



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.

6th Sunday of the Resurrection May 26th, 2019

Sun. May 26	6th Sunday of Resurrection		
	9:00 am	Alfred Simone	Req. by Carol Hamid
	11:30 am	Mar Nasrallah Peter Sfeir Anis & Dalal Mouawad	Req. Bishop Gregory Mansour Req. by Georgette Loutfi
Mon. May 27	NO LITURGY		
Tues. May 28	10 am Divine Liturgy		
Wed. May 29	10 am Divine Liturgy For Massoud Vahdat		Req. by Salma Vahdat
Thurs. May 30	10 am Ascension of Our Lord Divine Liturgy (Holy Day of Obligation) 7:30pm Ascension of Our Lord Divine Liturgy (Holy Day of Obligation)		
Fri. May 31	10 am Divine Liturgy		
Sat. June 1	10 am Divine Liturgy		
Sun. June 2	7th Sunday of Resurrection		
	9:00 am	Violet Martakis	Req. by Carol Hamid
	11:30 am	Bishop Georges Skandar & Suzan Skandar Msgr. Georges Mhooshi	Req. by Sami Nehme

Financial Standing April 2019

Ordinary Income

Sundays & Holy Days Collections: **\$34,826**

Cathedral Stipends from Marriages & Funerals, Lower Hall Rent, Candles, Breakfast, Luncheon, Bake Sale, Dues, Religious Education, flowers,: **\$17,692**

Total Ordinary Income: \$52,518

Ordinary Expense

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

Total Ordinary Expense: \$30,383.70

Total Ordinary Income vs Expense: \$22,134.30

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)

We had some extraordinary expense in the amount of: \$13,100 (Major Church Repair such as electricity, roof replacement, Boiler, Installation of AC ...)

**Thank you for your contribution
in helping maintain 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**

May 26, 2019	6th Sunday of the Resurrection
	Reading: Romans 10: 1-13
	Gospel: Luke 24: 36-48
	Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill
	11:30 am Isabelle Hazar- English
	11:30 am Charly Ayoub - Arabic
June 2, 2019	7th Sunday of the Resurrection
	Reading: Ephesians 1: 15-23
	Gospel: John 13: 31-35
	Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill
	11:30 am John Eladem - English
	11:30 am Edward Antonios - Arabic
June 9, 2019	Pentecost Sunday
	Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2: 1-21
	Gospel: John 21: 1-14
	Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill
	11:30 am Joseph Elkallasy - English
	11:30 am Lydia Gordon - Arabic
June 16, 2019	Sunday of the Most Holy Trinity
	Reading: Romans 11: 25-36
	Gospel: Matthew 28: 16-20
	Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill
	11:30 am Melissa Safi - English
	11:30 am Leila Vogl - Arabic

Dear Beloved Parishioners:

May 22 is the feast of St. Rita of Cascia. Having this old feast coincide with the modern St. Sharbel's devotion of the 22nd of each month speaks volumes.

Growing up, Rita (1381-1457) was very religious and used to volunteer with the Augustinian nuns at Cascia. Even though acquaintances might have thought that she was called to become a nun, it was not yet her time to enter the convent.

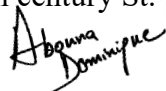
The young Rita fell in love with Paolo Mancini whose family was prominent in Cascia. Living in a feudal system, families would fight one another and men would kill each other in their daily affairs to possess more land and become more powerful and richer. Rita's family and friends warned her that the man she was in love with might be a murderer, but she was drawn to him.

After her marriage to Paolo, Rita realized that what she had been told about him was true. When she confronted him about being dishonest with her, tears rolled down his cheeks as he was telling her that at age twelve he had decapitated a man to gain the respect of his family. Nonetheless, Paolo loved Rita very much.

Over time Rita became very upset at her husband's actions and wanted to leave him, but before doing this she went to talk to the mother superior of the convent where she was helping. "Rita, you might be his only hope," said the mother superior. The more her relationship with God grew, the more she understood God's abundant mercy to the point where she told Paolo, "Forgive me for denying you forgiveness." In the end, it was her love for Paolo and her never giving up on him that made him change his ways.

St. Rita is the patron saint of the impossible because of the irremediable state of mind of Paolo, which she nevertheless changed. St. Sharbel, like her, is today the only hope for so many who are going through difficult illnesses, undergoing treatments, job loss, divorce, loneliness, betrayal... Their situation might be irreparable in our eyes, but do we still love them to the point where we are becoming, in addition to the saints, their beacons of hope?

Friends, that the feast of St. Rita falls on the day in May that is also dedicated to St. Sharbel is not an accident. The hope of the 15th century St. Rita strengthening the hope of the 19th century St. Sharbel will make of us people full of hope for those around us.



MYA Election of New Board

The MYA will meet on Sunday June 2nd after the 11:30 Divine Liturgy to elect a new board.

Father's Day Party

The Knights of St. Maron are planning a Father's Day Party on Saturday, June 15 at 8pm in the lower hall. Full course dinner & Live Entertainment by Bassil Touma & Band for \$50. Please see Edgar Abi Daher, George Elhaje, Tony Aflak, William Abou-Chrouh for tickets

Baby Bottle Campaign

Expectant Mother Care Pregnancy Centers is having their yearly Baby Bottle Campaign to fundraise their efforts. EMC provides testing, counseling and a support system for mothers in need. Please make sure to take a bottle from the Church and bring it back on Father's Day June 16. Give your change for change. Save a life

Sajj & Barbecue Sunday

On Sunday June 23rd, the Cathedral will have a Sajj Breakfast & Barbecue lunch after the 11:30 Divine Liturgy. More information to follow.

High & Elementary School Scholarship

Students, currently enrolled or about to start attending high school or graduating high school to college, are eligible to apply for either the Confraternity of the Immaculate Conception, Knights of St. Maron, or the Joulwan Family scholarships. Deadline for submission is June 2 and June 23 is our graduation and awards ceremony. Students may also apply for the SALAM Club Scholarship. All Forms are available [online](#)

Recommendation of the Finance Council

The Finance Council recommends 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.

Featuring a CD from the collection in the Social Hall Beloved: Finding Happiness in Marriage

Dr. Timothy Gray presents an honest look at the blessings and struggles of marriage. He connects the Fall to daily marital struggles and explains how, like Adam and Eve, spouses can end up blaming instead of supporting each other. Dr. Gray also explains how words can heal and build up married life.

World Patriarchal Maronite Foundation for Integral Development

Patriarch Rai is looking to engage business men and women in some of the charitable work in Lebanon. He also desires that business men and women do what they can to promote business interests with men and women of good will inside Lebanon. Please check the [website](#) of this new Foundation. If anyone is interested, please [email](#) me your name, email, home address, and phone number.

Math Tutoring

Mrs. Ikram Eid would like to assist with Mathematics students (ages 3 to 12) and adults with GED. There is no cost to the tutoring, but a donation to the Church is appreciated. Please [email Mrs. Eid](#) for more information



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#1 NYC WINDOW SHADES FABRICATOR

Knights of Saint Maron of Brooklyn
Father's Day Party
"Our Lady of Lebanon Cathedral"

Saturday June 15, 2019

8:00 PM

**"My Father Didn't Tell Me
How to Live
He Lived And Let Me Watch Him Do It"**

Featuring Star Singer
Basil Touma



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ALL ARE WELCOME & INVITED!!

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THE ORDINATION OF

Adonis El-Asmar

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FOR THE EPARCHY OF SAINT MARON
OF BROOKLYN*

BY THE LAYING OF HANDS OF
HIS EXCELLENCY
BISHOP GREGORY J. MANSOUR

On Saturday September, 14th 2019 at 10:30 am
Our Lady of Lebanon Cathedral
113 Remsen Street
Brooklyn, New York 11201

Reception to follow – Parish Hall
RSVP Phone: (718) 624-7228
Or email: cathrectory@verizon.net

For Concelebrating Clergy: White vestments are requested



«YOU HAVE UNITED, O LORD, YOUR DIVINITY
WITH OUR HUMANITY
AND OUR HUMANITY WITH YOUR DIVINITY»

- Maronite Divine Liturgy -

The Tenth Annual Benefit Dinner **The Eparchy of Saint Maron**

This Jubilee Event will recognize three special honorees known for their service to their communities: **Tony Loubnan, Antoun Sehnaoui, and Salma Besheer Vahdat**. We honor Tony for his years of service to his parish, Saint Sharbel in Somerset, NJ; Antoun who, together with Cardinal Timothy Dolan, created the Shrine of Saint Sharbel at Saint Patrick Cathedral; and Salma for her years of service to Our Lady of Lebanon Cathedral and the Brooklyn community.

The Cathedral Community is proud of having **Salma Besheer Vahdat**, a Trustee of the church, as an honoree.

Join us October 3 for an evening of fun and fellowship with your friends in support of a great cause!

*Tenth Annual Benefit Dinner for
The Eparchy of Saint Maron*

A Special Decade of Service



Thursday, October 3, 2019
New York Athletic Club, New York City

Details to follow

MYA Mid-Atlantic Region – Volunteer Opportunity



JESUS RUN

MYA from our Maronite Parishes in NY, NJ, CT and PA are invited to serve the community by packing and distributing food to the homeless in NYC.

Event Schedule:

- Divine Liturgy at 5:00 PM
- Dinner & Social Gathering
- Prepare food bags
- Travel to Manhattan to deliver bags to the homeless

*Suggested donation of \$20 to help defray costs.

Saturday, June 1st at 5:00 PM
Our Lady of Lebanon Cathedral
113 Remsen Street
Brooklyn, NY 11201
For more info, contact:
Denise Abou-Chrouh
(646) 285-2577



Sunday Readings

قراءات الأحد

Sixth Sunday of the Resurrection

Letter to the Romans 10: 1-13

Brothers and sisters, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. I can testify that they have a zeal for God, but it is not enlightened. For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they have not submitted to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes. Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that 'the person who does these things will live by them.' But the righteousness that comes from faith says, 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?"' (that is, to bring Christ down) 'or "Who will descend into the abyss?"' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

The Gospel according to Saint Luke 24: 36-48

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.'

الأحد السادس من زمن القيامة

رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل رومة 10: 1-13
يا إخوتي، إن بغيّة قلبي وتضرّي عي إلى الله من أجل بني إسرائيل ليخلصوا. فأنا أشهد لهم أن فيهم غيرة لله، ولكن بدون معرفة صحيحة. فقد جهلوا برب الله، وحاولوا أن يثبتوا بر أنفسهم، فلم يخضعوا لرب الله؛ لأن غاية الشريعة إنما هي المسيح، لكي يتبرر به كل مؤمن. وقد كتب موسى عن البر الذي هو من الشريعة فقال: «من يعمل بأحكام الشريعة يحيا بها». «أما عن البر الذي هو من الإيمان فيقول: «لا تقل في قلبك: من يصعد إلى السماء؟»، أي ليُنزل المسيح من السماء. ولا تقل: «من يهبط إلى الهاوية؟»، أي ليصعد المسيح من بين الأموات. بل ماذا يقول؟ «الكلمة قريبة منك، في فمك وقلبك»، أي كلمة الإيمان، التي ننادي بها. فإن اعترفت بفمك أن يسوع هو الرب، وأمنت بقلبك أن الله أقامه من بين الأموات، تخلص. فالإيمان بالقلب يقود إلى البر، والأعتراف بالفم يقود إلى الخلاص؛ لأن الكتاب يقول: «كل من يؤمن به لا يخزي». «فلا فرق بين يهودي ويوناني، لأن الرب هو نفسه لجميعهم، يفيض غناه على جميع الذين يدعونونه. فكل من يدعو اسم الرب يخلص».

إنجيل القديس لوقا 24: 36-48

فيمّا الرسل يتكلمون بهذا، وقف يسوع في وسطهم، وقال لهم: «السلاّم لكم». «إفارتاعوا، واستولى عليهم الخوف، وكانوا يظنون أنهم يشاهدون روحاً. فقال لهم يسوع: «ما بالكم مضطربين؟ ولماذا تخالج هذه الأفكار قلوبكم؟ انظروا إلى يديّ ورجليّ، فأني أنا هو. جسوني، وانظروا، فإن الروح لا لحم له ولا عظام كما ترون لي». «قال هذا وأراهم يديه ورجليه. وإذ كانوا بعد غير مصدقين من الفرح، ومتعجبين، قال لهم: «هل عندكم هنا طعام؟». «فقدّموا له قطعة من سمك مشوي، ومن شهد غسل فآخذها وأكلها بمرأى منهم، وقال لهم: «هذا هو كلامي الذي كلمتكم به، وأنا بعد معكم. كان ينبغي أن يتم كل ما كتب عني في توراة موسى، والأنبياء والمرامير». «حينئذ فتح أذهانهم ليفهموا الكتب. ثم قال لهم: «هكذا مكتوب أن المسيح يتالم، ويقوم من بين الأموات في اليوم الثالث. ويأسميه يكرز بالتوبة لمغفرة الخطايا، في جميع الأمم، ابتداء من اورشليم. وأنتم شهود على ذلك».