



Independence Day in the U.S. is an annual holiday commemorating the formal adoption by the Continental Congress of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, in Philadelphia. Although the signing of the Declaration was not completed until August, the Fourth of July holiday has been accepted as the official anniversary of the U.S. independence and is celebrated in all states and territories of the U.S.

The holiday was first observed in Philadelphia on July 8, 1776, at which time the Declaration of Independence was read aloud, city bells rang, and bands played. It was not declared a legal holiday, however, until 1941. The Fourth is traditionally celebrated publicly with parades and pageants, patriotic speeches, and organized firing of guns and cannons and displays of fireworks; early in the 20th century public concern for a “safe and sane” holiday resulted in restrictions on general use of fireworks. Family picnics and outings are a feature of private Fourth of July celebrations.

Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom, must, like men, undergo the fatigue of supporting it. ~Thomas Paine

In the truest sense, freedom cannot be bestowed; it must be achieved. ~Franklin D. Roosevelt

For what avail the plough or sail, or land or life, if freedom fail? ~Ralph Waldo Emerson

Those who won our independence believed liberty to be the secret of happiness and courage to be the secret of liberty. ~ Louis D. Brandeis

Liberty is the breath of life to nations. ~George Bernard Shaw

Freedom has its life in the hearts, the actions, the spirit of men and so it must be daily earned and refreshed — else like a flower cut from its life-giving roots, it will wither and die. ~Dwight D. Eisenhower

The flag of America will continue to soar as it boasts its colors to symbolize freedom and bravery. May this day be a symbol of peace, prosperity, and happiness in your lives. God bless America!

**ST. ELIAS MARONITE
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June 29, 2025**



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Liturgy Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 10:30 am
Weekdays: 9:00 am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:
Every Friday following the 9:00 am
Liturgy until 5:00 pm

Mystery of Reconciliation: Saturdays from 4:00 PM to
4:40 PM and Sundays from 9:45 AM to 10:15 AM
or by appointment

LITURGY INTENTIONS

WEEKEND OF JUNE 28 & 29, 2025

Saturday: 5:00 PM: June Ferris Radford, RIP (Joe & Jane Silek & Sam & Dawn Silek)

Sunday: 10:30 AM: Aileen Fleming, birthday (Michael Fleming)

Monday, June 30: 9 AM- Fr. David Fitzgerald, SA, health & blessings

Tuesday, July 1: 9 AM- Special intention (Craig Turner)

Wednesday, July 2: 9 AM- A special intention (Craig Turner)

Thursday, July 3: 9 AM- Leona McFeeters, health & blessings

Friday, July 4: 9 AM-

Offertory— June 22, 2025 - \$2,192.00

SECOND Collection: this weekend, 6/28 & 29 for
Holy Father's Collection (Peter's Pence)

ALTAR EUCHARIST CELEBRATION July

The wine, bread & candles are being offered
in honor of Wynn timer & Conrad Shroades'
50th wedding anniversary and Wynn timer's birthday
by Mickey Thomas



Daily Scripture Readings

Week of June 29, 2025

Monday: Acts 7:44-50 : Matthew 18:1-5

Tuesday: Acts 7:51-8:1a : Matthew 18:6-10

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8 - Matthew 18:11-14

Thursday: Acts 8:9, 13b-25 : Mt 18:15-20

Friday: Acts 8:26-40 : Matthew 18:21-35

Saturday: Acts 9:1-6, 10-11, 15-19 : Mat 11:25-30

Sunday: Phil 3:7-14 : Mt 10:1-7



DONATIONS FOR ALTAR FLOWERS

We are in need of flowers to decorate the image and relics of
St. Sharbel on his feast day which falls on Tuesday, July 23rd.

If you are willing to donate, please let Fr. George or Deebie know.

ADORATION

Please note... There will be **NO**
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
on Friday, **July 4th** due to the holiday.
Adoration will resume on Friday, **July 11th.**



SAVE THE DATE **Benefit Dinner**

To support the **Mission of the Maronite Servants of Christ the Light**
Saturday October 4, 2025

5:30PM - 9:00PM

St. Anthony of the Desert Church Hall
300 N Eastern Ave.
Fall River, MA

\$75.00 ticket/35.00 per child under 12
Special guest: Bishop Gregory J. Mansour
Gourmet Dinner/Cash Bar
Entertainment

Silent Auction/Wine Pull/50/50

All proceeds will assist the Sisters to continue their mission and outreach
in the community.

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SAVE THE DATE – OCTOBER 22, 2025 –

Please join Bishop Gregory Mansour and friends for the **16th Annual Benefit dinner for the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn.** The event will be at the Metropolitan Club in NY. Details to follow.