

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



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.

Twelfth Sunday of the Pentecost *August 25th, 2019*

Sun. August 25	12th Sunday of Pentecost	St. Titus, One of the 72 Disciples
	9:00 am Blessing on Manuel Villegas on his Birthday in Elie, Elen & Dolly Elngaywi	Thanks to the Sacred Heart of Jesus Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Charbel Elngaywi
	11:30 am Intentions of the Parishioners	
Mon. August 26	NO LITURGY	
Tues. August 27	10 am Divine Liturgy	St. Biyameen the Hermit
Wed. August 28	10 am Divine Liturgy	St. Moses the Ethiopian St. Augustine, Doctor of the Church
Thurs. August 29	10 am Divine Liturgy	Beheading of John the Baptist
Fri. August 30	NO LITURGY	Blessed Brother Estephan Ne'mee
Sat. August 31	NO LITURGY	St. Abda, St. Zakhia (Nicholas) St. Aegidius (Giles)
Sun. September 1	13th Sunday of Pentecost	St. Simon the Stylite
	9:00 am Intentions of the Parishioners	
	11:30 am Intentions of the Parishioners	

Financial Standing July 2019

Ordinary Income

Sundays & Holy Days Collections: **\$7,448**

Cathedral Stipends from Marriages & Funerals, Lower Hall Rent, Candles, Breakfast, Luncheon, Bake Sale, Dues, Religious Education, flowers,: **\$645.53**

Total Ordinary Income: \$8,093.53

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: \$15,826.40

Total Ordinary Income vs Expense: \$7,732.87

We also brought in some extraordinary income in the amount of: \$29,566.67 (which included Library Rent, Donations for specific projects, and the Capital Campaign)

Thus, we had to use some of our 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 maintain the Church and in
planning different activities**

Sunday Readings

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

August 25, 2019	12th Sunday of the Pentecost Reading: Ephesians 3: 1-13 Gospel: Matthew 15: 21-28 Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill 11:30 am Patrick Elhowayek - English 11:30 am Lina Fakhoury - Arabic
September 1, 2019	13th Sunday of the Pentecost Reading: 1 Corinthians 3: 1-11 Gospel: Luke 8: 1-15 Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill 11:30 am Patrick Abou-Chrouch - English 11:30 am Mary Eladem - Arabic
September 8, 2019	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 Norbert Vogl - English 11:30 am Norma Haddad - Arabic
September 15, 2019	1st Sunday after Holy Cross Reading: 2 Timothy 2: 1-10 Gospel: Mark 10: 35-45 Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill 11:30 am Melissa Safi - English 11:30 am Paula Ashkar - Arabic

Dear Beloved Parishioners:

Something must have moved Zacchaeus to get up from his tax collecting table and go to see Jesus. It might have been that he had heard about Jesus accepting and forgiving sinners, and since he was one of them, as all of us are, he decided to draw near the Lord. He also might have reached a point in his life where he felt alone and needed to be reintegrated into the society of Jericho. Furthermore, Zacchaeus' curiosity might have pushed him to close up shop, take the day off and inquire more about where Jesus would be passing by.

The need to repent, the feeling of loneliness, the growing urge to be connected with the creator, the ocean of mercy, Jesus Christ, caused Zacchaeus to groan in pain from some sort of a spiritual/emotional suffering that could only be satisfied by climbing a cross and Zacchaeus sought it voluntarily. As chief tax collector despised by most, Zacchaeus should have been shown a little respect, but he was not. People did not make room for him so he could see Jesus passing by. The crowd and the short stature of Zacchaeus, preventing him from watching Jesus, became the means by which he was led to climb the sycamore tree, his cross.

During his interview with Anderson Cooper last week, Stephen Colbert, the host of the Late Night Show on CBS, a catholic, who lost his father and two of his brothers at ten years of age, said, "It is a gift to exist and with existence comes suffering." This does not mean at all that existence implies suffering but that there are times when suffering is predominant. However, these moments could be the most revealing and transforming of one's whole life. His early experience made Colbert understand what is meant when it is said that God's punishments are actually gifts for a person of faith.

As he was searching for his cross, Zacchaeus was carrying with him the hate of the people toward him and all the burdens that he had laid down on their shoulders for years. Luke 19: 4-5 reads, "So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, 'Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.' It was only from up on his cross, the sycamore tree, that Zacchaeus was able to see Jesus walking by and hear him inviting himself to his house. The cross became a prerequisite for God's invitation to stay at his house.

Taking up the cross means not just being willing to suffer, but being willing to suffer as he did, absorbing violence and hatred through forgiveness and nonviolence.

Abouna Dominique

Maronite Catholic Formation (Sunday School)

Registration for Sunday School is on its way. It is of extreme importance to hand down the faith to our children (1st to 12th Grade) and our Sunday Formation is one small way to do so. Thus, everyone is encouraged to register their children and not wait to the last minute. Classes begin on Sunday, September 22nd at 10am. The program will run until the end of June two Sundays of formation each month. Please [print the form online](#) and email it to [Lily Elhaje](#)

Fr. Dominique Out-of-Town

On Sunday September 1, Abouna Dominique will be out of town for a wedding in Detroit, Michigan. Fr. Armando El Khoury, the Vice Rector of the Maronite Seminary in DC, will cover for him at the 9 and 11:30am.

75th Anniversary of the First Divine Liturgy at the Cathedral

The Cathedral is announcing the 75th Anniversary of the First Divine Liturgy in the Current Location on Sunday November 24, 2019. The celebration begins with the Divine Liturgy at 11:30am followed by a luncheon at the Dyker Beach Golf Course Catering Hall in Brooklyn, NY. There will also be a Commemorative Book in which pages may be purchased to honor beloved living and deceased members of the Cathedral Community. Meanwhile, those who have old pictures from the time the Cathedral was dedicated onward, please make sure to [email](#) them to us, so we can create a nice collage.

Altar Server Training

Subdeacon Norbert will hold an altar server training Sunday September 8th after the 11:30 Divine Liturgy.

Arabic Class Registration

Arabic Class registration has begun. Please see Leila Vogl if you are interested.

Housekeeping

The Brooklyn Public Library's lease was renewed on July 10th extending their stay until December 31, 2020.

Pilgrimage: [In The Footsteps of Paul](#)

A 10-day/8-night trip to **Greece** including a **3-day cruise** to the **Greek Islands** and **Turkey**, visiting Athens, Corinth, Mykonos, Ephesus, Patmos, Crete, Santorini, Meteora, Veria, Vergina, Salonica, and Philippi. Departing **April 29, 2020 - \$3,498** per person/double occupancy from New York, including fuel surcharge and port taxes. if they register with \$500 by July 29th and save \$100. [For more information](#) please call Marleine Aflak at 1-917-608-2996 or Tony Tannousis at 1-718-987-3900

Project Roots

Bishop Gregory is asking to redouble the efforts to register American citizens of Lebanese descent who would like to regain their Lebanese citizenship. Parishioners are encouraged to register their births and marriages in Lebanon. Please check Project Root's [new website](#) and contact [Zahia Abi Habib](#) for more information

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.

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Save the Date

75th Anniversary

*of the first liturgy
at Our Lady of Lebanon Cathedral*

Sunday Nov 24, 2019

11:30am liturgy

followed by cocktail reception and Gala

Details to follow

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO
THE ORDINATION OF

Adonis El-Asmar

*TO THE MINOR ORDERS OF
CANTOR, LECTOR, AND SUBDEACON
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

Sunday Readings

قراءات الأحد

Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost

Letter to the Ephesians 3:1-13.

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power.

Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.

This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

I pray therefore that you may not lose heart over my sufferings for you; they are your glory.

The Gospel according to Saint Matthew 15: 21-28

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.'

He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

الأحد الثاني عشر من زمن العنصرة

رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل أفسس 3:1-13

يا إخواني، أنا بولس، أسير المسيح يسوع من أجلكم، أيها الأمم... إن كنتم قد سمعتم بتدبير نعمة الله التي وهبت لي من أجلكم، وهو آبي يوحى أطلعني على السر، كما كتبت إليكم بإيجاز من قبل، حينئذ يمكنكم، إذا قرأتم ذلك، أن تدركوا فهمي لسير المسيح، هذا السر الذي لم يعرف عند بني البشر في الأجيال الغابرة، كما أعلن الآن بالروح لرسله القديسين والأنبياء، وهو أن الأمم هم، في المسيح يسوع، شركاء لنا في الميراث والجسد والوعد، بواسطة الإنجيل، الذي صرت خادمًا له، بحسب هبة نعمة الله التي وهبت لي بفعل قدرته؛ لي أنا، أصغر القديسين جميعًا، وهبت هذه النعمة، وهي أن أبشر الأمم بغنى المسيح الذي لا يستقصى، وأن أوضح للجميع ما هو تدبير السر المكنوم منذ الدهور في الله الذي خلق كل شيء،

لكي تعرف الآن من خلال الكنيسة، لدى الرئاسات والسلاطين في السموات، حكمة الله المنتوعة، بحسب قصده الأزلي الذي حققه في المسيح يسوع ربنا، الذي لنا فيه، أي بالإيمان به، الوصول بجزاة وثقة إلى الله. لذلك أسألكم أن لا تضعف عزيمتكم بسبب الضيقات التي أعانيها من أجلكم: إنها مجد لكم!

إنجيل القديس متى 21:15-28

إنصرف يسوع إلى نواحي صور وصيدا، وإذا بأمرأة كنعانية من تلك النواحي خرّجت تصرخ وتقول: «إرحمني، يا رب، يا ابن داود! إن ابنتي بها شيطان يُعذّبها جدًا.» فلم يجبها بكلمة. ودنا تلاميذه فأخذوا يتوسلون إليه قائلين: «إصرفها، فإنها تصرخ في إثرنا.» فأجاب وقال: «لم أرسل إلا إلى الخراف الضالة من بيت إسرائيل.»

أمّا هي فأتت وسجدت له وقالت: «ساعدي، يا رب.» فأجاب وقال: «لا يحسن أن يؤخذ خبز البنين، ويلقى إلى جراء الكلاب.» فقالت: «نعم، يا رب! وجراء الكلاب أيضًا تأكل من الفتات المتساقط عن مائدة أربابها.» حينئذ أجاب يسوع وقال لها: «أيها المرأة، عظيّم إيمانك! فليكن لك كما تريد.» ومن تلك الساعة شفيّت ابنتها.