

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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Subdeacon Norbert Vogl

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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.



Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth Sunday

December 2nd, 2018

Sun. December 2	Visitation of the Virgin to Elizabeth	
	9:00 am	Nazzal Marjieh
	11:30 am	James Dunne Gordon
		Req. by Renee Marjih
		Req. by Lydia Gordon
Mon. December 3	NO LITURGY	
	St. Francis Xavier	
Tues. December 4	10 am Divine Liturgy for Norma Halpin	Req. by William Halpin
	St. Barbara	
Wed. December 5	10 am Divine Liturgy for Assad Frangieh	Req. by. Deacon & Mrs. Peter Frangieh
	St. Saba the Hermit	
Thurs. December 6	10 am Divine Liturgy for Healing & Consolation of Elham, Nancy, Natalie & Alexa Frangieh	Req. by Deacon & Mrs. Peter Frangieh
	St. Nicholas (Zakhia)	
Fri. December 7	10 am Divine Liturgy for the Poor Souls	Req. by Daisy & Elena Diamontopolus
	St. Ambrose, Doctor of the Church	
Sat. December 8	10 am Divine Liturgy for The Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)	
	For Justin & Liz Leon & Family	Req. by The Leon Family
Sun. December 9	Birth of John the Baptist	
	9:00 am	James Benjamin
	11:30 am	In Honor of Dame Claire Habib
		Req. by Daisy & Elena Diamontopolus
		Req. by Paul Moshy

Financial Standings for November 2018

Ordinary Income

Sundays & Holy Days Collections: **\$7,953.00**
 Cathedral Stipends from Marriages, Baptisms & Funerals, Lower Hall Rent, Candles, Breakfast, Bake Sale, Dues, Religious Education ...: **\$5,781.00**
Total Ordinary Income: \$13,734.00

Ordinary Expense

Payroll, Gas, Electricity, Building and Medical Insurances, Lease Equipments, TV, Phone, Internet, Church, Hall & Office Supplies, Postage, Regular Maintenance...
Total Ordinary Expense: \$19,669.07
Total Ordinary Income vs Expense: -\$5,935.03

Extraordinary Income: \$20,833.33

(Library Rent, Donations for specific projects, Capital Campaign ...)

Extraordinary Expense: 34,760.00

(Major Church Repair such as electricity, roof replacement, Boiler, Installation of HV/AC ...)

Total Extraordinary Income vs Expense: -\$13,926.67

All Thanks for your contribution and donation in helping maintaining the Church and planning different activities

Sunday Readings

Lectors and Ushers (age 16 and up) are needed.
Please [email](mailto:info@stjohns.org) the church to become one.

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 Baptist
	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
December 23, 2018	Genealogy Sunday
	Reading: Romans 1:1-12
	Gospel: Matthew 1:1-17
	Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill
	11:30 am Roger Shammas - English
	11:30 am Edward Antonios - Arabic

Dear Beloved Parishioners

Is it too good to be true?

Last week on Thanksgiving when people came together and shared a meal with family and friends, they overcame the differences and tensions that might have separated them for years as if a new clean slate had been uncovered. The next few days, we reflected on that Thursday that just passed and we asked ourselves, "Is it too good to be true? I could not have imagined that I would have talked to those people ever again, but feeling the spirit of Thanksgiving, I managed to greet them." No, it is not too good to be true, but the real truth.

The next day Black Friday came with its the outrageous deals online, on TV and on the radio. Sales that we had been waiting for for a full year or that we were probably not expecting at all were finally here. Surprised, we said, "This is too good to be true." But it was not, and we took advantage of the situation, shopped and saved some money. We might have also been led to buy more than was needed.

It happened this year in the Maronite Church that we celebrated the Sunday of the Announcement to Mary the week of Thanksgiving and two days after Black Friday. This is when Angel Gabriel appeared to the Virgin Mary and told her that she would be the mother of the Most High, the Son of God. "Mary was perplexed," said Luke 1: 29. And today, Mary would probably have said, "It is too good to be true." We, as well, like Mary, after twenty centuries still pinch ourselves in disbelief trying to fathom how God became man. Or is it true that God became man? And why? Yes, it might look like it is too good to be true, but in the eyes of God sending his only Son was an act of pure love. It is beyond measure how much we are worth to God. St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 8:31-32 said it beautifully, "He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else?" No, it is not too good to be true, but 100% TRUE and REAL.

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 Chrouh 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 salaamclubny.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 15th 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 Tanounsis 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 a New Year's Party. [Please click](#) here for 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



Everyone is unique
from day one.

For more information
<http://www.cedaroflebanonfcc.com/prolife.html>



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

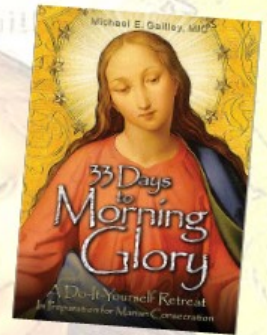
with number of people attending by no later than Monday January 14th
Contact Simona Hallal • jhallal@verizon.net • 540-798-8450



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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 5th & Consecrating ourselves to Jesus through Mary on Friday December 7th 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!!

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- Johnette Benkovic, Founder and President of Women of Grace



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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

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Reverend Dominique Hanna
Our Lady of Lebanon Cathedral
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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 Visitation to Elizabeth

Letter to the Ephesians 1,1-14.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To the saints who are in Ephesus and are faithful in Christ Jesus: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love.

He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory.

In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ to Saint Luke 1:39-45.

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me?

For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy.

And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

أحد زيارة العذراء

رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل أفسس 1:1-14

يا إخواني، من بولس، رسول المسيح يسوع بمشيئة الله، إلى القديسين الذين هم في أفسس والأمناء في المسيح يسوع:

النعمة لكم والسلام من الله أبينا والرب يسوع المسيح! تبارك الله أبو ربنا يسوع المسيح، الذي باركنا بكل بركة روحية في السموات في المسيح؛ فإنه أختارنا فيه قبل إنشاء العالم، لنكون في حضرة قديسين، لا عيب فينا؛ وقد سبق بمحبته فحددنا أن نكون له أبناء بالتبني بيسوع المسيح، بحسب رضى مشيئته، لمجد مجد نعمته التي أنعم بها علينا في الحبيب؛ وفيه لنا الفداء بدمه، أي مغفرة الزلات، بحسب غنى نعمته، التي أفاضها علينا في كل حكمه وفهم؛ وقد عرفنا سر مشيئته، بحسب رضاه الذي سبق فجعله في المسيح، ليحقق تدبير ملء الأزمنة، فيجمع في المسيح تحت رأس واحد كل شيء، ما في السموات وما على الأرض؛ وفيه أيضا أختارنا ميراثا له، وقد سبق فحددنا بحسب قصده، هو الذي يعمل كل شيء بقضاء مشيئته، لنكون مدحا لمجده، نحن الذين سبقنا فجعلنا في المسيح رجاءنا؛ وفيه أنتم أيضا، بعد أن سمعتم كلمة الحق، أي إنجيل خلاصكم، وأمنتم، خنتم بالروح القدس الموعود به، وهو عربون ميراثنا، لفداء شعبه الذي أفتناه، ولمجد مجده.

إنجيل القديس لوقا 1:39-45

في تلك الأيام (بعد البشارة بيسوع)، قامت مريم وذهبت مسرعة إلى الجبل، إلى مدينة في يهوذا.

ودخلت بيت زكريا، وسلمت على الصابات.

ولما سمعت الصابات سلام مريم، ارتكض الجنين في بطنها، وأمتلأت من الروح القدس.

فنهقت بأعلى صوتها وقالت: «مباركة أنت في النساء، ومباركة ثمرة بطنك!

ومن أين لي هذا، أن تأتي إلي أم ربّي؟

فها منذ وقع صوت سلامك في أذني، ارتكض الجنين ابتهاجا في بطني!

فطوبى للتي آمنت أنه سيتم ما قيل لها من قبل الرب.»!