

# 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 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 Healing of the Blind Man***

## ***April 7th, 2019***

<b>Sun. April 7</b>	<b>Sunday of the Healing of the Blind Man</b>	
	9:00 am Henry Hamid	Req. by Carol Hamid
	11:30 am Maroun Fakhoury	Req. by His wife, Lina Fakhoury
Mon. April 8	NO LITURGY The Second Council of Nicaea (787)	
Tues. April 9	10 am Divine Liturgy for Alice Awad	Req. by Carol Hamid
Wed. April 10	3pm Divine Liturgy of the Blessing of the Oil For George Simon The Miracle of the Icon of Christ in Beirut	Req. by Carol Hamid
Thurs. April 11	10 am Divine Liturgy for George Martakis	Req. by Carol Hamid
Friday April 12	10 am Divine Liturgy for Mary Simone Temptation of Jesus in the Wilderness	Req. by Carol Hamid
Satur. April 13	10 am Divine Liturgy Saturday of the Raising of Lazarus	
<b>Sun. April 14</b>	<b>Hosanna Sunday (Palm Sunday)</b>	
	9:00 am Intentions of the Children of Parishioners	
	11:30 am Intentions of the Children of Parishioners	

### **Financial Standing March 2019**

#### **Ordinary Income**

Sundays & Holy Days Collections: **\$11,503**

Cathedral Stipends from Marriages& Funerals, Lower Hall Rent, Candles, Breakfast, Luncheon, Bake Sale, Dues, Religious Education, flowers, Christmas Tree: **\$11,800**

**Total Ordinary Income: \$23,303.00**

#### **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: \$22,329.05**

**Total Ordinary Income vs Expense: \$973.95**

\*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](#) the church to become one.**

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 Tiffany Chawki - English
	11:30 am Rita Hosri - Arabic
April 18, 2019	Thursday of the Mysteries at 7:30pm
	Reading: 1 Corinthians 11: 23-32
	Gospel: John 13: 12-22
	11:30 am Patrick Abou Chrouch - English
	11:30 am Marise Frangie - Arabic
April 19, 2019	Great Friday at 7:30pm
	Reading: Hebrews 12: 12-21
	Gospel: John 19: 31-37
	11:30 am Patrick Elhowayek - English
	11:30 am Mary Eladem - Arabic

## Dear Beloved Parishioners

The Sunday of the Healing of the Blind Man is the last Sunday before entering into Passion Week. *The Maronite Prayer of the Faithful* gives us a nice summary on this Sunday.

"A theme that is central to the Maronite Liturgy is Jesus as the Light of the world and daily we invoke Mary as the Mother of the Light. On this Sixth Sunday of Lent, we recall Bartimaeus, the blind man who wanted to behold the Light of the world. Jesus was on the way to celebrate his last Passover. He was traveling along the road to Jericho, a resort city, also known as the City of the Palms."

"Jericho was fifteen miles from Jerusalem and Passover was a very spiritually tense time. Jesus was considered a rebel, and was thought of as one who was preaching against orthodox Judaism. Jericho was filled with priests and Levites, who took turns in serving at the Temple. Naturally, they would be concerned about what Jesus had to say.

"Jesus and the crowds were approaching the gate of the city where Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting. It was a good time to beg for alms because of the number of persons who walked by. When he heard the tramping of feet and the noise of the crowd and heard it was Jesus, he began to shout in order to attract Jesus' attention. The crowd that was trying to listen to the Master was offended and tired to silence the beggar who wanted to escape from his world of darkness. When Jesus indicated that he wanted to see Bartimaeus, the attitude of the people changed and they encouraged the blind man to get up and come to Jesus. He immediately threw off his cloak and rushed to the Lord.

"In many ways, we are called to be like the beggar. Certain opportunities come only once and when the Lord calls us, we must throw off anything that will hinder us and run to Christ.

"The blind man knew what he wanted; he wanted light and he received the gift of inner light, the gift of faith, in addition to his sight.

"Let us not allow the world to prevent us from seeking the Light and let us cast aside all that hinders us and go to meet the Lord."

*Abba Dominique*

## Confraternity and Knights Meetings

The Knights and the Confraternity will be meeting this Sunday after the 11:30 am Divine 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.

## 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.

## Lenten Supper on Friday March 12

The last Lenten Supper of the year will take place on Friday March 12 and every family is invited to bring a meatless dish or fruits with them. All the organizations have been serving and preparing every Friday, but we want Friday March 12 to be an opportunity for all of us to take part in this wonderful Lenten activity.

## Preparing Children for Holy Week

All kids, 4 to 12 years old, are invited to the Screening of Jesus of Nazareth - Holy Week through resurrection, followed by an Easter egg hunt on Saturday April 13 starting at 11am. Pizza will be provided for lunch.

## 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 \$3,1247 so far. Please make your check to Our Lady of Lebanon Cathedral.

## 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.

## What couples need to know & women has a right to know

Attend "**Innovation in Woman's Healthcare**" seminar on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at OLOLC (3:00 -5:00 pm) and learn from NaProTECHNOLOGY Medical Consultant about a unique system of fertility regulation, a new woman's reproductive health science based on over 40 years of research. Be inspired by the testimonies of couples and woman who have experienced its great benefits. Come and find out about real solutions to real problems like infertility, recurrent miscarriages, premenstrual syndrome (PMS) and other health problems. To register and for more information, contact Marise Frangie, OFS, CFCE Tel: 914-393-8907 or [Email](#). You can also check [here](#)

## 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.

## "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](#).

## 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

## Featuring a CD from the collection in the Social Hall Beyond Belief: Following Christ Today

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## 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  
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Make check payable to **St John Paul II at ICC** attached to this form.

Include **Ladies Day of Recollection** on the envelope.

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

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# Eparchy's Annual Lenten Appeal



## EPARCHY OF SAINT MARON OF BROOKLYN

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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

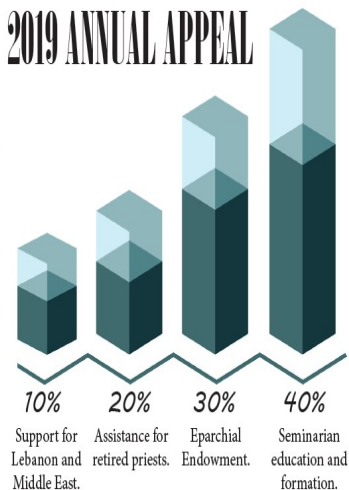
PS: Please also consider remembering the Eparchy and your parish in your estate plan, or as the beneficiary of an insurance policy, retirement plan or charitable gift annuity. Thank you.

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 \$3,1247 .so far. Please make your check to Our Lady of Lebanon Cathedral.



EPARCHY OF SAINT MARON OF BROOKLYN

2019 ANNUAL APPEAL





### Sixth Sunday of Great Lent: Healing the Blind Man

#### Second Letter to the Corinthians 10: 1-7

I myself, Paul, appeal to you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ I who am humble when face to face with you, but bold towards you when I am away!

I ask that when I am present I need not show boldness by daring to oppose those who think we are acting according to human standards.

Indeed, we live as human beings, but we do not wage war according to human standards;

for the weapons of our warfare are not merely human, but they have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments

and every proud obstacle raised up against the knowledge of God, and we take every thought captive to obey Christ.

We are ready to punish every disobedience when your obedience is complete.

Look at what is before your eyes. If you are confident that you belong to Christ, remind yourself of this, that just as you belong to Christ, so also do we.

#### The Gospel according to Saint Mark 10: 46-52

They came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside.

When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!'

Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!'

Jesus stood still and said, 'Call him here.' And they called the blind man, saying to him, 'Take heart; get up, he is calling you.'

So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus.

Then Jesus said to him, 'What do you want me to do for you?' The blind man said to him, 'My teacher, let me see again.'

Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has made you well.'

Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

### الأحد السادس من الصوم الكبير : أحد شفاء الأعمى

#### رسالة بولس الثانية إلى أهل قورنثس 10: 1-7

يا إخوتي، أنا بولس نفسي أناشدكم بوداعة المسيح وجلمه، أنا المتواضع بينكم عندما أكون حاضراً، والجريء عليكم عندما أكون غائباً.

وأرجو ألا أجبر عند حضوري أن أكون جريئاً، بالنقبة التي لي بكم، والتي أنوي أن أجرو بها على الذين يحسبون أننا نسلك كأناس جسديين.

أجل، إنما نحيا في الجسد، ولكننا لا نحارب كأناس جسديين؛ لأن أسلحة جهادنا ليست جسدية، بل هي قادرة بالله على هدم الحصون المنيعة؛ فإننا نهدم الأفكار الخاطئة، وكل شموخ يرتفع ضد معرفة الله، ونأسر كل فكر لطاعة المسيح.

ونحن مستعدون أن نعاقب كل عصيان، متى كملت طاعتكم.

إنكم تحكمون على المظاهر! إن كان أحد واثقاً بنفسه أنه للمسيح، فلنفيكر في نفسه أنه كما هو للمسيح كذلك نحن أيضاً.

#### إنجيل القديس مرقس 10: 46-52

بينما يسوع خارج من أريحا، هو وتلاميذه وجموع غفير، كان برطيما، أي ابن طيما، وهو شحاذ أعمى، جالساً على جانب الطريق.

فلما سمع أنه يسوع الناصري، بدأ يصرخ ويقول: «يا يسوع ابن داود ارحمني»!

فانتهره أناس كثيرون ليسكت، إلا أنه كان يزداد صراخاً: «يا ابن داود ارحمني»!

فوقف يسوع وقال: «أدعوه!». «فدعوا الأعمى قائلين له: «ثقف وأنهض! إنه يدعوك».

فطرح الأعمى رداءه، وثب وجاء إلى يسوع. فقال له يسوع: «ماذا تريد أن أصنع لك؟». «قال له الأعمى: «رأبوني، أن أبصر»!

فقال له يسوع: «إذهب! إيمانك خلصك». ولوقت عاد يبصر. وراح يتبع يسوع في الطريق.