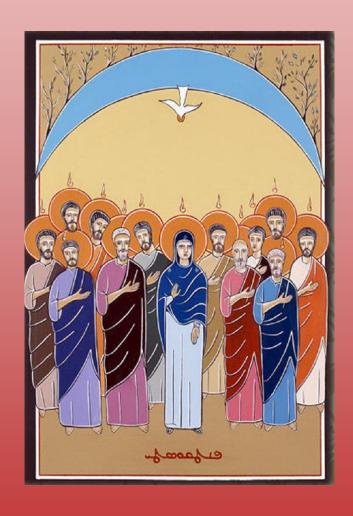
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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost August 31st, 2025

Sun., Aug. 31	Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost / St. Zakhia (Nicholas) / St. Aegidius / St. Abda		
	9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners 11:30 am (AT THE PICNIC) for Ed Shiner	by Mr. & Mrs. Tony Tannousis	
Mon., Sept. 1	NO LITURGY		

Mon., Sept. 1	St. Simeon the Stylite
Tues., Sept. 2	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Mammas the Great

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Thu., Sept. 4	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Babylas, Patriarch of Antioch

10 am Divine Liturov

Sat., Sept. 6	10 am Divine Liturgy
	St Michael the Archangel

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Sun., Sept. 7	Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost / St. Sozon
, 1	9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners
	11:30 am George Mansour (the father of Bishop Gregory)

by Bishop Gregory Mansour

Financial Standing July 2025

Ordinary Income

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• Collections on Sundays & Holy Days: \$7,275.00

• Cathedral Stipends from Marriages & Funerals, Hall Rent, Candles, Breakfast, Luncheon, Raffle, Dues, Religious Education, Flowers\$13,554.39

Total Ordinary Income: \$20,829.39

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 \$25,004.75

Total Ordinary Expenses: \$25,004.75

• Total Ordinary Income vs Expenses: -\$4,175.36

Do you know? A couple of basic monthly expenses: The Monthly Eparchial Assessment & Bishop's Appeal has increased from \$2,125 to \$2,670 a month starting January 2024.

The Cathedral's Building Insurance increased 14.3% in 2023, 7% in 2024 and 9% in 2025. We are now paying \$53,716 which will amount to \$4,476.33 a month.

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

HELP LEBANON!

Caritas Lebanon: Founded in 1972, Caritas Lebanon is the official socio-pastoral arm of the Catholic Church and is under the authority of the Assembly of Catholic Patriarchs and Bishops of Lebanon. Caritas Lebanon assists both individuals and communities through direct assistance to the poor, sick, refugees, victims of sex abuse and trafficking, and others in need. Caritas Lebanon is a member of Caritas International, one of the largest humanitarian networks in the world. Donate <a href="https://example.com/here/beauto-pastoral-refuges-humanitarian-networks-here/beauto-pastoral-refuges-humanitarian-networks-humanitarian-networks-here/beauto-pastoral-refuges-humanitarian-networks-humanitarian-net

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Society of Saint Vincent de Paul: Founded in 1833 by a group of young laymen, the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is a lay Catholic organization of women and men who put their faith into action. The Society is very close to the people. Most parishes and villages have a Society that is active. From the start, the Society has been under the patronage of Saint Vincent de Paul, a great saint, well-known for his works of charity. Donate here.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parish Picnic

Our Parish Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, August 31st, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm, at Miller Field Park. The 9:00 am Divine Liturgy will be in the Cathedral and the 11:30 am Divine Liturgy at the park. Details below.

Second Collection for the Middle East

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has reached out to request our support in providing much-needed aid for the Middle East. There will be a second collection on September 14th to assist in their efforts. The funds will go to Catholic Relief Services and the Catholic Near East Welfare Association.

Pope Leo XIV Appreciation Day

Sunday, September 14th, falls on the birthday of Pope Leo XIV, the first American Pope. For this occasion, a blessing of the statue of the Pope will take place at the end of the 11:30 am Divine Liturgy. The statue was made by Artist Yasar Makhoul and will be on display for a couple of weeks.

Maronite Catholic Formation

Maronite Catholic Formation (Sunday School) classes will begin on Sunday, September 21st, at 10 am. More information to follow.

Arabic Class Registration

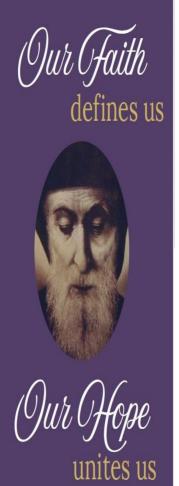
Adult Arabic Class registration has begun. Please see Leila Vogl if you are interested.

Pilgrimage in the Footsteps of St. John Paul II

Join us on an 11-day/9-night pilgrimage to Eastern Europe *In The Footsteps of St. John Paul II* from October 06–16, 2025, including Prague, Wroclaw, Krakow, Wieliczka Salt Mines, Auschwitz, Wadowice, Brno & Vienna. \$4,298 per person/double occupancy, including airfare from New York. Please call Marleine 1-917-608-2996 or Tony 1-917-206-3995.

Finance Council Recommendation

The Finance Council has recommended that parishioners set up their Church donation as an automatic payment. 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.



October 22, 2025

16th Annual Benefit Dinner for The Eparchy of Saint Maron

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MORE DETAILS HERE





Our Lady of Lebanon Cathedral has been designated as a holy site for the 2025 Jubilee Year. Catholics who visit the Cathedral with a sincere heart free from attachment to sin, and who fulfill the following conditions, can obtain a plenary indulgence:

- 1. Receive Holy Communion.
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- 3. Pray for the intentions of the Holy Father.

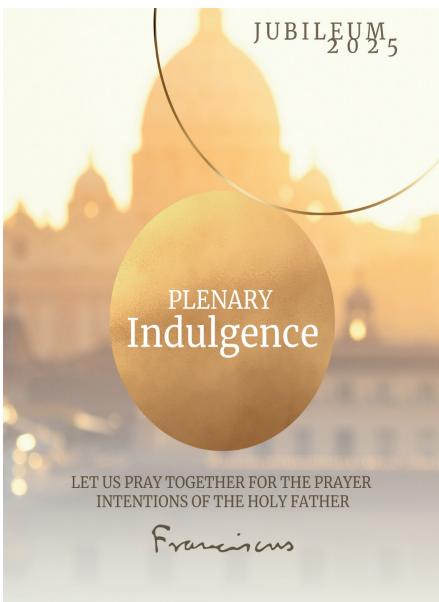
A plenary indulgence grants the complete remission of all temporal punishment due to sin, restoring the soul to the purity it had at baptism.

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.









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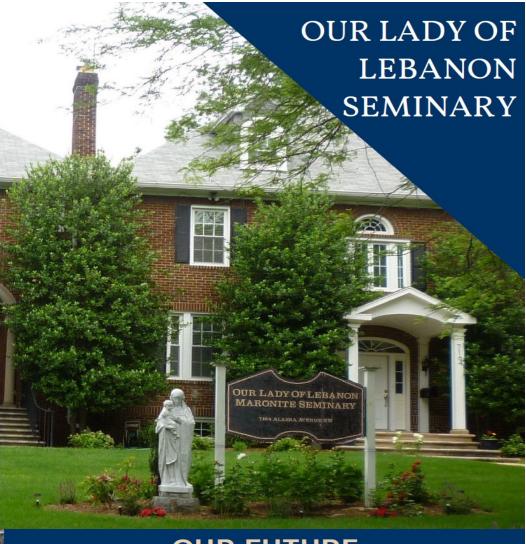
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Dec. 3, 1961 on the occasion of the visit to the Seminary by Cardinal Amleto Cicognani, Papal Secretary of State and former Secretary of the Congregation for the Oriental Churches.



OUR FUTURE

Our seminarians are answering a sacred call — dedicating their lives to faith, formation, and service. As they prepare for the priesthood, they rely on prayer and grace as well as your support to thrive in their spiritual journey.

RESTORE

Much of the building's infrastructure dates back to before the seminary's founding in 1961. Planned renovations include replacing the aging roof, remediating basement mold, and upgrading the electrical, plumbing, and HVAC systems to meet current building codes.



OUR HISTORY



Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Seminary, located in Washington, D.C. opened in 1961.

Today it continues to train and ordain seminarians to serve the Maronite faithful throughout the United States.





RENEW

The heart of the seminarians spiritual life is Christ ever present in the Eucharist, in the chapel. Help them to strengthen their prayer life with updated spiritual reading material and chapel enhancements to improve their sacred space while supporting worship and reflection.

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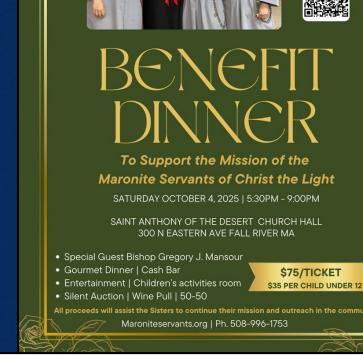
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Sunday Readings قر اءات الأحد

Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost

First Letter to the Corinthians 3: 1-11.

I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarrelling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, 'I belong to Paul', and another, 'I belong to Apollos', are you not merely human? What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ.

The Gospel according to Saint Luke 8: 1-15.

Jesus went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. The twelve were with him, as well as some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, and Joanna, the wife of Herod's steward Chuza, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their resources. When a great crowd gathered and people from town after town came to him, he said in a parable: 'A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell on the path and was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up. Some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered for lack of moisture. Some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew with it and choked it. Some fell into good soil, and when it grew, it produced a hundredfold.'

As he said this, he called out, 'Let anyone with ears to hear listen!' Then his disciples asked him what this parable meant. He said, 'To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but to others I speak in parables, so that "looking they may not perceive, and listening they may not understand." 'Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones on the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. The ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe only for a while and in a time of testing fall away. As for what fell among the thorns, these are the ones who hear; but as they go on their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. But as for that in the good soil, these are the ones who, when they hear the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance.

الأحد الثالث عشر من زمن العنصرة

رسالة القديس بولس الأولى إلى أهل قورنتس 3: 1-11. يا إِخْوَتِي، أَنَا، لَمْ أَسْتَطِعْ أَنْ أَكَلِمَكُم كَأْنَاسٍ رُوحَانيِّينَ بَلْ كَأْنَاسٍ جَسَدِيِّين،

ي أَسِّرُونِيَ كَأَطُّفَالٍ فِي المَسِيٰحِ. قَدْ غَذَوْتِكُم بِالحَليبِ لا بِالطَّعَامِ، لأَنَّكُم لَمْ تَكُونُوا بَعْدُ قَادِرِين، ولا حَتَّى

الْآنَ أَنْتُم قَادِرُونَ. فَأَنْتُم لا تَزَالُونَ أَنَاسًا جَسَدِيِّينِ: فَمَا دَامَ بَيْنَكُم حَسَدٌ وَخِصَام، أَفَلا تَكُونُونَ جَسِدِيِّين، وِسُلُوكًا جَسَدِيًّا تَسُلُكُون؟

جَسَدِيِين، وسُلُوكًا جَسَدِيًّا تَسْلُكُون؟ فَإِذَا كَانَ أَخَدُكُم يَقُولِ: أَنَا لِأَبُلُوس! أَفَلا تَكُونُونَ فَإِذَا كَانَ أَحَدُكُم يَقُولِ: أَنَا لِبُولُس! وآخَر: أَنَا لأَبُلُوس! أَفَلا تَكُونُونَ جَسَدِيِين؟ فَمَا هَوَ أَبُلُوس؟ هُمَا خَادِمَانِ آمَنْتُم عَلَى أَيْدِيهِمَا، عَلَى قَدْر مَا أَعْطَى الرَّبُ كُلاَّ مِنْهُمَا. أَنْدِي كَانَ يُنْمِي. أَنْ اللهَ هُوَ اللّذي كَانَ يُنْمِي. فلا الغَارِسُ والسَّاقِي، بَلِ اللهُ الذي يُنْمِي! فلا الغَارِسُ والسَّاقِي، بَلِ اللهُ الذي يُنْمِي! لكنَّ الغَارِسَ والسَّاقِي وَاحِد، وكُلُّ مِنْهُمَا يَأْخُذُ أَجْرَهُ عَلَى قَدْر تَعَبِهِ. لكنَّ الغَارِسُ والسَّاقِي وَاحِد، وكُلُّ مِنْهُمَا يَأْخُذُ أَجْرَهُ عَلَى قَدْر تَعَبِهِ. فَنَدْنُ مُعَاوِنَانِ للله، وأَنْتُم حَقْلُ اللهِ وَبِنَاءُ الله. وَبَنَا عُلَيْه. وأَنْ اللهُ وَاحِد كَيْفَ يَبْنِي عَلَيْه! وَالْمَوْضُوع، وهُو فَمَا مِنْ أَحَدٍ يُمْكِنُهُ أَنْ يَضَعَ أَسَاسًا آخَرَ غَيْرَ ٱلأَسَاسِ ٱلمَوْضُوع، وهُو بَسُوعُ المَسِح. بَسُوعُ المَسِح.

يَسُوغُ الْمَسِيحِ.

إنجيل القديس لوقا 8: 1-15.

أُخَذَ يَسُوعُ يَطُوفُ المُدُنَ وَالْقُرَى، يُنَادى وَيُبَشِّرُ بِمَلَكُوتِ الله، وَمَعَهُ الْأَثْنَا

وَبَعْضُ النِّسَاءِ اللَّوَاتِي شَفَاهُنَّ مِنْ أَرْوَاحٍ شِرِّيرَةٍ وَأَمْرَاضٍ، هُنَّ: مَرْيَمُ المَّدُعُوَّةُ بِالْمَجْدَلِيَّةِ، الَّتِي كانَ قَدْ خَرَجَ مِنْها سَبْعَةٌ شَيَاطِينٍ، وَجَنَّةُ أَمْرَاقٍ مُوسَنَّة، وَغَيرُهُنَّ كَثِيراتٌ كُنَّ وَجَنَّةُ أَمْرَاقٍ خُورَيِي وَكِيلٍ هِيرُودُس، وَسُوسَنَّة، وَغَيرُهُنَّ كَثِيراتُ كُنَّ

وها المراه حوروى وقِير فيرودس، وسوست، وطير من ميرات من يَبْدُلْنَ مِنْ أَمُو الْهِنَّ في خِدْمَتُهم. وَلَمَّا الْحُنْشَدَ جَمْغٌ كَثِير، وَأَقْبَلَ النَّاسُ إِلَيهِ مِنْ كُلِّ مَدِينَة، خَاطَبَهُم بِمَثَل: »خَرَجَ الزَّارِغُ لِيَزْرَعَ زَرْعَهُ. وفيما هُو يَزْرَع، وَقَعَ بَعْضُ الحَبِّ على جَانِبِ الطَّرِيق، فَدَاسَتُهُ الأَقْدَام، وَأَكَلَتْهُ طُيُورُ السَّمَاء. وَوَقَعَ بِعْضُهُ الآخَرُ عَلَى الصَّخْرَة، وَمَا إِنْ نَبَتَ حَتَّى يَبِسَ، لأَنَّهُ لَمْ يَكُنْ

وَوَقَعَ بَعْضُهُ الأَخَرُ في وَسِطِ الشَّوْك، وَنَبَتَ الشُّوكُ مَعَهُ فَخَنَقَهُ. وَوَقَعَ بَعْضِهُ الْأَخَرُ فِي الْأَرْضِ الصَّالِحَة، وَنَبَتَ فَأَثْمَرَ مِنَّةَ ضِعْف. قالَ يَسُوغُ هَذَا، وَنَادَى: »مَنْ لَهُ أَذْنَانِ سَامَعَتَانَ فَلْيَسْمَعْ «. ﴿! َ

يسوع هذا، وبادى: »مَا تُراهُ يَعْنِي هذا المَثَلَا؟. « وَسَأَلُهُ تَلاَمِيذُهُ: »مَا تُراهُ يَعْنِي هذا المَثَلَا؟. « فَقَالَ: »قَدْ أُعْطِيَ لَكُم أَنْتُم أَنْ نَعْرِفُوا أَسْرِارَ مَلَكُوتِ الله. أَمَّا البَاقُونَ فَأَكْلِمُهُم بِالأَمْثَالَ، لِكِي يَنْظُرُوا فَلا يُبْصِرُوا، وَيَسْمَعُوا فَلا يَفْهَمُوا. وهذَا هُو مَعْنَى المَثَل: أَلزَرْعُ هُو كَلِمَةُ الله. والذينَ عَلى جَانِبِ الطَّرِيقِ هُمُ الذِينَ يَسْمَعُون، ثُمَّ يَأْتِي إِبْلِيسُ فَيَنْتَزِعُ الكَلِمَةَ مِنْ قُلُوبِهِم، لِلَّلاَ يُؤْمِنُوا فَيَخْلُصُوا.

الكلمة مِنْ قَلْوبِهِم، لِللَّا يؤمنوا فيخلصوا. والَّذِينَ عَلَى الصَّخْرِةِ هُمُ الَّذِينَ يَسْمَعُونَ الكَلِمَةَ وَيَقْبَلُونَهَا بِفَرَح؛ هُولاءِ لا أَصْلَ لَهُم، فَهُم يُؤْمِنُونَ إلى حِين، وفي وَقْتِ التَّجْرِبَةِ يَتَرَاجَعُون. والَّذِي وَقَعَ في الشُّوكِ هُمُ الَّذِينَ يَسْمَعُونَ وَيَمْضُونَ، فَتَخْنُقُهُمُ الهُمُومُ والْعِنِي وَمَلَذَّاتُ الْحَيَاة، فَلا يَنْضَبَحُ لَهُم ثَمَر. أَمَّا الَّذِي وَقَعَ في الأَرْضِ الْحَيِّدَةِ فَهُمُ الَّذِينَ يَسْمَعُونَ الكَلِمَةَ بِقَلْبٍ جَيِّدٍ صَالِحٍ فَيَحْفَظُونَها، وَيَتثَبُّونَ فَيُثْمِرُون.

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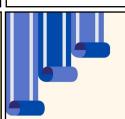
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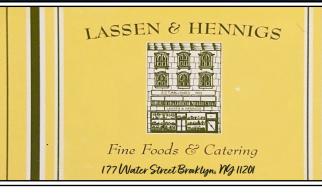
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