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FIFTH SUNDAY
AFTER THE EXALTATION OF
THE HOLY CROSS

Fifth Sunday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross ***October 18th, 2026***

Sun., Oct. 18	5th Sunday after Holy Cross / St. Luke the Evangelist 9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners 11:30 am 40 Day for Leila Atallah Ghaleb by Elie & Johnny Ghaleb & Saide Ghaleb Ayoub	
Mon., Oct. 19	NO Divine Liturgy Sts. John de Brefeuf & Issac Jogues & companions	
Tues., Oct. 20	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Shallita	
Wed., Oct. 21	10 am Divine Liturgy 40 Day for Dovie Eisner St. Hilarion of Tabatha	
Thurs., Oct. 22	10 am Divine Liturgy 7:30 pm Divine Liturgy in honor of St. Sharbel Pope St. John Paul II	
Fri., Oct. 23	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Ignatius, Patriarch of Constantinople	
Sat., Oct. 24	11 am Divine Liturgy 40 Day for Phyllis Simon St. Arethas	by the Family
Sun., Oct. 25	Sunday of Christ the King / 6th Sunday after Holy Cross / St. Chrysanthus & his wife Daria 9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners 11:30 am for President Bachir Gemayel & Companions by Lebanon Forces of NY for Gaby Saikali by Mr. & Mrs. Wahid Saikali	

September 2026 Financial Standing

Ordinary Income

- ◆ Collections on Sundays & Holy Days: **\$8,566.00**
- ◆ Cathedral Stipends from Marriages & Funerals, Hall Rent, Candles, Breakfast, Luncheon, Raffle, Dues, Religious Education, Flowers**\$24,496.76**
- Total Ordinary Income: \$33,062.76**

Ordinary Expenses

- ◆ Payroll, Gas, Electricity, Building Insurance and Medical Insurance, Leasing Equipment, TV, Phone, Internet, Supplies for Church, Hall & Office, Postage, Regular Maintenance, Charity, Eparchial Appeal, Insurance **\$21,904.33**
- Total Ordinary Expenses: \$21,904.33**
- ◆ **Total Ordinary Income vs Expenses: \$11,158.43**

Do you know? A couple of basic monthly expenses:
The Monthly Eparchial Assessment & Bishop's Appeal has increased from \$2,670 to \$2,800 a month starting January 2026.

The Cathedral's Building Insurance increased 14.3% in 2023, 7% in 2024 and 9% in 2025. We are now paying \$55,184 which will amount to \$4,598.68 a month.

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CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Maronite Catholic Formation

Maronite Catholic Formation (Sunday School) classes begin on October 4th at 1pm after the 11:30 am Divine Liturgy. Please register your children online [here](#).

MYA Bible Study

The MYA will have their monthly Bible Study today Friday, October 16th, at 8 pm.

Fr. Nadim Khaled's First Divine Liturgy

Abouna Nadim will celebrate his First Divine Liturgy as a priest at the Cathedral on November 8th at 11:30 am followed by a reception in the hall. All are invited.

Bulletin Advertisements

Business owners, you may advertise your businesses in the Church bulletin that reaches over 600 households via email. For more information click [here](#) or call the rectory at (718) 624-7228.

Cedar Remembrance Tree

Parishioners and friends can now remember their deceased and honor their living with their names on the commemorative tree located in our Cathedral Chapel vestibule. Please click [here](#) for more details.

Eparchial Vocation Video

To listen to the whisper of one's heart which might be calling one towards a special life of service, love, and purpose, Bishop Gregory is inviting you to view and share [this video](#) produced by Deacon Nadim Khalid to discover and nurture the vocation that God has placed within you, and be faithful to his call no matter where it leads.

Saturday Speaker Series at St. Sharbel Spiritual Life Center

Please click [here](#) to watch a lecture by Michael Aquilina at the Saint Sharbel Spiritual Life Center. The talk is a superb analysis of the influence of the early Christians on society with respect to the dignity of women and children.

Lector Ministry

If you wish to be put on the next schedule of lectors, please see George El Hage or email the Church [here](#).

Seventh Pastoral Letter of Bishop Gregory Mansour

[How Jesus, the Fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets, Transformed Our World for the Good](#), is the most recent pastoral letter of Bishop Gregory. The Bishop said, "Our world still longs for communion instead of division, service instead of domination, faithful love instead of exploitation, mercy instead of violence, and peace instead of revenge." Please click [here](#) to read the full pastoral letter.

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Sunday Readings

قراءات الأحد

The Fifth Sunday of The Cross Letter to the Philippians 2:12-18

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;

for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Do all things without murmuring and arguing, so that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, in which you shine like stars in the world. It is by your holding fast to the word of life that I can boast on the day of Christ that I did not run in vain or labor in vain.

But even if I am being poured out as a libation over the sacrifice and the offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you and in the same way you also must be glad and rejoice with me.

The Gospel according to Saint Matthew 25:1-13

‘Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom.

Five of them were foolish, and five were wise.

When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps.

As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out."

But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves."

And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

الأحد الخامس بعد عيد الصليب

رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل فيلبّي 2:12-18

يا إخوتي، إعملوا لإخلاصكم بخوفٍ ورعدة، كما أطعتم دائماً، لا في حضورٍي فحسب، بل بالأحرى وبالأكثر الآن في غيابي.

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لو أن دمي يراق على ذبيحة إيمانكم وخدمته، لكنت أفرح وأبتهج معكم جميعاً.

فأفرحوا أنتم أيضاً وأبتهجوا معي.

إنجيل القديس متى 13:1-25

قال الرب يسوع: «يشبه ملكوت السموات عشرة عذارى

أخذن مصابيحهن وخرجن إلى لقاء العريس،

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وأبطأ العريس فتعسّن جميعهن، ورفدن.

وفي منتصف الليل، صارت الصيحة: هوذا العريس!

أخرجوا إلى لقاءه!

حينئذ قامت أولئك العذارى كلهن، وزين مصابيحهن.

فقال الجاهلات للحكيّمات: أعطينا من زيتك، لأن

مصابيحنا تنطفئ.

فأجابت الحكيمات وقلن: قد لا يكفيك ويكفيكن. إذهبن

بالأخرى إلى الباعة وأبتعن لكن.

ولما ذهبن لابتعن، جاء العريس، ودخلت المستعِدات إلى

العرس، وأغلق الباب.

وأخيراً جاءت العذارى الباقيات وقلن: يا رب، يا رب، افتح

لنا!

فأجاب وقال: الحق أقول لكن، إني لا أعرفكن!

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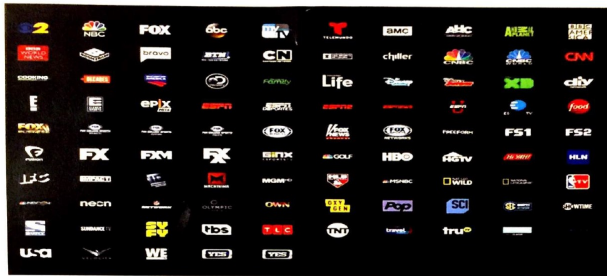
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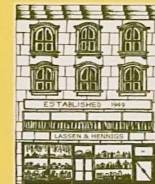


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