

Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Cathedral

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Most Reverend Gregory J. Mansour — Eparchial Bishop

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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.



The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

September 9th, 2018

Sunday September 9	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (St. Joachim & Anne & Blessed Frederick Ozanam) 9:00 am Nancy Dolan, Etta Upton Bruce Rawlings 11:30 am Assaad & Rose El-Asmar Youssef & Toufica Dagher Req. by Daisy & Elena Diamontopulos Req. by Adonis & Jeanette El Asmar
Monday September 10	NO LITURGY
Tuesday September 11	10 am Divine Liturgy
Wednesday September 12	10 am Divine Liturgy for Norma Halpin Req. by William Halpin
Thursday September 13	10 am Divine Liturgy
Friday September 14	10 am Divine Liturgy (Actual Feast of Exaltation of the Holy Cross)
Saturday September 15	10 am Divine Liturgy Saints Shaina & Sassine
Sunday September 16	1st Sunday after Holy Cross St. Cyprian, Bishop Carthage 9:00 am Carol Shaheen 11:30 am President Bachir Gemayel Req. by Carol Hamid

SATURDAY
NOV 3
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Readings

**Lectors and Ushers (age 16 and up) are needed.
Please [email](mailto:church@ourladyoflebanon.org) the church to become one.**

- 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 Adonis El-Asmar - English
11:30 am Edward Antonios - Arabic
- September 16, 2018 First Sunday after Holy Cross
Reading: 2 Timothy 2:1-10
Gospel: Mark 10: 35-45
Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill
11:30 am Denise Abou Chrouch - English
11:30 am Leila Vogl - Arabic
- September 23, 2018 Second Sunday after Holy Cross
Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 19-34
Gospel: Matthew 24: 1-14
Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill
11:30 am Isabelle Hazar - English
11:30 am Lina Fakhoury - Arabic
- September 30, 2018 Third Sunday after Holy Cross
Reading: Philippians 3: 17-4:1
Gospel: Matthew 24: 23-31
Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill
11:30 am John Eladem - English
11:30 am Marise Frangie - Arabic

Dear Beloved Parishioners

Bishop Gregory issued the following statement in regard to what has been happening in the Church the past couple of months.

Statement Regarding the Abuse of Minors

We pray fervently and sincerely for the victims and their families who have suffered so terribly from abuse by clergy. This abuse by clergy, or those who work for the Church, should never happen. We pray for healing for them and for all who love and support them.

We also pray for offenders and for those who did not stop them, that they may repent of this sin and crime. We pray too for the countless priests and bishops who have done, and continue to do, the right thing every day, and who suffer from this shame as well.

May God help us all to rid the Church, and the world, from these sad and shameful crimes. Every child is a precious gift from God and deserves to be loved and respected. Lastly, we pray for the good of the Church.

May the truth set us free, may all our faults be remedied by our humble contrition, and may all the members of the Church, as well as those watching us struggle to be better, find in the person of Jesus Christ, salvation, forgiveness, wisdom and peace.

It is clearly stated by our Bishop that this is a time when the Church falls down on her knees to pray, which is what she does best, for those who are suffering and those who participated knowingly or unknowingly, voluntarily or involuntarily, from far or near in these wrong and sinful abuses. Allowing God's intervention in our lives is the sole guarantee to dig deep and uproot the source of these problems from the heart. In the Evening Prayer (Ramsho) of this week, we have been praying Psalm 106: 6 - 8, 43, "We have sinned, we and our fathers; we have committed crimes; we have done wrong. Our fathers in Egypt considered not your wonders; They remembered not your abundant kindness, but rebelled against the Most High at the Red Sea. Yet, he saved them for his name's sake, to make known his power. Many times did he rescue them, but they embittered him with their counsels and were brought low by their guilt."

Abouna Dominique

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). 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)

Confraternity & Knights Meeting

On Sunday September 9 after the 11:30 am Divine Liturgy, the Confraternity of the Immaculate Conception and the Knights of St. Maron will meet in the Rectory and the Library respectively to plan the year ahead. Please make every effort to attend these meeting.

2nd Collection for Catholic University of America

This Second Collection provides funding for academic scholarships at Catholic University of America where our own seminarians are given a 50% discount in tuition.

MYA Workshop in Washington DC

Registration is now open for our 2018 MYA National Workshop which will be held from October 5-7, 2018 in Washington DC. [Please use the online form on our website to register for this year's Workshop.](#) We hope that a group will go from the Cathedral to join other MYA.

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 revisit 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.

Housekeeping Stuff

The Brooklyn Public Library Lease was renewed on June 1st extending their stay until December 2019.

The Just Wee Two Daycare that were renting our hall downstairs decided not to renew their contract with us because of a decrease in their enrollment. They left by the end of August. If you know any daycare interested in the same space, please call the Church at 718-624-7228

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. [Please get your tickets and place an ad in the Benefit Dinner Ad Book](#)

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.

Bulletin Advertisement

Business owners who would like to advertise their businesses in the Church bulletin that reaches over 200 households via email, please call the Cathedral at 718-624-7228 for more information.

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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 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 كورنتس 1:18-25

يَا إِخْوَتِي، إِنَّ كَلِمَةَ الصَّلِيبِ عِنْدَ الْهَالِكِينَ حَمَاقَةٌ، أَمَّا عِنْدَنَا نَحْنُ الْمُخَلَّصِينَ فَهِيَ قُوَّةُ اللَّهِ؛ لِأَنَّهُ مَكْتُوبٌ: «سَأَيِّدُ حِكْمَةَ الْحُكَمَاءِ، وَأَزْدُلُ فَهْمَ الْفُهَمَاءِ.»!

فَأَيُّ الْحَكِيمِ؟ وَأَيُّ عَالِمِ الشَّرِيعَةِ؟ وَأَيُّ النَّبَاحِثِ 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؛ لِأَنَّ الْيَهُودَ يَطْلُبُونَ الْآيَاتِ، وَالْيُونَانِيِّينَ يَلْتَمِسُونَ الْحِكْمَةَ. أَمَّا نَحْنُ فَنُنَادِي بِمَسِيحٍ مَصْلُوبٍ، هُوَ عَنَارٌ لِلْيَهُودِ وَحَمَاقَةٌ لِلْأُمَّمِ.

وَأَمَّا لِلْمَدْعُوعِينَ 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. فَذَنَا هَوْلَاءِ مِنْ فِيلِبُّسَ الَّذِي مِنْ بَيْتِ صَيْدَا الْجَلِيلِ، وَسَأَلُوهُ قَائِلِينَ: «يَا سَيِّدُ، نُرِيدُ أَنْ نَرَى يَسُوعَ.» فَجَاءَ فِيلِبُّسُ وَقَالَ لِأَنْدْرَاوُسَ، وَجَاءَ أَنْدْرَاوُسُ وَفِيلِبُّسُ وَقَالَا لِيَسُوعَ.

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

أَلْحَقَّ أَلْحَقَّ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ: إِنَّ حَبَّةَ الْجِنِّطَةِ، 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 يَخْدُمُنِي فَلْيَتَّبِعْنِي. وَحَيْثُ أَكُونُ أَنَا، فَهُنَاكَ يَكُونُ أَيْضًا خَادِمِي. مَنْ يَخْدُمُنِي يُكْرِمُهُ الْآبُ.

نَفْسِي الْآنَ مُضْطَرَبَةٌ، فَمَاذَا أَقُولُ؟ يَا أَبَتِ، نَجِّنِي مِنْ هَذِهِ السَّاعَةِ؟ وَلَكِنْ مِنْ أَجْلِ هَذَا بَلَّغْتُ إِلَى هَذِهِ السَّاعَةِ! يَا أَبَتِ، مَجِّدْ اسْمَكَ. «فَجَاءَ صَوْتُ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ يَقُولُ: «قَدْ مَجَّدْتُ، وَسَأَمَجِّدُ.»

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

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

هِيَ الْآنَ دَيْثُونَةُ هَذَا الْعَالَمِ. أَلَا إِنَّ يُطْرَدُ سُلْطَانُ هَذَا الْعَالَمِ خَارِجًا.

وَأَنَا إِذَا رُفِعْتُ عَنِ الْأَرْضِ، جَذَبْتُ إِلَيَّ الْجَمِيعَ.»