

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 instruction 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 instruction.

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 Office

of the Rector to become a member.



Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost *August 26th, 2018*

Sunday August 26	15th Sunday of the Pentecost (St. Shaina) 9:00 am Rev. Frances J. Murphy All Families of the Eparchy of St. Maron 11:30 am The Nghaywi Family	Req. by Daisy & Elena Diamontopulos Vivan Akel Req. by Sharbel Nghaywi
Monday August 27	NO LITURGY St. Biyameen, the Hermit	
Tuesday August 28	10 am Divine Liturgy for Marcello Russo St. Moses the Ethiopian & St. Augustine, Doctor of the Church	Req. by Simon Family
Wednesday August 29	10 am Divine Liturgy for Lorraine Nimer Simon Behheading of John the Baptist	Req. by Simon Family
Thursday August 30	NO LITURGY Blessed Brother Estephan Ne'mee	
Friday August 31	NO LITURGY St. Abda, St. Zakhia, St. Aegidius(Giles)	
Saturday September 1	NO LITURGY St. Simon the Stylite	
Sunday September 2	16th Sunday of the Pentecost (St. Mammias the Great) 9:00 am Intention of the Parishioners 11:30 am Intention of the Parishioners	

Weekly Offering

Collection:	\$ 1,045.00
Candles:	\$ 140.00
Rent	\$ 150.00
Donation in Memory	\$ 1500.00
Reimbursement DMV	\$ 66.50

Yearly Budget

<i>Annual Operating Budget</i>	\$400,000.00
Collections to Date:	\$ 96,105.00
Candles to Date:	\$ 3,766.00
Donations to Date:	\$ 22,600.00
Cathedral Stipends to Date:	\$ 2,240.00
Memorials to Date:	\$ 275.00
Dividends to Date:	\$ 737.26
Rentals to Date:	\$165,648.98
Fund Raising/ Advertising:	\$ 10,729.76
Debt Reduction to Date:	\$ 3,087.00
Easter/ Christmas Flowers:	\$ 2,680.00
Bishop's Appeal to Date:	\$ 5,860.00
Altar Bread/ Wine/ Sanctuary Lamps	\$ 450.00
Total:	\$313,607.67 (- 88,157.33)

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

Readings

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

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
11:30 am TBA - Arabic

September 9, 2018 Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 18-25
Gospel: John 12: 20-32
Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill
11:30 am TBA - English
11:30 am TBA - Arabic

August 16, 2018 First Sunday after Holy Cross
Reading: 2 Timothy 2:1-10
Gospel: Mark 10: 35-45
Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill
11:30 am TBA - English
11:30 am TBA - Arabic

Dear Beloved Parishioners

During their stay at the Cathedral last week, the four seminarians from Lebanon, who belong to our Eparchy and, with God's grace, will become priests in the next three to four years depending on their years of study, had the opportunity to see some famous sites in New York.

From the minute I welcomed them at the airport Sunday before last, I kept telling them that this is a new beginning and a new experience for them. Embracing this new reality, that they discerned and chose calls for a spirit of humbleness to empty themselves to be filled with the attitude of a missionary disciple for the Lord, who will be journeying with them. I assured them that there will be hard times and difficulties especially in the beginning, but the service of God's people is greater than the hardships that will be faced.



The most impressive visit we made was last Tuesday to St. Patrick's Cathedral in Manhattan. With Jane Gill, a parishioner from the Cathedral who

was our guide, we took the R train to the 49th Street Station and walked to the Cathedral. The main purpose of the visit was to pray before the shrine St. Sharbel newly dedicated by Patriarch Bechara Peter Cardinal Rai in October 2017. All of us stood in awe before the huge fabulous mosaic of St. Sharbel reminding us of the eremitical monastic life of the Maronite Church. Implicitly, this gave the four seminarians a sense of familiarity with their new state in life: St. Sharbel, one of their countrymen, had preceded them and now is welcoming them to their new mission in the United States.

Inside the shrine, there is a little niche with first class relics of the Saint where one person at a time can go in to pray alone. In one of the busiest and noisiest cities in the world, the architect was able to create a little cell to remind us of the hermit's cell in Annaya, Lebanon. For a few minutes, each one of us lived as a hermit and honored the relics of St. Sharbel.

Armed with the blessings and intercessions of St. Sharbel, Adib, Antony, Imad, and Wassim are settling into their seminaries. Keep them in your prayers

Abouna Dominique

Fr. Dominique Out-Of-Town

From Thursday August 30 to Sunday September 2, Fr. Dominique will be out of town. He will be performing a wedding in Florida. The 10 o'clock daily Divine Liturgy on Thursday, Friday and Saturday are canceled. Msgr. James Root will be covering for him on Sunday for the 9 and 11:30am Divine Liturgy.

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.

Confraternity & Knights Meeting

On Sunday September 9 after the 11:30 am Divine Liturgy, the Confraternity of the Immaculate Conception and the knights of St. Maron will meet in the Rectory and the Library respectively to plan the year ahead. Please make every effort to attend these meeting.

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, Choir, MYA etc. or their representative. There will be meeting on August 28 in the Rectory.
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.

Eparchy of Saint Maron Benefit Dinner

Maronite Catholics and friends from the greater New York area and beyond will gather on Thursday, October 4, 2018 at the New York Athletic Club for the Ninth Annual Benefit Dinner for the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn. Among the honorees at this year's Benefit will be Lydia Gordon. Congratulation to Lydia on her personal commitments over the years to serve well her community.

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.

Bulletin Advertisement

Business owners who would like to advertise their businesses in the Church bulletin that reached at least 200 hundred households via email, please call the Cathedral at 718-624-7228 and provide

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Sunday Readings

قراءات الأحد

Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost

First Letter to the Thessalonians 2:1-13

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully maltreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts.

As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us. You remember our labor and toil, brothers and sisters; we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. You are witnesses, and God also, how pure, upright, and blameless our conduct was towards you believers. As you know, we dealt with each one of you like a father with his children, urging and encouraging you and pleading that you should lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

We also constantly give thanks to God for this, that when you received the word of God that you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word but as what it really is, God's word, which is also at work in you believers.

The Gospel to Saint Luke 10: 38-42

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home.

She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.'

But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

الأحد الرابع عشر من زمن العنصرة

رسالة القديس بولس الأولى إلى أهل تسالونيقي 2:1-13

يا إخوتي، أنتم أنفسكم تعلمون، أيها الإخوة، أن دخولنا إليكم لم يكن باطلاً.

ولكن، كما تعلمون، بعد أن تألمنا وشتمنا في فيليبي، تجرأنا بالهنا أن نكلمكم بإنجيل الله، في جهادٍ كثير.

ولم يكن وغطنا عن ضلال، ولا عن نجاسة، ولا بمكر، بل كما اخترنا الله فأمننا على الإنجيل، هكذا نتكلم، لا إرضاءً للناس بل لله الذي يختبر قلوبنا.

فإننا ولا مرةً أتيناكم بكلمةٍ تملق، كما تعلمون، ولا بدافع طمع، والله شاهد،

ولا طلبنا مجدًا من بشر، لا منكم ولا من غيركم،

مع أننا قادرين أن نكون ذوي وقار، كرسولٍ للمسيح، لكننا صرنا بينكم ذوي لطف، كمرضعٍ تحتضن أولادها.

وهكذا فإننا من شدة الحنين إليكم، نرتضي أن نعطيكُم لا إنجيل الله وحسب، بل أنفسنا أيضًا، لأنكم صرتم لنا أجباء.

وأنتم تتذكرون، أيها الإخوة، نعبنا وكذبنا: فلقد بشرناكم بإنجيل الله، ونحن نعمل ليل نهار، لئلا نقول على أحد منكم.

أنتم شهود، والله شاهد، كيف كنا معكم، أنتم المؤمنين، في نقاوةٍ وبراءٍ وبغير لوم،

نعامل كلًا منكم، كما تعلمون، معاملة الأب لأولاده.

وكنا نناشدكم، ونسجعكم، ونحثكم على أن تسلكوا مسلكًا يليق بالله، الذي يدعوكم إلى ملكوته ومجده.

لذلك نحن أيضًا نسكر الله بغير انقطاع، لأنكم لما تلقيتُم كلمة الله التي سمعتموها منا، قبلتموها لا بأنها كلمة بشر، بل بأنها حقًا كلمة الله. وإنها لفاعلة فيكم، أيها المؤمنون.

إنجيل القديس لوقا 10: 38-42

فيما (كان يسوع وتلاميذه) سائرين، دخل يسوع إحدى

القرى، فاستقبلته في بيتها امرأة اسمها مَرْتَا.

وكان لمرتا أخت تُدعى مَرِيمَ. فجلست عند قدمي الرب تسمع كلامه.

أما مَرْتَا فكانت مُنهمكةً بكثرة الخدمة، فجاءت وقالت: «يا رب، أما ثبالي بأن أختي تركتني أخدم وحدي؟ فقل لها أن تُساعدني.»

فأجاب الرب وقال لها: «مرتا، مرتا، إنك تهتمين بأمرٍ كثيرة، وتضطربين!

إنما المطلوب واحد! فمريم اختارت النصيب الأفضل، ولن يُنزع منها»