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CELEBRATION OF THE
EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Celebration of The Exaltation of The Holy Cross
1st Sunday after Holy Cross
September 13th & 20th, 2026

Sun., Sept. 13	Celebration of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross / St. Christopher 9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners 11:30 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners	
Mon., Sept. 14	NO Divine Liturgy Exaltation of the Holy Cross (actual feast)	
Tues., Sept. 15	10 am Divine Liturgy for Josephine Cirello St. Shaina & St. Sassine	by Salma Vahdat
Wed., Sept. 16	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage	
Thurs., Sept. 17	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Sophia & her 3 daughters	
Fri., Sept. 18	10 am Divine Liturgy for Boutros Azizi The Flight of the Lord Jesus into Egypt	by Salma Vahdat
Sat., Sept. 19	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Januarius	
Sun., Sept. 20	1st Sunday after Holy Cross / St. Eustatius & his wife & children 9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners 11:30 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners	
Mon., Sept. 21	NO Divine Liturgy St. Quadratus, Bishop of Athens	
Tues., Sept. 22	10 am Divine Liturgy for Angele Raphael 7:30 pm Divine Liturgy in honor of St. Sharbel St. Phocas & his companions	by Phyllis Simon
Wed., Sept. 23	10 am Divine Liturgy for the Holy Family Jonah the Prophet	by The Villegas Family
Thurs., Sept. 24	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Thecla, the first woman martyr	
Fri., Sept. 25	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Paphnutius the Confessor	
Sat., Sept. 26	10 am Divine Liturgy for Albert J. Simon for Eva Azizi St. John the Evangelist	by Phyllis Simon by Salma Vahdat
Sun., Sept. 27	2nd Sunday after Holy Cross / St. Vincent de Paul 9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners 11:30 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners	

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Maronite Catholic Formation

Maronite Catholic Formation (Sunday School) classes begin at the end September after the 11:30 am Divine Liturgy. Please register your children online [here](#).

Confraternity Meeting

The Confraternity will have their monthly meeting this Sunday after the 11:30 am Divine Liturgy.

Order of St. Sharbel Sunday

This year, October 11th is designated as "Order of Saint Sharbel Sunday" in our Eparchy. On October 8th, all Maronite parishes will be promoting the Order. The Order of Saint Sharbel is vitally important in providing financial and spiritual support for our seminarians, who are crucial for the future of our Maronite Church. This year we have three men preparing for the priesthood for our Eparchy. Please prayerfully consider joining the Order. You may enroll online [here](#) or ask Father for more information.

Day of Prayer

As we celebrate the **60th anniversary of the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn**, Bishop Gregory would like to invite you to join him in a special weekend of prayer and thanksgiving on **October 10th and 11th, 2026**. This day of prayer is also a meaningful sign of the **unity, solidarity, and communion as one Maronite Church**. Though we serve in different parishes and communities, we are united in one faith, one tradition, and one mission. Our common prayer is therefore an expression of a healthy ecclesiology and of our responsibility for one another as members of the same ecclesial family.

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UPCOMING DATES & TOPICS:

Vocation Calls in Scripture	June 12 at 8pm
Rules of Discernment	July 9 at 8pm
Mother Mary & Living Virtue	August 6 at 8pm
Obedience, Chastity & Poverty	September 10 at 8pm
Overcoming Fears to Religious Life	October 22 at 8pm
Answering God's Call for you	November 5 at 8pm
What's next in the journey?	December 3 at 8pm

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God's Call,
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MONTHLY PRAYER:

First Sunday:
Parish Rosary for Vocations
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Sunday Readings

قراءات الأحد

Feast of the Exaltation of the Glorious Cross The First Letter to the Corinthians 1:18-25

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.'

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John 12:20-32

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. 'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say "Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out.

And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.'

عيد ارتفاع الصليب المقدس

رسالة القديس بولس الأولى إلى أهل كورنثس 1:18-25
يا إخوتي، إِنَّ كَلِمَةَ الصَّليبِ عِنْدَ الْهَالِكِينَ حَمَاقَةٌ، أَمَّا عِنْدَنَا نَحْنُ الْمُخَلَّصِينَ فَهِيَ قُوَّةُ اللَّهِ؛

لأنَّهُ مَكْتُوبٌ: «سَأَبِيدُ حِكْمَةَ الْحُكَمَاءِ، وَأَزْدُلُ فَهْمَ الْفُهَمَاءِ.»
فَأَيْنَ الْحَكِيم؟ وَأَيْنَ عَالِمُ الشَّرِيعَةِ؟ وَأَيْنَ الْبَاحِثُ فِي أُمُورِ هَذَا الدَّهْرِ؟ أَمَّا جَعَلَ اللَّهُ حِكْمَةَ هَذَا الْعَالَمِ حَمَاقَةً؟

فَبِمَا أَنَّ الْعَالَمَ بِحِكْمَتِهِ مَا عَرَفَ اللَّهَ بِحَسَبِ حِكْمَةِ اللَّهِ، رَضِيَ اللَّهُ أَنْ يُخَلِّصَ بِحَمَاقَةِ الْبَشَارَةِ الَّذِينَ يُؤْمِنُونَ؛

لأنَّ الْيَهُودَ يَطْلُبُونَ الْآيَاتِ، وَالْيُونَانِيِّينَ يَلْتَمِسُونَ الْحِكْمَةَ.
أَمَّا نَحْنُ فَنُنَادِي بِمَسِيحٍ مَصْلُوبٍ، هُوَ عَنَاءٌ لِلْيَهُودِ وَحَمَاقَةٌ لِلْأُمَمِ.
وَأَمَّا لِلْمَدْعُوبِينَ أَنْفُسِهِمْ، مِنَ الْيَهُودِ وَالْيُونَانِيِّينَ، فَهُوَ مَسِيحٌ، قُوَّةُ اللَّهِ وَحِكْمَةُ اللَّهِ؛

فَمَا يَبْدُو أَنَّهُ حَمَاقَةٌ مِنَ اللَّهِ هُوَ أَحْكَمُ مِنَ النَّاسِ، وَمَا يَبْدُو أَنَّهُ ضَعْفٌ مِنَ اللَّهِ هُوَ أَقْوَى مِنَ النَّاسِ.

إنجيل القديس يوحنا 12:20-32

كَانَ بَيْنَ الصَّاعِدِينَ لِيَسْجُدُوا فِي الْعِيدِ، بَعْضُ الْيُونَانِيِّينَ.
فَدَنَا هَؤُلَاءِ مِنْ فِيلِبُّسَ الَّذِي مِنْ بَيْتِ صَيْدَا الْجَلِيلِ، وَسَأَلُوهُ قَائِلِينَ:
«يَا سَيِّدَ، نُرِيدُ أَنْ نَرَى يَسُوعَ.»

فَجَاءَ فِيلِبُّسُ وَقَالَ لِأَنْدَرَاوُسَ، وَجَاءَ أَنْدَرَاوُسُ وَفِيلِبُّسُ وَقَالَا لِيَسُوعَ.

فَأَجَابَهُمَا يَسُوعُ قَائِلًا: «لَقَدْ حَانَتْ السَّاعَةُ لِكَيْ يُمَجَّدَ ابْنُ الْإِنْسَانِ.

الْحَقُّ الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ: إِنَّ حَبَّةَ الْحِنْطَةِ، إِنْ لَمْ تَقَعْ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَتَمُتْ، تَبْقَى وَاحِدَةً. وَإِنْ مَاتَتْ تَأْتِي بِثَمَرٍ كَثِيرٍ.
مَنْ يُحِبُّ نَفْسَهُ يَفْقِدُهَا، وَمَنْ يُبْغِضُهَا فِي هَذَا الْعَالَمِ يَحْفَظُهَا لِحَيَاةٍ أَبَدِيَّةٍ.

مَنْ يَخْدُمْنِي فَلْيَتَّبِعْنِي. وَحَيْثُ أَكُونُ أَنَا، فَهُنَاكَ يَكُونُ أَيْضًا خَادِمِي. مَنْ يَخْدُمْنِي يُكْرِمُهُ الْآبُ.

نَفْسِي الْآنَ مُضْطَرَبَّةٌ، فَمَاذَا أَقُولُ؟ يَا أَبَتِ، نَجِّنِي مِنْ هَذِهِ السَّاعَةِ؟ وَلَكِنْ مِنْ أَجْلِ هَذَا بَلَعْتُ إِلَى هَذِهِ السَّاعَةِ!

يَا أَبَتِ، مَجِّدْ أَسْمَكَ. «فَجَاءَ صَوْتُ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ يَقُولُ: «قَدْ مَجَّدْتُ، وَسَأَمَجِّدُ.»

وَسَمِعَ الْجَمْعُ الْحَاضِرُ فَقَالُوا: «إِنَّهُ رَعَدٌ.» وَقَالَ آخَرُونَ: «إِنَّ مَلَاكًا خَاطَبَهُ.»

أَجَابَ يَسُوعُ وَقَالَ: «مَا كَانَ هَذَا الصَّوْتُ مِنْ أَجْلِي، بَلْ مِنْ أَجْلِكُمْ.

هِيَ الْآنَ دَيْنُونَةُ هَذَا الْعَالَمِ. الْآنَ يُطْرَدُ سُلْطَانُ هَذَا الْعَالَمِ خَارِجًا. وَأَنَا إِذَا رُفِعْتُ عَنِ الْأَرْضِ، جَذَبْتُ إِلَيَّ الْجَمِيعَ.»

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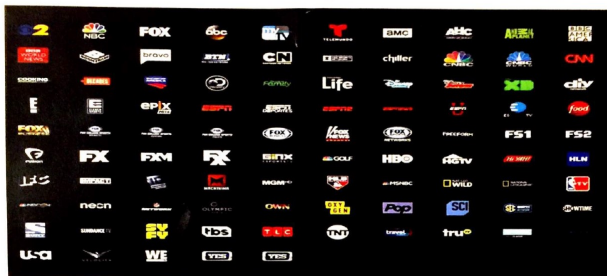
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