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Seventh Sunday of Pentecost

الأحد السابع للعنصرة

Divine Liturgy

Sunday 9:30 AM & 11:00 AM
Daily Mass: Tue - Sat at 6:30 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession

30 minutes before Mass upon request

Sacrament of Crowning – Marriage

Notify the Pastor four months in
advance for arrangements

Sacrament of Baptism

Parents should meet with the Pastor one
month ahead to make arrangements

Sick and Hospitalized

Contact the Pastor for visitation

Church Office

Monday–Friday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Daily Readings

Sunday July 12: 2Cor 3:1-6 Lk 10:1-7

الأحد السابع للعنصرة – Seventh Sunday of Pentecost

Monday July 13: Acts 14:1-7 Lk 10:8-12

Tuesday July 14: Acts 14:8-18 Lk 10:13-16

Wednesday July 15: Acts 14:19-28 Lk 10:17-20

Thursday July 16: Acts 15:1-12 Lk 10:25-28

Friday July 17: Acts 15:13-21 Lk 10:29-37

القديسة مارينا - Saint Marina

Saturday July 18: Acts 15:22-30 Lk 10:38-42

Sunday July 19: Rom 8:28-39 Mt 13:36-43

الأحد الثامن للعنصرة – Eighth Sunday of Pentecost
الإحتفال بعيد مار الياس - Saint Elias Feast (Observed)

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Community Announcements

Knights of the Cedars

July 15

The Knights of the Cedars will hold their monthly meeting on Wednesday at 7:30 PM.

Prayer Group

July 16

The prayer group continues its weekly meetings on Thursdays from 7:30 to 8:30 PM.

LAST SUNDAY COLLECTION **\$2,613**

PLEDGES **\$750**

Saint Marina, the Monk

Marina was a woman who disguised herself as a man to join her father, a layman who gave up everything after the death of his wife and became a monk at the Monastery of Our Lady of Qannoubin in the Qadisha Valley of Lebanon. [Henceforth in the text whenever chronologically or contextually appropriate in relating her story, Saint Marina will either be referred to as "Marina" (feminine), or as "Marinos" (masculine).]

Father Marinos, as Marina was known, had been falsely accused of fathering a child. When confronted, Marinos said nothing in her own defense, and so the abbot expelled her from the monastery. Marinos, having been believed of "fathering" the child, was given it to raise.

Whether at the monastery door or in a small adjacent grotto, Marinos spent her time praying, begging forgiveness to return to the monastery, living ascetically, and raising and teaching the child.

A few years later, the Abbot allowed Marinos to return to her cell at the monastery, but imposed strict terms and conditions upon her. Marinos accepted and lived an even more ascetic life than previously, until the day she died. It was only then that the Abbot, the monks, and the people of the surrounding villages knew that Marinos was a woman who obviously had been falsely accused.

They lamented her, repented their own sin against her and revealed to everyone the false accusation which had destroyed the Monk Marinos' reputation. The mother of the child and her father, the main accusers, wept in repentance and asked forgiveness. Marina became a venerated saint in Mount Lebanon and from there her veneration spread to Jerusalem, Constantinople, Italy, Venice, France and many other places. Her story has been told in many languages.

Today she is mainly honored in Lebanon, Cyprus, and in Venice, Italy.

On the road from Jbeil to Tripoli in an area called Qalamoun, the Grotto of Saint Marina stands, stately guarding the sea. This grotto shrine was famous for the beautiful frescos that once ornamented it. Although the original paintings cannot be recovered, two foreign scholars, Charles Virollaud and Charles Brossé, had examined these frescoes between 1922 and 1926 and left written descriptions of the lost images.

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