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Celebration of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross September 10th, 2023

Sun., Sept. 10	Celebration of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross / St. Pulcheria the Queen 9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners 11:30 am 40 Day for Michel Frangieh, the brother of Georgette Safi for Bechara Abi Daher for Assaad and Rose El-Asmar by Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Safi by Mr. & Mrs. Edgard Abi Daher by Subdeacon & Mrs. El-Asmar	
Mon., Sept. 11	NO LITURGY St. Theodora of Alexandria	
Tues., Sept. 12	10 am Divine Liturgy for Karim Marjeh St. Cornelius the Centurion	by Rene Marjeh
Wed., Sept. 13	10 am Divine Liturgy for Fouad Kayal St. Michael the Archangel	by Rene Marjeh
Thurs., Sept. 14	10 am Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross for Raymond Ayoub 7:30 pm Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross	by Rene Marjeh
Fri., Sept. 15	10 am Divine Liturgy for the Conversion of Mary, Mimi & Tony St. Shaina & St. Sassine	by by Rene Marjeh
Sat., Sept. 16	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage	
Sun., Sept. 17	First Sunday after the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross / St. Sophia 9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners 11:30 am 40 Day for Jacqueline Shaia by Mr & Mrs. Ghazi Shaia &	

August 2023 Financial Standing

Ordinary Income

- ◆ Collections on Sundays & Holy Days: **\$11,156.22**
- ◆ Cathedral Stipends from Marriages & Funerals, Hall Rent, Candles, Breakfast, Luncheon, Raffle, Dues, Religious Education, Flowers **\$27,413.00**

Total Ordinary Income: \$38,569.22

Ordinary Expenses

- ◆ Payroll, Gas, Electricity, Building Insurance and Medical Insurance, Leasing Equipment, TV, Phone, Internet, Supplies for Church, Hall & Office, Postage, Regular Maintenance, Charity, Eparchial Appeal, Insurance....**\$21,342.18**

Total Ordinary Expenses: \$21,342.18

Total Ordinary Income vs Expenses: \$17,227.04

Do you know? A couple of basic monthly expenses:

Cathedral monthly building insurance: \$3,844.00

Monthly Eparchial Assessment & Bishop's Appeal: \$2,125.00

The Cathedral's Building Insurance increased 14.3% this year. We paid \$46,122 for the year.

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

HELP LEBANON!



BY CHECK:

Make your donation to Lebanon by sending a check to the Eparchy of St. Maron of Brooklyn and in the memo designate your charity either to Caritas, Lebanon, Saint Vincent de Paul or The Franciscan Sisters of the Holy Cross.

ONLINE:

You may also donate online by clicking [here](#).

FAMILY-TO-FAMILY HELP THROUGH CARITAS LEBANON

In coordination with Caritas Lebanon, a family in the United States is now able to sponsor a family in Lebanon. The sponsorship varies from \$50 to \$100 per month depending on the size and the need of the family.

Please click [here](#) to sponsor a family.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Maronite Catholic Formation

Maronite Catholic Formation (Sunday School) classes begin on Sunday, September 17th, at 10 am. Please register your children online [here](#) and see calendar [here](#).

Meeting of the Confraternity

The Confraternity will have a meeting on Sunday, September 17th, at 1:15 pm in the Chapel.

Arabic Class Registration

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

Maronite Sisters of Christ the Light

The Maronite Sisters of Christ the Light will be visiting the Cathedral the weekend of October 6th to 8th.

Order of St. Sharbel Sunday

This year, October 8 is designated as "Order of Saint Sharbel Sunday" in our Eparchy. On October 8, all Maronite parishes will be promoting the Order. The Order of Saint Sharbel is vitally important in providing financial and spiritual support for our seminarians, who are crucial for the future of our Maronite Church. This year we have three men preparing for the priesthood for our Eparchy. Please prayerfully consider joining the Order. You may enroll online [here](#) or ask Father for more information.

MYO Kanefeh Breakfast

The MYO will have a Kanefeh breakfast on October 15th to help fund their regional retreat at the end of October.

Save the Date

Please save the date for the St. Maron Gala on February 10th, 2024. This year is special because we are celebrating the Twentieth Anniversary of the Ordination of Bishop Gregory Mansour to the Episcopacy.

Interested in Joining the Choir?

The choir of the Cathedral would like to welcome anyone interested in joining them to praise the Lord in a more dedicated way. We are also looking for someone who knows the Maronite music to play the organ. Members of the Choir meet on Zoom every Wednesday to plan for Sunday. Please make sure to see Christiane Merhej after the 11:30 Divine Liturgy if you would like to join.

Bring Healing to Women of Lebanon

Women in Lebanon struggling with infertility and different gynecological problems in addition to those wanting to plan their families according to Church teachings will now have access to the Creighton Model FertilityCare System and NaProTECHNOLOGY which provide hope and healing. The Cedar of Lebanon FertilityCare Center needs your support for this project. For more information, please email Marise Frangie [here](#). Please make your donation [here](#).

Leasing the Upper Hall

The Cathedral is leasing the upper hall for one year from August 1, 2023, to July 31, 2024, to a school of 1st to 4th grades. The school will occupy the hall from Monday to Friday. The Cathedral will continue to use the hall on weekends.

Finance Council Recommendation

The Finance Council has recommended that parishioners set up their Church donation as an automatic payment. This is the best way to keep supporting your spiritual home while on vacation or out of town. You may also make your contribution online by clicking [here](#). It was determined that a minimum of \$150.00 per household a month will help meet the Church's budget.

Bulletin Advertisements

Business owners, you may advertise your businesses in the Church bulletin that reaches over 600 households via email. For more information click [here](#) or call the rectory at 718-624-7228.

Cedar Remembrance Tree

Parishioners and friends can now remember their deceased and honor their living with their names on the commemorative tree located in our Cathedral Chapel vestibule. Please click [here](#) for more details.

Blessing Homes of Parishioners

The Knights of St. Maron are organizing home visits to parishioners of the Cathedral. The idea is for Abouna to have a quick visit to bless each home with holy water. Please email the church [here](#) to schedule a visit.

Lector Ministry

If you wish to be put on the next schedule of lectors, please see Subdeacon Adonis El-Asmar or email the Church [here](#).



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

The Fourteenth Annual Benefit Dinner for the Eparchy of Saint Maron will take place in person on Thursday, October 5, 2023 at The Union League Club in Manhattan.

Each year, this annual fall event provides important financial support to educate seminarians, help small parishes and missions, assist retired priests, and foster a variety of ministries of the Eparchy. Also, each year, a portion of the event's proceeds have been dedicated to help the Church in Lebanon and the Middle East.

This year we will honor three very special individuals: Marian Sahadi Ciaccia, Edward Shiner, and Charbel Tagher. We especially honor them for their service to our communities here and abroad.

Your participation in this year's Benefit will help strengthen our Eparchy in her service to our faithful here, and for the vulnerable in Lebanon. I hope you will consider supporting the Eparchy by attending this gathering, bidding on an item in our silent auction, placing an ad in our program booklet, and/or making a donation in any amount.

Please visit www.stmaron.org/eparchial-benefit to make a gift and/or register for this important Benefit, or return the enclosed reply card in the envelope provided.

If you are not already a member, you might also consider joining the Order of Saint Sharbel, which is dedicated to supporting seminarians.

Thank you for helping to build and strengthen our Maronite Church both at home and abroad. I encourage your support of this fundraiser, and I hope to see you on October 5.

May God bless you for your generosity!

Gratefully yours in Christ,

+ Gregory

+ Gregory John Mansour

Bishop of the Eparchy of Saint Maron



Bishop Gregory John Mansour

and the

Eparchy of Saint Maron

Cordially invite you to

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Dinner Celebrating
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Thursday, October 5, 2023

The Union League

38 East 37th St. (at Park Ave), New York City

Cocktail Reception 6:00 PM - Dinner 7:30

Silent Auction throughout the evening

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Sunday Readings

قراءات الأحد

Feast of the Exaltation of the Glorious Cross

The First Letter to the Corinthians 1:18-25

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.'

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe?

Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John 12:20-32

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. 'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say "Father, save me from this hour"?

No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.'

The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.'

Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out.

And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.'

عيد ارتفاع الصليب المقدس

رسالة القديس بولس الأولى إلى أهل كورنثس 1:18-25
يا إخوتي، إِنَّ كَلِمَةَ الصَّليبِ عِنْدَ الْهَالِكِينَ حَمَاقَةٌ، أَمَّا عِنْدَنَا نَحْنُ الْمُخَلَّصِينَ فَهِيَ قُوَّةُ اللَّهِ؛

لأنَّه مَكْتُوبٌ: «سَأَبِيدُ حِكْمَةَ الْحُكَمَاءِ، وَأَزْدُلُ فَهْمَ الْفُهَمَاءِ.»
فَأَيْنَ الْحَكِيم؟ وَأَيْنَ عَالِمُ الشَّرِيعَةِ؟ وَأَيْنَ الْبَاحِثُ فِي أُمُورِ هَذَا الدَّهْرِ؟ أَمَّا جَعَلَ اللَّهُ حِكْمَةَ هَذَا الْعَالَمِ حَمَاقَةً؟

فَلَمَّا أَنَّ الْعَالَمَ بِحُكْمَتِهِ مَا عَرَفَ اللَّهَ بِحَسَبِ حِكْمَةِ اللَّهِ، رَضِيَ اللَّهُ أَنْ يُخَلِّصَ بِحَمَاقَةِ الْبَشَارَةِ الَّذِينَ يُؤْمِنُونَ؛
لأنَّ الْيَهُودَ يَطْلُبُونَ الْآيَاتِ، وَالْيُونَانِيِّينَ يُلْتَمِسُونَ الْحِكْمَةَ.
أَمَّا نَحْنُ فَتُنَادِي بِمَسِيحٍ مَصْلُوبٍ، هُوَ عَنَاءٌ لِلْيَهُودِ وَحَمَاقَةٌ لِلْأُمَمِ.
وَأَمَّا لِلْمَدْعُوبِينَ أَنْفُسِهِمْ، مِنَ الْيَهُودِ وَالْيُونَانِيِّينَ، فَهُوَ مَسِيحٌ، قُوَّةُ اللَّهِ وَحِكْمَةُ اللَّهِ؛

فَمَا يَبْدُو أَنَّهُ حَمَاقَةٌ مِنَ اللَّهِ هُوَ أَحْكَمُ مِنَ النَّاسِ، وَمَا يَبْدُو أَنَّهُ ضَعْفٌ مِنَ اللَّهِ هُوَ أَقْوَى مِنَ النَّاسِ.

إنجيل القديس يوحنا 12:20-32

كَانَ بَيْنَ الصَّاعِدِينَ لِيَسْجُدُوا فِي الْعِيدِ، بَعْضُ الْيُونَانِيِّينَ.
فَدَنَا هَوْلَاءُ مِنْ فِيلِبُّسَ الَّذِي مِنْ بَيْتِ صَيْدَا الْجَلِيلِ، وَسَلَّوَهُ قَائِلِينَ:
«يَا سَيِّدَ، نُرِيدُ أَنْ نَرَى يَسُوعَ.»

فَجَاءَ فِيلِبُّسُ وَقَالَ لَأَنْدَرَاوُسَ، وَجَاءَ أَنْدَرَاوُسُ وَفِيلِبُّسُ وَقَالَا لِيَسُوعَ.

فَأَجَابَهُمَا يَسُوعُ قَائِلًا: «لَقَدْ حَانَتْ السَّاعَةُ لِكَيِ يُجَدَّدَ ابْنُ الْإِنْسَانِ.
الْحَقُّ الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ: إِنَّ حَبَّةَ الْحِنْطَةِ، إِنْ لَمْ تَقَعْ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَتَمُتْ، تَبْقَى وَاحِدَةً. وَإِنْ مَاتَتْ تَأْتِي بِثَمَرٍ كَثِيرٍ.
مَنْ يُحِبُّ نَفْسَهُ يَفْقِدُهَا، وَمَنْ يُبْغِضُهَا فِي هَذَا الْعَالَمِ يَحْفَظُهَا لِحَيَاةٍ أَبَدِيَّةٍ.

مَنْ يَخْدُمُنِي فَلْيَتَّبِعْنِي. وَحَيْثُ أَكُونُ أَنَا، فَهُنَاكَ يَكُونُ أَيْضًا خَادِمِي. مَنْ يَخْدُمُنِي يُكْرِمُهُ الْآبُ.

نَفْسِي الْآنَ مُضْطَرَبَّةٌ، فَمَاذَا أَقُولُ؟ يَا أَبَتِ، نَجِّنِي مِنْ هَذِهِ السَّاعَةِ؟ وَلَكِنْ مِنْ أَجْلِ هَذَا بَلَعْتُ إِلَى هَذِهِ السَّاعَةِ!

يَا أَبَتِ، مَجِّدْ أَسْمَكَ.» فَجَاءَ صَوْتُ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ يَقُولُ: «قَدْ مَجَّدْتُ، وَسَأَمَجِّدُ.»

وَسَمِعَ الْجَمْعُ الْحَاضِرُ فَقَالُوا: «إِنَّهُ رَعَدٌ.» وَقَالَ آخَرُونَ: «إِنَّ مَلَكًَا خَاطَبَةً.»

أَجَابَ يَسُوعُ وَقَالَ: «مَا كَانَ هَذَا الصَّوْتُ مِنْ أَجْلِي، بَلْ مِنْ أَجْلِكُمْ.

هِيَ الْآنَ دَيْتُونَةُ هَذَا الْعَالَمِ. الْآنَ يُطْرَدُ سُلْطَانُ هَذَا الْعَالَمِ خَارِجًا. وَأَنَا إِذَا رُفِعْتُ عَنِ الْأَرْضِ، جَذَبْتُ إِلَيَّ الْجَمِيعَ.»

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