

# Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Cathedral

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Most Reverend Gregory J. Mansour — Eparchial Bishop

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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 To Be Announced

St. Sharbel Every 22nd of the Month at 7:30 pm  
except when It falls on a Saturday or Sunday

## 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.



# *Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost & Feast of the Transfiguration*

## *August 5th, 2018*

Sunday August 5      12th Sunday of the Pentecost (Feast of the Transfiguration) Moses, the Prophet  
 9:00 am      Msgr. Sadek      Req. by Daisy & Elena Diamontopulos  
 11:30 am      Intention of the Parishioners

Monday August 6      NO LITURGY

Tuesday August 7      10 am Divine Liturgy for Norma Halpin      Req. by William Halpin  
 St. Doumit

Wednesday August 8      10 am Divine Liturgy  
 St. Dominic & Pope St. Sixtus II

Thursday August 9      10 am Divine Liturgy  
 St. Matthias

Friday August 10      10 am Divine Liturgy  
 St. Laurence

Saturday August 11      10 am Divine Liturgy  
 St. Claire

Sunday August 12      13th Sunday of the Pentecost (St. Shaina)  
 9:00 am      Intention of the Parishioners  
 11:30 am      Afif Abou-Chrouh      Req. by William & Rafca Abou-Chrouh

### ***Weekly Offering***

|                |    |         |
|----------------|----|---------|
| Collection:    | \$ | 1239.00 |
| Candles:       | \$ | 97.00   |
| Debt Reduction | \$ | 100.00  |
| Rent           | \$ | 50.00   |

### ***Yearly Budget***

|                                    |    |                               |
|------------------------------------|----|-------------------------------|
| <i>Annual Operating Budget</i>     |    | <i>\$400,000.00</i>           |
| Collections to Date:               | \$ | 90,346.00                     |
| Candles to Date:                   | \$ | 3,511.00                      |
| Donations to Date:                 | \$ | 21,100.00                     |
| Cathedral Stipends to Date:        | \$ | 2,240.00                      |
| Memorials to Date:                 | \$ | 275.00                        |
| Dividends to Date:                 | \$ | 737.26                        |
| Rentals to Date:                   |    | \$144,665.65                  |
| Fund Raising/ Advertising:         | \$ | 10,729.76                     |
| Debt Reduction to Date:            | \$ | 3,672.00                      |
| Easter/ Christmas Flowers:         | \$ | 2,680.00                      |
| Bishop's Appeal to Date:           | \$ | 5,860.00                      |
| Altar Bread/ Wine/ Sanctuary Lamps | \$ | 450.00                        |
| Total:                             |    | \$284,594.67<br>(-117,169.33) |

Each Quarter we must generate \$100,000.00

### ***Readings***

***Lectors and Ushers (age 16 and up) are needed. Please [email](#) the church to become one.***

August 5, 2018      The Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost & Feast of the Transfiguration

Reading: 2 Corinthians 3:7-17

Gospel: Mark 9:1-7

Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill

11:30 am TBA - English

11:30 am TBA - Arabic

August 12, 2018      The Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost

Reading: 11 Corinthians 3:1-11

Gospel: Luke 8: 1-15

Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill

11:30 am TBA - English

11:30 am TBA - Arabic

August 19, 2018      The Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost

Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-13

Gospel: Luke 10: 38-42

Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill

11:30 am TBA - English

11:30 am TBA - Arabic

August 26, 2018      The Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost

Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Gospel: Luke 7: 36-50

Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill

11:30 am TBA - English

11:30 am TBA - Arabic

## Dear Beloved Parishioners

Before entering St. Maron Patriarchal Maronite Seminary in Ghazir, Lebanon, in October 1999, I participated in the “*come and see*” week with all prospective first year candidates a month earlier. This is a time for the new folks to be introduced to the faculty and way of life at the seminary and to reflect on the important decision that they are making before being there full time. I vividly remember that day when I drove with my mother and sister from my hometown for about 45 minutes and we had to ask for directions for I had thought we had never visited the place. After I was dropped off at the gate of the seminary and my mother and sister left, I looked at the gate and as I was going through it I felt a sense of familiarity.

I might have gone through the gate in and out of the seminary a few times during this *trial* week. And every time I saw the gate and the seminary, which can be compared to a monastery, behind it, I would say to myself, “I have seen this picture before,” but I could not recall when or where. In one of the silent evening prayers, as I was revisiting what led me to make the decision to enter the seminary and thinking about God’s signs in my life, the image of the gate with the seminary behind it took me back to when I was seven years old.

My first cousin, who is now a priest and serving in the United States, went to the same seminary fifteen years before me. His dad and my father used to bring him back and forth every two weeks to visit the family. I tagged along with them several times to pick him up at the gate of the seminary, but I never crossed the threshold to go inside. It is amazing how the image of the gate with the seminary behind it stayed imprinted in my mind for years and years.

The command of Jesus to Peter to go into the deeper water did not only mean for me that Christ would like to visit my failures and disappointments, so with him I could overcome them. It also was an invitation for me to go beyond the gate to the seminary to dive profoundly into my vocation. The call was not only to observe the gate from outside but to go through the gate into the seminary in order to be more conformed and configured to the will of Christ, the High Priest.

*Abouna Dominique*

## Parish Council & Committees

The Parish Council met with Abouna Dominique on June 14 and decided to divide the Council into three committees to better help in the administration of the Church until the end of the year when we will re-visit the membership terms:

1. The Pastoral Committee is constituted of the trustees and presidents of parish organizations like the Knights, the Confraternity, etc.
2. The Finance Committee is now constituted, with recommendation of the Parish Council, of the following members: Tony Tanounsis (Trustee), Salma Vahdat (Trustee) Norma Haddad, Bassam Ayoub, Georges El Hage and Suzan Chawki. This Committee met on July 19 to discuss and review the income and expenses of the month of June.
3. The Building Committee is now constituted, with recommendation of the Parish Council, of the following members: Nidal and Jane Abi Saad, Sami Achkar, Charly Ayoub, Tony Nassour, Samer Hadchiti. The committee met on July 26 to review three electrical re-wiring estimates for the Cathedral.

## First Marriage Publication of Banns

Patrick Abou-Chrouh of New York and Natalie Musleh of Florida will enter marriage on September 2, 2018 at Our Lady of Lebanon Cathedral. If anyone knows a reason in law or just impediment why they may not marry each other, please declare it to the priest.

## New Member of the Order of Saint Gregory from The Cathedral

Bishop Gregory Mansour and the Eparchy of St. Maron are pleased to announce that Pope Francis has bestowed the Dignity of the Order of Saint Gregory the Great to Miss Claire Habib along with six others from the Eparchy. The Divine Liturgy will be held at the Cathedral on Friday August 24 at 4:30pm, and is open to all. A dinner will follow, but it is by invitation only. The Cathedral will organize an event to honor Miss Habib after the summer is over.

## Four New Seminarians at The Cathedral

The Cathedral will be hosting four seminarians coming from Lebanon to study for our Eparchy from August 12 to August 20. Please join in welcoming Adib Salameh, Imad Hakim, Anthony Abi Awad and Wissam Fakhry. Keep them in your prayers.

## The Feast of The Assumption of The Virgin Mary

On Wednesday August 15 we will celebrate the Feast of The Assumption (Dormition) of The Virgin Mary at 10 am and 7:30pm.

## Maronite Catholic Formation (Sunday School)

Registration for Sunday School is on its way. It is of an extreme importance to hand down the faith to our children (1st to 12th Grade). The Sunday Formation is one small way of do it, so everyone is encouraged to register their children and not wait to the last minute. Classes begin on Sunday, September 9th at 10 am. Please [print the form online](http://www.ololc.org/media.html) (<http://www.ololc.org/media.html>) and email it to [Lily Elhaje](mailto:Lily.Elhaje)

## Arabic Class

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

## Recommendation of the Finance Council

The Finance Council met last week and recommended 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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## Sunday Readings

### قراءات الأحد

#### Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost

#### Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

##### Second Letter to the Corinthians 3:7-17

If the ministry of death, chiseled in letters on stone tablets, came in glory so that the people of Israel could not gaze at Moses' face because of the glory of his face, a glory now set aside, how much more will the ministry of the Spirit come in glory?

For if there was glory in the ministry of condemnation, much more does the ministry of justification abound in glory!

Indeed, what once had glory has lost its glory because of the greater glory; for if what was set aside came through glory, much more has the permanent come in glory!

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside.

But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside.

Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed.

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

##### The Gospel according to Saint Mark 9: 1-7

And he said to them, 'Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see that the kingdom of God has come with power.'

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them.

And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.'

He did not know what to say, for they were terrified.

Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!'

#### الأحد الثاني عشر من زمن العنصرة عيد تجلي الرب يسوع

##### رسالة القديس بولس الثانية إلى أهل كورنثس 3: 7-17

يَا إِخْوَتِي، إِذَا كَانَتْ خِدْمَةُ الْمَوْتِ، الَّتِي نُقِشَتْ حُرُوفُهَا فِي  
الْوَاحِ مِنْ حَجَرٍ، قَدْ ظَهَرَتْ فِي الْمَجْدِ، حَتَّى إِنَّ بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ  
لَمْ يَقْدِرُوا أَنْ يَنْظُرُوا إِلَى وَجْهِ مُوسَى، بِسَبَبِ مَجْدٍ وَجْهِهِ، مَعَ  
أَنَّهُ مَجْدٌ زَائِلٌ،

فَكَيْفَ لَا تَكُونُ خِدْمَةُ الرُّوحِ أَكْثَرَ مَجْدًا؟ فَإِذَا كَانَ لِخِدْمَةِ  
الدَّيْنُونَةِ مَجْدٌ، فَكَمْ بِالْأُخْرَى تَفُوقُهَا خِدْمَةُ الْبِرِّ مَجْدًا؟

لَأَنَّ مَا كَانَ ذَا مَجْدٍ فِي الْمَاضِي، زَالَ مَجْدُهُ، بِالْقِيَاسِ إِلَى هَذَا  
الْمَجْدِ الْفَائِقِ! فَإِذَا كَانَ مِنْ مَجْدٍ لِمَا يَزُولُ، فَأَيُّ مَجْدٍ يَكُونُ  
بِالْأُخْرَى لِمَا يَدُومُ؟ إِذَا، بِمَا أَنَّ لَنَا مِثْلَ هَذَا الرَّجَاءِ، فَتَحْنُ  
نَتَصَرَّفُ بِكَثِيرٍ مِنَ الْجُرْأَةِ، وَلَسْنَا كَمُوسَى الَّذِي كَانَ يَضَعُ  
بُرْقُعًا عَلَى وَجْهِهِ، لِئَلَّا يَنْظُرَ بَنُو إِسْرَائِيلَ إِلَى نِهَايَةِ مَجْدٍ  
يَزُولِ.

وَلَكِنْ أَعْمِيتْ بَصَائِرُهُمْ؛ فَإِنَّ ذَلِكَ الْبُرْقُعَ نَفْسَهُ بَاقٍ إِلَى هَذَا  
الْيَوْمِ، عِنْدَمَا يَقْرَأُونَ الْعَهْدَ الْقَدِيمَ؛ وَلَا يُكْشَفُ عَنْ بَصَائِرِهِمْ،  
لَأَنَّهُ لَا يَزُولُ إِلَّا بِالْمَسِيحِ!

أَجَلْ، إِنَّ ذَلِكَ الْبُرْقُعَ لَا يَزَالُ حَتَّى الْيَوْمِ مَوْضُوعًا عَلَى  
قُلُوبِهِمْ، عِنْدَمَا يَقْرَأُونَ كِتَابَ مُوسَى.

وَلَكِنْ عِنْدَمَا يَرْجِعُونَ إِلَى الرَّبِّ، يُزْعِجُ الْبُرْقُعَ عَنْ قُلُوبِهِمْ.  
فَإِنَّ الرَّبَّ هُوَ الرُّوحُ، وَحَيْثُ يَكُونُ رُوحُ الرَّبِّ تَكُونُ الْحُرِّيَّةُ.

##### إنجيل القديس مرقس 9: 1-7

قَالَ الرَّبُّ يَسُوعُ: «أَلْحَقَّ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ: إِنَّ بَعْضًا مِنَ الْقَائِمِينَ هُنَا  
لَنْ يَذُوقُوا الْمَوْتَ، حَتَّى يَرَوْا مَلَكُوتَ اللَّهِ وَقَدْ أَتَى بِقُوَّةٍ.»  
وَبَعْدَ سِتَّةِ أَيَّامٍ أَخَذَ يَسُوعُ بُطْرُسَ وَيَعْقُوبَ وَيُوحَنَّا، وَصَعِدَ بِهِمْ  
وَخَذَهُمْ إِلَى جَبَلٍ عَالٍ عَلَى أَنْفَرَادٍ، وَتَجَلَّى أَمَامَهُمْ.  
وَصَارَتْ ثِيَابُهُ بَيَضَاءً نَاصِعَةً، حَتَّى لَا يَعْجُزَ أَيُّ قَصَّارٍ عَلَى  
الْأَرْضِ أَنْ يُبَيِّضَ مِثْلَهَا.

وَتَرَاءَى لَهُمْ إِيلِيَّا مَعَ مُوسَى، وَكَانَا يَتَكَلَّمَانِ مَعَ يَسُوعَ.  
فَقَالَ بُطْرُسُ لِيَسُوعَ: «رَبِّي، حَسَنٌ لَنَا أَنْ نَكُونَ هُنَا! فَلْنُنْصِبْ  
ثَلَاثَ مَظَالٍ، لَكَ وَاحِدَةً، وَلِمُوسَى وَاحِدَةً، وَلِإِيلِيَّا وَاحِدَةً.»  
وَلَمْ يَكُنْ يَدْرِي مَا يَقُولُ، لِأَنَّ الْخَوْفَ أَعْتَرَاهُمْ.

وظَهَرَتْ غَمَامَةٌ تَظِلُّهُمْ، وَجَاءَ صَوْتُ مِنَ الْغَمَامَةِ يَقُولُ:  
«هَذَا هُوَ ابْنِي الْحَبِيبُ، فَلَهُ أَسْمَعُوا!»