

Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Cathedral

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Most Reverend Gregory J. Mansour — Eparchial Bishop

Very Reverend Dominique Hanna — Rector

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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 the 22nd of the each month

at 7:30 PM except on Saturday or Sunday

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday of the month at 10:40 until noon

Reconciliation

10:15 AM to 10:45 AM 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 register with the Office of the Rector as soon as possible.

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Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost *August 12th, 2018*

Sunday August 12	13th Sunday of the Pentecost (St. Shaina) 9:00 am James Gounes & Kerioco Arubodjais Req. by Daisy & Elena Diamontopulos 11:30 am Afif Abou-Chrouh Req. by William & Rafca Abou-Chrouh
Monday August 13	NO LITURGY
Tuesday August 14	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Maximilian Kolbe
Wednesday August 15	10 am Divine Liturgy of the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady 7:30 pm Divine Liturgy of the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady
Thursday August 16	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Roch
Friday August 17	10 am Divine Liturgy
Saturday August 18	10 am Divine Liturgy
Sunday August 5	14th Sunday of the Pentecost St. Luke of Baalbek 9:00 am Intention of the Parishioners 11:30 am Intention of the Parishioners

Weekly Offering

Collection:	\$ 1,795.00
Candles:	\$ 105.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 340.00
Rent	\$ 20,833.33

Yearly Budget

<i>Annual Operating Budget</i>	<i>\$400,000.00</i>
Collections to Date:	\$ 92,141.00
Candles to Date:	\$ 3,516.00
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:	\$165,498.98
Fund Raising/ Advertising:	\$ 10,729.76
Debt Reduction to Date:	\$ 3,012.00
Easter/ Christmas Flowers:	\$ 2,680.00
Bishop's Appeal to Date:	\$ 5,860.00
Altar Bread/ Wine/ Sanctuary Lamps	\$ 450.00
Total:	\$307,668.67 (- 94,096.33)

Each Quarter we must generate \$100,000.00 to stay on Budget.

Readings

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

August 12, 2018	The Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost Reading: 11Corinthians 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: 1Thessalonians 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: 1Thessalonians 1:1-10 Gospel: Luke 7: 36-50 Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill 11:30 am TBA - English 11:30 am TBA - Arabic
September 2, 2018	The Sixteenth Sunday of Pentecost Reading: Romans 8: 18-27 Gospel: Luke 18:9-14 Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill 11:30 am TBA - English

Dear Beloved Parishioners

On Sunday after Church, I travelled to Atlanta to lay to rest Subdeacon Leo Shababy, who was 93. The funeral Divine Liturgy was Monday and after the Gospel of the Beatitudes was proclaimed from Matthew 5: 1-12, I gave the eulogy. The following are excerpts from it:

Many if not all of the Beatitudes speak of Subdeacon Leo, but one in particular summarizes his life. "Blessed are the peacemakers for they are called the children of God." Leo led a big family: children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren, but he never forgot that he was a child of God and had a mission and vocation in life.

At the end of his ordination as Subdeacon, Leo carried a lit candle, as the rite calls for, and proclaimed, "I am the blessed olive tree in the house of the Lord for the peace and upbuilding of the Holy Church." Even before he became a Subdeacon, Leo was a man who reached out to all and welcomed all. He was the olive tree – sign of peace – under which people gathered, prayed, talked, mingled, and had a good time.

His love for the Church, the Divine Liturgy, and especially for the Altar of Sacrifice was immense. Leo embodied this quote, "*Excellence is not an aspiration or something you work to achieve. Excellence is what you do in the next five minutes.*" He was always keen on doing what was right and doing it the way it should be done or the way Abouna likes it, and he never forget how it was supposed to be even when he was ninety years old. He was focused and determined to do things correctly for the Church. He used to get mad at himself and tell me: the Leo that is on the Altar is very different from the Leo off the Altar, very different from the Leo in the world. I am angry at myself because I am not as good as the Leo on the Altar.

Beloved Subdeacon Leo, you will now for all eternity celebrate the Divine Liturgy, that you revered so much, on the heavenly Altar where God is the main celebrant. Be careful, though, not to make any mistakes especially when you sing in Syriac. God is watching and will have a talk with you in the sacristy if you do. Also please make sure not to correct the Celebrants and tell them how things should be and this is the way we do it in the Maronite church. The Trinity are professionals at the Divine Liturgy.

I think it is providential to have Leo's funeral on the Feast of the Transfiguration. On this feast we have a glimpse of heaven and an anticipation of the brightness and joy of remaining and dwelling with the Lord. Peter said when he saw Jesus dressed in dazzling white talking with Moses and Elijah, "Lord it is good for us to be here."

Rest in peace, my friend, and dwell in the Lord where there is no pain, or suffering, but eternal joy.

Abouna Dominique

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.

Second 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.

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 doing 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.

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 Tannousis (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.

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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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 كورنثس 3: 1-11
يا إخوتي، أنا، لم أستطع أن أكلّمكم كأنا رُوحانيين بل كأنا جسديين، كأطفال في المسيح. قدّ عذوّتكم بالحليب لا بالطعام، لأنكم لم تكونوا بعد قادرين، ولا حتى الآن أنتم قادرين.
فأنتم لا تزالون أناساً جسديين: فما دام بينكم حسدٌ وخصام، أفلا تكونون جسديين، وسلوكاً جسدياً تسلكون؟
فإذا كان أحدكم يقول: أنا لبولس! وآخر: أنا لأبولس! أفلا تكونون جسديين؟ فما هو أبولس؟ وما هو بولس؟ هما خادمان آمنتم على أيديهما، على قدر ما أعطى الربّ كلّاً منهما.
أنا غرسْتُ، وأبولس سقى، ولكن الله هو الذي كان ينمي.
فلا الغارسُ بشيء ولا الساقى، بل الله الذي ينمي!
لكن الغارس والساقى واحد، وكلّ منهما يأخذ أجره على قدر تعبِهِ.
فنحن معاونة لله، وأنتم حقن الله وبناءً لله.
وأنا بنعمة الله التي وهبت لي، وضعت الأساس كبناءً حكيم، لكن آخر يبني عليه. فليُنظر كل واحد كيف يبني عليه!
فما من أحد يمكنه أن يضع أساساً آخر غير الأساس الموضوع، وهو يسوع المسيح.

إنجيل القديس لوقا 8: 1-15

أخذ يسوع يطوف المدن والقرى، يُنادي ويبشّر بملكوت الله، ومعه الإثنا عشر،
وبعض النساء اللواتي شفاهن من أرواح شرييرة وأمراض، هنّ: مريم المذعّوة بالمجدلّة، التي كان قد خرج منها سبعة شياطين، وحنة امرأة خوزي وكيل هيرودس، وسوسنة، وغيرهنّ كثيرات كنّ يبذلن من أموالهنّ في خدمتهم.
ولما اختشد جمع كثير، وأقبل الناس إليه من كلّ مدينة، خاطبهم بمثل:
«خرج الزارع ليزرع زرعاً. وفيما هو يزرع، وقع بعض الحب على جانب الطريق، فداسته الأقدام، وأكلته طيور السماء.
ووقع بعضه الآخر على الصخرة، وما إن نبت حتى يبس، لأنّه لم يكن له رطوبة.
ووقع بعضه الآخر في وسط الشوك، ونبت الشوك معه فخنقه.
ووقع بعضه الآخر في الأرض الصالحة، ونبت فأثمر مئة ضعف.»
قال يسوع هذا، ونادى: «من له أذنان سامعتان فليسمع.»
وسأله تلاميذه: «ما تراها يعني هذا المثل؟»
فقال: «قد أعطيت لكم أن تعرفوا أسرار ملكوت الله. أمّا الباقون فأكلّمهم بالأمثال، لكي ينظروا فلا يبصروا، ويسمعوا فلا يفهموا.
وهذا هو معنى المثل: الزرع هو كلمة الله.
والذين على جانب الطريق هم الذين يسمعون، ثم يأتي إبليس فيتنزع الكلمة من قلوبهم، لنلا يؤمنوا فيخلصوا.
والذين على الصخرة هم الذين يسمعون الكلمة ويقبلونها بفرح؛ هؤلاء لا أصل لهم، فهم يؤمنون إلى حين، وفي وقت التجربة يتراجعون.
والذي وقع في الشوك هم الذين يسمعون ويمضون، فتخنقهم الهوى والغنى وملذات الحياة، فلا ينضج لهم ثمر.
أمّا الذي وقع في الأرض الجيدة فهم الذين يسمعون الكلمة بقلب جيد صالح فيحفظونها، ويتبنون فيثمرون.»