

# 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.



# *Renewal of the Church Sunday*

## *November 11th, 2018*

Sun. November 11	Renewal of the Church Sunday (Opening of the Liturgical Year)	St. Mennas, St. Martin
9:00 am	Carol Shaheen	Req. by Dr. Elie Chalhoub
11:30 am	Khalil & Hanne Mansour	Req. by William & Rafca Abou Chrouch
Mon. November 12	NO LITURGY	
Tues. November 13	10 am Divine Liturgy for Norma Halpin St. John Chrysostom, Doctor of the Church - St. Frances Cabrini	Req. by William Halpin
Wed. November 14	10 am Divine Liturgy for Maroun Fakhoury St. Philip, the Apostle	Req. by Lina Kozhaya
Thurs. November 15	10 am Divine Liturgy for Maroun Fakhoury	Req. by Lina Kozhaya
Fri. November 16	10 am Divine Liturgy for Maroun Fakhoury St. Matthew the Evangelist	Req. by Lina Kozhaya
Sat. November 17	10 am Divine Liturgy for Maroun Fakhoury St. Gregory the Wonderworker	Req. by Lina Kozhaya
Sun. November 18	Announcement to Zechariah Sunday	St. Romanos– St. Rose Philippine Duchesne
9:00 am	Maroun Fakhoury	Req. by Lina Kozhaya
11:30 am	Deceased Members of the Salaam Club	Req. by the Salaam Club

### *Readings*

***Lectors and Ushers (age 16 and up) are needed.***  
***Please email the church to become one.***

November 11, 2018	Renewal of the Church
	Reading: Hebrews 9: 11-15
	Gospel: John 10: 22-42
	Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill
	11:30 am Lydia Gordon - English
	11:30 am Edward Antonios - Arabic
November 18, 2018	Announcement to Zechariah
	Reading: Romans 4: 13-25
	Gospel: Luke 1: 1-25
	Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill
	11:30 am Denise Abou Chrouch - English
	11:30 am Leila Vogl - Arabic
November 25, 2018	Announcement to the Virgin Mary
	Reading: Galatians 3:15-22
	Gospel: Luke 1:26-38
	Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill
	11:30 am Isabelle Hazar - English
	11:30 am Lina Fakhoury - Arabic
December 2, 2018	Visitation of the Virgin to Elizabeth
	Reading: Ephesians 1:1-14
	Gospel: Luke 1:39-45
	Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill
	11:30 am TBA - English
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## Dear Beloved Parishioners

The two Sundays of the Consecration and Renewal of the Church at the beginning of the liturgical year are peculiar to the Syriac Antiochene family of Churches to whom the Maronite Church belongs. The readings, especially the Gospels, help us understand in depth the meaning of these two Sundays of transition before entering the Season of the Glorious Birth of Jesus Christ. The focus of the Epistles and Gospels is on the identity of Christ and its effect on our lives.

In last week's passage from Matthew 16, when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" Any person who poses a question like this reveals two characteristics about himself. He either wants to know what the word is about him in the street, so he can correct himself to be better or do a better job in what he is doing; or he is confused about his identity and wants others to help him define himself: he is suffering from an identity crisis. However, Christ does not fit either of these portraits as he questions his disciples.

In a similar way in this week's passage from John 10, we read, "The Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe.'" It is clear that the people living with Jesus saw in him someone who was special in his relationship with God. The word "suspense" summarizes it all. No matter what Christ did for the people, they did not believe that he was the Messiah. He had told them "plainly" and performed miracles, but they did not believe him. It seemed they were searching for something else and that is why they were in "suspense" which is a state of uncertainty, but uncertainty of what?

In Matthew 16, Simon Peter shouted loudly (in my opinion) after the other disciples' attempts to identify or report what people had to say about Jesus, saying, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Then, after affirming to Peter that it was the Father in heaven who had revealed this to him, Jesus added, "You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against her." When Peter testified who Jesus was, Jesus revealed who Peter was and what his mission would be as the head of the disciples. The more we profess who Christ is, the more he will tell us who we are. Our identity depends on our declaration of Jesus's identity.

When the Jews were in suspense and uncertain, it was not because they did not know who Jesus was, but because they did not know who they were. They should have asked him, "How long will you keep us in suspense, TELL US PLAINLY WHO WE ARE?"

*Abouna Dominique*

## Sajj Breakfast November 11

There will be a Sajj Breakfast on Sunday November 11 after the 11:30 Divine Liturgy. Please talk to Bassam Ayoub if you would like to help or donate toward the Breakfast.

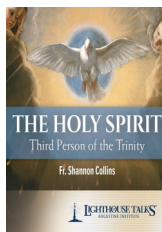
## Annual Bake Sale Sponsored by the Confraternity

The Annual Winter Bake Sale sponsored by the Confraternity will take place on December 1st & 2nd. Please see Rafca Abou Chrouch or Yolla Howayek if you would like to help in baking goods or donating toward the Bake Sale.

## Sloan Kettering Toy Drive

Christmas Toy Drive for the children of Sloan Kettering Cancer Center will be in effect until December 16. All toys must be brand new (no used toys) for newborn to 18 years old. A big box where people can put their toys is placed in the front to the far right of the Altar for your convenience.

## Featuring a CD from the collection in the Social Hall



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In this captivating presentation Fr. Shannon Collins discusses the essential character of the Holy Spirit and the role the forgotten Person of the Blessed Trinity has played. Fr. Collins explains the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit and how he works in the lives of believers.

## New Year's Party in Easton

Our Lady of Lebanon is hosting a New Year's Party. [Please click](#) here for more information

## Vocations Awareness Poster-Essay

Students grades K to 12 are encouraged to participate in the [Vocations Awareness Poster-Essay](#) Multimedia Contest through NAM. [Click here for guidelines](#) and [here for applications](#). Also you can see Adonis El-Asmar or Marian Ciaccia for more information. This year let us have more students part of the contest.

## Housekeeping

The Just Wee Two Daycare that was renting our hall downstairs decided not to renew their contract 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

## 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.

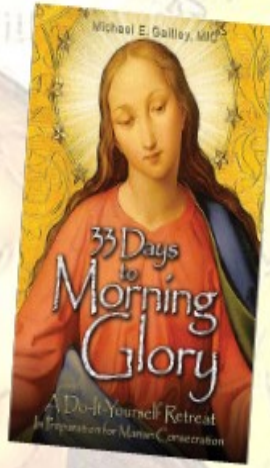
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- Help spread sanctity, please join us!!

The devotion, Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary, has been practiced for centuries. It involves 33 days of preparatory devotions, with the Total Consecration made on the 34th day. As Jesus trusted in Mary, His Mother, completely without reservation, let each one of us, His disciples, choose to trust in Mary completely without reservation as we choose this holy pathway of consecration to her Son.

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### Sunday of the Renewal of the Church Letter to the Hebrews 9:11-15.

When Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption.

For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

For this reason he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, because a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions under the first covenant.

### The Gospel according to Saint John 10:22-42.

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand.

What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.' The Jews took up stones again to stone him. Jesus replied, 'I have shown you many good works from the Father. For which of these are you going to stone me?' The Jews answered, 'It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you, but for blasphemy, because you, though only a human being, are making yourself God.' Jesus answered, 'Is it not written in your law, "I said, you are gods"? If those to whom the word of God came were called "gods" and the scripture cannot be annulled, can you say that the one whom the Father has sanctified and sent into the world is blaspheming because I said, "I am God's Son"?

If I am not doing the works of my Father, then do not believe me. But if I do them, even though you do not believe me, believe the works, so that you may know and understand that the Father is in me and I am in the Father.'

Then they tried to arrest him again, but he escaped from their hands. He went away again across the Jordan to the place where John had been baptizing earlier, and he remained there. Many came to him, and they were saying, 'John performed no sign, but everything that John said about this man was true.' And many believed in him there.

### أحد تجديد البيعة

### الرسالة إلى العبرانيين 9:11-15.

بإِخْرَاقِي، أَمَّا الْمَسِيحُ فَقَدْ ظَهَرَ عَظِيمَ أَحْبَابِ الْخَيْرَاتِ الْآتِيَةِ، وَأَجْتَازَ الْمَسْكِنَ الْأَعْظَمَ وَالْأَكْمَلَ، غَيْرَ الْمَصْنُوعِ بِالْأَيْدِي، أَيْ لَيْسَ مِنْ هَذِهِ الْخَلِيقَةِ، فَدَخَلَ إِلَى قُدْسِ الْأَقْدَاسِ مَرَّةً وَاحِدَةً، لَا بِدَمِ الثِّيُوسِ وَالْعُجُولِ، بَلْ بِدَمِهِ هُوَ، فَحَقَّقَ لَنَا فِدَاءً أَبَدِيًّا. فَإِذَا كَانَ رَشُّ دَمِ الثِّيُوسِ وَالْبَيْرَانَ وَرَمَادِ الْعِجْلَةِ عَلَى الْمُتَجَسِّسِينَ، يُقَدِّسُ أَجْسَادَهُمْ فَيُطَهِّرُهُمْ، فَكَمْ بِالْأَحْزَى دَمَ الْمَسِيحِ، الَّذِي قَرَّبَ نَفْسَهُ لِلَّهِ بِالرُّوحِ الْأَزَلِيِّ قُرْبَانًا لَا عَيْبَ فِيهِ، يُطَهِّرُ صَمِيرَنَا مِنَ الْأَعْمَالِ الْمَيْتَةِ، لِنُعْبُدَ اللَّهَ الْحَيَّ! وَلِذَلِكَ فَهُوَ الْوَسِيطُ لِعَهْدٍ جَدِيدٍ، وَقَدْ صَارَ مَوْتُهُ فِدَاءً لِنَعْدِيَّاتِ الْعَهْدِ الْأَوَّلِ، حَتَّى يَبَالَ بِهَ الْمَدْعُورُونَ وَعَدَ الْمِيرَاثِ الْأَبَدِيِّ.

### إنجيل القديس يوحنا 10:22-42.

حَانَ عِيدُ التَّجْدِيدِ فِي أورشليم، وَكَانَ فَصْلُ الشِّتَاءِ. وَكَانَ يَسُوعُ يَتَمَشَّى فِي الْهَيْكَلِ، فِي رِوَاقِ سُلَيْمَانَ. فَأَحَاطَ بِهِ الْيَهُودُ وَأَخَذُوا يَقُولُونَ لَهُ: «إِلَى مَنْتَى تُبْقِي نَفْسَنَا حَايِرَةً؟ إِنْ كُنْتَ أَنْتَ الْمَسِيحُ، فَقُلْ لَنَا صِرَاحَةً.» أَجَابَهُمْ يَسُوعُ: «قُلْتُهُ لَكُمْ، لَكِنِّكُمْ لَا تُؤْمِنُونَ. الْأَعْمَالُ الَّتِي أَعْمَلُهَا أَنَا بِاسْمِ أَبِي هِيَ تَشْهَدُ لِي. لَكِنِّكُمْ لَا تُؤْمِنُونَ، لِأَنَّكُمْ لَسْتُمْ مِنْ خِرَافِي. خِرَافِي تَسْمَعُ صَوْتِي، وَأَنَا أَعْرِفُهَا، وَهِيَ تَتَّبَعُنِي. وَأَنَا أَعْطِيهَا حَيَاةً أَبَدِيَّةً، فَلَنْ تَهْلِكَ أَبَدًا، وَلَنْ يَخْطَفَهَا أَحَدٌ مِنْ يَدِي. أَبِي الَّذِي أَعْطَانِي إِيَّاهَا هُوَ أَعْظَمُ مِنَ الْكُلِّ، وَلَا يَقْدِرُ أَحَدٌ أَنْ يَخْطَفَهَا مِنْ يَدِ الْأَبِ. أَنَا وَالْأَبُ وَاحِدٌ.» فَأَخَذَ الْيَهُودُ، مِنْ جِدِيدٍ، حِجَارَةً لِيَرْجُمُوهُ. قَالَ لَهُمْ يَسُوعُ: «أَعْمَالًا حَسَنَةً كَثِيرَةً أَرَى بَيْنَكُمْ مِنْ عِنْدِ الْأَبِ، فَلَا يَعْملُ مِنْهَا تَرْجُمُونِي؟.» أَجَابَهُ الْيَهُودُ: «لَا لِعَمَلٍ حَسَنٍ نَرْجُكُمْ، بَلْ لِتَجْدِيفِ. لِأَنَّكَ، وَأَنْتَ إِنْسَانٌ، تَجْعَلُ نَفْسَكَ الْهَاءُ.» أَجَابَهُمْ يَسُوعُ: «أَمَّا كُتِبَ فِي تَوْرَاتِكُمْ: أَنَا قُلْتُ إِنَّكُمْ آلِهَةٌ؟ فَإِذَا كَانَتْ التَّوْرَةُ تَدْعُو آلِهَةً، أَوْلَيْكَ الَّذِينَ صَارَتْ إِلَيْهِمْ كَلِمَةُ اللَّهِ، وَلَا يُمَكِّنُ أَنْ يُنْقِضَ الْكِتَابُ، فَكَيْفَ تَقُولُونَ لِي، أَنَا الَّذِي قَدَّسَهُ الْأَبُ وَأَرْسَلَهُ إِلَى الْعَالَمِ: أَنْتَ تَجْدِيفُ؛ لِأَنِّي قُلْتُ: أَنَا ابْنُ اللَّهِ؟ إِنْ كُنْتُ لَا أَعْمَلُ أَعْمَالَ أَبِي، فَلَا تُصَدِّقُونِي، أَمَّا إِذَا كُنْتُ أَعْمَلُهَا، وَإِنْ كُنْتُ لَا تُصَدِّقُونِي، فَصَدِّقُوا هَذِهِ الْأَعْمَالَ، لِكَيْ تَعْرِفُوا وَتُؤْمِنُوا أَنَّ الْأَبَ فِيَّ وَأَنَا فِي الْأَبِ.» فَحَارَوْا مِنْ جَدِيدٍ أَنْ يَقْبِضُوا عَلَيْهِ، فَأَقْلَّتْ مِنْ يَدِهِمْ. وَعَادَ يَسُوعُ إِلَى عِبْرِ الْأَرْدَنِ، إِلَى حَيْثُ كَانَ يُوحَنَّا يُعَمِّدُ مِنْ قَبْلُ، فَاقَامَ هُنَاكَ. وَأَتَى إِلَيْهِ كَثِيرُونَ وَكَانُوا يَقُولُونَ: «لَمْ يَصْنَعْ يُوحَنَّا آيَةً آيَةً، وَلَكِنْ، كُلُّ مَا قَالَهُ فِي هَذَا الرَّجُلِ كَانَ حَقًّا.» فَآمَنَ بِهِ هُنَاكَ كَثِيرُونَ.