festival after 10:30 Mass
- 9/29/14:** Hispanic Mass in honor of St. Jude, 7:00 pm
- 10/3/14:** Festival Set up day
- 10/4/14:** Festival Set up completion- morning / **ST JUDE LEBANESE FESTIVAL** 5:30 pm!

**The best mathematical equation I have ever seen:**

**1 cross + 3 nails= 4 given**

*Welcome Back to St. Jude's, Chorbishop Bill!*  
*Thank you for being here!*

**WELCOME POT LUCK LUNCHEON following 10:30 am Mass.**

Thanks to all the good cooks who have brought their favorite foods to share.

**TODAY, SEPT. 14<sup>TH</sup>, IS THE FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS!**

At all weekend Masses, Monsignor Bill will have veneration of the Cross for the community. At the Sunday 10:30 am Mass Monsignor will process with the Cross. He is asking the children of our community to process with him. Please, parents, encourage your children to process, and follow Monsignor's lead, after the homily. Thank you.

**2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION**

Bishop Zaidan has requested that all parishes conduct an additional collection for the Middle East Christians at all Masses this weekend. If you have already donated, thank you for your generosity. If not, this is your second chance to help the people in this frightening time. There are marked envelopes in your pews.

**DAILY MASS WILL RESUME**

with Chorbishop Bill, Monday thru Thursday, 8:30 am, and Fridays at 8:00 am. Masses will be celebrated in the Rectory Chapel unless notified.

**CCD Classes are held at 9:00 am on Sundays**

in the Youth House. It is NOT TOO LATE to register your young people! See Theresa Pendergast – classes are offered from Kindergarten to 12th grade.

**THANKS TO ALL WHO CAME AND JOINED OUR NEIGHBORS**

on our St. Jude Work Days. There is always much to do. Good hands are needed year around. If you are willing to help with this ministry for our little Church, please talk with Rick Watkins 801-205-9090 or 801-969-8176.

**THERE IS A NEW NOCTURNAL FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION SIGN UP SHEET FOR 2014-2015 on the**

**bookcase.** Please renew your times for visiting Jesus, or sign up now if you do not have a regular time slot! It is a special opportunity during these hours to be with our Lord in the quiet and beauty of our little church.

**REFRESHMENT VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOLLOWING THE SUNDAY 10:30 MASS!**

Please be sure to sign the Sheet on the bookcase at the Church Entrance. This way we don't have duplicate refreshments on some days and none on others. Much appreciation to those who have 'stepped up'.

**THE SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE PATRIARCHAL CHARITIES**

has been moved to the weekend of September 28<sup>th</sup>.

**SAINT JUDE PRAYER LIST:** Becky Rio; Martha Rojas; Nedra & Jason; Jennifer T; Connie Kaleel; June Sconfienza; Sarkis Barakat; Augie Cervantes; Tony Nelson; Merideth Box; Stella Barach; Bruce Barnes; Jeanine Ferguson; Dianne Mecham; Mary Ann Cordes; all elderly, sick and recuperating parishioners; All parishioners & family members in the Armed Forces.

**THE CARMELITE FAIR**

Is next Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. Stop by the Sister's monastery, and have some fun!

**SEPTEMBER PARISH COUNCIL**

**MEETING** will be on Monday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6:30 pm in the Church Hall.

## ONLINE FESTIVAL RESERVATIONS: [stjudemaroniteutah.org](http://stjudemaroniteutah.org)

**ST JUDE LEBANESE FESTIVAL: SATURDAY OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup>!** Deadline for advanced tickets is Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$40 each, advanced online sales or \$50 each at the door on the night of the Festival.

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### THIS WEEKEND IS THE DEADLINE! PLACE AN AD IN OUR ST. JUDE FESTIVAL PROGRAM!!!

Talk with:

Tammy Anton, 385-215-5497 or Amalia Deslis: 801-647-8136 for more information.

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### DONATE A BOTTLE OF YOUR FAVORITE BEVERAGE FOR OUR BARREL OF CHEER RAFFLE!

Take your donations to the Rectory, thank you.



#### VOLUNTEER TO HELP!



All hands are needed to make this a great success!  
Committee 'chairs' are listed below,  
please feel free to talk with/call and volunteer your help to any one of us!  
**THANK YOU!**

Paul Simon, Chairman ~ 801-209-3751  
Amalia Deslis, Co-chair ~ 801-647-8136  
Angela Brickey ~ 801-706-3518  
Ganny Tamilthiyagan ~ Facebook, Computer ~ 801-906-3665  
Janice Tabish, Servers ~ 801-949-0749  
Jenny Johns, Dance Troupe ~ 801-205-3030  
Jim/Tammy Anton, Cultural Sales ~ 801-571-0279  
Nate Munt ~ Webmaster/Computer ~ 801-231-4185  
Pam Watkins ~ 801-205-5550  
Rich Tabish, Kitchen ~ 801-550-1594  
Tamara Anton, Silent Auction, Sponsors, Raffle, Ads ~ 385-215-5497  
Tammy Anton, Set up, Décor ~ 801-879-9775  
Tom Allem, Kitchen ~ 801-560-3891



2014 ST JUDE  
LEBANESE  
FESTIVAL

**Holy Family Hall**  
St. Vincent's Church Complex  
1375 East Spring Lane  
Salt Lake City, Utah

# HAFLEE

[ DINNER - DANCE ]

**Saturday | October 4 | 2014**

5:30 p.m. [Social]

6:00 p.m. [Authentic Lebanese Dinner]

**Dancing & Entertainment to Follow!**

**\$40/person** [Reservations required]

*Main Raffle Drawing*

1st: 50" LED 3D HDTV

2nd: \$500 Cash

3rd: Apple iPad

*Additional Events*

Cultural/Baked Goods Sales

Silent Auction

Basket of Cheer Raffle

To make reservations and choose your table, visit or call:

[stjudemaroniteutah.org](http://stjudemaroniteutah.org) | 801-268-2820

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## **“LIFT HIGH THE CROSS”**

### **Feast of the Triumph of the Cross ~ September 14**

*(Brother John M. Samaha, S.M.)*

Already in the time of the apostles the cross on which Christ died had become the symbol of his redemptive death and a symbol for himself and for Christianity. In 335 A.D. on September 13, the Church of the Martyrdom and Resurrection was dedicated in Jerusalem. The next day, in a solemn ceremony, the faithful were shown the cross that the Empress Helen had discovered on September 14, 320. This ceremony was repeated each successive year on September 14 in that church, which possessed a large relic of the cross. The reverent elevation of the relic of the true cross gave this day its name, “Exaltation of the Cross... Later this feast was combined with the memorial of the rescue of the stolen cross from the Persians by the Emperor Heraclius in 628.

The striking prayers of the Liturgy for this day testify to the grace of our salvation as expressed in Christ’s promise, “When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all to myself” (*John 12:32*). The tone of the feast ... is quite different from the somber and sorrowful liturgy of Good Friday. September 14 has a definitely joyous character. It recalls our happiness about our salvation.

Because the cross has become so commonplace, there is danger that this symbol of Christian salvation may lose much of its significance. The cross is visible in so many places and we see it so often: in church, in our room, in public displays, even on some hilltops. Frequently we make the “sign of the cross” over ourselves when we pray and at other times. Even in the secular realm the word “cross” is widely used not only as a symbol of honor or service as in “Red Cross” and “Distinguished Service Cross,” but even in more prosaic terms such as “criss-cross,” “crossword,” and other common expressions. How do we overcome the tendency to lose or dilute the importance of the word and the symbol?

We need to devise solutions and reminders to overcome that kind of passivity. One approach is to think of and to speak of the striking symbolism of the two beams that make up the cross. The upright (vertical) beam with its orientation pointing both above and below will remind us that the Son of God came down from heaven for us and for our salvation. This beam is a symbol of God’s love for humankind, which manifests itself especially in the Incarnation and in Christ’s sacrificial death on the cross. The upright beam will also remind us of the necessity of lifting up the human spirit to God. When people forget this upward climb to God, this transcendence, they quickly lose awareness of the fundamental dimension of their own relationship with and dependence on the Creator. Then the illusion of human autonomy quickly encroaches resulting in error and confusion.

The horizontal beam points both left and right to indicate our fellow human beings all round us. That reminds us that together with the love of God, the love of neighbor is essential to the Christian commandment of love. True holiness cannot overlook one’s neighbor. Christ himself demonstrated symbolically with his arms extended on the cross what he had earlier proclaimed publicly: “When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all to myself” (*John 12:32*). Let us stretch our arms wide as Jesus has done, so that we will embrace the whole world. We cannot love God while denying our fellow human beings practical love in concrete situations. Christ refers every good deed, and every good deed left undone, to himself: “...you did it (did not do it) to me” (*Matthew 25:40-45*).

Recalling the vertical and horizontal beams of the cross in this way is a lively reminder of the Christian way of life. To give the symbol of the cross such a prominence in our lives is the most significant “exaltation” and “triumph” of the cross. May the feast and each time we bless ourselves remind us of this.

“We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.”