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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.

The Birth of John The Baptist Sunday

December 9th, 2018

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
Mon. December 10	NO LITURGY	
Tues. December 11	10 am Divine Liturgy for Albert P. Simon	Req. by The Simon Family
Wed. December 12	10 am Divine Liturgy for the Villegas Family St. Spiridion the Wonderworker Our Lady of Guadalupe	Req. by. Maria Villegas
Thurs. December 13	10 am Divine Liturgy for Felipe & Lisa Leon & Family	Req. by the Leon Family
Fri. December 14	10 am Divine Liturgy for Akil Simon St. Nematallah El-Hardini	Req. by The Simon Family
Sat. December 15	10 am Divine Liturgy for William P. Simon	Req. by The Simon Family
Sun. December 16	Revelation to Joseph	
	9:00 am	Henry Hamid & Family
	11:30 am	The Wellbeing of the Children of the Cathedral
		Req. by Daisy & Elena Diamontopolus

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 &
 donation in helping maintaining the
 Church and planning different activities**

Sunday Readings

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

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 Lina 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
December 24, 2018	Vigil of the Glorious Birth
Reading:	Hebrews 1:1-12
Gospel:	Luke 2:1-20
Lectors:	12 Midnight Norbert Vogl - English
	12 Midnight Adonis El-Asmar - Arabic

Dear Beloved Parishioners

Continuing with the same line of thought of last week's bulletin, Cyber Monday and Giving Tuesday were two national events which made us ask again, is it too good to be true?

On Cyber Monday more deals than those of Black Friday bombarded our computer screens. Items that were discounted up to 50% of their original prices, so they say, were ready to be shipped for free to consumers. In this day and age, while sitting at home on the couch, shoppers without stepping outside their living room are able to acquire everything, literally everything to satisfy their appetites as consumers. Since 2003 when online shopping was becoming popular, people have been appalled at how easy and fast selling and buying have become. Is this too good to be true or is there more out there?

#GivingTuesday was created by the 92nd Street Y and the United Nations Foundation to set aside a day that was all about celebrating the generosity of giving and to kick off the giving season. Many charitable organizations and people in need, hopefully, benefitted from #GivingTuesday. But is this too good to be true or should we wait for something better?

The high point of last week was neither Cyber Monday nor Giving Tuesday, but the celebration of the Sunday of the Visitation of Elizabeth. When Mary heard that her relative, Elizabeth, was six months pregnant, she went to visit her. Elizabeth could not believe that the Mother of God would come to see her, and reacted by crying aloud, "And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" (Luke 1:43)

The practices behind Cyber Monday and #GivingTuesday were lived by Christianity, more or less, for a long time but the world must have forgotten or ignored them. Cyber Monday is but a little idea inspired by God sending his only Son to come down from heaven, take flesh and dwell among us in every home. And Jesus Christ's ultimate generous gift of himself taught humanity how to give, and because of that #GivingTuesday exists today. Therefore, there is more to this world than Black Friday, Cyber Monday and #GivingTuesday. There is the Incarnation of the Son of God from which all good things flow. Like Elizabeth, let us cry out, Blessed is he who comes in the name of God.

Abouna Dominique

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.

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. So far we have collected 40 gifts. Let us aim for 20 more for this Sunday.

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](#)

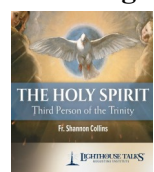
Pilgrimage to Italy

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 Tannousis 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.

Math Tutoring

Mrs. Ikram Eid would like to assist with Mathematics students (ages 3 to 12) and adults with GED. There is no cost to the tutoring, but a donation to the Church is appreciated. Please [Email Mrs. Eid](#) for more information

MARONITE VIGIL FOR LIFE &

MARCH FOR LIFE 2019



**Everyone is unique
from day one.**

For more information
<http://www.cedaroflebanonfccc.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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Reverend and Dear Monsignors and Fathers,

I am writing to inform you that our Maronite Patriarch, Bechara Peter Cardinal Rai, will soon be making a pastoral visit to South Florida. You are invited to take part in any or all of the events which are as follows:

Friday, February 1, 2019, Heart of Jesus Church, Fort Lauderdale

6:00 PM Divine Liturgy followed by a dinner at the Coral Ridge Yacht Club;

Saturday, February 2, 2019, Mary, Mother of the Light Church, Tequesta

5:00 PM Divine Liturgy followed by a reception in the parish hall;

Sunday, February 3, 2019, Our Lady of Lebanon Church, Miami

11:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by lunch in the parish hall.

Should you wish to attend any of these events, please, be so kind as to contact directly the parish priest responsible for the venue **by January 10**, either by phone or by email. For the concelebration of the Divine Liturgies, a complete set of white vestments will be needed. Formal clergy attire should be worn for the events following the Divine Liturgy (cassock and jibbee). Please be sure to let each of us know if you are planning to come, so that we can plan accordingly.

Father Elie and Father Aaron join me in welcoming you and we would be honored to have you join us for these celebratory occasions.

Wishing you a Blessed Christmas, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Chorbishop Michael G. Thomas, JCD
Vicar General

Sunday of the Birth of St John the Baptist

Letter to the Galatians 4:21-5:1

Tell me, you who desire to be subject to the law, will you not listen to the law? For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by a slave woman and the other by a free woman. One, the child of the slave, was born according to the flesh; the other, the child of the free woman, was born through the promise. Now this is an allegory: these women are two covenants. One woman, in fact, is Hagar, from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery. Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia and corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. But the other woman corresponds to the Jerusalem above; she is free, and she is our mother. For it is written, 'Rejoice, you childless one, you who bear no children, burst into song and shout, you who endure no birth pangs; for the children of the desolate woman are more numerous than the children of the one who is married.' Now you, my friends, are children of the promise, like Isaac. But just as at that time the child who was born according to the flesh persecuted the child who was born according to the Spirit, so it is now also. But what does the scripture say? 'Drive out the slave and her child; for the child of the slave will not share the inheritance with the child of the free woman.' So then, friends, we are children, not of the slave but of the free woman. For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

The Gospel according to Saint Luke 1,57-66.

Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. But his mother said, 'No; he is to be called John.' They said to her, 'None of your relatives has this name.' Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. He asked for a writing-tablet and wrote, 'His name is John.' And all of them were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. Fear came over all their neighbors, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. All who heard them pondered them and said, 'What then will this child become?' For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him.

أحد مولد يوحنا

رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل غلاطية 4:21-5:1

يا إخوتي، قُولُوا لي، أَنْتُمْ الَّذِينَ تُرِيدُونَ أَنْ تَكُونُوا فِي حُكْمِ الشَّرِيعَةِ، أَمَا تَسْمَعُونَ الشَّرِيعَةَ؟ فَإِنَّهُ مَكْتُوبٌ: كَانَ لِإِبْرَاهِيمَ ابْنَانِ، وَاحِدٌ مِنَ الْجَارِيَةِ، وَوَاحِدٌ مِنَ الْحُرَّةِ. أَمَّا الَّذِي مِنَ الْجَارِيَةِ فَقَدْ وُلِدَ بِحَسَبِ الْجَسَدِ، وَأَمَّا الَّذِي مِنَ الْحُرَّةِ فَبِقُوَّةِ الْوَعْدِ. وَفِي ذَلِكَ رَمَزٌ: فَسَارَةُ وَهَاجَرُ تَمَثَّلَانِ عَهْدَيْنِ، عَهْدًا مِنْ جَبَلِ سَيْنَاءَ يُلِدُ لِلْعُبُودِيَّةِ، وَهُوَ هَاجَرُ؛ لِأَنَّ هَاجَرَ هِيَ جَبَلُ سَيْنَاءَ الَّذِي فِي بِلَادِ الْعَرَبِ، وَتَوَافَقُ أورشليمُ الْحَالِيَّةُ، لِأَنَّهَا فِي الْعُبُودِيَّةِ هِيَ وَأَوْلَادُهَا. أَمَّا أورشليمُ الْعُلْيَا فَهِيَ حُرَّةٌ، وَهِيَ أُمُّنَا؛ لِأَنَّهُ مَكْتُوبٌ: «إِفْرَجِي، أَيُّهَا الْعَاقِرُ الَّتِي لَمْ تَلِدْ؛ ائْدْفِعِي بِالتَّرْنِيمِ وَاصْرُخِي، أَيُّهَا الَّتِي لَمْ تَتَمَخَّضْ؛ لِأَنَّ أَوْلَادَ الْمَهْجُورَةِ أَكْثَرُ مِنْ أَوْلَادِ الْمُنْرُوجَةِ». «أَمَّا أَنْتُمْ، أَيُّهَا الْإِخْوَةُ، فَإِنَّكُمْ أَوْلَادُ الْوَعْدِ مِثْلُ إِسْحَقَ. وَلَكِنْ، كَمَا كَانَ حِينِيذُ الْمَوْلُودِ بِحَسَبِ الْجَسَدِ يَضْطَهُدُ الْمَوْلُودَ بِحَسَبِ الرُّوحِ، فَكَذَلِكَ الْآنَ أَيْضًا. وَلَكِنْ مَاذَا يَقُولُ الْكِتَابُ؟ «أُطْرِدِ الْجَارِيَةَ وَأَبْنَاهَا، لِأَنَّ ابْنَ الْجَارِيَةِ لَا يَرِثُ مَعَ ابْنِ الْحُرَّةِ». «إِذَا، أَيُّهَا الْإِخْوَةُ، لَسْنَا أَوْلَادَ جَارِيَةٍ، بَلْ أَوْلَادُ الْحُرَّةِ. إِنَّ الْمَسِيحَ قَدْ حَرَّرَنَا لِنَبْقَى أَحْرَارًا. فَانْتَبِهُوا إِذَا وَلَا تَعُودُوا تَخْضَعُونَ لِنِيرِ الْعُبُودِيَّةِ.

إنجيل القديس لوقا 1:57-66

تَمَّ زَمَانُ الْإِصَابَاتِ لِعَلِدَ، فَوَلَدَتْ ابْنًا. وَسَمِعَ جِيرَانُهَا وَأَقَارِبُهَا أَنَّ الرَّبَّ قَدْ عَظَّمَ رَحْمَتَهُ لَهَا، فَفَرَحُوا مَعَهَا. وَفِي الْيَوْمِ الثَّامِنِ جَاءُوا لِيُخَنِّنُوا الصَّبِيَّ، وَسَمَوْهُ بِاسْمِ أَبِيهِ زَكَرِيَّا. فَاجَابَتْ أُمُّهُ وَقَالَتْ: «لَا! بَلْ يُسَمَّى يُوْحَنَّا!». فَقَالُوا لَهَا: «لَا أَحَدَ فِي قَرَابَتِكَ يُدْعَى بِهَذَا الْأَسْمِ». وَأَشَارُوا إِلَى أَبِيهِ مَاذَا يُرِيدُ أَنْ يُسَمِّيَهُ. فَطَلَبَ لَوْحًا وَكَتَبَ: «إِسْمُهُ يُوْحَنَّا!». فَتَعَجَّبُوا جَمِيعُهُمْ. وَانْفَتَحَ فَمُّ زَكَرِيَّا، وَأَنْطَلَقَ لِسَانُهُ، وَجَعَلَ يَتَكَلَّمُ وَيُبَارِكُ اللَّهَ، فَاسْتَوْلَى الْخَوْفُ عَلَى جَمِيعِ جِيرَانِهِمْ، وَتَحَدَّثَ النَّاسُ بِكُلِّ هَذِهِ الْأُمُورِ فِي كُلِّ جَبَلِ الْيَهُودِيَّةِ. وَكَانَ كُلُّ مَنْ سَمِعَ بِذَلِكَ يَحْفَظُهُ فِي قَلْبِهِ قَائِلًا: «مَا عَسَى هَذَا الطِّفْلُ أَنْ يَكُونَ؟». «وَكَاثَتْ يَدُ الرَّبِّ حَقًّا مَعَهُ.