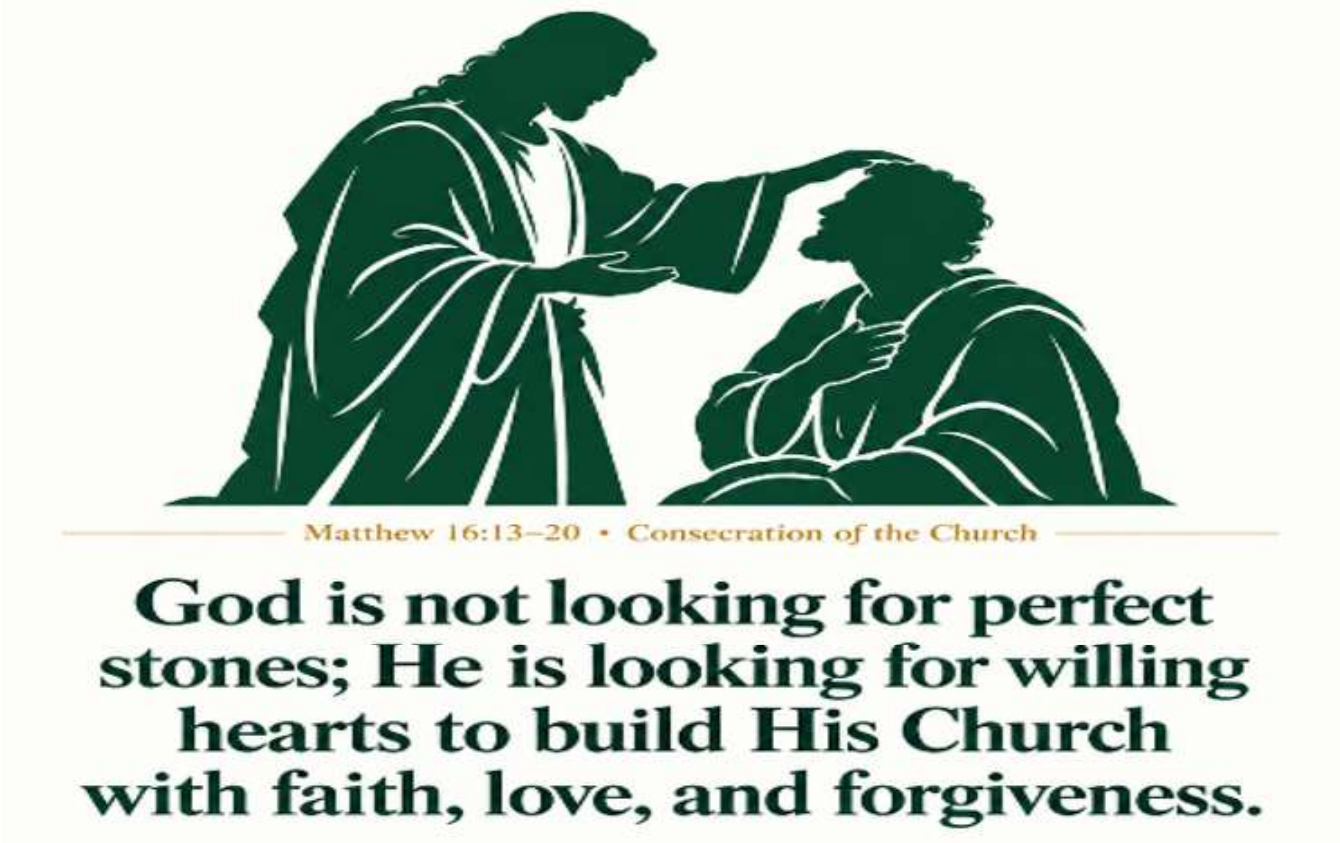
October 31-November 1, 2026
Consecration of the Church



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Liturgy Times & Intentions:
October 31-November 8, 2026

Consecration of the Church (All Saints)

Sat	Oct 31 4:00PM	Epimachus	Souls of Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Torcia	Family
Sun	Nov 1 8:30AM	Cosmas &	Deceased Members of the Joseph Zennie Family	Family
	11:00AM	Damian	Soul of Louis Giordano	Family
			Soul of Jacqueline Raad	Family
Mon	Nov 2		No Liturgy	
Tues	Nov 3		No Liturgy	
Weds	Nov 4		No Liturgy	

St. Sharbel Mass of Prayer & Healing at the Saint Sharbel Spiritual Life Center

Thurs Nov 5	5:00PM	Eucharistic Adoration, Confession Available
	6:00PM	Rosary
	6:30PM	Divine Liturgy, Blessing with Holy Oil and Veneration of the Relic of St. Sharbel
Fri	Nov 6	No Liturgy

Renewal of the Church

Sat	Nov 7 4:00PM	Hieron	Soul of Janet Anthony	Family
			Good Health for Jack	The Pastor
Sun	Nov 8 8:30AM	Michael	Soul of Evelyn Shock	Caroline & Dan Reilly
	11:00AM		Soul of Diana Kuzma	Family

If you would like to schedule a liturgy intention, please call the office (412-278-0841).

We will resume weekday liturgies on Tuesday, November 10, 2026. Rosary 5:00PM and liturgy 5:30PM during the winter months.

Our collections are as follows:
October 31 & November 1, 2026
All Saints
& Maronite Patriarchal Charities*
November 7 & 8, 2026
Weekly Offering
& Helping the Needy
***Maronite Patriarchal Charities**
All proceeds from this collection are sent directly to our Patriarch for his charitable works.

October 2026	4-Oct	11-Oct	18-Oct	25-Oct	Total
Collection	$2,380	$7,873	$2,340	$1,180	$13,773
Mail Collection	$1,145	$300	$765	$150	$2,360
Online Giving	$320	$75	$235	$155	$785
Candles	$20	$48	$115	$27	$210
Help for the Needy	$20	$300	$15	$0	$335
World Mission	$0	$10	$125	$25	$160
Hall Rental	$500	$300	$0	$0	$800
Church Fund	$240	$0	$0	$150	$390
Total	$4,625	$8,906	$3,595	$1,687	$18,813
Expenses	-$31,896	-$1,417	-$11,238	-$2,621	-$47,172
Balance	-$27,271	$7,489	-$7,643	-$934	-$28,359

Saint Joseph House
OLOV Winter Coat Drive

Saint Joseph House of Hospitality provides safe housing and supportive serivces for men over the age of 50. They are in desperate need of men's winter coats. There's a bin in the church vestibule where you can put them.
Thank you for your kindness!

Mystery of Reconciliation/Confession: Confession is available before and after Liturgies on Saturday and Sunday, and by appointment during the week.

Baptism & Chrismation: Arrangements for these Mysteries may be preceded by instructional classes for Parents & Sponsors. The Parents themselves should contact the office. Both sponsors must be Catholic and must be 18 years of age or older. Sponsorship Forms are required for sponsors.

Marriages: The couple should contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance and before any other arrangements or commitments are made. No weddings outside of the parish.

Funerals: Please contact the Pastor or Parish Office before making any arrangements. The Pastor must be consulted to set times for Prayer Services and Funeral Liturgies. We will celebrate ALL Funeral Liturgies here at the Church.

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Please keep in your prayers: Chuck Borik, Michael Rattie, Alicia Hruby, Helen McGoun, Dr. Adnan Abla, Ashley Ayoob, David Ingrid Franklin, Faten Fatfat, Franice Pattinato, Helen Mierski, Rebecca Rodgers, Patty Doerzbacker, Anna Marie Mecca, Ken Kovach, Frank Joseph, Alex Joseph, Rosemary Thomas Hartman, Celeste Cancilla, Stephanie Vail, James Brocato, Dalal Romah, Isaac Simon, Sue Cravens, Kim B., Chrissy Coury, Logan Gump, Darius Xavier Collins, Melissa Rodriguez, Amanda Marie, Matthew James Rendell, Jadon Michael, Jean Westerman, Attila Shumaker, Timmy Droege, Denise Mytiva Mastro, Kate Jacobs, Vincent Scully, Valerie Bonner, John Kavulic, Jaime Perrucci, Kattie Fitzpatrick, Lyuva Lazovski, Barbara Routh Cappy, Josephine, Veronica Moore, Fadaa Sadaka, Grace Kaduck, Traci Orr, Hampartsoum Nazarian, Mary Elizabeth Leonard, John Bauer, James Routh Cappy, and all who are in need of our prayers.

Scripture Readings

Consecration of the Church
(October 31 & November, 2026)
Is 54:1, 3, 5-8, 10
Heb 9:1-12 Mt 16:13-20

Renewal of the Church
(November 7 & 8, 2026)
2 Mac 10:1-6a, 7b-8
Heb 9:11-15 Jn 10:22-42

All Readings are taken from the NRSVCE.
All Gospel Readings are take from the Revised Edition of the New American Bible

Month of October 2026

Altar Bread & Wine
In loving memory of the Kail Family
requested by Family.
Sanctuary Lamps
In loving memory of the Kail Family
requested by Family.

Month of November 2026

Altar Bread & Wine
In loving memory of Josephine and Carl Hess
requested by Family.

Sanctuary Lamps
In loving memory of John A.Kail
requested by Bob & Cathy Hoag.

Altar Bread & Wine or Sanctuary Lamps can be sponsored for a donation of $25.

PARISH REGISTRATION

New parishioners are asked to register as are newlyweds and single young adults, even if registered previously with their families. Please call the office for a registration form. Forms are also available in the church vestibule and can be completed and placed in the collection basket.

DONATE ONLINE

Consider using our online giving tool. Go to our website OLOVPGH.ORG and set up recurrent payments or make a one-time gift.

FAMILY PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Before an icon or before a meal

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

O God, you desire that each of us
follow your invitation to holiness.

Stir up in the hearts of your people
the grace of a holy vocation.
Grant to us, through the prayer
of your Immaculate Mother, Mary,
and your foster father, Joseph,
the willingness and generosity to give
our time, talents, and our very lives
to the service of our Lord God and Savior,
Jesus Christ, and his Holy Church.

May men and women be inspired
to serve as faithful priests, brothers, sisters,
deacons, subdeacons,
holy married couples, parents and
generous single people.

May they share the truth and beauty
of our Catholic Faith,
so that all people
may know you better, love you more,
and serve you well.

O Lord our God to you be glory, now and forever. Amen.

(Recite the Our Father, the Hail Mary and the Glory Be together)

The Sundays of the Church

Originally there were four or five Sundays in honor of the Church during our Maronite Liturgical year. These celebrations were first observed in Jerusalem on September 13, 355, in honor of the dedication of the Church of the Resurrection. I our present day Maronite Church we celebrate only two Sundays: The Consecration of the Church and the Sunday of the Renewal of the Church.

As we indicated in last week's Bulletin, we follow a basic rule to determine if there is one or two Sundays celebrated. If November 1st falls on either a Monday or a Tuesday, the feast of the Consecration of the Church is alone observed. If, however, November 1st falls on a day other than Monday or Tuesday, both the Consecration of the Church and the Renewal of the Church are observed. This year, we celebrate both the Sundays of the Consecration and Renewal because November 1st falls on a Sunday.

No specific sanctuary or building is being commemorated, but rather the universal Church of Christ, the light of the world. The Church is the leaven which will save the world and guide it to salvation and perfection.

The celebration/s in honor of the Church coincide with the Jewish festival of the Dedication of the Temple (Hannukah), which is also known as the Festival of Lights.

The origins of the Jewish feast of the Dedication of the Temple are found in a time of great persecution and heroism in Jewish history. The King of Syria, Antiochus Epiphanes (175-164 BC) led a movement which intended to abandon the religious and cultural traditions of the Hebrews and adopt those of the pagan Greeks. Antiochus plundered the Temple treasury, suppressed Jewish worship and installed an altar dedicated to Zeus in the Temple.

Through the military successes of Judas Maccabee, the Temple was recovered, purified and rededicated in 165 BC (1 Mc 4:36-60). In order to thank the Lord, the Feast of Dedication was to be celebrated for eight days.

The Christian feast of the Dedication of the Church recalls that the Church of Christ, while constantly in need of purification, has conquered all false teachings and gods. The powers of darkness and evil have no power over the Light. It is through the Church that Christ's salvific mission is accomplished in the world. For this reason, it is aptly called the "Light of the Nations" (*Lumen Gentium*, 1 of Vatican Council II).

In the Maronite Prayer of the Faithful for the Sunday of Dedication, we pray:

Rise up, and be adorned with light, O Holy Church,
because the Wise Architect has placed your foundations
on his rock and has reinforced your gates by his right hand.
Rise up and be adorned with light,
because the Savior of the world has gathered all your children within your walls;
the mighty One has chosen you for his dwelling place.
Rise up and be adorned with light,
because the holy Lord has poured his holiness upon you
and has chosen saints from among your children.
Rise up and be adorned with light,
because the powerful Lord has exalted you
and made you victorious over your enemies.
...Bring us one day into your heavenly glory,
that we may prasie and glorify you for ever. amen. (*Sedro*)

HELP FOR THE NEEDY

We will be making lunches on
Saturday, November 28, 2026.
The lunches are delivered to
Second Avenue Commons.

We are collecting <u>new</u> gloves, socks and hats.
There's a basket in the church
vestibule for you to place your donations. Thank you!

Scholarships for Our Youth!

We are pleased to announce that we will again award scholarships at our Christmas Party on Sunday, December 20, 2026. There will be 5 scholarships. The recipients will receive the actual scholarship Saturday, February 13, 2027 following our St. Maron liturgy. All students are encouraged to participate and will need to complete an application (available in the vestibule and will also be sent via email). The deadline to submit an application is
Sunday, January 17, 2027.

OLOV Christmas Party
Sunday, December 20, 2026

11AM Liturgy
Children's Play
Christmas Party

Mark Your Calendars,please.

JESUS AND PETER: THE ROCK!

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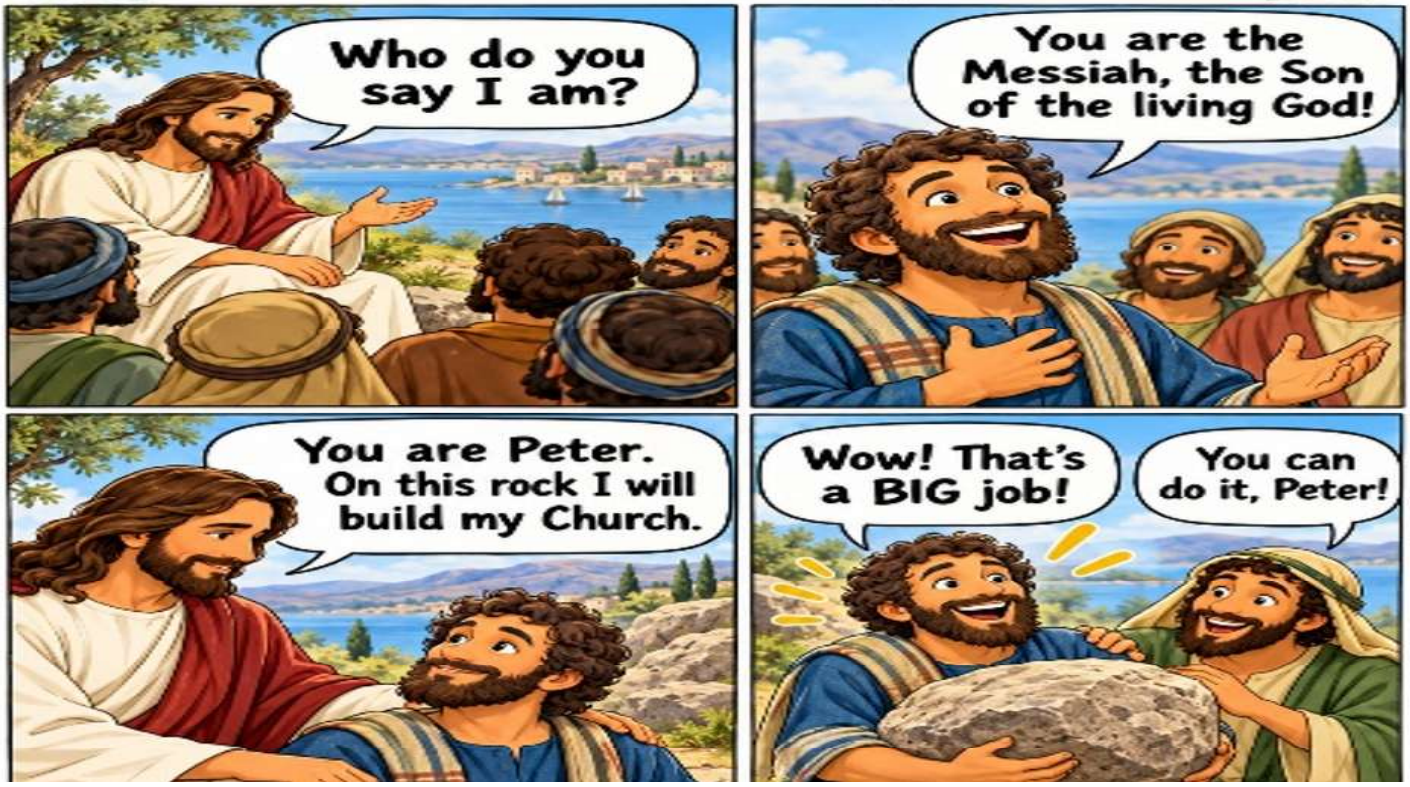

WE ARE LIVING STONES!

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Jesus loves us even when we make mistakes.
We are the living stones of His Church!

Jesus, help us love and forgive. Amen.

MYO MID-ATLANTIC WEST:

Get ready for an unforgettable day of faith, fellowship, and Christmas cheer!

Join us on Saturday, December 5th, for a special Christmas-themed Day Retreat with a spotlight on someone very special to us all: Our Blessed Mother Mary!

Together, we'll dive deeper into the true meaning of Christmas through inspiring spiritual reflections, exciting activities, meaningful conversations, and plenty of fun with fellow MYO members!

SPOTS ARE LIMITED! Registration is first come, first served, so don't miss your chance!

Let's come together, celebrate our faith, honor our Blessed Mother, and prepare our hearts for the birth of Christ!

We can't wait to see you there!

Please call the office (412-278-0841) to register. The cost is $30.