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Divine Liturgy Schedule

Tuesday through Saturday at 10:00 AM
Sunday at 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM
Holy Day To Be Announced
Sunday Summer Schedule 10:00 AM

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday of the month immediately
Following 10:00 AM until 12:00 Noon.

Reconciliation

10:15 AM to 10:45 Sunday
11:00 AM to 11:45 AM First Friday and
upon Request.

Initiation Rites (Baptism—Chrismation)

Parents and Godparents must meet
with the Rector for Instructions and
then a time will be set for the Baptism
and Chrismation of the child.

Mystery of Crowning (Marriage)

Rector must be notified at least six
months in advance to set up
instructions.

Hospital and Sick Calls

Notify the Rector as soon as possible.

New Parishioners

All are welcome at Our Lady of
Lebanon Cathedral. Please notify the
Rector as soon as possible.

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Eighth Sunday of Pentecost

July 8th, 2018

Sunday July 15	9th Sunday of the Pentecost Feast of St. Kyriakos and His Mother, St. Yolitta 40 Day Divine Liturgy for Joseph Owen Req. by The Family
Monday July 16	NO LITURGY The Scapular of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
Tuesday July 17	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Marina, Nun of Qannoubine
Wednesday July 18	10 am Divine Liturgy
Thursday July 19	10 am Divine Liturgy
Friday July 20	10 am Divine Liturgy Elias, the Prophet
Saturday July 21	10 am Divine Liturgy
Sunday July 22	10th Sunday of the Pentecost St. Nohra & St. Mary Magdalene

Weekly Offering

Collection:	\$ 846.00
Candles:	\$ 84.00
Debt Reduction:	\$ 35.00
Rent	\$ 25,333.33
Special Event	\$ 240.00
Reimbrsmnt	\$ 872.70

Readings

July 15, 2018 The Ninth Sunday of Pentecost
 Reading: 2Corinthians 5:20-6:10
 Gospel: Luke 4: 14-21
 Lectors: 10:00 am Raymond Gill - English
 10:00 am TBA - Arabic

July 22, 2018 The Tenth Sunday of Pentecost
 Feast of St. Charbel
 Reading: 1Corinthians 12:1-11
 Gospel: Matthew 12:22-32
 Lectors: 10:00 am Raymond Gill - English
 10:00 am TBA - Arabic

July 29, 2018 The Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost
 Reading: Ephesians 2: 17-22
 Gospel: Luke 19: 1-10
 Lectors: 10:00 am Raymond Gill - English
 10:00 am TBA - Arabic

August 5, 2018 The Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost
 Reading: Ephesians 3:1-13
 Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28
 Lectors: 10:00 am Raymond Gill - English
 10:00 am TBA - Arabic

Yearly Budget

<i>Annual Operating Budget</i>	<i>\$400,000.00</i>
Collections to Date:	\$ 86,580.00
Candles to Date:	\$ 3,209.00
Donations to Date:	\$ 21,100.00
Cathedral Stipends to Date:	\$ 2,240.00
Memorials to Date:	\$ 275.00
Dividends to Date:	\$ 737.26
Rentals to Date:	\$144,441.65
Fund Raising/ Advertising:	\$ 10,629.76
Debt Reduction to Date:	\$ 3332.00
Easter/ Christmas Flowers:	\$ 2,680.00
Bishop's Appeal to Date:	\$ 5,860.00
Altar Bread/ Wine/ Sanctuary Lamps	\$ 450.00
Total:	\$278,098.67 (-121,901.33)

Each Quarter we must generate \$100,000.00 to stay on Budget.

Dear Beloved Parishioners at Our Lady of Lebanon:

The 12 verses of Luke 5: 1-11 describing Jesus calling his first apostles to follow him carry many details that spoke to me on several levels. The word of God must challenge us every time we open the Scriptures and start reading, praying, or meditating upon it.

When we are taken so much by what we are doing and most times focusing on our failure- cleaning the nets that caught nothing - this prevents us from seeing the great things that are happening around us - Jesus talking to the crowds and teaching them on the shore of the Sea of Galilee. But Jesus behaves in a way that surprises us and we do not expect it. He could have reacted in a way that most of us do by either ignoring and passing by the disciples who did not want to be among the crowd listening to his word, or he could have reprimanded them on their manners. However, unexpectedly, Jesus got into their boat and boldly asked Simon to sail. Luke 5: 3 reads, *"He [Jesus] got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat."* Simon, who was ready to go home and call it a day, heard Jesus telling him to come back on board and set sail again because he wanted to take a little ride on the Sea of Galilee. Peter had to gather all his forces after a long disappointing night and set sail again. There is no doubt that he was tired, but out of courtesy, he must have said to himself "It is just a little way from the shore and we'll be back shortly." Now his face must have fallen off when he saw Jesus getting very comfortable as he sat down and started teaching the crowds from the boat. Simon who was trying to avoid hearing Jesus is now with Jesus in the same boat and cannot escape his presence and teaching.

When we do not want to hear his word, Jesus will find a way not only to get us to listen to him, but also for us to hear him first hand with premium tickets in the front row, so we are not distracted.

Once Jesus was in the boat, was the crowd still able to hear him above the noise of the tide breaking on the shore and the water hitting the walls of the boat? Yes, the passage says that Jesus taught the crowds, who might have heard some of what he said, but in my opinion, the teaching was primarily addressed to Simon. It was a private tutoring session, a pep talk, given to Simon by Jesus, and moments like these will be repeated between the two. In our lives, intimate moments, like the ones described above between Jesus and Simon, also happened to us. Next week, I will describe one of these in my journey to become a priest.

*Abouna
Dominique*

The Salaam Club Annual Picnic

The Salaam Club Annual Picnic will be held on Sunday July 22 at the fort Hamilton army base in Bay Ridge Brooklyn. Those attending need to let us know by July 16. The Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 12 Noon.

Michael Shami Ordination to the Subdiaconate

Michael Shami will be ordained to the Orders of Cantor, Lector and Subdeacon by the Most Reverend Elias Zaidan on Sunday July 29th at 10:30 am at St. Sharbel's Parish in Portland, Oregon. We pray for Michael on his ordination and ask God to continue to bless him on his journey to become a priest.

New Member of the Order of Saint Gregory from The Cathedral

Bishop Gregory Mansour and the Eparchy of St. Maron are pleased to announce that Pope Francis has bestowed the Dignity of the Order of Saint Gregory the Great to Miss Claire Habib along with six others from the Eparchy. The Divine Liturgy will be held at the Cathedral on Friday August 24 at 4:30pm, and is open to all. A dinner will follow, but it is by invitation only. The Cathedral will organize an event to honor Miss Habib after the summer is over.

Annual Pilgrimage to the National Shrine in Ohio

The Cathedral with the Maronite Church in Somerset and Sleepy Hollow will be sponsoring a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon in Ohio for the Feast of the Assumption. We will leave on August 13 and return on August 16. Please see the [schedule of the celebrations](#) and [more information](#).

Maronite Catholic Formation (Sunday School)

Registration for Sunday School is on its way. It is of an extreme importance to hand down the faith to our children (1st to 12th Grade). The Sunday Formation is one small way of do it, so everyone is encouraged to register their children and not wait to the last minute. Classes begin on Sunday, September 9th at 10 am. Please [print the form online](#) (<http://www.ololc.org/media.html>) and email it to [Lily Elhaje](mailto:LilyElhaje)

Ushering & Lectoring on Sunday

We would like to have more volunteers to usher and lector. If you are above sixteen years old and can read fluently either English or Arabic, or would like to welcome people to our Cathedral, please consider becoming a lector or usher and send an [email](#) to cathrectory@verizon.net

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Ninth Sunday of the Season of Pentecost
Second Letter to the Corinthians 5:20-21-6: 1-10

We are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, 'At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.' See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

Ninth Sunday of the Season of Pentecost !
The Gospel of Saint Luke 4:14-21

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.' And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

الأحد التاسع من زمن العنصرة

سالة القديس بولس الثانية إلى أهل كورنثوس 5:20-21-6: 1-10

يَا إِخْوَتِي، نَحْنُ سَفَرَاءُ الْمَسِيحِ، وَكَأَنَّ اللَّهَ نَفْسَهُ يَدْعُوكُمْ بِوِاسْطَتِنَا. فَنَسْأَلُكُمْ بِاسْمِ الْمَسِيحِ: تَصَالِحُوا مَعَ اللَّهِ! إِنَّ الَّذِي مَا عَرَفَ الْخَطِيئَةَ، جَعَلَهُ اللَّهُ خَطِيئَةً مِنْ أَجْلِنَا، لِنَصِيرَ نَحْنُ فِيهِ بِرَّ اللَّهِ.

وَيَمَا أَنَّنَا مَعَاوِنُونَ لِلَّهِ، نُنَاشِدُكُمْ أَلَّا يَكُونَ قَبُولُكُمْ لِنِعْمَةِ اللَّهِ بِغَيْرِ قَائِدَةٍ؛

لَأَنَّهُ يَقُولُ: «فِي وَقْتِ الرِّضَى اسْتَجَبْنَا، وَفِي يَوْمِ الْخَلَاصِ أَعْنَتُكَ.» فَهِيَ هِيَ الْآنَ وَقْتُ الرِّضَى، وَهِيَ هِيَ الْآنَ يَوْمُ الْخَلَاصِ.

فَأَنَّنَا لَا نَجْعَلُ لِأَحَدٍ سَبَبَ زَلَّةٍ، لِئَلَّا يَلْحَقَ خِدْمَتُنَا أَيُّ لَوْمٍ. بَلْ نَظْهَرُ أَنْفُسَنَا فِي كُلِّ شَيْءٍ أَنَّنَا خُدَّامُ اللَّهِ، بِثَبَاتِنَا الْعَظِيمِ فِي الصِّيْقَاتِ وَالشَّدَائِدِ وَالْمَشَقَّاتِ، فِي الضَّرَبَاتِ، وَالسُّجُونِ، وَالْفِتَنِ، وَالتَّعَبِ، وَالسَّهْرِ، وَالصَّوْمِ، وَبِالنَّزَاهَةِ، وَالْمَعْرِفَةِ، وَالْأَنَاءَةِ، وَاللُّطْفِ، وَالرُّوحِ الْقُدُّسِ، وَالْمَحَبَّةِ بِلَا رِيَاءٍ، فِي كَلِمَةِ الْحَقِّ، وَقُوَّةِ اللَّهِ، بِسِلَاحِ الْبِرِّ فِي الْيَدَيْنِ الْيُمْنَى وَالْيُسْرَى،

فِي الْمَجْدِ وَالْهَوَانِ، بِالصِّبْتِ الرَّدِيءِ وَالصِّبْتِ الْحَسَنِ. نُحْسَبُ كَأَنَّنَا مُضْلُونَ وَنَحْنُ صَادِقُونَ! كَأَنَّنَا مَجْهُولُونَ وَنَحْنُ مَعْرُوفُونَ! كَأَنَّنَا مَائِنُونَ وَهِيَ نَحْنُ أَحْيَاءُ! كَأَنَّنَا مَعَاقِبُونَ وَنَحْنُ لَا نَمُوتُ؛ كَأَنَّنَا مَحْزُونُونَ وَنَحْنُ دَائِمًا فَرِحُونَ! كَأَنَّنَا فَقْرَاءُ وَنَحْنُ نَعْنِي الْكَثِيرِينَ! كَأَنَّنَا لَا شَيْءَ عِنْدَنَا، وَنَحْنُ نَمْلِكُ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ!

الأحد التاسع من زمن العنصرة

إنجيل القديس لوقا 4:14-21

عَادَ يَسُوعُ بِقُوَّةِ الرُّوحِ إِلَى الْجَلِيلِ، وَذَاعَ خَبْرُهُ فِي كُلِّ الْجَوَارِ. وَكَانَ يُعَلِّمُ فِي مَجَامِعِهِمْ، وَالْجَمِيعُ يُمَجِّدُونَهُ.

وَجَاءَ يَسُوعُ إِلَى النَّاصِرَةِ، حَيْثُ نَشَأَ، وَدَخَلَ إِلَى الْمَجْمَعِ كَعَادَتِهِ يَوْمَ السَّبْتِ، وَقَامَ لِيَقْرَأَ.

وَدَفَعَ إِلَيْهِ كِتَابَ النَّبِيِّ إِسْعِيَا. وَفَتَحَ يَسُوعُ الْكِتَابَ، فَوَجَدَ الْمَوْضِعَ الْمَكْتُوبَ فِيهِ:

«رُوحَ الرَّبِّ عَلَيَّ، وَلِهَذَا مَسَحَنِي لِأُبَشِّرَ الْمَسَاكِينِ، وَأَرْسَلَنِي لِأُنَادِيَ بِإِطْلَاقِ الْأَسْرَى وَعَوْدَةِ الْبَصَرِ إِلَى الْعُمَيَّانِ، وَأَطْلِقَ الْمَقْهُورِينَ أَحْرَارًا، وَأُنَادِيَ بِسَنَةِ مَقْبُولَةٍ لَدَى الرَّبِّ.»

ثُمَّ طَوَى الْكِتَابَ، وَأَعَادَهُ إِلَى الْخَادِمِ، وَجَلَسَ. وَكَانَتْ عِيُونَ جَمِيعِ الَّذِينَ فِي الْمَجْمَعِ شَاخِصَةً إِلَيْهِ.

فَبَدَأَ يَقُولُ لَهُمْ: «الْيَوْمَ تَمَّتْ هَذِهِ الْكِتَابَةُ الَّتِي تَلَيْتُ عَلَى مَسَامِعِكُمْ.»