

# 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.




## Second Sunday after the Holy Cross September 23rd, 2018

Sunday September 23	2nd Sunday after Holy Cross 9:00 am Gladys & Vincent Ahearn 11:30 am 40 Days for Assad Frangie	Req. by Daisy & Elena Diamontopulos Req. by Deacon and Mrs. Peter Frangie
Monday September 24	NO LITURGY St. Thecla, First Woman Martyr	
Tuesday September 25	10 am Divine Liturgy for Norma Halpin	Req. by William Halpin
Wednesday September 26	10 am Divine Liturgy for Eva Azizi	Req. by Mrs. Salma Vahdat
Thursday September 27	10 am Divine Liturgy for Carol Shaheen St. Vincent de Paul	Req. Mr. & Mrs. John Shaia
Friday September 28	10 am Divine Liturgy for Hasna Azizi Beshar	Req. by Mrs. Salma Vahdat
Saturday September 29	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Romanos, known as Rouhana the Cantor	
Sunday September 30	2nd Sunday after Holy Cross St. Gregory the Illuminator 9:00 am All Mankind 11:30 am Intentions of the Parishioners	Req. by Daisy & Elena Diamontopulos

SATURDAY  
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<i>Readings</i>	
<b>Lectors and Ushers (age 16 and up) are needed. Please <a href="#">email</a> the church to become one.</b>	
September 23, 2018	Second Sunday after Holy Cross 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
September 30, 2018	Third Sunday after Holy Cross Reading: Philippians 3: 17-4:1 Gospel: Matthew 24: 23-31 Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill 11:30 am John Eladem - English 11:30 am Marise Frangie - Arabic
October 7, 2018	Fourth Sunday after Holy Cross Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11 Gospel: Matthew 24: 45-51 Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill 11:30 am Lydia Gordon - English 11:30 am Mary Eladem - Arabic
October 14, 2018	Fifth Sunday after Holy Cross Reading: Philippians 2:12-18 Gospel: Matthew 25: 1-13 Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill 11:30 am Sub. Norbert Vogl - English

## Dear Beloved Parishioners

Reading the passage of this Sunday from Matthew 24: 1-14 is very alarming: "Jesus answered them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. For many will come in my name, saying, "I am the Messiah!" and they will lead many astray. And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars; see that you are not alarmed; for this must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places: all this is but the beginning of the birth pangs. Then they will hand you over to be tortured and will put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of my name. Then many will fall away, and they will betray one another and hate one another. And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray.... But anyone who endures to the end will be saved. And this good news of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the world, as a testimony to all the nations; and then the end will come.'"

Hearing that nations will rise against nations and kingdom against kingdom puts fear in our hearts. Mentioning that earthquakes and famines will strike the earth scares even the staunch believers. Knowing that we might be handed over to be tortured and put to death shocks us to the point where we question our entire existence. Hearing that we might be hated by all because of Christ's name and that many will fall away worries us and we might think twice about staying Christian. Betraying one another and hating one another are predictions that Christ warned us of because he knew that we would fall into this trap. And, yes, we did over the centuries and we still do today. Yes, many were and will be led astray by false prophets, which makes us ask where is the Church, why is the Church doing nothing in terms of preaching, teaching, and leading?

After naming these disasters that will take place, Matthew writes that this is but the beginning of the end or of the birth pangs, BUT THE END IS NOT YET. So what is the end? The end is that the good news of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the world as a testimony to all the nations. Then and only then the end will come. My friends, the end, unlike what will happen before the end, is a happy event, a joyful end for those who endure until the coming of the Son of Man.

*Abouna Aminique*

## 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 began on Sunday, September 9th at 10 am. Adult Formation is also available at 10 am on Sunday. Registration continues until October 14, so please [print the form online](http://www.ololc.org/media.html) (<http://www.ololc.org/media.html>) and email it to [Lily Elhaje](#)

## 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 place an ad in the Benefit Dinner Ad Book](#)

## 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.

## Order of St. Sharbel Sunday

The second Sunday of October (October 14, 2018) is designated as "Order of Saint Sharbel Sunday" in our Eparchy. The Order of St. Sharbel helps the seminarians and retired priests. [Please meet our seminarians](#) and make an effort to become a member of the Order.

## Celebrating the Induction of Claire Habib into the Order of St. Gregory the Great

Please join Bishop Gregory and Our Lady of Lebanon Cathedral as we celebrate [the induction of Dame Claire Habib into the Order of St. Gregory the Great](#) on Sunday October 28th between 2 to 6pm at Sirico's (8023 13th Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11228). \$40 per person includes 4 course meal with Entertainment by Nadim and Valet Parking available. Please mail in your check to OLOL Cathedral 113 Remsen St. Brooklyn NY 11201 or give it to: Marian Ciaccia, Edgard Abi Daher, William Abou-Chrouh, Tony Aflak, or Adonis El-Asmar, .

## Housekeeping

The Brooklyn Public Library Lease was renewed on June 1st extending their stay until December 2019.

The Just Wee Two Daycare that were renting our hall downstairs decided not to renew their contract because of a decrease in their enrollment. They left by the end of August. If you know any daycare interested in the same space, please call the Church at 718-624-7228

## 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 reaches over 200 households via email, please call the Cathedral at 718-624-7228 for more information.

## In Defense of Christians Community Organizing Fellowship

IDC's Organizing Fellowship will offer emerging young professionals the opportunity to work with IDC's Washington, D.C.-based staff, elected officials, faith leaders and more. Organizing fellows will serve as a liaison between local IDC supporters in their communities and the National Office. Young leaders interested in advocacy, political campaigns, nonprofit organizations and faith-based initiatives are encouraged to apply. This is an unpaid fellowship and fellows will work remotely by community organizing in their own cities.

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## Sunday Readings

### قراءات الأحد

#### Second Sunday after Holy Cross

##### First Letter to the Corinthians 15: 19-34

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.

The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For 'God has put all things in subjection under his feet.' But when it says, 'All things are put in subjection', it is plain that this does not include the one who put all things in subjection under him.

When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who put all things in subjection under him, so that God may be all in all. Otherwise, what will those people do who receive baptism on behalf of the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, why are people baptized on their behalf? And why are we putting ourselves in danger every hour? I die every day! That is as certain, brothers and sisters, as my boasting of you a boast that I make in Christ Jesus our Lord.

If with merely human hopes I fought with wild animals at Ephesus, what would I have gained by it? If the dead are not raised, 'Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.' Do not be deceived: 'Bad company ruins good morals.' Come to a sober and right mind, and sin no more; for some people have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.

##### The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew 24: 1-14

As Jesus came out of the temple and was going away, his disciples came to point out to him the buildings of the temple.

Then he asked them, 'You see all these, do you not? Truly I tell you, not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.' When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, 'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?' Jesus answered them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. For many will come in my name, saying, "I am the Messiah!" and they will lead many astray. And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars; see that you are not alarmed; for this must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places: all this is but the beginning of the birth pangs. 'Then they will hand you over to be tortured and will put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of my name. Then many will fall away, and they will betray one another and hate one another.

And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. And because of the increase of lawlessness, the love of many will grow cold. But anyone who endures to the end will be saved. And this good news of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the world, as a testimony to all the nations; and then the end will come.

#### الأحد الثاني بعد عيد الصليب

##### رسالة القديس بولس الأولى إلى أهل كورنثس 15: 19-34

يا إخوتي، إن كنا نرجو المسيح في هذه الحياة وحسب، فنحن أشقى الناس أجمعين! والحال أن المسيح قام من بين الأموات، وهو باكورة الرافدين.

فبما أن الموت كان بواسطة إنسان، فبواسطة إنسان أيضًا تكون قيامة الأموات. فكما أنه في آدم يموت الجميع، كذلك في المسيح سيحيا الجميع، كل واحد في رتبته: المسيح أولًا، لأنه الباكورة، ثم الذين هم للمسيح، عند مجيئه.

وبعد ذلك تكون النهاية، حين يسلم المسيح الملك إلى الله الأب، بعد أن يكون قد أبطل كل رئاسة وكل سلطان وقوة، لأنه لا بد للمسيح أن يملك، إلى أن يجعل الله جميع أعدائه تحت قدميه. وأخر عدو يبطل هو الموت.

لقد أخضع الله كل شيء تحت قدميه. وحين يقول الكتاب: «أخضع له كل شيء»، فمن الواضح أنه يستثنى الله الذي أخضع له كل شيء. ومتى أخضع للآب كل شيء، فحينئذ يخضع الابن نفسه للذي أخضع له كل شيء، حتى يكون الله الكل في الكل.

والأفمادًا يفعل الذين يتعمدون من أجل الأموات؟ إن كان الأموات لا يقومون أبدًا، فلماذا يتعمدون من أجلهم؟ ونحن، فلماذا نعرض أنفسنا كل ساعة للخطر؟ أقسم، أيها الإخوة، بما لي من فخر بكم في المسيح يسوع ربنا، أنني أواجه الموت كل يوم.

إن كنت صار عث الوحوش في أفسس، لغاية بشرية، فأني نفع لي؟ وإن كان الأموات لا يقومون، فلنأكل ونشرب، لأننا عدا سنموت! لا تضلوا! إن المعاشرات السيئة تفسد الأخلاق السليمة! أيقظوا قلوبكم بالنعوى، ولا تخطأوا، فإن بعضًا منكم يجهلون الله! أقول هذا لإخبالكم!

##### إنجيل القديس متى 14: 1-24

خرج يسوع من الهيكل ومضى. فدنا منه تلاميذه ليُلقنوا نظره إلى أبنية الهيكل. فأجاب وقال لهم: «ألا تنتظرون هذا كله؟ الحق أقول لكم: لن يترك هنا حجر على حجر إلا ويُنقض.»

وفيما هو جالس على جبل الزيتون، دنا منه التلاميذ على أنفراد قائلين: «فل لنا متى يكون هذا، وما هي علامة مجيئك ونهاية العالم؟»

فأجاب يسوع وقال لهم: «إحذروا أن يضلكم أحد! فكمثيرون سيأتون باسمي قائلين: «أنا هو المسيح! ويضلون الكثيرون.

وسوف تسمعون بحروب وبأخبار حروب، أنظروا، لا ترتعبوا! فلا بد أن يحدث هذا. ولكن ليست النهاية بعد! ستقوم أمة على أمة، ومملكة على مملكة، وتكون مجاعات وزلازل في أماكن شتى، وهذا كله أول المخاض.

حينئذ يسلمونكم إلى الضيق، ويقتلونكم، ويُبغضكم جميع الأمم من أجل اسمي. وحينئذ يرتد الكثيرون عن الإيمان، ويسلم بعضهم بعضًا، ويُبغض أنبياء كذبة كثيرون ويضلون الكثيرون.

ولكن كثرة الإثم تفتت محبة الكثيرون.

ومن يصبر إلى النهاية يخلص.

ويكرز بإنجيل الملكوت هذا في المسكونة كلها شهادة لجميع الأمم، وحينئذ تأتي النهاية