

Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Cathedral

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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.



Sixteenth Sunday of Pentecost September 2nd, 2018

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
Monday September 3	NO LITURGY
Tuesday September 4	10 am Divine Liturgy for Mannelia Karam Zayek Req. by The Children
Wednesday September 5	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Sharbel of Raha and His Sister & St. Teresa of Calcutta
Thursday September 6	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Michael the Archangel
Friday September 7	10 am Divine Liturgy
Saturday September 8	10 am Divine Liturgy Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sunday September 9	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (St. Joachim & Anne & Blessed Frederick Ozanam) 9:00 am Nancy Dolan, Etta Upton Req. by Daisy & Elena Diamontopulos Bruce Rawlings 11:30 am Assaad & Rose El-Asmar Req. by Adonis & Jeanette El Asmar Youssef & Toufica Dagher

Weekly Offering

Collection:	\$ 3,127.00
Candles:	\$ 66.00
Rent	\$ 2,700.00
Bulletin Ads	\$ 300.00
Reimbrsmnt for Seminarians	\$ 163.20

Yearly Budget

<i>Annual Operating Budget</i>	<i>\$400,000.00</i>
Collections to Date:	\$ 99,232.00
Candles to Date:	\$ 3,832.00
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:	\$168,348.98
Fund Raising/ Advertising:	\$ 11,029.76
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: \$319,800.67
(- 81,964.33)

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.

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 Lydia Gordon - English 11:30 am Marise Frangie - 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 Adonis El-Asmar - English 11:30 am Edward Antonios - Arabic
September 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 Denise Abou Chrouh - English 11:30 am Leila Vogl - Arabic
September 23, 2018	Second Sunday of Pentecost Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 19-34 Gospel: Matthew 24: 1-14 Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill 11:30 am Isabelle Hazar - English 11:30 am Lina Fakhoury - Arabic

Dear Beloved Parishioners

The crisis that we are living and experiencing these days in the Church caused by spiritual leaders is a source of fear, anger, and distrust from clergy and laity alike. Church authorities are accusing each other of covering up abusers and predators, and allegations are being thrown left and right.

Last Sunday, the gospel passage from Luke 8: 35 - 50 was very much *apropos*. It spoke about the sinful woman who came from behind Jesus, as he was having dinner at the house of Simon, the Pharisee. She knelt at his feet, bathed them with the tears falling from her eyes, and dried them with her hair. Then, she kissed his feet and anointed them with the ointment from her jar. Although she said nothing, all these actions were crying out in a loud voice: I AM SORRY FOR WHAT I HAVE DONE.

“If one suffers, all suffer together ...,” Pope Francis, quoting St. Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthians wrote. In the sinful woman of Luke, I see the Church in these challenging moments coming from behind the Lord, ashamed of herself. So embarrassed by her sins, she does not dare to look at Jesus’ radiant face, but only comes from behind him and falls down on her knees, begging to be forgiven.

Our response to all this can take several forms. We may decide to be indifferent, telling ourselves that the situation does not concern us. We have done nothing wrong and we continue coming to Church like nothing happened. But we must also be in solidarity with those who are suffering, and ought not let anything blind us from seeing and dealing with reality.

Another response is when our anger reaches the level of making us leave the Church and play the role of Simon, the Pharisee and the JUDGE in pronouncing verdicts and sentencing clergy and laity. “If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him – that she is a sinner,” said Simon, the Pharisee, judging Jesus.

As we have heard it said, “Do not leave Jesus because of Judas.”

What is needed is to rebuild trust in the Church hierarchy brick by brick, which will take time, during which we are encouraged to stay close to God in prayer, so that he can hear our call to him and respond with his compassion and love.

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). 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>) and email it to [Lily Elhaje](#)

Arabic Class

Arabic Class Registration has begun. Please see Leila Vogl if you are interested. Registration ends on September 2nd.

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.

MYA Workshop in Washington DC

Registration is now open for our 2018 MYA National Workshop which will be held from October 5-7, 2018 in Washington DC. [Please use the online form on our website to register for this year's Workshop.](#) We hope that a group will go from the Cathedral to join other MYA.

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 revisit 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. [Please get your tickets and register early](#)

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

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Sunday Readings

قراءات الأحد

Sixteenth Sunday of Pentecost

Letter to the Romans 8: 18-27

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us.

For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God;

for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen?

But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

The Gospel according to Saint Luke 18:9-14

Jesus also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt:

‘Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector.

The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector.

I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income."

But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!"

I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.

الأحد السادس عشر من زمن العنصرة

رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل رومة 8: 18-27.

يا إِخْوَتِي : إِنِّي أَحْسَبُ أَنَّ أَلَمَ الْوَقْتِ الْحَاضِرِ لَا تُوَازِي الْمَجْدَ الَّذِي سَوْفَ يَتَجَلَّى فِيْنَا. فَإِنَّ الْخَلِيقَةَ تَنْتَظِرُ بِفَارَحٍ الصَّبْرَ تَجَلِّيَ أَبْنَاءِ اللَّهِ؛ لِأَنَّ الْخَلِيقَةَ أُخْضِعَتْ لِلْبَاطِلِ، لَا طَوْعًا، بَلِ «بِسُلْطَانِ اللَّهِ الَّذِي أُخْضِعَهَا»، وَلَكِنْ عَلَى رَجَاءٍ أَنَّ الْخَلِيقَةَ نَفْسَهَا سَتُحْرَرُ هِيَ أَيْضًا مِنْ عُبُودِيَّةِ الْفَسَادِ إِلَى حُرِّيَّةِ مَجْدِ أَوْلَادِ اللَّهِ. وَنَحْنُ نَعْلَمُ أَنَّ الْخَلِيقَةَ كُلَّهَا مَعًا تَتِنُّ وَتَتَمَخَّضُ إِلَى الْآنِ.

وَلَكِنْ لَا هِيَ فَحَسَبُ، بَلِ نَحْنُ أَيْضًا الَّذِينَ لَنَا بِأَكُورَةَ الرُّوحِ، نَحْنُ أَيْضًا نَتِنُّ فِي أَنْفُسِنَا، مُنْتَظِرِينَ النَّبِيَّ أَيُّ فِدَاءٍ جَسَدِنَا. فَإِنَّا بِالرَّجَاءِ خُصِنَا. وَالرَّجَاءُ الَّذِي يُرَى لَيْسَ رَجَاءً. فَهَلْ يَرْجُو أَحَدٌ مَا يَرَاهُ؟ أَمَا إِذَا كُنَّا نَرْجُو مَا لَا نَرَاهُ، فَبِالصَّبْرِ نَنْتَظِرُهُ. وَهَكَذَا فَالرُّوحُ نَفْسُهُ يَعْضُدُنَا فِي ضَعْفِنَا، لِأَنَّا لَا نَعْرِفُ أَنْ نُصَلِّيَ كَمَا يَنْبَغِي، لَكِنَّ الرُّوحَ نَفْسَهُ يَشْفَعُ لَنَا بِأَنَاتٍ لَا تُوصَفُ. وَالَّذِي يَفْحَصُ الْقُلُوبَ يَعْرِفُ رَغْبَةَ الرُّوحِ، وَهِيَ أَنَّهُ يَشْفَعُ لِلْقَدِيسِينَ بِمَا يُوَافِقُ مَشِيئَةَ اللَّهِ.

إنجيل القديس لوقا 18: 9-14.

قَالَ الرَّبُّ يَسُوعُ هَذَا الْمَثَلُ لِلنَّاسِ يَتَّقُونَ فِي أَنْفُسِهِمْ أَنَّهُمْ أَبْرَارٌ، وَيَحْتَقِرُونَ الْآخَرِينَ: «رَجُلَانِ صَعِدَا إِلَى الْمَهْبَلِ لِئَصَلِّيَا، أَحَدُهُمَا فَرِيسِيٌّ وَالْآخَرُ عَشَّارٌ.

فَوَقَفَ الْفَرِيسِيُّ يُصَلِّي فِي نَفْسِهِ وَيَقُولُ: أَللَّهُمَّ، أَشْكُرُكَ لِأَنِّي لَسْتُ كَبِاقِي النَّاسِ الطَّمَاعِينَ الظَّالِمِينَ الزَّنَّاءِ، وَلَا كَهَذَا الْعَشَّارِ. إِنِّي أَصُومُ مَرَّتَيْنِ فِي الْأَسْبُوعِ، وَأُؤَدِّي الْعُشْرَ عَنْ كُلِّ مَا أَقْتَنِي.

أَمَّا الْعَشَّارُ فَوَقَفَ بَعِيدًا وَهُوَ لَا يُرِيدُ حَتَّى أَنْ يَرْفَعَ عَيْنَيْهِ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ، بَلِ كَانَ يَفْرَعُ صَدْرَهُ قَائِلًا: أَللَّهُمَّ، اصْفَحْ عَنِّي أَنَا الْخَاطِي!

أَقُولُ لَكُمْ إِنَّ هَذَا نَزَلَ إِلَى بَيْتِهِ مُبَرَّرًا، أَمَا ذَاكَ فَلَا! لِأَنَّ كُلَّ مَنْ يَرْفَعُ نَفْسَهُ يُوَضِعُ، وَمَنْ يُوَضِعُ نَفْسَهُ يُرْفَعُ.»