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Most Reverend Gregory J. Mansour — Eparchial Bishop

Very Reverend Dominique Hanna — Rector

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Mrs. Madelyn Russo — Cathedral Secretary

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 Revelation to Joseph Sunday

December 16th, 2018

Sun. December 16	Revelation to Joseph Sunday	
	9:00 am	Henry Hamid & Family
	11:30 am	The Wellbeing of the Children of the Cathedral
		Req. by Daisy & Elena Diamontopolus
Mon. December 17		NO LITURGY
Tues. December 18	10 am Divine Liturgy for John A. Simon	Req. by The Simon Family
	Daniel the Prophet and His Three Young Companions	
Wed. December 19	10 am Divine Liturgy for Norma Halpin	Req. by. William Haplin
Thurs. December 20	10 am Divine Liturgy for Ralph Hansen	Req. by Doris Hansen
	St. Ignatius of Antioch	
Fri. December 21	10 am Divine Liturgy	
Sat. December 22	10 am Divine Liturgy for Norma Halpin	Req. by William Haplin
Sun. December 23	Genealogy Sunday	
	9:00 am	Assad Frangieh
	11:30 am	Intentions of the Parishioners
		Req. by Deacon & Mrs. Peter Frangieh

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**

Sunday Readings

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

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

December 25, 2018 The Glorious Birth of Our Lord

Reading: Hebrews 1:1-12

Gospel: Luke 2:1-20

Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill

11:30 am Melissa Safi - English

11:30 am Mary Eladem - Arabic

Dear Beloved Parishioners

As we are preparing to celebrate Christmas, the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ into the world, the 2018 Google annual Year in Search report published this week caught my attention. Toward the end of every year, Google puts out a report on the most topics that were searched in the past year on its engine.

The top ten topics that people googled in 2018 were dominated by tragedies: deaths of famous actors and entertainers whether by committing suicide, being murdered, overdosing, or drinking excessively. Among the ten topics most researched by the population of the world were the royal wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle and, of course, the World Cup. The rest were mostly death-related inquiries in which the populace was interested.

Famous people that we thought had their lives made by their wealth and power and were living happily in the eyes of the world ended up unfortunately being very miserable. What is even more intriguing is the people's interest in searching for the causes that made these famous ones engage in self-destructive activities. This made many ask why they would do something like take their own lives when they have everything

But do they have everything?

In my opinion what they are missing is the overwhelming feeling of being loved. Some of them might have been married or have experienced love, but have they ever been assured that they are loved and cared for by GOD?

In 2 Corinthians 12: 9-10, Paul wrote, "He [the Lord] said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.' So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong." There is no doubt that people go through rough times and might be on the verge of doing something irrevocable, but if they are in the Lord, their weakness becomes strength.

While the streets, stores, homes, and churches are getting decorated with bright lights and red and green ornaments for Christmas to put us in the mood, let us search for happiness in the right place and not forget who is the source of all these festivities.

Abouna Dominique

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.

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 Saint John Paul The Great



Remarkable stories about Pope Saint John Paul II's life from those who knew him, including bishops, students whom he taught, and Swiss Guards who interacted with him daily. Wealth of insights about this holy man who promoted devotion to Divine Mercy and Marian consecration, helped defeat communism in Europe, wrote the *Theology of the Body*, and embraced young people like no other.

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

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

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.



Christmas Flower Donations

Ms. Debbie Hamid	In Memory- Henry Hamid
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Mr. Samir Hosri	In Memory- All Beloved Family
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Mrs. Marian Ciaccia	In Memory- Ronald Ciaccia & Joseph & Helen Sahadi
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Ms. Claire Habib	In Memory- Habib, Trabulsi, Abood & Sabath Families
Mr. & Mrs. Fouad Rahme	In Memory- Fouad & Marie Rahme
Ms. Mary Ann Joulwan	In Memory-The Joulwan Family- Living & Deceased

MARONITE VIGIL FOR LIFE &

MARCH FOR LIFE 2019



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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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Sunday of the Revelation to St Joseph

Letter to the Ephesians 3: 1-13.

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him. I pray therefore that you may not lose heart over my sufferings for you; they are your glory.

The Gospel according to Saint Matthew 1:18-25

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.' When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

أحد البيان ليوسف

رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل أفسس 3: 1-13
يا إِخْوَتِي، أَنَا بُولُسُ، أُسِيرُ الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ مِنْ أَجْلِكُمْ، أَيُّهَا الْأُمَمَ.. إِنْ كُنْتُمْ قَدْ سَمِعْتُمْ بِتَدْبِيرِ نِعْمَةِ اللَّهِ الَّتِي وَهَبَتْ لِي مِنْ أَجْلِكُمْ، وَهُوَ أَنِّي بَوَّحِي أُطْلِعْتُ عَلَى السِّرِّ، كَمَا كَتَبْتُ إِلَيْكُمْ بِإِجَازٍ مِنْ قَبْلِ، حِينَئِذٍ يُمَكِّنُكُمْ، إِذَا قَرَأْتُمْ ذَلِكَ، أَنْ تَذَرِكُوا فَهْمِي لِسِرِّ الْمَسِيحِ، هَذَا السِّرِّ الَّذِي لَمْ يُعْرَفْ عِنْدَ بَنِي الْبَشَرِ فِي الْأَجْيَالِ الْغَابِرَةِ، كَمَا أُعْلِنُ الْآنَ بِالرُّوحِ لِرُسُلِهِ الْقَدِيسِينَ وَالْأَنْبِيَاءِ، وَهُوَ أَنَّ الْأُمَمَ هُمْ، فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ، شُرَكَاءُ لَنَا فِي الْمِيرَاثِ وَالْجَسَدِ وَالْوَعْدِ، بِوَاسِطَةِ الْإِنْجِيلِ، الَّذِي صِرْتُ خَادِمًا لَهُ، بِحَسَبِ هِبَةِ نِعْمَةِ اللَّهِ الَّتِي وَهَبَتْ لِي بِفِعْلِ قُدْرَتِهِ؛ لِي أَنَا، أَصْغَرَ الْقَدِيسِينَ جَمِيعًا، وَهَبَتْ هَذِهِ النِّعْمَةَ، وَهِيَ أَنْ أُبَشِّرَ الْأُمَمَ بِغَنَى الْمَسِيحِ الَّذِي لَا يُسْتَقْصَى، وَأَنْ أَوْضِحَ لِلْجَمِيعِ مَا هُوَ تَدْبِيرُ السِّرِّ الْمَكْنُونِ مُنْذُ الدُّهُورِ فِي اللَّهِ الَّذِي خَلَقَ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ، لِكَيْ تُعْرِفَ الْآنَ مِنْ خِلَالِ الْكَنِيسَةِ، أَدَى الرِّئَاسَاتِ وَالسَّلَاطِينِ فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ، حِكْمَةَ اللَّهِ الْمُتَنَوِّعَةَ، بِحَسَبِ قَصْدِهِ الْأَرْزَلِيِّ الَّذِي حَقَّقَهُ فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ رَبِّنَا، الَّذِي لَنَا فِيهِ، أَيُّ الْإِيمَانِ بِهِ، الْوُصُولُ بِجُرْأَةٍ وَثِقَةٍ إِلَى اللَّهِ. لِذَلِكَ أَسْأَلُكُمْ أَنْ لَا تَضْغَفَ عَزِيمَتُكُمْ بِسَبَبِ الضِّيقَاتِ الَّتِي أَعَانِيهَا مِنْ أَجْلِكُمْ: إِنَّهَا مَجْدٌ لَكُمْ.

إنجيل القديس متى 1: 18-25

أَمَّا مِيلَادُ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ فَكَانَ هَكَذَا: لَمَّا كَانَتْ أُمُّهُ مَرْيَمُ مَحْطُوبَةً لِيُوسُفَ، وَقَبْلَ أَنْ يَسْكُنَا مَعًا، وَجِدَتْ حَامِلًا مِنَ الرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ. وَلَمَّا كَانَ يُوسُفُ رَجُلًا بَارًّا، وَلَا يُرِيدُ أَنْ يُشَهِّرَ بِهَا، قَرَّرَ أَنْ يُطْلِقَهَا سِرًّا. وَمَا إِنْ فَكَّرَ فِي هَذَا حَتَّى تَرَاعَى لَهُ مَلَائِكَةُ الرَّبِّ فِي الْخُلُمِ قَائِلًا: «يَا يُوسُفُ بْنُ دَاوُدَ، لَا تَخَفْ أَنْ تَأْخُذَ مَرْيَمَ أَمْرَأَتَكَ، فَالْمَوْلُودُ فِيهَا إِنَّمَا هُوَ مِنَ الرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ. وَسَوْفَ تَلِدُ ابْنًا، فَسَمِّهِ يَسُوعَ، لِأَنَّهُ هُوَ الَّذِي يُخَلِّصُ شَعْبَهُ مِنْ خَطَايَاهُمْ.» وَوَحَدَتْ هَذَا كُلَّهُ لِيَتِمَّ مَا قَالَهُ الرَّبُّ بِالنَّبِيِّ: هَا إِنَّ الْعَذْرَاءَ تَحْمِلُ وَتَلِدُ ابْنًا، وَيُدْعَى اسْمُهُ عِمَّاثُوئِيلَ، أَيُّ اللَّهِ مَعَنَا. وَلَمَّا قَامَ يُوسُفُ مِنَ النَّوْمِ، فَعَلَ كَمَا أَمَرَهُ مَلَائِكَةُ الرَّبِّ وَأَخَذَ أَمْرَأَتَهُ. وَلَمْ يَعْرِفْهَا، فَوَلَدَتْ ابْنًا، وَسَمَّاهُ يَسُوعَ.