

# Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Cathedral

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The Most Reverend Gregory J. Mansour — Eparchial Bishop

The Very Reverend Dominique Hanna — Rector

Deacon Peter Frangie

Subdeacon Norbert Vogl

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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 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.

# *Sunday of the Parable of the Prodigal Son*

## *March 24th, 2019*

<b>Sun. March 24</b>	<b>Sunday of the Parable of the Prodigal Son</b> 9:00 am Intentions of the Parishioners 11:30 am Praying for the Sick	Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Tabet Eid
Mon. March 25	NO LITURGY The Annunciation of the Virgin Mary	
Tues. March 26	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Gabriel the Archangel	
Wed. March 27	10 am Divine Liturgy	
Thurs. March 28	10 am Divine Liturgy	
Friday March 29	NO LITURGY St. Cyril of Baalbek	
Satur. March 30	NO LITURGY St. John Climacus	
<b>Sun. March 31</b>	<b>Sunday of the Healing of the Paralytic</b> 9:00 am Intentions of the Parishioners 11:30 am Intentions of the Parishioners	

### Financial Standing February 2019

#### Ordinary Income

Sundays & Holy Days Collections: **\$11,275.00**

Cathedral Stipends from Marriages& Funerals, Lower Hall Rent, Candles, Breakfast, Luncheon, Bake Sale, Dues, Religious Education, flowers, Christmas Tree: **\$30,643.00**

**Total Ordinary Income: \$41,918.00**

#### Ordinary Expense

Payroll, Gas, Electricity, Building and Medical Insurances, Leasing Equipments, TV, Phone, Internet, Church, Hall & Office Supplies, Postage, Regular Maintenance, Charity ...

**Total Ordinary Expense: \$70,430.00\***

**Total Ordinary Income vs Expense: -\$28,552.00**

\*This includes \$38,738.00 for Building Insurance

**We also brought in some extraordinary income in the amount of: \$29,166.67** (which included Library Rent, Donations for specific projects, and the Capital Campaign)

**Thus, we had to use much of extraordinary income for ordinary expense to make "ends meet." It is our hope that ALL extraordinary expense could be set aside for major improvements for the Cathedral. Thus, we need everyone's help.**

**Thank you for your contribution  
in helping maintaining the Church and  
for planning different activities**

### Sunday Readings

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

March 24, 2019	Sunday of the Parable of Prodigal Son Reading: 2 Corinthians 13: 5-13 Gospel: Luke 15: 11-32 Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill 11:30 am John Eladem - English 11:30 am Edward Antonios - Arabic
March 31, 2019	Sunday of the Healing of the Paralytic Reading: 1 Timothy 5: 24 - 6:5 Gospel: Mark 2: 1-12 Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill 11:30 am Lydia Gordon - English 11:30 am Joseph Kallassy - Arabic
April 7, 2019	Sunday of the Healing of the Blind Reading: Romans 6: 12-23 Gospel: Mark 1: 35-45 Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill 11:30 am Melissa Safi - English 11:30 am Leila Vogl - Arabic
April 14, 2019	Hosanna Sunday (Palm Sunday) Reading: Philippians 1: 1-13 Gospel: John 12: 12-22 Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill 11:30 am Subdeacon Norbert - English 11:30 am Adonis El-Asmar - Arabic

## Dear Beloved Parishioners

In Luke 15, we read the parable of the Prodigal Son. The Prayer of the Faithful gives us a wonderful reflection on this story. "Jesus tells of how the son boldly goes to the father and asks for 'his portion.' Actually, all of the property belongs to the father and the son has no rights to any of it. How often do we treat all of the gifts of God as if they were our rightful portion rather than gifts of God.



Seeking freedom and pleasure, with money in hand, the son does not concern himself about anybody or anything, he goes far from home so that no one knows what he is doing. He

runs off to live among the non-believers where more pleasures can be offered to him, but he soon goes through all of his money. A famine struck the land and he was forced to seek work tending pigs. The Jews considered pigs as unclean and the one who cared for them as cursed. In the face of physical and moral degradation, he was forced to come to his senses. "How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough to spare, but I perish with hunger. I will arise and go to my father and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired servants.' So he set off ..."

"The father must have been waiting for the son daily because he saw him at a distance and ran out to meet him. He embraced and kissed him. He gave him a robe, a sign of honor, a ring, a sign of authority, and shoes, unlike slaves who did not have shoes. The son was treated as if he had never been away.

"The son showed courage and humility in his return. It took courage to examine his life and recognize his pitiful condition. It took humility to admit his mistakes to his father."

May we always have the humility to bring us back to the Father's house.

*Abouna Dominique*

## Lenten Formation

The St. Paul Center is offering a series of streaming videos called "[From Genesis to Jesus](#)" for Lent on their website by using your email. It sounds promising to make for an enriching spiritual exercise during this Season of Great Lent.

## Palm Sunday Candles

Decorated candles are available for purchase after Sunday Liturgies. Please contact Yolla Howayek for more information. Quantities are limited, so be sure to order yours soon.

## "Unplanned" Upcoming Movie

"[UNPLANNED](#)" is the inspiring true story of Abby Johnson's journey of transformation. Her passion surrounding a woman's "right to choose" led her to become a spokesperson for Planned Parenthood, fighting to enact legislation for the cause she so deeply believed in. Then, one day she saw something that changed everything, and she became one of the most ardent pro-life speakers in America." For more information and tickets, [click here](#).

## Abouna Dominique Out of Town

Fr. Dominique will be out of town from Friday March 29 to Tuesday April 2 for the Discernment Weekend in DC. Fr. Patrick Hough will cover for him and celebrate the Maronite Liturgy.

## Stations and Benediction of the Cross

Every Friday of Lent beginning at 7:30pm, we pray the Stations and Benediction of the Cross. The service is followed by a Lenten Supper.

## Men's Lenten Retreat

There will be a Men's Lenten Retreat on April 6th at the Salvatorian Fathers Retreat House in Verona, New Jersey. For more information, please see Deacon Peter Frangie.

## Altar server training

Subdeacon Norbert will be conducting an altar server training session after the 11:30 Divine Liturgy on April 7.

## Traditional Fasting & Abstinence Observance

Those who wish to observe the traditional Maronite practice of fasting and abstinence are invited to follow this practice. According to the Synod of Mount Lebanon of 1736, every weekday of Lent (Monday through Friday) is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat and dairy products (eggs, butter, milk etc.). Fasting involves eating and drinking nothing at all (except water and medicine) from midnight until noon. The rest of the day normal meals can be taken but without meat or dairy products. Saturdays and Sundays are exempt from fasting and abstaining as are the following feast days: St Maron on Feb, 9th if it falls during Lent, the 40 Martyrs on March 9th, and St. Joseph on March 19th.

## Bishop's Appeal 2019

A second collection will be taken up every Sunday during the Season of the Great Lent. This Collection is for the Eparchial Charities Appeal which is divided between the priests' retirement fund, seminarians, religious education and charity in the Middle East. Our goal is to raise \$5,500.00. We thank you for your generosity and financial support. We have raised \$1668.00 so far.

## Women's Retreat

The Ladies of the Cathedral are invited to join a regional retreat at St. John Paul II Parish in Sleepy Hollow on Saturday April 27. Anyone wishing to stay over the night before can reserve a room at the Tarrytown Doubletree. Please call Viviane @ 917-825-3777 for more info.

## Mother's Day Luncheon

Please save the date for the Cathedral Mother's Day Luncheon on Sunday May 19 after the 11:30 Divine Liturgy.

## Housekeeping

The Just Wee Two Daycare that was renting our lower hall decided not to renew their contract because of a decrease in their enrollment. If you know any daycare interested in the same space, please call the Church at 718-624-7228

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## Lenten Retreat

# "Men: Defenders of Family and Society"

**Saturday April 6th, 2019**

**8:30am – 4:30pm**

And when he had removed him, he raised up David to be their king, of whom he testified and said, 'I have found in David the son of Jesse a man after my heart, who will do all my will.' (Acts 13:22)

Come away from your busy daily life schedule, enjoy the beautiful nature in Verona and draw closer to the Lord and His Will.

Retreat day includes:

- Talks
- Silent Time for reflection
- Eucharistic Healing service
- Lunch & snacks
- Rosary & Gospel Reflection
- Divine Liturgy
- Fellowship time
- Spiritual Direction & confession

Fathers, how do you live out your calling? First of all, we cannot give what we do not have. If we as men are not taking our own spiritual lives seriously, we will have nothing of value to offer our wives and children.

Where?

**Salvatorian Fathers Retreat House**

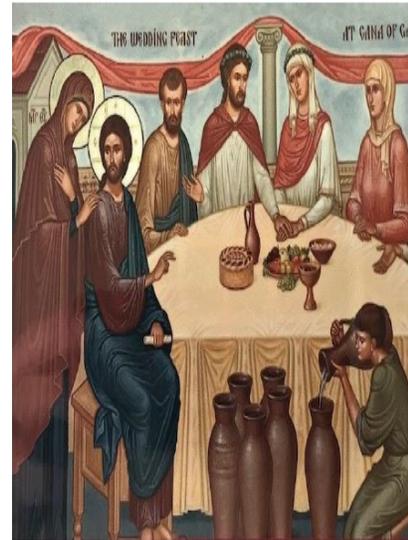
23 Crestmond Road, Verona, NJ 07044

**Cost \$50**

To sign up please contact  
Adonis El-Asmar at (917) 855-3075  
or adoniselasmar@gmail.com

**ALL ARE WELCOME & INVITED!!**

## Second Annual Ladies Day of Recollection



**NEW DATE!**

**Saturday April 27, 2019**

**9:30am to 4:00pm**

Donation **\$25**

Registration Deadline **March 24**

**St. John Paul II at  
Immaculate Conception Church**

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Include Ladies Day of Recollection on the envelope.

Any questions call (914) 631-0446. Someone will call you back.

# Eparchy's Annual Lenten Appeal



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Lent 2019

Prot. No. 018 S / 19

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

During our short time on this earth, we prepare ourselves for the day when we shall stand before God to make an account of how we have spent our lives. In the meantime, we serve with love. The Church, founded by Christ, is the prime vehicle of this love, and of our service, and this is the sole purpose of the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn.

Today, I write to ask you to help your Eparchy fulfill her divine mission with love. We have a blessed opportunity to share our gifts so that the Eparchy can continue to serve the faithful throughout its entire 16-state area.

Your generosity towards this year's Annual Eparchial Appeal will support:

- ✓ **Our Seminarians** are our future. We need your help so that we can invest in their education and formation. We currently have six. Each seminarian costs about \$45,000 per year, in the form of tuition, books, room, board, health insurance and other costs. **40% of your contribution to this year's Annual Appeal will go for Seminarian Expenses.**
- ✓ **Retired Priests:** Collectively, the 15 retired priests of the Eparchy have served the faithful for over 500 years. We help them with a modest pension of \$1,900 per month. **20% of your contribution will go to support our Retired Priests.**
- ✓ **Helping in Lebanon and the Middle East:** The Eparchy assists Lebanon and Syria in countless ways, for example: by applying for grants to American foundations and donors, advocating for the persecuted Christians of the Middle East with the U.S. government, and channeling direct financial assistance. **10% of your contribution will go to support Christians in Lebanon and the Middle East.**
- ✓ **Endowment:** The Eparchy's Endowment Fund provides a source of income each year for the needs of the Eparchy and ensures that the Eparchy will have solid resources in the future. It also provides a "rainy day fund" in case of disaster. **30% of your contribution will be deposited into the Eparchy's Endowment.**

I pray that you will open your heart once again and consider giving a gift. Your participation in this Annual Appeal makes a positive difference in the lives of so many people throughout the Eparchy, from Maine to Florida, and in the Middle East. Any gift you make will help.

Thank you, and may God bless you for your generosity. I wish you a holy Lent and a blessed Easter.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

+ Gregory

+ Gregory J. Mansour

PS: Please also consider remembering the Eparchy and your parish in your estate plan, or as the beneficiary of an insurance policy, retirement plan or charitable gift annuity. Thank you.

A Second Collection for the Eparchial Charities Appeal will be taken every Sunday during the Season of the Great Lent starting on Sunday March 10th. We are asked to raise \$5,500 to participate in this awesome mission of the Eparchy. Please read the Bishop's letter and his work throughout. We have raised \$1,668 so far.



EPARCHY OF SAINT MARON OF BROOKLYN

2019 ANNUAL APPEAL



Support for Lebanon and Middle East. Assistance for retired priests. Eparchial Endowment. Seminarian education and formation.

Fourth Sunday of Great Lent: Sunday of the Prodigal Son

Second Letter to the Corinthians 13: 5-13

Examine yourselves to see whether you are living in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not realize that Jesus Christ is in you? unless, indeed, you fail to pass the test! I hope you will find out that we have not failed. But we pray to God that you may not do anything wrong not that we may appear to have passed the test, but that you may do what is right, though we may seem to have failed. For we cannot do anything against the truth, but only for the truth. For we rejoice when we are weak and you are strong. This is what we pray for, that you may become perfect. So I write these things while I am away from you, so that when I come, I may not have to be severe in using the authority that the Lord has given me for building up and not for tearing down. Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

The Gospel according to Saint Luke 15: 11-32.

The Lord Jesus says: 'There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me." So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe the best one and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate. 'Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound." Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, "Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!" Then the father said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found."

الأحد الرابع من الصوم الكبير : أحد الابن الشاطر

رسالة الثانية إلى أهل قورنتس 13: 5-13

يا إخوتي، اختبروا أنفسكم، هل أنتم رايسخون في الإيمان. امثحنوا أنفسكم. ألا تعرفون أن المسيح يسوع فيكم؟ إلا إذا كنتم مرفوضين! فأرجو أن تعرفوا أننا نحن لسنا مرفوضين! ونصلي إلى الله كي لا تفعلوا أي شر، لا لتظهر نحن مقبولين، بل لكي تفعلوا أنتم الخير، وتكون نحن كائنا مرفوضون! فإننا لا نستطيع أن تفعل شيئا ضد الحق، بل لأجل الحق! أجل، إننا نفرح عندما نكون نحن ضعفاء، وتكونون أنتم أقوياء من أجل هذا أيضا نصلي لكي تكونوا كاملين. أكتب هذا وأنا غائب، لئلا أعاملكم بقساوة وأنا حاضر، بالسلطان الذي أعطاني إياه الرب، لئليانكم لا يهدمكم. وبعد، أيها الإخوة، أفرحوا، وأسعوا إلى الكمال، وتشجعوا، وكونوا على رأي واحد، وعيشوا في سلام، وإله المحبة والسلام يكون معكم! سلموا بعضكم على بعض بقبلة مقدسة. جميع القديسين يسلمون عليكم. نعمة الرب يسوع المسيح، ومحبة الله، وشركة الروح القدس معكم أجمعين!

انجيل القديس لوقا 15: 11-32

قال الرب يسوع: «كان لرجل ابنان. فقال أصغرهما لأبيه: يا أبي، أعطني حصتي من الميراث فقسمت لهما ثروته. وبعد أيام قليلة، جمع الابن الأصغر كل حصته، وسافر إلى بلد بعيد وهناك بدد ماله في حياة الطيش. ولما أتفق كل شيء، حدثت في ذلك البلد مجاعة شديدة، فبدأ يحس بالعوز. فذهب ولجأ إلى واحد من أهل ذلك البلد، فأرسله إلى حقله ليزرع الخنازير. وكان يشتهي أن يملأ جوفه من الخروب الذي كانت الخنازير تأكله، ولا يعطيه منه أحد. فرجع إلى نفسه وقال: كم من الأجزاء عند أبي، بفضل الخبز عنهم، وأنا ههنا أهلك جوعاً! أفوم وأمضي إلى أبي وأقول له: يا أبي، حطبت إلى السماء وأمامك. ولا أستحق بعد أن أدعى لك ابناً. فأجعلني كأحد أجزائك! فقام وجاء إلى أبيه. وفيما كان لا يزال بعيداً، رآه أبوه، فتحنن عليه، وأسرع فألقى بنفسه على عنقه وقبله طويلاً. فقال له ابنه: يا أبي، حطبت إلى السماء وأمامك. ولا أستحق بعد أن أدعى لك ابناً... فقال الأب لعبيده: أسرعوا وأخرجوا الخلة الفاجرة وألبسوه، وأجعلوا في يده خاتماً، وفي رجليه جذاء، وأثروا بالعجل المسمن وأدبحوه، ولناكل ونتنعم! لأن ابني هذا كان ميتاً فعاش، وضائعاً فوجد. وبدأوا يتنعمون. وكان ابنه الأكبر في الحقل. فلما جاء وأقرب من البيت، سمع غناء ورقصاً. فدعا واحداً من العلمان وسأله: ما عسى أن يكون هذا؟ فقال له: جاء أخوك، فذبح أبوك العجل المسمن، لأنه لقيه سالماً. فغضب ولم يرد أن يدخل. فخرج أبوه يتوسل إليه. فأجاب وقال لأبيه: ها أنا أخدمك كل هذه السنين، ولم أخالف لك يوماً أمراً، ولم تعطني مرةً جدياً، لأنت مع أصدقائي. ولكن لما جاء ابنتك هذا الذي أكل ثروتك مع الزواني، ذبحت له العجل المسمن إقبال له أبوه: يا ولدي، أنت معي في كل حين، وكل ما هو لي هو لك. ولكن كان ينبغي أن نتنعم ونفرح، لأن أخاك هذا كان ميتاً فعاش، وضائعاً فوجد.»