



# Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Cathedral

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Most Reverend Gregory J. Mansour — Eparchial Bishop

Very Reverend Dominique Hanna — Rector

Deacon Peter Frangie

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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 Finding of Our Lord in the Temple Sunday* *December 30th, 2018*

<b>Sun. December 30</b>	<b>The Finding of Our Lord in the Temple</b>	
	9:00 am	Healing & Consolation of Elham, Nancy, Natalie, Alex Frangieh Req. by Deacon & Mrs. Peter Frangieh
	11:30 am	Ibrahim Marji Req. by Renee Marjeh
<b>Mon. December 31</b>	<b>NO LITURGY</b>	
<b>Tues. January 1</b>	<b>11:30 am The Circumcision of Jesus (Holy Day of Obligation)</b>	
	Sts. Basil & Gregory, Doctors of the Church	
<b>Wed. January 2</b>	10 am Divine Liturgy for Assad Frangieh	Req. by. Deacon & Mrs. Peter Frangieh
<b>Thurs. January 3</b>	10 am Divine Liturgy Healing & Consolation of Elham, Nancy, Natalie, Alex Frangieh	Req. by Deacon & Mrs. Peter Frangieh
<b>Fri. January 4</b>	10 am Divine Liturgy for the Souls in Purgatory St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	Req. by Daisy & Elena Diamontopolus
<b>Sat. January 5</b>	10 am Divine Liturgy for Damon & Mariana Leon & Family St. Paul, the First Hermit, & St. John Neumann	Req. by The Leon Family
<b>Sun. January 6</b>	<b>Feast of the Glorious Epiphany</b>	
	9:00 am	Intentions of the Parishioners
	11:30 am	Intentions of the Parishioners

## **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 30, 2018	Revelation to Joseph
Reading:	Hebrews 7:11-19
Gospel:	Luke 2:41-52
Lectors:	9:00 am Raymond Gill
	11:30 am Lydia Gordon - English
	11:30 am Norma Haddad - Arabic
January 6, 2019	Feast of the Glorious Epiphany
Reading:	Romans 1:1-12
Gospel:	Matthew 1:1-17
Lectors:	9:00 am Raymond Gill
	11:30 am Vivian Akel - English
	11:30 am Paula Ashkar - Arabic
January 13, 2018	1st Sunday after Epiphany
Reading:	2 Corinthians 10:1-11
Gospel:	John 1:29-34
Lectors:	9:00 am Raymond Gill
	11:30 am Denise Abou Chrouch - English
	11:30 am Wadih Saikali - Arabic
January 20, 2019	2nd Sunday after Epiphany
Reading:	2 Corinthians 4:5-15
Gospel:	John 1:35-42
Lectors:	9:00 am Raymond Gill
	11:30 am Isabelle Hazar - English
	11:30 am Zahia Abi Habib - Arabic

## Dear Beloved Parishioners

I was reading Bishop Gregory's [article](#) in the last issue of the Maronite Voice where he was talking about the different charities that the Catholic Church is involved in and how Catholic organizations do not only help Catholics. Please make sure [to read it](#). He wrote, "We serve our brothers and sisters on the peripheries, not because they are Christians [or not Christians] but because WE ARE CHRISTIANS."

Today's world mostly moves by reacting following the old maxim - an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth - which Jesus turned upside down, shocking his listeners with his new teaching. In addition, now in society, we are slowly applying the old physics axiom of Newton: "To every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction."

Our reaction to what is happening around us depends in general on the events and the people affected by them. If they perceive the action as beneficial or likeable, they react positively, but if not, they relate to it negatively. Most of social media's growth is based on people's interactions and reactions to each other. We, for instance, usually respond to a post or a picture on Facebook or a statement on Twitter. In other words, our reactions, because they feed off those of other people, and are influenced by a purely secular society, become foreign or strange and do not reflect who we actually are or what we ought to be. We have become so consumed with responding to others and criticizing them that it seems we cannot separate ourselves from what we see them doing. Day in and day out, we have turned to a certain extent into "stalkers" hungry to know about other people's business. We have been losing our ability to simply act without being provoked. Our actions no longer depend on us, but more and more become pure reactions to what we have received from others.

Instead of being relational as God is and had intended for us that we might establish stronger friendships, we have become reactionary waiting for the other person to act, so we can react. Unfortunately, this is now what drives us in life.

The incarnation, the birth of Jesus the Savior in flesh and in time, a pure loving reaction to humanity's sinful action, reminds us during this Season that to every action no matter what it is on our part, there is a love reaction on God's part. Newton's formula could not be applied to God because what we do as humans does not and will not force God to act in a way that is contrary to his loving and compassionate nature.

*Abouna Dominique*

## Holy Hour of Adoration and Benediction

Every First Friday of the month following the 10 am Divine Liturgy until 12 Noon and on Sunday after the 11:30 am Divine Liturgy for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life, there will be an hour of Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Mark your calendar for January 4 & 6.

## Annual Priests' Retreat

Abouna Dominique will be out town from Monday, January 7 to Friday January 11. He will be participating in the annual priest retreat with all the priests of the Eparchy. Please keep all them in your prayers.

## 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.

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## 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.

## Bulletin Advertisement

Business owners who would like to advertise their businesses in the Church bulletin that reaches over 200 households via email, please call the Cathedral at 718-624-7228 for more information.





## Christmas Flower Donations

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Mr. & Mrs. Pierre Haddad	In Memory - Deceased Members of the family
Mr. & Mrs. Assad Eid	In Memory– Youssef & Tanios Eid.

# 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](mailto:jhallal@verizon.net) • 540-798-8450**



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### Sunday of the Finding of the Lord in the Temple The Letter to the Hebrews 7: 11-19

If perfection had been attainable through the Levitical priesthood for the people received the law under this priesthood what further need would there have been to speak of another priest arising according to the order of Melchizedek, rather than one according to the order of Aaron? For when there is a change in the priesthood, there is necessarily a change in the law as well. Now the one of whom these things are spoken belonged to another tribe, from which no one has ever served at the altar. For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, and in connection with that tribe Moses said nothing about priests. It is even more obvious when another priest arises, resembling Melchizedek, one who has become a priest, not through a legal requirement concerning physical descent, but through the power of an indestructible life. For it is attested of him, 'You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.' There is, on the one hand, the abrogation of an earlier commandment because it was weak and ineffectual (for the law made nothing perfect); there is, on the other hand, the introduction of a better hope, through which we approach God.

### The Gospel according to Saint Luke 2: 41-52

Every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

أحد وجود الرب يسوع في الهيكل

### الرسالة إلى العبرانيين 7: 11-19

يا إخوتي، لو كَانَ الْكَمَالُ قَدْ تَحَقَّقَ بِالْكَهَنُوتِ الْلاَوِيِّ، وَهُوَ أَسَاسُ الشَّرِيعَةِ الَّتِي أُعْطِيتَ لِلشَّعْبِ، فَأَيُّ حَاجَةٍ بَعْدُ إِلَى أَنْ يَقُومَ كَاهِنٌ آخَرُ عَلَى «رُتْبَةِ مَلِكِيصَادِق»؟ وَلَا يُقَالُ «عَلَى رُتْبَةِ هَارُونَ»؟ فَمَتَى تَعَيَّرَ الْكَهَنُوتُ، لَا بُدَّ مِنْ تَغْيِيرِ الشَّرِيعَةِ أَيْضًا. فَالَّذِي يُقَالُ هَذَا فِي شَأْنِهِ، أَيِ الْمَسِيحِ، جَاءَ مِنْ سِبْطِ آخَرَ، لَمْ يَلِازِمَ أَحَدٌ مِنْهُ خِدْمَةَ الْمَذْبَحِ، وَمِنْ الْوَاضِحِ أَنَّ رَبَّنَا أَشْرَقَ مِنْ يَهُودَا، مِنْ سِبْطٍ لَمْ يَصِفْهُ مُوسَى بِشَيْءٍ مِنَ الْكَهَنُوتِ. وَيَزِيدُ الْأَمْرَ وَضُوحًا أَنَّ الْكَاهِنَ الْآخَرَ الَّذِي يَقُومُ عَلَى مِثَالِ مَلِكِيصَادِقٍ، لَمْ يَقُمْ وَفْقَ شَرِيعَةٍ وَصِيَّةٍ بَشَرِيَّةٍ، بَلْ وَفْقَ قُوَّةِ حَيَاةٍ لَا تَزُولُ. وَيُشْهَدُ لَهُ: «أَنْتَ كَاهِنٌ إِلَى الْأَبَدِ، عَلَى رُتْبَةِ مَلِكِيصَادِقِ». «وَهَكَذَا يَتِمُّ إِبْطَالُ وَصِيَّةِ الْكَهَنُوتِ السَّابِقَةِ، بِسَبَبِ ضَعْفِهَا وَعَدَمِ نَفْعِهَا، لِأَنَّ الشَّرِيعَةَ لَمْ تُبْلَغْ شَيْئًا إِلَى الْكَمَالِ، وَيَتِمُّ أَيْضًا إِدْخَالُ رَجَاءٍ أَفْضَلٍ، بِهِ نَقْتَرِبُ مِنَ اللَّهِ.

### إنجيل القديس لوقا 2: 41-52

كَانَ أَبَوَا يَسُوعَ يَذْهَبَانِ كُلَّ سَنَةٍ فِي عِيدِ الْفِصْحِ إِلَى أُورُشَلِيمَ. وَلَمَّا بَلَغَ يَسُوعُ اثْنَتَيْ عَشْرَةَ سَنَةً، صَعِدُوا مَعًا كَمَا هِيَ الْعَادَةُ فِي الْعِيدِ. وَبَعْدَ انْقِضَاءِ أَيَّامِ الْعِيدِ، عَادَ الْأَبَوَانِ، وَبَقِيَ الصَّبِيُّ يَسُوعُ فِي أُورُشَلِيمَ، وَهُمَا لَا يَدْرِيَانِ. وَإِذْ كَانَا يَطْنَانِ أَنَّهُ فِي الْقَافِلَةِ، سَارَا مَسِيرَةَ يَوْمٍ، ثُمَّ أَخَذَا يَطْلُبَانِهِ بَيْنَ الْأَقْرَابِ وَالْمَعَارِفِ. وَلَمْ يَجِدَاهُ، فَعَادَا إِلَى أُورُشَلِيمَ يَبْحَثَانِ عَنْهُ. وَبَعْدَ ثَلَاثَةِ أَيَّامٍ، وَجَدَاهُ فِي الْهَيْكَلِ جَالِسًا بَيْنَ الْعُلَمَاءِ، يَسْمَعُهُمْ وَيَسْأَلُهُمْ. وَكَانَ جَمِيعُ الَّذِينَ يَسْمَعُونَهُ مُنْذَهَلِينَ بِذِكَايِهِ وَأَجْوَبَتِهِ. وَلَمَّا رَأَهُ أَبَوَاهُ بُهْتًا، وَقَالَتْ لَهُ أُمُّهُ: «يَا ابْنِي، لِمَاذَا فَعَلْتَ بِنَا هَكَذَا؟ فَهَا أَنَا وَأَبُوكَ كُنَّا نَبْحَثُ عَنْكَ مُتَوَجِّعِينَ». فَقَالَ لَهُمَا: «لِمَاذَا تَطْلُبَانِي؟ أَلَا تَعْلَمَانِ أَنَّهُ يَنْبَغِي أَنْ أَكُونَ فِي مَا هُوَ لِأَبِي؟». «أَمَّا هُمَا فَلَمْ يَفْهَمَا الْكَلَامَ الَّذِي كَلَّمَهُمَا بِهِ. ثُمَّ نَزَلَ مَعَهُمَا، وَعَادَ إِلَى النَّاصِرَةِ، وَكَانَ خَاضِعًا لَهُمَا. وَكَانَتْ أُمُّهُ تَحْفَظُ كُلَّ هَذِهِ الْأُمُورِ فِي قَلْبِهَا. وَكَانَ يَسُوعُ يَنْمُو فِي الْحِكْمَةِ وَالْقَامَةِ وَالتَّعَمَّةِ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ وَالنَّاسِ.