JANUARY 25, 1926 – OCTOBER 13, 2026

In Loving Memory



REV. FATHER PAUL ONEID

MARONITE CATHOLIC PRIEST

1926–2026

"Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy." (Matthew 25:21)



Life and Legacy

Father Paul Oneid lived a remarkable life of faith, devotion, and service. A beloved priest for 75 years and a guiding shepherd to generations of the faithful, he was also a loving husband, father, and church builder. Scholar, educator, mayor, author, and family patriarch, he leaves a legacy of faith, wisdom, and leadership.

Born on January 25, 1926, in Aychieh, Jezzine District, Lebanon, to the late Youssef Khalil Oneid and Nazira Boutros Tedy, he dedicated his life to God, his Church, his family, and his community.

Father Paul served as Mayor of Aychieh from 1964 to 2001. He endured the tragedy of the 1976 Aychieh Massacre, which displaced his family and parishioners until their return in 1984. He continued his pastoral mission between Lebanon and Ottawa, Canada, faithfully serving the Church until the age of 97.



Vocation and Formation

- 1938–1944: Studied at the Clerical School of Mar Abda, Harharaia
- 1945–1952: Attended the prestigious Ain Warka Clerical College
- 1952: Ordained to the Holy Priesthood at the Monastery of Ghosta

Ministry and Service

- 1952–1957: Regional Parish Priest, Kfour and Kfarwa, Nabatieh District
- 1957–1974: Parish Priest and Principal of E&M Episcopal School, Alma El Chaab, Tyre District
- 1974–2020: Parish Priest of Aychieh, Jezzine District
- 1976–1984: Professor at colleges in Beirut and surrounding areas
- 1978–1984: Parish Priest of Araya, Baabda District
- 2001: Led the reconstruction of St. Anthony's Church in Aychieh after the devastation of the civil war

Arabic Publications

A man of deep intellect, scholarship, and faith, Father Paul authored seventeen books reflecting his theological insight, cultural heritage, poetic inspiration, and lifelong service. His published works, available at www.fatherpauloneid.com, remain a lasting gift to his Church, community, family, and future generations.

Beloved Family

True to the Maronite heritage of a married priesthood, Father Paul joined his priestly vocation with family life. In 1951, he married Souad Boulos Aoun of Kfour (Nabatieh), his beloved wife of 75 years. Her unwavering love, strength, and devotion were the foundation of their home. She was the heart and guiding force of their family, lovingly raising and nurturing their children while making it possible for Father Paul to devote himself fully to his priestly mission and the parishes he served.

Her wisdom, dedication, and steadfast partnership were essential to his life's work. Together, they built a close and faithful family of more than 50 members, a legacy of love, faith, and unity.





- Father of Joe (Copal), George, Pierre (Michele), and Marlon (Wadia); and of Laura (John Hamzo), Clemence (Elias Bouary), Rita (Clovis Ghafari), and Nina (Antoine Arej); and their families abroad.

- Cherished grandfather of 24 grandchildren and great-grandfather of 10 in Canada and the United States. Among them is his grandson Paul Ghafari, who follows in his grandfather's footsteps on the path to the priesthood.

- Brother of Robert Oneid (Therese) and family (Lebanon); the late Isabelle (the late Chaiban Saleh) and family (Canada); Victoria (the late Ibrahim Baliki) and family (Canada); and the late Therese (the late Tanios Tedy) and family (Lebanon).

- Nephew of the late Melhem Anid, the late Elias Tedy, and the late Marie (the late Hanna Ghanem), and their families.

75 Years of Service

Father Paul Oneid's 75 years of priestly service were marked by profound faith and intellectual depth. Through his ministry, teaching, and writing, he guided parishioners and students in Lebanon and Canada.

As Mayor of Aychieh, he led his hometown through years of hardship and upheaval. His service was recognized by the Vatican, Special Olympics, and Canadian and Lebanese authorities. His seventeen books and lifelong dedication leave a lasting mark on his Church and community.

Through it all, he built and nurtured a devoted family. He will be remembered as a priest and shepherd, scholar and poet, theologian and philosopher, builder and mayor, husband and father. His legacy will live on for generations.



As we commend Father Paul Oneid to the mercy of God, we hold fast to the promise of our Lord:

"I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die." (John 11:25–26)

May Christ, our Good Shepherd, receive His faithful servant into the boundless joy of the Kingdom, where earthly labours give way to eternal rest, and the reward of a life faithfully lived shines forevermore.

Order of Service

Visitation & Funeral Liturgies

Saint Charbel Church
245 Donald Street, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

Thursday, October 15, 2026
Visitation: 4:30 PM – 9:00 PM
Holy Mass: 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM

Friday, October 16, 2026
Visitation: 4:30 PM – 9:00 PM
Holy Mass: 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM

Saturday, October 17, 2026
Funeral Liturgy: 10:30 AM
Saint Charbel Church
245 Donald Street, Ottawa, Ontario

Final Resting Place

Following the Funeral Liturgy, Father Paul will return to his beloved homeland of Lebanon, where he will be laid to rest at the Church of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception in his hometown of Aychieh.

Memorial Guestbook

Family, friends, and all whose lives Father Paul touched are invited to share their condolences, memories, and reflections in his memorial guestbook.

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