

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 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.



Fifth Sunday after the Holy Cross October 14th, 2018

Sunday October 14	5th Sunday after Holy Cross (St. Isaiah the Monk) 9:00 am Elena Diamontopulos & Debbie Hamid Req. by Daisy Diamontopulos & Carol Hamid 11:30 am Eva Bou Moussa & Alice Besheer Req. by the Confraternity of the Immaculate Conception Deceased & Living of the El Hajj Family Req. by The Family
Monday October 15	NO LITURGY Saint Teresa of Avila, Doctor of the Church
Tuesday October 16	10 am Divine Liturgy for Norma Halpin Req. by Mr. William Halpin Saint Longinus, Commander of the Legion
Wed. October 17	10 am Divine Liturgy for Carol Shaheen Req. by Mr. & Mrs. John Shaia Saints Cosmas and Damian
Thurs. October 18	10 am Divine Liturgy for Joseph El Hawa Req. by William Safi & Family Saint Luke the Evangelist
Friday October 19	10 am Divine Liturgy for Carol Shaheen Req. by Mr. & Mrs. John Shaia Saint Aaron of Antioch, Saints Jean de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues and Companions
Saturday October 20	10 am Divine Liturgy Saint Shallita (Artemius)
Sunday October 21	6th Sunday after Holy Cross 9:00 am The Leito & Fernandez Families Req. by Daisy & Elena Diamontopulos 11:30 am Joseph & Esther Sahlani Req. by Leyana. Albert & Robert Sahlani

SATURDAY
NOV 3
10:00AM - 6:00PM
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Readings

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

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 Melissa Safi - English 11:30 am Mary Eladem - Arabic
October 21, 2018	Sixth Sunday after Holy Cross Reading: Galatians 6: 1-10 Gospel: Matthew 25: 14-30 Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill 11:30 am Sub. Norbert Vogl - English 11:30 am Wadih Saikali - Arabic
October 28, 2018	Seventh Sunday after Holy Cross Reading: Romans 12: 9-21 Gospel: Matthew 25: 31-46 Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill 11:30 am Tiana Eladem - English 11:30 am Zahia Abi Habib - Arabic
November 4, 2018	Consecration of the Church Reading: Hebrews 9: 1-12 Gospel: Matthew 16: 13-20 Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill 11:30 am - Vivian Akel - English 11:30 am Adonis El-Asmar - Arabic

Dear Beloved Parishioners



As we continue celebrating the Season of the Glorious, Holy and Victorious Cross, it is remarkable the different titles that the Divine Liturgy gives to the cross:

The Tree of Life, Key to Paradise, the Ladder to Heaven, Holy Pillar of the Truth and so forth. Among these titles, one in particular strikes me and is repeated three or four times: the Cross as a Strong Fortress. In the Liturgy of the Word (the first part of the Divine Liturgy) of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, we read: "Christ made the wood of his cross a strong fortress for his flock." Then, on the Wednesday Liturgy of weekdays the same expression is repeated, "You made your radiant cross a fortress of protection for the Church and her children." In the hymn (*qolo*) after the long prayer of forgiveness (*Hoosoyo*) of Friday, we sing, "As a wall keeps a city safe, so the cross protects the Church." And finally, on Saturday we pray, "May you cross be a strong fortress to protect your faithful Church and her children throughout the world."

In the old translation of the Book of Offering (*Qorbono*), the word tower was used instead of fortress which encapsulates, in my opinion, the shape and the meaning of the cross better than the former. By definition a tower is a building or part of a building that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and length; a tall structure used for observation and signaling. In comparing the cross to a tower, our ancestors in writing these texts saw the cross as a reference and focal point: a tall structure that can be seen whenever and referred to wherever we are. Even after more than 2000 years from the event of the crucifixion, the cross is still a tower which can be looked at by one generation after another and from one country to another.

Furthermore, the tower is a strategic place where watchers and guards observe the activities in the city and when it is necessary give an order to intervene and stop any suspicious commotion. Jesus on the cross is a guard; a watcher ready to intervene to protect his people and his priests. From this high structure, the cross, Jesus is protecting and being merciful because in his weakness, we gain power and in his death, we obtain life in abundance.

In every liturgy, the celebrant holds a handcross and processes with it. Throughout the service he carries in his hand the tower of protection by which he blesses and shields the faithful. May this Season of the Holy Cross remind us that we are protected by Christ, the Watcher, who looks at us from his TOWER.

Agnesa Domingue

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 21 which is **also an open house**, so 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)

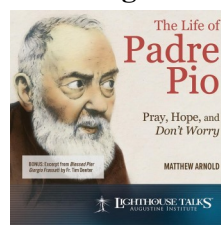
MYO Church Lock-in

The MYO of the Cathedral are organizing a Spiritual, Social and Fun Lock-in on Friday October 19 at starting at 7pm. Please send an [email to the Church](mailto:email.to.the.Church) if you are attending.

The Screening of Morine at [Emelin Theater](#) Oct. 23

The year is 620 A.D., North Lebanon. Living with God is men's privilege and the most unreachable of women's rights. Stubborn as she is, a twenty year old revolutionary girl, Morine, breaks the rules and endures all the consequence. 136 Palmer Ave., Mamaroneck, NY 10543. For tickets please call Diana Fadel at 914-498-5257

Featuring a CD from the collection in the Social Hall



The Life of Padre Pio: Pray, Hope and Don't Worry recounts the life story of St. Pio of Pietrelcina, a twentieth century saint and mystic who is known around the world as Padre Pio.

This presentation includes fascinating details about St. Pio's ministry of hearing confessions, his ability to read souls, the multitude of miracles attributed to his intercession, and how he bore the stigmata, that is, the wounds of Christ. All are wise to learn from the advice of this holy man to "pray, hope, and don't worry."

Housekeeping

The Brooklyn Public Library Lease was renewed on June 1st extending their stay until December 2019. The Just Wee Two Daycare that was 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.

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Sunday Readings

قراءات الأحد

The Fifth Sunday of The Cross Letter to the Philippians 2:12-18

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure. Do all things without murmuring and arguing, so that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, in which you shine like stars in the world. It is by your holding fast to the word of life that I can boast on the day of Christ that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. But even if I am being poured out as a libation over the sacrifice and the offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you and in the same way you also must be glad and rejoice with me.

The Gospel according to Saint Matthew 25:1-13

‘Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom.

Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps.

As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out."

But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves."

And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

الأحد الخامس بعد عيد الصليب

رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل فيلبّي 2:12-18

يا إخوتي، إعملوا لإخلاصكم بخوفٍ ورعدة، كما أطعتم دائماً، لا في حضورٍي فحسب، بل بالأحرى وبالأكثر الآن في غيابي.

فإن الله هو الذي يجعلكم تريدون وتعملون بحسب مرضاته.

افعلوا كل شيء بغير تذمرٍ وجدال، لكي تصيروا بسطاء لا لومٍ عليكم، وأبناءً لله لا عيب فيكم، وسط جيلٍ معوجٍ ومنحرف، تضيقون فيه كالنيرات في العالم،

متمسكين بكلمة الحياة، لافتخاري في يوم المسيح، بأنّي ما سعت ولا تعبت باطلاً.

لو أنّ دمي يراق على ذبيحة إيمانكم وخدمته، لكنت أفرح وأنتهج معكم جميعاً. فأفرحوا أنتم أيضاً وأنتهجوا معي.

إنجيل القديس متى 13:1-25

قال الرب يسوع: «يُشبه ملكوت السموات عشرة عذارى أخذن مصابيحهن وخرجن إلى لقاء العريس، خمس منهن جاهلات، وخمس حكيّمات. قال الجاهلات لأخذن مصابيحهن ولم يأخذن معهن زيتاً. أما الحكيّمات فأخذن زيتاً في أنية مع مصابيحهن. وأبطأ العريس فنعسن جميعهن، ورفقن. وفي منتصف الليل، صارت الصيحة: هوذا العريس! أخرجوا إلى لقاءه!

حينئذ قامت أولئك العذارى كلهن، وزين مصابيحهن. فقالت الجاهلات للحكيّمات: أعطينا من زيتك، لأن مصابيحنا تنطفئ.

فأجابت الحكيّمات وقُلن: قد لا يكفينا ويكفيكن. إذهبن بالأحرى إلى الباعة وأبتعن لكن.

ولما ذهبن لابتعن، جاء العريس، ودخلت المستعدّات إلى العرس، وأغلق الباب.

وأخيراً جاءت العذارى الباقيات وقُلن: يا رب، يا رب، افتح لنا!

فأجاب وقال: الحق أقول لكن، إنّي لا أعرفكن! إسهرُوا إذًا، لأنكم لا تعلمون اليوم ولا الساعة