

Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Cathedral

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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

St. Sharbel the 22nd of the each month

at 7:30 PM except on Saturday or Sunday

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday of the month at 10:40 until noon

Reconciliation

10:15 AM to 10:45 AM 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 instruction 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 instruction.

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 Office

of the Rector to become a member.



Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost *August 19th, 2018*

Sunday August 19	14th Sunday of the Pentecost St. Luke of Baalbek 9:00 am Intention of the Parishioners 11:30 am Bishop Shaheen Req. By Viviane Akl & Dr. Dimant
Monday August 20	NO LITURGY St. Bernard, Doctor of the Church
Tuesday August 21	10 am Divine Liturgy for Norma Halpin Req. by William Halpin
Wednesday August 22	10 am Divine Liturgy
Thursday August 23	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Issac the Syriani
Friday August 24	10 am Divine Liturgy
Saturday August 25	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Titus, One of the 72 Disciples
Sunday August 26	13th Sunday of the Pentecost (St. Shaina) 9:00 am Rev. Frances J. Murphy Req. by Daisy & Elena Diamontopulos 11:30 am Intention of the Parishioners

<i>Weekly Offering</i>	
Collection:	\$ 2,266.00
Candles:	\$ 115.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 75.00
Feat of the Assumption	\$ 653.00

<i>Yearly Budget</i>	
<i>Annual Operating Budget</i>	<i>\$400,000.00</i>
Collections to Date:	\$ 95,060.00
Candles to Date:	\$ 3,626.00
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:	\$165,498.98
Fund Raising/ Advertising:	\$ 10,729.76
Debt Reduction to Date:	\$ 3,087.00
Easter/ Christmas Flowers:	\$ 2,680.00
Bishop's Appeal to Date:	\$ 5,860.00
Altar Bread/ Wine/ Sanctuary Lamps	\$ 450.00

Total: \$310,772.67
(- 90,992.33)

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

<i>Readings</i>	
<i>Lectors and Ushers (age 16 and up) are needed. Please email the church to become one.</i>	
August 19, 2018	The Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost Reading: 1Thessalonians 2:1-13 Gospel: Luke 10: 38-42 Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill 11:30 am TBA - English 11:30 am TBA - Arabic
August 26, 2018	The Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost Reading: 1Thessalonians 1:1-10 Gospel: Luke 7: 36-50 Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill 11:30 am TBA - English 11:30 am TBA - Arabic
September 2, 2018	The Sixteenth Sunday of Pentecost Reading: Romans 8: 18-27 Gospel: Luke 18:9-14 Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill 11:30 am TBA - English 11:30 am TBA - Arabic
September 9, 2018	Exaltation of the Holy Cross Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 18-25 Gospel: John 12: 20-32 Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill 11:30 am TBA - English 11:30 am TBA - Arabic

Dear Beloved Parishioners

It was delightful to welcome the four seminarians who will be studying for our Eparchy: Imad Hakim, Adib Salameh and Wassim El Fakhry who will be joining Holy Apostles College and Seminary in Cromwell, CT, to have a better grasp and sufficient understanding of the English language with the hope that in one or two semesters they will be attending Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Seminary in DC; and Antony Abi Awad who will go straight to DC to begin his first year in Theology.

These men whether consciously or unconsciously decided to leave their country, families, and friends to serve God's people outside the patriarchal territory. In other words, they are becoming missionaries who must have full trust in the Lord to show them the way. Their call is now more and more to empty themselves and follow where God is asking them to go. For us the risk they are taking is unfathomable, but for them who have been in formation for a couple of years now, their eyes are fixed on their Lord and God and his Church.

On Sunday, I went with Bassam Ayoub and Adonis El-Asmar at our parish to pick them up from the airport. On Monday, we celebrated the Divine Liturgy of Thanksgiving for their safe trip to New York. As we were getting ready, Adib went up to the choir loft to play the keyboard and the other three were preparing the Altar: lighting the charcoal and the candles, and helping in the preparation of the gifts and the Divine Liturgy. Bassam was coming for the service and when he saw them, he said: "Abouna, the Church is alive." This put a big smile on my face. Yes, the Church is alive and not dead, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against her. Christ who first called the Apostles is the same Christ who now is calling Imad, Adib, Wassim, Antony and many others. The difference is that these men decided to answer while others are still afraid.

Along with our four men from Lebanon, Vincent Thomas from St. Teresa of Calcutta Maronite Mission in Darlington, PA, will also be at the Maronite Seminary in DC. The ratio here is 4 to 1, so the question to be asked is: Is God not calling men from the United States to become priests for the Maronite Church? The answer is that God's call to serve his people is not limited to a country, time, or place. However, in the West the force and power of the industrial, sexual, and technological revolution have overwhelmed many men, preventing them from hearing God's call and seeing his signs to follow him.

Abouna Dominique

Four New Seminarians at The Cathedral

The Cathedral will be hosting four seminarians coming from Lebanon to study for our Eparchy from August 12 to August 20. Please join in welcoming Adib Salameh, Imad Hakim, Anthony Abi Awad and Wissam Fakhry. Keep them in your prayers.

Third Marriage Publication of Banns

Patrick Abou-Chrouh of New York and Natalie Musleh of Florida will enter marriage on September 2, 2018 at Our Lady of Lebanon Cathedral. If anyone knows a reason in law or just impediment why they may not marry each other, please declare it to the 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.

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 doing 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) (<http://www.ololc.org/media.html>) and email it to [Lily Elhaje](mailto:Lily.Elhaje)

Arabic Class

Arabic Class Registration has begun. Please see Leila Vogl if you are interested.

Parish Council & Committees

The Parish Council met with Abouna Dominique on June 14 and decided to divide the Council into three committees to better help in the administration of the Church until the end of the year when we will re-visit the membership terms:

1. The Pastoral Committee is constituted of the trustees and presidents of parish organizations like the Knights, the Confraternity, Choir, MYA etc. or their representative. There will be meeting on August 28 in the Rectory.
2. The Finance Committee is now constituted, with recommendation of the Parish Council, of the following members: Tony Tannousis (Trustee), Salma Vahdat (Trustee) Norma Haddad, Bassam Ayoub, Georges El Hage and Suzan Chawki. This Committee met on July 19 to discuss and review the income and expenses of the month of June.
3. The Building Committee is now constituted, with recommendation of the Parish Council, of the following members: Nidal and Jane Abi Saad, Sami Achkar, Charly Ayoub, Tony Nassour, Samer Hadchiti. The committee met on July 26 to review three electrical re-wiring estimates for the Cathedral.

Eparchy of Saint Maron Benefit Dinner

Maronite Catholics and friends from the greater New York area and beyond will gather on Thursday, October 4, 2018 at the New York Athletic Club for the Ninth Annual Benefit Dinner for the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn. Among the honorees at this year's Benefit will be Lydia Gordon. Congratulation to Lydia on her personal commitments over the years to serve well her community.

Recommendation of the Finance Council

The Finance Council met last week and recommended that parishioners set the Church up for automatic bill pay. This is the best way to keep supporting your spiritual home while on vacation or out-of-town.

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Sunday Readings

قراءات الأحد

Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost

First Letter to the Thessalonians 2:1-13

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully maltreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts.

As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us. You remember our labor and toil, brothers and sisters; we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. You are witnesses, and God also, how pure, upright, and blameless our conduct was towards you believers. As you know, we dealt with each one of you like a father with his children, urging and encouraging you and pleading that you should lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

We also constantly give thanks to God for this, that when you received the word of God that you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word but as what it really is, God's word, which is also at work in you believers.

The Gospel to Saint Luke 10: 38-42

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home.

She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.'

But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

الأحد الرابع عشر من زمن العنصرة

رسالة القديس بولس الأولى إلى أهل تسالونيقي 2:1-13

يا إخوتي، أنتم أنفسكم تعلمون، أيها الإخوة، أن دخولنا إليكم لم يكن باطلاً. ولكن، كما تعلمون، بعد أن تألمنا وشتمنا في فيلبّي، تجرأنا بالهنا أن نكلّمكم بإنجيل الله، في جهادٍ كثير. ولم يكن وغطنا عن ضلال، ولا عن نجاسة، ولا بمكر، بل كما اخترنا الله فأمننا على الإنجيل، هكذا نتكلم، لا إرضاءً للناس بل لله الذي يختبر قلوبنا. فأبنا ولا مرةً أتيناكم بكلمةٍ تملق، كما تعلمون، ولا بدافع طمع، والله شاهد،

ولا طلبنا مجدًا من بشر، لا منكم ولا من غيركم، مع أننا قادرون أن نكون ذوي وقار، كرسول للمسيح، لكننا صرنا بينكم ذوي لطف، كمرضع تحتضن أولادها. وهكذا فإننا من شدة الحنين إليكم، نرتضي أن نعطيكُم لا إنجيل الله وحسب، بل أنفسنا أيضًا، لأنكم صرتم لنا أجباء. وأنتم تتذكرون، أيها الإخوة، نعبنا وكذبنا: فلقد بشرناكم بإنجيل الله، ونحن نعمل ليل نهار، لئلا نقول على أحد منكم. أنتم شهود، والله شاهد، كيف كنا معكم، أنتم المؤمنين، في نقاوةٍ وبراءٍ وبغير لوم،

نعامل كل منكم، كما تعلمون، معاملة الأب لأولاده. وكنا نناشدكم، ونسجعكم، ونحثكم على أن تسلكوا مسلكًا يليق بالله، الذي يدعوكُم إلى ملكوته ومجده. لذلك نحن أيضًا نسكُر الله بغير انقطاع، لأنكم لما تلقيتُم كلمة الله التي سمعتموها منا، قبلتموها لا بأنها كلمة بشر، بل بأنها حقًا كلمة الله. وإنها لفاعةٌ فيكم، أيها المؤمنون.

إنجيل القديس لوقا 10: 38-42

فيمَا (كَانَ يَسُوعُ وَتَلَامِيذُهُ) سَائِرِينَ، دَخَلَ يَسُوعُ إِحْدَى الْفُرَى، فَاسْتَقْبَلَتْهُ فِي بَيْتِهَا أَمْرَأَةٌ اسْمُهَا مَرْتَا. وَكَانَ لِمَرْتَا أُخْتُ تُدْعَى مَرْيَمَ. فَجَلَسَتْ عِنْدَ قَدَمَي الرَّبِّ تَسْمَعُ كَلَامَهُ.

أَمَّا مَرْتَا فَكَانَتْ مُنْهَمَكَةً بِكَثْرَةِ الْخِدْمَةِ، فَجَاءَتْ وَقَالَتْ: «يَا رَبِّ، أَمَا تَبَالِي بِأَنَّ أُخْتِي تَرَكْنِي أُخْدَمُ وَحْدِي؟ فَقُلْ لَهَا أَنْ تُسَاعِدَنِي.»

فَأَجَابَ الرَّبُّ وَقَالَ لَهَا: «مَرْتَا، مَرْتَا، إِنَّكَ تَهْتَمِينَ بِأُمُورٍ كَثِيرَةٍ، وَتَضْطَرِّبِينَ!

إِنَّمَا الْمَطْلُوبُ وَاحِدٌ! فَمَرْيَمُ اخْتَارَتْ النَّصِيبَ الْأَفْضَلَ، وَلَنْ يُنْزَعَ مِنْهَا»