

## Fourth Sunday after the Holy Cross October 8, 2017

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>October 8</b>	<i>Fourth Sunday after Holy Cross</i> <b>9:00 am</b> Rose Besheer Cervasio <b>11:30 am</b> Memorial Liturgy for Michel Aflak	<b>Req. by:</b> Salma Vahdat <b>Req. by:</b> Antoine and Frangie Tabet and Family
<b>Monday</b>	<b>October 9</b>	<i>Saint James, Brother of the Lord -Apostle</i> <b>NO LITURGY</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>October 10</b>	<b>10:00 am</b> Norma Halpin	<b>Req. by:</b> William Halpin
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>October 11</b>	<i>Pope Saint John XXIII - Confessor</i> <i>Saint Philip the Deacon - Confessor</i> <b>10:00 am</b> Good Health of Daisy Diamontopolus	<b>Req. by:</b> Carol Hamid
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>October 12</b>	<i>Saint Edno - Martyr</i> <b>10:00 am</b> For Barbara and Christine Segre	<b>Req. by:</b> Msgr. James
<b>Friday</b>	<b>October 13</b>	<b>10:00 am</b> for Victims of Abuse	<b>Req. by:</b> Anonymous
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>October 14</b>	<i>Saint Isaiah the Monk - Confessor</i> <b>10:00 am</b> For the MYA	<b>Req. by:</b> Msgr. James
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>October 15</b>	<i>Fifth Sunday after Holy Cross</i> <i>Saint Theresa of Avila, Doctor of the Church - Confessor</i> <b>9:00 am</b> Almaz Ferris <b>11:30 am</b> For Grace and Raymond Habib  <b>11:30 am</b> Anniversary of Elie Safi	<b>Req. by:</b> Msgr. James <b>Req. by:</b> Richard and Joan Habib and family <b>Req. by:</b> Family

### Weekly Offering

Collection:	\$ 1,508.00
Candles:	\$ 141.00
Rent:	\$20,833.33
Cathedral Stipends:	\$ 200.00
Debt Reduction:	\$ 280.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b><u>\$22,962.33</u></b>

### Readings

<b>October 8, 2017</b>	<i>Fourth Sunday after Holy Cross</i>
Reading:	I Thessalonians 5: 1 - 11
Gospel:	Matthew 24: 45 - 51
Lectors:	9:00 am Raymond Gill 11:30 am Lydia Gordon - English 11:30 am Edouard Antonios - Arabic



### Yearly Budget – 2017

<b>Annual Operating Budget:</b>	<b>\$ 375,000.00</b>
Collections to Date:	\$ 112,027.00
Candles to Date:	\$ 6,767.00
Donations to Date:	\$ 8,785.00
Cathedral Stipends to Date:	\$ 8,700.00
Memorials to Date:	\$ 2,780.00
Dividends to Date:	\$ 1,130.53
Rentals to Date:	\$ 185,813.33
Fund Raising/Advertising:	\$ 285.00
Debt Reduction to Date:	\$ 3,610.00
Easter /Christmas Flowers:	\$ 2,835.00
Bishop's Appeal to Date:	\$ 5,005.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 358,571.19</b> <b>( - 16,428.81)</b>

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

<b>October 15, 2017</b>	<i>Fifth Sunday after the Holy Cross</i>
Reading:	Philippians 2: 12 - 18
Gospel:	Matthew 25: 1 - 13
Lectors:	9:00 am Raymond Gill 11:30 am Denise Abou Chrouch - English 11:30 am Lina Fakhoury - Arabic
<b>October 22, 2017</b>	<i>Sixth Sunday after the Holy Cross</i>
Readings:	Galatians 6: 1 - 10
Gospel:	Matthew 25: 14 - 30
Lectors:	9:00 am Raymond Gill 11:30 am Vivian Akel - English 11:30 am Zahia Abi Habib - Arabic

*Dear Parishioners and Friends:*

*For Maronites, as with all the eastern Churches, receiving Communion is reserved for those Christians who are properly prepared to receive the Sacrament.*

*for those of the Orthodox and some of the Byzantine Churches, infants are given the Eucharist at Baptism. So many of the little children coming to our Church are receiving Communion by nature, in other words, by natural practice. even though we allow Christians of the Orthodox Faith to receive; by law of their Churches they should not. That is a matter of conscience.*

*One important matter for us is readiness. In other words just because you are a baptized Catholic does not give you the right to receive the Eucharist without being properly catechized and in the state of Grace. The Sacrament of Reconciliation plays an important part here. If you have missed Liturgy on Sunday or any of the major feasts of the Church without good reason, you should not receive Communion until you have gone to Confession.*

*something else that many pass over is the practice of fasting. Our law prohibits us to receive if we have not fasted for at least one hour before receiving. the only thing that is accepted is if one must take medicine at certain times and may have to have a piece of bread as not to be ill from the medicine. But that is really the only exception.*

*Communion should not be abused. What I mean is that if you attend three Liturgies in one day you may not take the Eucharist at all three Liturgies. A good example when you are allowed to take Eucharist twice would be if you went to morning Liturgy as a regular practice, then you went to the Vigil Liturgy for either Sunday or a Feast Day. In that instance you may receive twice. The more you receive in a day does not heap on graces and indulgences. So please do not do that.*

*When approaching the Priest or Deacon or Subdeacon you should come with your hands clasped together or over your heart. Men and young children should never have their hands in their pockets or to their sides. After receiving you should make the sign of the Cross before going back to your pew. Never, and I mean NEVER, talk to people in the Communion line especially after receiving Jesus. Go back to your pew and either stand or kneel in reverence and say a prayer of Thanksgiving.*

*I hope that these simple, yet important acts of "etiquette", become true sincere acts of piety for your personal spiritual growth.*

*Aboona James*

*Thought for the Week*

*The first setting in which faith enlightens the human city is the family*

*- Pope Francis*

*Pilgrimage*

We are still accepting reservations for our trip to the Holy Land April 23, 2018 to May 2, 2018. If you have any questions please call either Tony Tannoussis, Marleine Aflak or the Rectory.

*Maronite Christian Formation*

Classes resume next Sunday, October 15, 2017 at the regular time, 10:00 am to 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.

*Adoration for Priests and 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.

*National Apostolate of Maronites*

The National Apostolate of Maronites Mid Atlantic Regional Convention will be held November 17 - 19, 2017. It will be hosted by Saint John Paul II Maronite Church in Sleepy Hollow, NY. There is a flyer in this week's bulletin as well as the back of the Church and on the bulletin board in the lower hall. Please make your reservations as quickly as possible.

*Patriarchal Visit*

His Beatitude Bechara Peter Cardinal Rai will be in the United States later this month. He will visit Washington, D.C. as well as Boston, MA before coming here to New York.

On Saturday October 28, 2017 he will bless a shrine to Saint Sharbel at Saint Patrick's Cathedral at 1:00 pm. He will then Celebrate the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, October 29, 2017 at 11:30 am at our Cathedral.

Immediately following the Divine Liturgy there will be a reception for him at the Brooklyn Historic Society on the corner of Pierrepont and Clinton streets; one block away. We will be sending out additional information within the next week. I ask that you RSVP for the reception to either the Rectory or one of the Ushers. We need to know how much to prepare for. Thank you for your cooperation.

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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 Vigils at 7:30 pm and  
 at 10:00 AM on the Holy Day.

#### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday of the month immediately  
 Following 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.

