

# 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.



# Consecration of the Church Sunday

## November 4th, 2018

Sun. November 4	Consecration of the Church Sunday (Opening of the Liturgical Year)	
	9:00 am	Msgr. Charles Downey & Rev. James McEvoy Req. by Daisy & Elena Diamontopulos
	11:30 am	Intentions of the Parishioners
Mond November 5	NO LITURGY	
	Saint Asia the Righteous	
Tues November 6	10 am Divine Liturgy for Norma Halpin	Req. by William Halpin
Wed. November 7	10 am Divine Liturgy	
Thurs. November 8	10 am Divine Liturgy	
	Saint Michael the Archangel	
Friday November 9	10 am Divine Liturgy (All Souls Day)	
Sat. November 10	10 am Divine Liturgy	
	Saint Moura	
Sun. November 11	Renewal of the Church Sunday (Opening of the Liturgical Year)	
	9:00 am	Carol Shaheen Req. by Dr. Elie Chalhoub
	11:30 am	Khalil & Hanne Mansour Req. by William & Rafca Abou Chrouh



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### *Readings*

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

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
November 11, 2018	Renewal of the Church
Reading:	Hebrews 9: 11-15
Gospel:	John 10: 22-42
Lectors:	9:00 am Raymond Gill
	11:30 am Lydia Gordon - English
	11:30 am Edward Antonios - Arabic
November 18, 2018	Announcement to Zechariah
Reading:	Romans 4: 13-25
Gospel:	Luke 1: 1-25
Lectors:	9:00 am Raymond Gill
	11:30 am Denise Abou Chrouh - English
	11:30 am Leila Vogl - Arabic
November 25, 2018	Announcement to the Virgin Mary
Reading:	Galatians 3:15-22
Gospel:	Luke 1:26-38
Lectors:	9:00 am Raymond Gill
	11:30 am Isabelle Hazar - English
	11:30 am Lina Fakhoury - Arabic

## Dear Beloved Parishioners

The liturgical year of the Maronite Church opens with two Sundays reminding us of the continual need of being consecrated and renewed in the Church through honoring Christ as Lord and Savior. These two Sundays of the Consecration and Renewal of the Church constitute a fitting introduction to the first season of the liturgical year, the Season of the Birth of the Lord or what used to be called the Season of Announcements. Two weeks give the opportunity to all of us to be prepared to enter deeply in the salvific mission of Christ through his Church.

The Old Testament uses the term *qorban* to indicate something consecrated to the Lord. Quite often an object was anointed with oil and then considered holy or set apart for the Lord. Priests, kings, the meeting tent and its furniture, and the Ark of the Covenant were all anointed and thus consecrated to the Lord. In the New Testament, Jesus himself is called the Messiah, the Christ, the Anointed One. Today, we still anoint the baptized, confirmed, sick, priests and bishops, Church buildings, and sacred vessels in order to set apart these people, places and objects as sacred, consecrated to the Lord.

The Ark of the Covenant was a symbol of God's presence among his people, as it originally contained the stone tablets of the Ten Commandments of God's law among other things. By means of the covenant, Israel was set apart as the chosen people by God himself. As a sign of God's leadership and protection for his chosen people, the Ark was carried before the army in battle. In his prophecies, Isaiah refers to the servant of God as "a covenant of the people, a light for the nations." This covenant of the people will establish justice, open the eyes of the blind and free prisoners (Isaiah 42: 4, 6-7). Jesus, the Anointed One, is the New Ark and the New Covenant. His sacred person is the place where the divine and human meet. The sacrifice of his body on the cross atoned for sins and his resurrection established an everlasting covenant between God and his people. The Church continues the mission of Christ in the world and proclaims to mankind God's saving love for the world. The Sunday of the Consecration and Renewal of the Church invites individual Christians to renew their personal consecration to the Lord and his Church, and to strive to realize God's kingdom on earth.

*Agnes Dominique*

## Maronite Catholic Formation (Sunday School)

On Saturday November 10, the MCF program is planning an outing to St. Sharbel Shrine in St. Patrick's Cathedral in Manhattan. Teachers, parents and students will meet at 10 am outside the main door of St. Patrick's. Afterwards, the group will enjoy bowling at the Bowlmor within walking distance from St. Patrick's. Classes are canceled on Sunday November 4, 11 & 25.

## Annual Men's Retreat November 3rd

All men of the Parish are welcomed to join the knights of St. Maron on their annual retreat on November 3rd from 9 to 5pm at the Graymoor Spiritual Life Center (40 Franciscan Way, Garrison, NY 10524). Please sign up with [Adonis El-Asmar](#) and [click here](#) for more information.

## Sajj Breakfast November 11

There will be a Sajj Breakfast on Sunday November 11 after the 11:30 Divine Liturgy. Please talk to Bassam Ayoub if you like to help or donate toward the Breakfast.

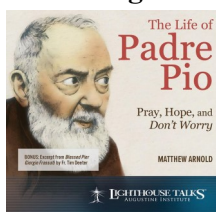
## Annual Bake Sale Sponsored by the Confraternity

The Annual Winter Bake Sale sponsored by the Confraternity will take place on December 1st & 2nd. Please see Rafca Abou Chrouh or Yolla Howayek if you like to help in baking goods or donating toward the Bake Sale.

## Sloan Kettering Toy Drive

Christmas Toy Drive for the children of Sloan Kettering Cancer Center will be in effect until December 16. All toys must be brand new (no used toys) for newborn to 18 years old. A big box where people can put their toys is placed in the front to the far right of the Altar for your convenience.

## 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."

## New Year's Party in Easton

Our Lady of Lebanon is hosting s New Year's Party. [Please click here](#) from more information

## Vocations Awareness Poster-Essay

Students grades K to 12 are encouraged to participate in the [Vocations Awareness Poster-Essay](#) Multimedia Contest through NAM. [Click here for guidelines](#) and [here for applications](#). Also you can see Adonis El-Asmar or Marian Ciaccia for more information. This year let us have more students part of the contest.

## Thanks from the Baby Bottle Drive Collection

The Expectant Mother Care and the numerous mothers, children and unborn on whose behalf the Baby Bottle Drive was done wanted to send a most gracious "thank you" for your participation. This year, we received a grand total of \$55,229.28 - an increase of over \$37,788 over last year's total! - from 35 churches and schools. \$1,370.27 was collected from the Cathedral.

## Housekeeping

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



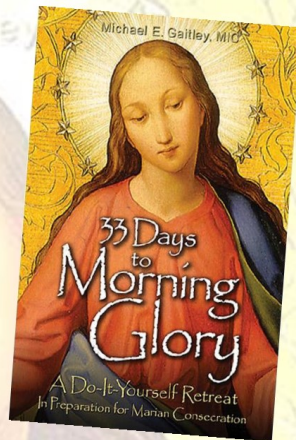


## Father Dominique Hanna & OLOLC encourage all men & women to participate in 33 Days to Morning Glory A Do-It Yourself Retreat

Starting on Monday  
November 5<sup>th</sup> &  
Consecrating ourselves to  
Jesus through Mary on  
Friday December 7<sup>th</sup> 2018

The devotion, Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary, has been practiced for centuries. It involves 33 days of preparatory devotions, with the Total Consecration made on the 34th day. In celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Eparchy and as a community of faith, all Maronites are invited to start this "do it yourself retreat" to consecrate ourselves to Jesus through Mary on the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary the day we will celebrate the anniversary of the Eparchy. As Jesus trusted in Mary, His Mother, completely without reservation, let each one of us, His disciples, choose to trust in Mary completely without reservation as we choose this holy pathway of consecration to her Son.

*"Take this retreat! Believe me, your life will never be the same."  
- Johnette Benkovic, Founder and President of Women of Grace*



- Want to grow in holiness, but too busy? This do-it yourself retreat is easy-to-do and simple to practice; it will transform your life!
- Come learn what pope after pope has confirmed is the "surest, easiest, shortest, & most perfect means" to becoming a saint!
- As we unite ourselves more deeply with Mary, we unite ourselves more perfectly with Jesus, her Son. Mary's greatest desire is to have each of us know, love, and serve her Son, Jesus Christ, with a true purity of heart, which she herself possessed through the grace of God the Father.
- Help spread sanctity, please join us!!

## JOIN THE ORDER OF SAINT SHARBEL

TO SUPPORT THE EDUCATION OF MARONITE SEMINARIANS  
AND HELP SECURE THE FUTURE OF THE MARONITE CHURCH  
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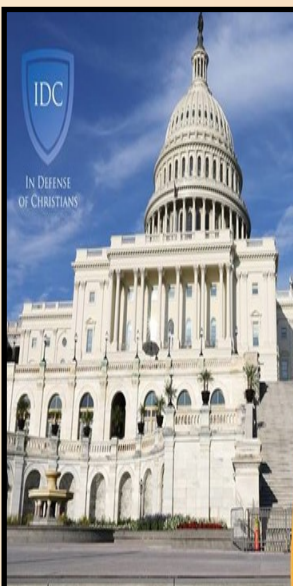


## JOIN THE ORDER OF SAINT SHARBEL TODAY

Enroll online at [www.orderstsharbel.org](http://www.orderstsharbel.org) or in your Parish.

For more information about the Order, contact Order of Saint Sharbel President Bernadette Shalhoub at [bbshalhoub@aol.com](mailto:bbshalhoub@aol.com) or ask your Parish Priest.

If you are interested in becoming a Priest, Religious Sister, or Deacon contact Vocations Director Father Dominique Hanna at (404) 525-2504 or [sjmcc@sjmcc.org](mailto:sjmcc@sjmcc.org)



### SAVE THE DATE!

IDC Fifth Annual Solidarity Dinner  
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December 5 - The Hamilton  
600 14th St NW, Washington, DC 20005  
Reception at 6:00 pm - Dinner at 7:00 pm

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**Sunday of the Consecration of the Church**  
**Letter to the Hebrews 9,1-12.**

Even the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly sanctuary. For a tent was constructed, the first one, in which were the lampstand, the table, and the bread of the Presence; this is called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain was a tent called the Holy of Holies.

In it stood the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold, in which there were a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant; above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy-seat. Of these things we cannot speak now in detail. Such preparations having been made, the priests go continually into the first tent to carry out their ritual duties; but only the high priest goes into the second, and he but once a year, and not without taking the blood that he offers for himself and for the sins committed unintentionally by the people. By this the Holy Spirit indicates that the way into the sanctuary has not yet been disclosed as long as the first tent is still standing.

This is a symbol of the present time, during which gifts and sacrifices are offered that cannot perfect the conscience of the worshipper, but deal only with food and drink and various baptisms, regulations for the body imposed until the time comes to set things right.

But when Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption.

**The Gospel of according to Saint Matthew 16,13-20.**

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?'

And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.'

He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?'

Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.'

And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven.

And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.

I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.'

Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

**أحد تقديس البيعة**  
**الرسالة إلى العبرانيين 9:1-12.**

يَا إِخْوَتِي، كَانَتْ لِلْعَهْدِ الْأَوَّلِ أَيْضًا شَعَائِرُ عِبَادَةٍ، وَبُنِيَ قُدْسٌ أَرْضِيٌّ.

فَبُنِيَ الْمَسْكِنُ الْأَوَّلُ، وَهُوَ الَّذِي يُدْعَى «الْقُدْسُ»، وَكَانَ فِيهِ الْمَنَارَةُ، وَالْمَائِدَةُ، وَخُبْزُ التَّقْدِيمَةِ،

وَوَرَاءَ الْحِجَابِ الثَّانِي بُنِيَ الْمَسْكِنُ الَّذِي يُدْعَى «قُدْسُ الْأَقْدَاسِ»، وَبِخْتَوِي مَجْمَرَةٌ ذَهَبِيَّةٌ لِلْبُخُورِ، وَتَابُوتُ الْعَهْدِ، مَعْشَى كُلِّهِ بِالذَّهَبِ، وَفِيهِ جَرَّةٌ مِنْ ذَهَبٍ تَحْتَوِي الْمَنِّ، وَعَصَا هَارُونَ الَّتِي أَفْرَحْتَ، وَلَوْحَا الْعَهْدِ،

وَفَوْقَ التَّابُوتِ كُرُوبَا الْمَجْدِ يَطْلُلَانِ الْعِشَاءَ: أَشْيَاءٌ لَا مَجَالَ الْآنَ لِلْكَلَامِ عَنْهَا بِالتَّفْصِيلِ. وَإِذْ بُنِيَ تِلْكَ الْأَشْيَاءُ عَلَى هَذَا التَّرْتِيبِ، كَانَ الْكَهَنَةُ يَدْخُلُونَ إِلَى الْمَسْكَنِ الْأَوَّلِ فِي كُلِّ وَفْتٍ، لِيَتِمُّوا الْعِبَادَةَ، أَمَّا الْمَسْكِنُ الثَّانِي فَكَانَ عَظِيمُ الْأَخْبَارِ يَدْخُلُ إِلَيْهِ وَاحِدَةً مَرَّةً وَاحِدَةً فِي السَّنَةِ، وَلَا يَدْخُلُ إِلَيْهِ إِلَّا وَمَعَهُ دَمٌ يَقْرِبُهُ عَنْ نَفْسِهِ وَعَنْ جَهَالَاتِ الشَّعْبِ.

وَبِهَذَا يُوضِحُ الرُّوحُ الْقُدْسُ أَنَّ الطَّرِيقَ إِلَى قُدْسِ الْأَقْدَاسِ لَمْ يَكُنْ بَعْدَ قَدْ كُشِفَ، مَا دَامَ الْمَسْكِنُ الْأَوَّلُ قَائِمًا.

وَهَذَا رَمَزٌ إِلَى الْوَقْتِ الْحَاضِرِ، وَفِيهِ تَقَرَّبَ تَقَادِيمُ وَذَبَائِحُ، لَا يُمَكِّنُهَا أَنْ تَجْعَلَ مَنْ يَقْرِبُهَا كَامِلًا مِنْ جِهَةِ الضَّمِيرِ.

إِنَّهَا شَعَائِرُ جَسَدِيَّةٍ تَقْتَصِرُ عَلَى أَطْعِمَةٍ وَأَشْرَبَةٍ، وَأَنْوَاعٍ سَتَى مِنَ الْأَعْتِسَالِ، مَقْرُوضَةٍ إِلَى أَنْ يَأْتِيَ وَفْتُ الْإِصْلَاحِ. أَمَّا الْمَسِيحُ فَقَدْ ظَهَرَ عَظِيمُ أَخْبَارِ الْخَيْرَاتِ الْإِتْيَةِ، وَأَجْتَازَ الْمَسْكِنَ الْأَعْظَمَ وَالْأَكْمَلَ، غَيْرَ الْمَصْنُوعِ بِالْأَيْدِي، أَيْ لَيْسَ مِنْ هَذِهِ الْخَلِيقَةِ، فَدَخَلَ إِلَى قُدْسِ الْأَقْدَاسِ مَرَّةً وَاحِدَةً، لَا بِدَمِ الثِّيَوسِ وَالْعُجُولِ، بَلْ بِدَمِهِ هُوَ، فَحَقَّقَ لَنَا فِدَاءً أَبَدِيًّا.

**إنجيل القديس متى 16:13-20.**

جَاءَ يَسُوعُ إِلَى نَوَاجِي قَيْصَرِيَّةِ فِيلِئُسَ فَسَأَلَ تَلَامِيذَهُ قَائِلًا: «مَنْ يَقُولُ النَّاسُ إِنِّي أَنَا ابْنُ الْإِنْسَانِ؟»

فَقَالُوا: «بَعْضُهُمْ يَقُولُونَ: يُوحَنَّا الْمَعْمَدَانُ؛ وَآخَرُونَ: إِيلِيَّا؛

وغيرهم: إِرْمِيَا أَوْ أَحَدُ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ.»

قَالَ لَهُمْ: «وَأَنْتُمْ مَنْ تَقُولُونَ إِنِّي أَنَا؟»

فَأَجَابَ سِمْعَانُ بُطْرُسُ وَقَالَ: أَنْتَ هُوَ الْمَسِيحُ ابْنُ اللَّهِ الْحَيِّ.!» فَأَجَابَ يَسُوعُ وَقَالَ لَهُ: «طُوبَى لَكَ يَا سِمْعَانُ ابْنَ يُونَا! لِأَنَّهُ لَا لَحْمَ وَلَا دَمَ أَظْهَرَ لَكَ ذَلِكَ، بَلْ أَبِي الَّذِي فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ.

وَأَنَا أَيْضًا أَقُولُ لَكَ: أَنْتَ هُوَ بُطْرُسُ، أَيْ الصَّخْرَةُ، وَعَلَى هَذِهِ الصَّخْرَةِ سَأَبْنِي بَيْعَتِي، وَأَبْوَابُ الْجَحِيمِ لَنْ تَقْوَى عَلَيْهَا.

سَأُعْطِيكَ مَفَاتِيحَ مَلَكُوتِ السَّمَاوَاتِ، فَكُلُّ مَا تَرْتَبِطُهُ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ يَكُونُ مَرْبُوطًا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ، وَمَا تَحُلُّهُ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ يَكُونُ مَحْلُولًا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ.»

حِينَئِذٍ أَوْصَى تَلَامِيذَهُ أَنْ يَقُولُوا لِأَحَدٍ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْمَسِيحُ