



PRAYER FOR 9/11 **25th Anniversary**

God of peace, bring your peace to our violent world: peace in the hearts of all men and women and peace among the nations of the earth. Turn to your way of love those whose hearts and minds are consumed with hatred.

God of understanding, overwhelmed by the magnitude of this tragedy, we seek your light and guidance as we confront such terrible events. Grant that those whose lives were spared may live so that the lives lost ... may not have been lost in vain. Comfort and console us, strengthen us in hope, and give us the wisdom and courage to work tirelessly for a world where true peace and love reign among nations and in the hearts of all.

Maronite Faith Formation Series *The Season of the Glorious Cross*

Guest Speaker: Chorbishop Seely Beggiani (Hosted by the Maronite Servants of Christ the Light in conjunction with the St. Sharbel Spiritual Life Center.

September 10, 17, 24—8 PM EST
Via Zoom

Three Presentations:

1. Stages of Faith
2. Transformation in the Spirit
3. Maturity in Christ

Please see the flyer on the church bulletin board to register.

Patriot Day Fish Fry

Honoring First Responders

Friday, 9/11, 5-7 PM
Eat-in or Take-out

Church of the Transfiguration; 7624 Roanoke Road; Fincastle
Proceeds to benefit: local fire, rescue & police organizations.

First Responders are free!

Sponsored by The Knights of Columbus, #12134

**ST. ELIAS MARONITE
CATHOLIC CHURCH**
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September 6, 2026



Pastor: Fr. George Zina

Liturgy Schedule

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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 SEPTEMBER 5 & 6, 2026

Saturday: 5:00 PM: The souls in Purgatory

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

Monday, Sept 7: 9 AM- Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, Sept 8: 9 AM- Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, Sept 9: 9 AM- Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, Sept 10: 9 AM- In honor of David & Phyllis Becker (Don & Glenda Barnett)

Friday, Sept 11: 9 AM- Gerald Brunning, RIP, Godfather to Mary Beth Portzer,
(The Mark Portzer Family & Lucy Portzer)

WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 12 & 13, 2026

Saturday: 5:00 PM: Juliana Frick, healing (Charles & Lucy Ruhl)

Sunday: 10:30 AM: Gerald Brunning, RIP (Charles & Lucy Ruhl)

Offertory— August 30 - \$2,153.00

SECOND COLLECTION— this weekend, September 5 & 6 for Catholic University and Maronite Seminary.



ALTAR EUCHARIST CELEBRATION September

Surrounding 9/11/01 in prayer:

The repose of souls lost; Gratitude for healing and safety; Hope and comfort to the living; Grace to embrace traumas with Your Will and Mercy.

By Lourice Thomas, II



Daily Scripture Readings

Week of September 6, 2026

Monday: Jas 3:13-18 : Lk 18: 15-17

Tuesday: 2 Cor 4:1-6 : Lk 8:16-21

Wednesday: Jas 4: 11-17 : Lk 18: 24-30

Thursday: Jas 5:1-6 : Lk 18:31-34

Friday: Jas 5:7-12 : Lk 19:11-28

Saturday: Jas 5:13-20 : Lk 19:41-44

Sunday: 1 Cor 1:18-25 : Jn 12:20-32

REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



**There is a sign-up sheet available in the back of the church to register your children for Religious Education classes.
Also a teacher sign-up sheet.**

Please do so as soon as possible so we can plan accordingly

THANK YOU...

I would like to extend my sincerest thanks to everyone who shared their well wishes with me on the occasion of my birthday. I am truly blessed to have you touch my life.
Rosemary Larsen

PRAYER FOR THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY TUESDAY, September 8

**Thy birth, O Virgin Mother of God
heralded joy to all the world.**

**For from thou hast risen the Son of justice,
Christ our God.**

**Destroying the curse, He gave blessing;
and damning death, He bestowed on us
life everlasting**

**Blessed art thou among women
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb.
For from thou hast risen of Son of justice,
Christ our God.**

Reflection We can see every human birth as a call for new hope in the world. The love of two human beings has joined with God in his creative work. The loving parents have shown hope in a world filled with travail. The new child has the potential to be a channel of God's love and peace to the world. This is all true in a magnificent way in Mary. If Jesus is the perfect expression of God's love, Mary is the foreshadowing of that love. If Jesus has brought the fullness of salvation, Mary is its dawning. Birthday celebrations bring happiness to the celebrant as well as to family and friends. Next to the birth of Jesus, Mary's birth offers the greatest possible happiness to the world. Each time we celebrate her birth, we can confidently hope for an increase of peace in our hearts and in the world at large.