

First Sunday after the Holy Cross September 17, 2017

Sunday	September 17	<i>First Sunday after Holy Cross</i> 9:00 am For the Police and Firemen and First Responders 11:30 am 40 Day for Aida Sweeney Kamouh 40 Day for Louis Abdo Dahhan	Req. by: Clergy Req. by: Family Req. by: His Children
Monday	September 18	NO LITURGY	
Tuesday	September 19	10:00 am Kay Habib	Req. by: Carol Hamid
Wednesday	September 20	10:00 am For the homebound	Req. by: Clergy
Thursday	September 21	10:00 am for Vocations	Req. by: Clergy
Friday	September 22	<i>Saint Phocas - Martyr</i> <i>Monthly Devotion to Saint Sharbel</i> 10:00 am Joseph Owen, Sr. 7:30 pm In Honor of Saint Sharbel	Req. by: Carol Hamid Req. by: Clergy
Saturday	September 23	10:00 am for Engaged Couples	Req. by: Clergy
Sunday	September 24	<i>Second Sunday after Holy Cross</i> 9:00 am For Vocations 11:30 am Sheik Bachir Gemayel 1:00 pm Adoration and Prayers for Priests	Req. by: clergy Req. by: Lebanese Forces

Weekly Offering

Collection:	\$ 1,987.00
Catholic University:	\$ 140.00
Special Collection: (Hurricane)	\$ 300.00
Candles	\$ 193.00
Debt Reduction:	\$ 25.00
Rent:	\$ 20,833.33
Cathedral Stipends:	\$ 100.00
Bishop's Appeal:	\$ 440.00
Total:	\$ 24,018.33

Yearly Budget – 2017

Annual Operating Budget:	\$ 375,000.00
Collections to Date:	\$ 103,034.00
Candles to Date:	\$ 6,344.00
Donations to Date:	\$ 8,285.00
Cathedral Stipends to Date:	\$ 7,200.00
Memorials to Date:	\$ 2,780.00
Dividends to Date:	\$ 1,042.13
Rentals to Date:	\$ 164,945.00
Fund Raising/Advertising:	\$ 285.00
Debt Reduction to Date:	\$ 3,170.00
Easter /Christmas Flowers:	\$ 2,835.00
Bishop's Appeal to Date:	\$ 5,005.00

Total: \$ 325,758.46
(- 49,241.54)

Each Quarter we must generate \$93,750.00 in revenue to

Readings

September 17, 2017	<i>First Sunday after Holy Cross</i>
Reading:	II Timothy 2: 1 - 10
Gospel:	Mark 10: 35 - 45
Lectors:	9:00 am Raymond Gill 11:30 am Denise Abou Chrouh - English 11:30 am Zahia Abi-Habib - Arabic
September 24, 2017	<i>Second Sunday after Holy Cross</i>
Reading:	I Corinthians 15: 19 - 34
Gospel:	Matthew 24: 1 - 14
Lectors:	9:00 am Raymond Gill 11:30 am Vivian Akel - English 11:30 am Adonis El Asmar - Arabic
October 1, 2017	<i>Third Sunday after Holy Cross</i>
Reading:	Philippians 3: 17 - 4: 1
Gospel:	Matthew 24: 23 - 31
Lectors:	9:00 am Raymond Gill 11:30 am Isabelle Hazar - English 11:30 am Norma Haddad - Arab



Dear Parishioners and Friends:

Last week was rather uplifting. The MCF Program was well attended for the first session. We know we have additional children still to come. We may be in need of one additional Catechist for the 7th and 8th Graders (Junior MYO). All these things said; I am well pleased with Religious Ed. I hope our Adult formation classes go as well as they did last year.

I wish to thank Vivian and Adonis for running the first meeting for both the Confraternity and the Knights. Plans were discussed for the Patriarch's visit and things so far are going smoothly. We will keep you posted with more detailed information.

One thing I am very excited about was your response to FORMED. So many people came up and asked us for the information for themselves and/or their families. I can not stress enough how this can and will benefit your personal lives as well as this Parish. If you missed the code please refer to the flyers in this week's bulletin. It is also on the lower hall bulletin board as well as the website.

Have a blessed week. Please pray for each other.

Aboona James

Pilgrimage

We are sponsoring a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land from April 23 to May 2, 2018. There are brochures as well as a flyer in the back of the Church.. If you have any questions please call either Tony Tannoussis, Marleine Aflak or the Rectory.

Maronite Christian Formation

If you have not signed up your children for Religious Education classes please do so today. The Handbook and schedule for the year is available for all interested parties.

Adult Formation

The first session will be on September 17, 2017 at 10:00 am in the lower hall.

Maronite Youth Organization

Will have their first meeting for the new year today immediately following the 11:30 am Divine Liturgy.

Arabic Classes

Leila Vogl is taking registrations for Arabic classes. They will once again be offered on Sunday mornings from 10:00 am till 11:15 am.

Prayers for the Sick

We ask that you remember all those who are either in the hospital, home bound or in nursing homes.

Pre-Cana

All couples preparing for the Mystery of Crowning (Marriage) must attend the Pre-Cana course. So far we have 4 couples who will be attending the Fall Session on Saturday, September 23, 2017. The day begins with Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am followed by a variety of activities. It is free for all couples wishing to Marry between now and Great Lent of 2018. The next session will be held sometime in late Winter or early Spring. Please register by calling the Cathedral Office during regularly scheduled office hours.

Annual Eparchial Dinner

The Eighth Annual Benefit Dinner for the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn will take place on Thursday, October 5, 2017, in New York City. This will be a very special Dinner, as we will honor Dr. Josyann Abisaab and Habib Kairouz! All friends and supporters of the Maronite Church are invited. You may register for the dinner online via the Eparchy's website (www.stmaron.org), or you may obtain a printed invitation for the Dinner from me or by sending an email to saintmaron@yahoo.com. Please consider attending this important event to support the Eparchy.

Sajj Sunday

We will have Sajj for sale in the Cathedral parking area. Coffee and sweets will be available downstairs as well. Come help and support your Cathedral Family.

Adoration for Priests and Vocations

We will hold Adoration for Priests and Vocations on Sunday, September 24th beginning at 1:00 pm (immediately following the Divine Liturgy). All members are encouraged to come and pray for an increase to Vocations.

The October Adoration for Vocations will be on Sunday, October 15, 2017. We will try to keep it each month on the third Sunday for continuity. Mark your calendar from now.

Confraternity and Knights of Saint Maron

The next meeting of the Confraternity and the Knights will take place on Sunday, October 8, 2017. It was decided to have the Ladies and Men's clubs meetings on the same Sunday to make it easier for all involved.

Thought for the Week

Hold out, be steadfast, endure, bear the delay, and you have carried the Cross.

-Saint Augustine

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Divine Liturgy Schedule

Monday through Friday at 10:00 AM

Sunday at 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

Holy Days at 10:00 AM and 7:30 PM

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday of the month from

10:00 AM until 12:00 Noon.

Reconciliation

10:15 AM to 10:45 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 Instructions 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
instructions.

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
Rector as soon as possible.

