

# 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.



## *Announcement to the Virgin Mary November 25th, 2018*

Sun. November 25	Announcement to the Virgin Mary 9:00 am Intentions of the Parishioners 11:30 am 40 Days Divine Liturgy for Nouhad Eid	Req. by the Family
Mon. November 26	NO LITURGY	
Tues. November 27	10 am Divine Liturgy for Norma Halpin St. James Intercisus	Req. by William Halpin
Wed. November 28	10 am Divine Liturgy	
Thurs. November 29	10 am Divine Liturgy	
Fri. November 30	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Andrew & St. Beshai,	
Sat. December 1	10 am Divine Liturgy	
Sun. December 2	Visitation of the Virgin to Elizabeth 9:00 am Intentions of the Parishioners 11:30 am James Dunne Gordon	Req. by Lydia Gordon



### Presents

10-days/8-nights

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### ***Sunday Readings***

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

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
December 2, 2018	Visitation of the Virgin to Elizabeth Reading: Ephesians 1:1-14 Gospel: Luke 1:39-45 Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill 11:30 am John Eladem- English 11:30 am Marise Frangie - Arabic
December 9, 2018	Birth of John, the Baptizer Reading: Galatians 4:21 - 5:1 Gospel: Luke 1:57-66 Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill 11:30 am Lydia Gordon - English 11:30 am Linda Fakhoury - Arabic
December 16, 2018	Revelation to Joseph Reading: Ephesians 3:1-13 Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25 Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill 11:30 am Melissa Safi - English 11:30 am Leila Vogl - Arabic

## Dear Beloved Parishioners

The second Sunday of the Season of The Glorious Birth of Jesus Christ commemorates the announcement to Mary that she is to be the Mother of God. The feast actually recalls two aspects of the same salvific mystery: the incarnation of the Divine Word and the motherhood of Mary. For this reason, the feast was given different names according to the aspect which was being emphasized. With time, the incarnation of the Son of God was stressed on the feast of the Birth of our Lord and this announcement to our Lady became a Marian feast. In addition to the second Sunday of this Season, the Maronite Church celebrates the Annunciation on March 25th. The feast of the Annunciation appeared in the West, in Italy, during the fifth century, and was eventually adopted by the Maronite Church. The great announcement to Mary, the fulfillment of the promises of the prophets, took place in her humble home in Nazareth. Again it was Gabriel, the messenger of the end of time (Daniel 9: 20-27), who brought the wonderful message to her.

In many ways, the announcement to Mary can be compared to the announcement to Zechariah. In the Syriac tradition, both apparitions took place during the day, and both Zechariah and Mary were found at prayer. Mary is speaking with her Lord in her own home. It was necessary for Zechariah to go to the Temple and encounter the Lord in the Holy of Holies. When the angel appeared to Zechariah, he was described as "standing" which is a posture of readiness and movement.

During the announcement to Mary who exhibited a receptive attitude, the angel greeted her with signs of respect, gave her the good news and departed. The angel himself praised her, "You have found favor with God." In the name of all humanity, Mary consented to be the instrument through which salvation was to be brought into the world. One recalls Eve, who consented to bring darkness and sin into the world. With Mary, the New Eve, salvation history is at a turning point. She is to be "the Mother of the Light."

*Abouna Dominique*

## 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 Chrouch or Yolla Howayek if you would like to help in baking goods or donating toward the Bake Sale.

## Feast of the Immaculate Conception

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated on Friday December 7th at 7:30pm. Light refreshments follow the Divine Liturgy sponsored by the Confraternity.

## Salaam Club of NY 73rd Annual Gala

The Salaam Club of NY 73rd Annual Gala will be held on December 8th 2018 7:00pm at El Caribe Country Club. For more details visit [sa-laamclubny.org](http://sa-laamclubny.org) or contact Pierre Hindy 917-445-5008 Hani Barghash 908-523-1000 Ron Nassar 516-695-6688

## Christmas Novena December 15th to 23rd

Starting on Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> until Monday, December 23rd, the parish will pray the Christmas Novena every evening at 7:30 pm except Sundays. The tradition of praying nine days before Christmas is a great way to be prepared to welcome God among us.

## Family Christmas Party December 16

The Cathedral invites all parishioners to a luncheon to celebrate Christmas on December 16 in the Church Hall. Families are welcome especially the kids for a fun afternoon with Santa and other surprises. During the Liturgy that day, the kids of the Sunday School will enact the Christmas Story.

## 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, no stuffed animal, no clothes) for newborn to 18 years old. A big box is placed in the front to the far right of the Altar for your convenience.

## Pro-life March in DC

All Maronites are invited to join us for the Sixth **Maronite Vigil For Life on Thursday January 17, 2019 at Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Church in Washington DC.** MYO & MYA will have the opportunity to go the Youth Rally on Friday January 18, 2019 before we all participate in the March For Life 2019 at the National Mall. [Click here for more info](#)

## Pilgrimage to Italy

Join us from May 01-10 2019 (10-days/ 8 nights) on a pilgrimage to Italy to visit Venice, Padua, Pisa, Florence, Assisi, Cascia, Rome and much more including Papal Audience. \$3,898 per person from New York. [For more information](#), please call Marleine Aflak 917-608-2996 or Tony Tanousis 718-987-3900.

## Choir Organist and New Members

The Choir of the Cathedral would like to welcome those who would like to praise the Lord in a more dedicated way. We are also looking for someone, who knows the Maronite music, to play the organ and hold rehearsal for the choir

## Featuring a CD from the collection in the Social Hall



### The Holy Spirit: Third Person of the Trinity

In this captivating presentation Fr. Shannon Collins discusses the essential character of the Holy Spirit and the role the forgotten Person of the Blessed Trinity has played. Fr. Collins explains the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit and how he works in the lives of believers.

## 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 take part of the contest.



# MARONITE VIGIL FOR LIFE &

# MARCH FOR LIFE 2019



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## Thursday January 17, 2019

The Office of Family and Sanctity of Life of the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn is pleased to host the Sixth Maronite Vigil For Life at:

Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Church • 7142 Alaska Avenue N.W. Washington D.C. 20012

All Maronite parishes are invited to join us for an evening of prayer, worship and fun. Please arrive around 5 pm. Our evening includes dinner, talk, Eucharistic Adoration, fellowship, movie and activities for the youth.

Bring your sleeping bags |

## Friday January 18, 2019

MYA and MYO can join thousands of people at the Youth Rally at the Capital One Arena. Maronite Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 8:30am at the parish followed by breakfast.

We will meet with MYA & MYO at the Starbucks at the corner of Indiana Ave. and 7th St. at 11:30 am to join the March For Life.

### Please RSVP

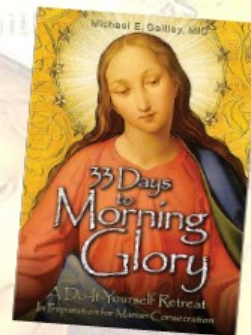
with number of people attending by no later than Monday January 14th  
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Father Dominique Hanna & OLOLC encourage all men & women to participate in **33 Days to Morning Glory** A Do-It Yourself Retreat Starting on Monday November 5<sup>th</sup> & Consecrating 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. 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.

- 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!!

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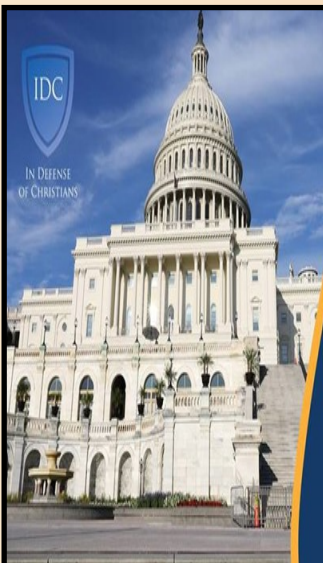
If you are interested in becoming a Priest, Religious Sister, or Deacon contact Vocations Director Father Dominique Hanna at (404) 525-2504 or [sjmcc@sjmcc.org](mailto:sjmcc@sjmcc.org)

## 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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15 November 2018

Prot No. 631/2/18

Reverend Dominique Hanna  
Our Lady of Lebanon Cathedral  
113 Remsen Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11201

Dear Father Hanna,

It has been six years since Eparchial Parish Assessments have been raised, and the time has come to reassess our parishes.

In determining the new assessment, each Parish/Mission's Net Profit or Loss as recorded on its 2017 Profit and Loss Statement as well as the Cash and Cash Equivalents as reported on its 2017 Balance Sheet, was considered. A formula was established to treat every Parish and Mission fairly considering many factors: the 2017 Eparchial Parish Assessment plus 2.5% of the Parish/Mission's Net Profit or Loss, plus .75% of Cash and Cash Equivalents up to a \$500,000 limitation.

In addition, the following factors were taken into consideration: 1) Missions need to be given special consideration, 2) Parishes with major projects which have been approved by the Bishop, or those that have large mortgages with relatively little savings in the bank, were given special consideration.

In light of the above, the 2019 Eparchial Assessment for Our Lady of Lebanon Cathedral will be **\$20,000.00**. As usual, this amount will be broken up into ten payments for which the Chancery will email you an invoice from February to November.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Chorbishop Michael G. Thomas, JCD  
Vicar General

MGT/rl

**Sunday of the Announcement to the Virgin Mary**

**Letter to the Galatians 3,15-22.**

I give an example from daily life: once a person's will has been ratified, no one adds to it or annuls it. Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring; it does not say, 'And to offsprings', as of many; but it says, 'And to your offspring', that is, to one person, who is Christ. My point is this: the law, which came four hundred and thirty years later, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to nullify the promise. For if the inheritance comes from the law, it no longer comes from the promise; but God granted it to Abraham through the promise. Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, until the offspring would come to whom the promise had been made; and it was ordained through angels by a mediator. Now a mediator involves more than one party; but God is one. Is the law then opposed to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could make alive, then righteousness would indeed come through the law. But the scripture has imprisoned all things under the power of sin, so that what was promised through faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

**The Gospel of Jesus Christ to Saint Luke 1: 26-38**

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.

The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus.

He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore, the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.'

Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

**أحد بشارة العذراء**

**رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل غلاطية 3:15-22**

يَا إِخْوَتِي، كَبَشِّرْ أَقُولُ: إِنَّ الْوَصِيَّةَ، وَإِنْ كَانَتْ مِنْ إِنْسَانٍ، إِذَا أَقِرَّتْ، لَا أَحَدٌ يُبْطِلُهَا أَوْ يَزِيدُ عَلَيْهَا. فَالْوَعْدُ قِيلَتْ لِإِبْرَاهِيمَ وَلِنَسْلِهِ. وَمَا قِيلَتْ: «وَلَأَنْسَالِهِ»، كَأَنَّهُ لِكَثِيرِينَ، بَلْ «وَلِنَسْلِكَ»، كَأَنَّهُ لَوَاحِدٍ، وَهُوَ الْمَسِيحُ! فَأَقُولُ هَذَا: إِنَّ وَصِيَّةَ سَبَقَ اللَّهُ فَأَقَرَّهَا، لَا تُلْغِيهَا شَرِيعَةٌ جَاءَتْ بَعْدَ أَرْبَعِ مِئَةٍ وَثَلَاثِينَ سَنَةً، فَتُبْطَلُ الْوَعْدُ. وَإِذَا كَانَ الْمِيرَاثُ مِنَ الشَّرِيعَةِ، فَهُوَ لَمْ يَعْذُ مِنَ الْوَعْدِ؛ وَالْحَالُ أَنَّ اللَّهَ بَوَّعَ أَنْعَمَ بِالْمِيرَاثِ عَلَى إِبْرَاهِيمَ. إِذَا فَلَمَّاذَا الشَّرِيعَةُ؟ إِنَّهَا أَضِيفَتْ بِسَبَبِ الْمَعَاصِي، حَتَّى مَجِيءِ النَّسْلِ الَّذِي جُعِلَ الْوَعْدُ لَهُ. وَقَدْ أَعْلَنَاهَا مَلَائِكَةً عَلَى يَدِ وَسَيْطٍ، هُوَ مُوسَى.

غَيْرَ أَنَّ الْوَاحِدَ لَا وَسَيْطَ لَهُ، وَاللَّهُ وَاحِدٌ! إِذَا فَهَلْ تَكُونُ الشَّرِيعَةُ ضِدَّ وَوَعْدِ اللَّهِ؟ حَاشَا! فَلَوْ أُعْطِيتْ شَرِيعَةٌ قَادِرَةٌ أَنْ تُنْجِي، لَكَانَ التَّبَرُّيرُ حَقًّا بِالشَّرِيعَةِ. وَلَكِنَّ الْكِتَابَ حَبَسَ الْكُلَّ تَحْتَ الْخَطِيئَةِ، لِكَيْمَّا بِالْإِيمَانِ بِيَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ يُعْطَى الْوَعْدُ لِلَّذِينَ يُؤْمِنُونَ.

**إنجيل القديس لوقا 1:26-38**

وَفِي الشَّهْرِ السَّادِسِ (بَعْدَ بَشَارَةِ زَكَرِيَّا)، أُرْسِلَ الْمَلَاكُ جَبْرَائِيلُ مِنْ عِنْدِ اللَّهِ إِلَى مَدِينَةٍ فِي الْجَلِيلِ أَسْمُهَا النَّاصِرَةُ، إِلَى عَذْرَاءَ مَخْطُوبَةٍ لِرَجُلٍ مِنْ بَيْتِ دَاوُدَ أَسْمُهُ يُوسُفُ، وَأَسْمُ الْعَذْرَاءِ مَرْيَمَ. وَلَمَّا دَخَلَ الْمَلَاكُ إِلَيْهَا قَالَ: «السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ، يَا مَمْلُوءَةٌ نِعْمَةً، أَلَرَّبُّ مَعَكَ.»! فَأَضْطَرَبَتْ مَرْيَمُ لِكَلَامِهِ، وَأَخَذَتْ تُفَكِّرُ مَا عَسَى أَنْ يَكُونَ هَذَا السَّلَامُ! فَقَالَ لَهَا الْمَلَاكُ: «لَا تَخَافِي، يَا مَرْيَمَ، لِأَنَّكَ وَجَدْتَ نِعْمَةً عِنْدَ اللَّهِ.

وَهَا أَنْتِ تَحْمَلِينَ، وَتَلِدِينَ ابْنًا، وَتُسَمِّيَنَّهُ يَسُوعَ. وَهُوَ يَكُونُ عَظِيمًا، وَأَبْنُ الْعَلِيِّ يُدْعَى، وَيُعْطِيهِ الرَّبُّ الْإِلَهَ عَرْشَ دَاوُدَ أَبِيهِ، فَيَمْلِكُ عَلَى بَيْتِ يَعْقُوبَ إِلَى الْأَبَدِ، وَلَا يَكُونُ لِمُلْكِهِ نَهَايَةٌ.»!

فَقَالَتْ مَرْيَمُ لِلْمَلَاكُ: «كَيْفَ يَكُونُ هَذَا، وَأَنَا لَا أَعْرِفُ رَجُلًا؟»

فَأَجَابَ الْمَلَاكُ وَقَالَ لَهَا: «الرُّوحُ الْقُدُسُ يَحِلُّ عَلَيْكَ، وَقُدْرَةُ الْعَلِيِّ تَظَلِّلُكَ، وَلِذَلِكَ فَالْقُدُّوسُ الْمَوْلُودُ مِنْكَ يُدْعَى ابْنُ اللَّهِ! وَهَا إِنَّ الْيَصَابَاتِ نَسِيبَتِكَ، قَدْ حَمَلْتَ هِيَ أَيْضًا بَابْنٍ فِي شَيْخُوخَتِهَا. وَهَذَا هُوَ الشَّهْرُ السَّادِسُ لِتِلْكَ الَّتِي تُدْعَى عَاقِرًا، لِأَنَّهُ لَيْسَ عَلَى اللَّهِ أَمْرٌ مُسْتَحِيلٌ.»!

فَقَالَتْ مَرْيَمَ: «هَآ أَنَا أَمَةٌ الرَّبِّ، فَلْيَكُنْ لِي بِحَسَبِ قَوْلِكَ.» وَأَنْصَرَفَ مِنْ عِنْدِهَا الْمَلَاكُ.