

**Our Lady of the
Cedars Maronite
Church**

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**الأسبوع الثامن
للغصنة**

Divine Liturgy Sunday: 9:30 & 11:00 AM Tue - Sat: 6:30 PM	July 11 - 17	Pastor Fr. Milad Yaghi, M.L.M. frmilad@usa.com
Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) 30 min. before Mass by request	Sunday Rom 8:1-11 Mt 12:14-21	Associate Pastor Fr. Pierre El-Khoury, M.L.M. frpierre@gmail.com
Sacrament of Crowning (Marriage) Notify the Pastor four months in advance	Monday Acts 15:36-16:1-3, 6-10 Lk 11:1-4	Associate Pastor Fr. Andre Estephan, M.L.M. fr_andremlm@yahoo.com
Sacrament of Baptism (and Confirmation) Notify the Pastor one month in advance	Tuesday Acts 16:11-23a Lk 11:5-8	Subdeacon Jim Pinero jimp1940@aol.com
Anointing of the Sick Contact the Pastor	Wednesday Acts 16:25-34 Lk 11:9-13	Parish Council President Nicolas Nammour, MD nic_nammour@hotmail.com
Daughters of Mary Wafaa Al-Nemri	Thursday Acts 17:1-12 Lk 11:14-23	Religious Education Director Tommy Cordova tommycordova@gmail.com
Knights of the Cedars Fadi Droubi droubif@aol.com	Friday Acts 17:16-20, 22-24, 30-34 Lk 11:24-26	Assistant CCE Director Rebecca Carrum gcarrum@sbcglobal.net
Maronite Youth Organization Stephanie Rocha stephanie.rocha@hok.com	Saturday Acts 18:1-11 Lk 11:27-32	Choir Director Joseph Rouhana Logopg1@aol.com
	Saint Marina - القديسة مارينا	Parish Secretary Michelle Fuentes sydneaus@live.com

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Parish Announcements

Welcome new members and visitors

Please provide address and other contact information using the forms in the lobby or by e-mailing frmilad@usa.com.

Almahaba Advertisements

Individuals and companies are encouraged to place ads in Almahaba. Please send an e-mail to almahabaolc@yahoo.com for more information.

Parish E-mail List

To receive time-sensitive and important announcements, send an email request to frmilad@usa.com.

Prayer Group July 15

The Prayer Group continues to meet every Thursday at 7 PM.

Collections / Donations

Last Sunday	\$2,705
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Playground	\$100
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Pledges	\$1,100
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Formation Toward Christian Ministry (FTCM)

Our Church will host this great program of the Diocese of Galveston-Houston with a minimum of 50 participants from the parish. Please sign up as soon as possible. Registration deadline is Aug 16th. FTCM program offers basic theology and spiritual development to Catholic adults who want to deepen their commitment to Jesus and more fully answer their baptismal call to service as a mature disciple. All Catholic adults who seek greater understanding of the Church's authentic teachings should take FTCM.

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. Therefore, 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, and accepted the charge to raise the child.

Marinos spent her time praying, begging forgiveness to return to the monastery. 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. Marina became a venerated Saint in Mount Lebanon and from there her veneration spread to Jerusalem, Constantinople, Italy, Venice, France and many other places. Today she is mainly honored in Lebanon, Cyprus, and in Venice, Italy.

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