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 Price 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 Coast 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.

ASSUMPTION PILGRIMAGE UPDATE
August 1,2020

Dear Friends and Benefactors,
We continue to closely monitor the pandemic and how it affects all of us. We want all to be as safe as possible and we pray for a quick resolution.
In the meantime, we continue to plan our annual celebration with many precautions in place.
The following necessary decisions have been made to ensure the safety of all our pilgrims:

1. Thursday, August 13: There will be no food or refreshments available prior to or following the Divine Liturgy. * Only bottled water will be available for purchase.

2. Friday, August 14: There will be food and refreshments available prior to and following the Divine Liturgy with a limited menu.

3. Saturday, August 15: There will be food and refreshments available prior and following the Divine Liturgies as originally scheduled with a limited menu.

Face coverings must be worn while inside the Shrine buildings as per the State of Ohio directives and safe distancing must be observed whenever possible.
Indoor seating in the Cedars hall will be at 50% capacity with additional outdoor seating available.
The evening processions following the Divine Liturgies will be modified as necessary and depending upon the State of Ohio directives at that time.
We are hoping to "livestream" the Liturgies and will inform you as soon as we know more. Please check the Shrine Webpage and Facebook for updates.

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55TH ANNUAL ASSUMPTION PILGRIMAGE

AUGUST 13-15, 2020

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION SATURDAY, AUGUST 15TH

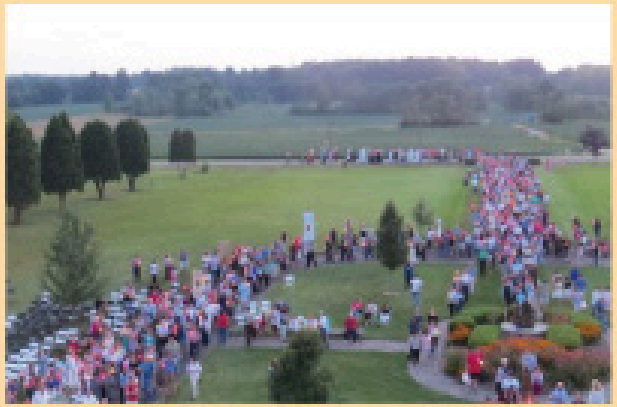
PLEASE NOTE: There's nothing more important to us than keeping those who attend our pilgrimage well. We will be implementing strict protocol as it relates to sanitizing, social distancing, and taking all measures that are recommended by the CDC.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13TH

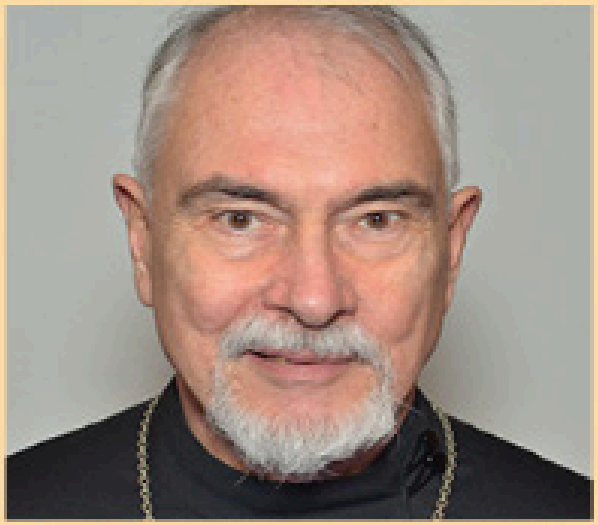
Very Rev. John E. Sheridan, S.T.L

Rector - Basilica of Saint John the Baptist
Pastor - Saint Peter Catholic Church,
Canton, Ohio

9:00 AM:	Shrine Opens
3:00 PM:	Cedars Hall Opens
7:00 PM:	Divine Liturgy: Roman Rite Combined Choirs of the Basilica of St. John the Baptist & St. Peter Church. Robert Sullivan - Director and Organist
8:00 PM:	Candlelight Procession Procession and Blessing with the Icon of Our Lady of Lebanon
Following Procession:	MYA & MYO Youth Activities



FRIDAY, AUGUST 14TH



Rt. Rev. Mitrat George Appleyard Eparchy of St. Josaphat In Parma

9:00 AM:	Shrine Opens
3:00 PM:	Cedars Hall Opens Food will be available*
2:00-5:00 PM:	Confessions
7:00 PM	Rt. Rev. Mitrat George Appleyard Eparchy of St. Josaphat In Parma
8:00 PM:	Procession to the Tomb and the Prayers for the Dormition of the Blessed Virgin - Very Rev. Msgr. George Appleyard
Following Procession:	Food & Refreshments* MYA & MYO Youth Activities

**Limited menu*

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15TH
55TH ANNUAL FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

8:00 AM:	Shrine Opens Maronite Divine Liturgy
10:00 AM	Maronite Liturgy: "Anointing of the Sick" Bishops Elias Zaidan & Gregory Mansour
11:00 AM:	Cedars Hall Opens *Food will be available**
12:00-2:00 PM:	Rosary (Tower Chapel)
2:00 PM:	Choir Concert - Choral Reflections "Anamnesis"
3:00-5:00 PM:	Confessions
4:00 PM:	Spiritual Conference Msgr. William Bonczewski Pastor, Our Lady of the Cedars Church, Fairlawn, Ohio
5:00 PM:	Band Concert Cedars Hall Lowellville Band
7:00 PM:	Maronite Pontificial Liturgy Celebrants: Bishops Elias Zaidan, & Gregory Mansour **Procession and Blessing with Icon of Our Lady of Lebanon* **Choir: Basilica Jubilee Choir*
8:00 PM:	Candlelight Procession Food & Refreshments* *Limited menu

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 23RD
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.

Assumption Pilgrimage 2020

Days of Thanksgiving and Praise to God for Deliverance from the Pandemic Pestilence

The great feast of Our Lady's Assumption will be of significance this year because we have endured the horrible pandemic which has plagued the entire world.

It is by the grace of God that we have survived this terrible tragedy and we remember the countless souls who have suffered and died from this scourge.

We pray for the repose of their souls and we ask the Lord to grant them a merciful judgement and to receive their souls into His Kingdom.

Bishop Elias Zaidan has declared the Assumption Pilgrimage as special days of Thanksgiving which carry with the celebration the perpetual plenary indulgence granted to this Basilica and Shrine by Pope Francis as well as all extraordinary indulgences granted by the Holy Father.

This is an important time for all of us and a special opportunity to show our gratitude to Almighty God for his healing. Every evening of the Pilgrimage the "Te Deum" (Praise to God) will be sung as our special act of Thanksgiving. We shall thank God not only for deliverance and healing, but also for all those who placed themselves in great danger to assist others. All first responders, law enforcement, fire personnel, medical staff, volunteers, civic leaders and elected officials and clergy and religious who exhausted themselves to serve and save souls. God bless them and may the Lord keep us in the palm of His hand.

Come join us and give thanks and praise to the Lord God who has delivered us from destruction.

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, repairs 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 $5,000.**
- **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.**

Feast of the Assumption Choral Reflections

A special program of choral reflections will be presented on August 15th at 2 PM in the Shrine Basilica.

This program is presented as an offering of thanksgiving to Our Lord for delivering us from the terrible pandemic which has plagued the entire world. We thank Providence for the dedication of so many who struggled and sacrificed to assist those who were afflicted. We are grateful to medical personnel, first responders, police, fire and EMT, civic and religious leaders and the many volunteers who labored tirelessly to relieve the suffering of others.

To honor those who died and those who gave of themselves, a special musical composition was commissioned entitled "Anamnesis" the text of which is taken from the Maronite Syriac Divine Liturgy. The composer is a young gentleman from western Pennsylvania, Jonny Priano, whose talent is recognized worldwide.

We are grateful to Maestro Priano for this composition and we are grateful to Mr. Adam Zagotti, Basilica organist, for making this commission possible.