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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.

Feast of the Glorious Epiphany

January 6th, 2019

Sun. January 6	Feast of the Glorious Epiphany 9:00 am Intentions of the Parishioners 11:30 am Tofik and Berte Akel	Req. by Mrs. Viviane Akel
Mon. January 7	NO LITURGY Praises to John the Baptist	
Tues. January 8	NO LITURGY	
Wed. January 9	NO LITURGY	
Thurs. January 10	NO LITURGY	
Fri. January 11	NO LITURGY	
Sat. January 12	10 am Divine Liturgy for Dada Ashkar The Council of Trent (1545)	Req. by Mr. Roger Nehme
Sun. January 13	1st Sunday after Epiphany St. Jacob of Nisibis 9:00 am Intentions of the Parishioners 11:30 am Elie & Marie Nehme	Req. by Mr. Roger Nehme

Financial Standings for December 2018

Ordinary Income

Sundays & Holy Days Collections: **\$38,817.00**
Cathedral Stipends from Marriages, Baptisms & Funerals,
Lower Hall Rent, Candles, Breakfast, Bake Sale, Dues, Religious Education, flowers, Christmas Tree: **\$16,941.80**
Total Ordinary Income: \$55,488.80

Ordinary Expense

Payroll, Gas, Electricity, Building and Medical Insurances, Lease Equipments, TV, Phone, Internet, Church, Hall & Office Supplies, Postage, Regular Maintenance...
Total Ordinary Expense: \$20,231.47
Total Ordinary Income vs Expense: \$35,257.33

Extraordinary Income: \$20,833.33

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

Extraordinary Expense: \$0

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

Total Extraordinary Income vs Expense: \$20,833.33

**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](mailto:church@stjacob.org) the church to become one.***

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, 2019	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
January 27, 2019	3rd Sunday after Epiphany Reading: Galatians 3:23-29 Gospel: John 3:1-16 Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill 11:30 am John Eladem - English 11:30 am Leila Vogl - Arabic

Dear Beloved Parishioners

On January 6, we celebrated the feast of the Epiphany of our Lord Jesus Christ. In the Eastern Churches, this feast is known by two names: Epiphany and Theophany. The Greek word "Epiphany" means a manifestation or an apparition, and the word "Theophany" means an appearance of God. On this day we celebrate the appearance or manifestation of Christ among us as God's son. The feast of the Epiphany was first celebrated in the East around the third century and eventually was adopted by the Western Church. In the Eastern Churches, the celebration of the Epiphany originally centered on both the Birth of our Lord and his baptism. When later the Western feast of Christmas was introduced into the East, Christmas became the feast of the Birth of our Lord and the Epiphany that of his baptism.

The feast of the Epiphany is intimately connected with the mystery of our Lord's birth. The Child who was born for us and the Son who was given to us is manifested before us to be the Son of the Most High. Christ begins his public life with his baptism by John in the Jordan River. At his baptism, Christ is seen as the fulfillment of John's preaching: he is the Messiah and the lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. The Father and the Holy Spirit are witnesses to Christ for he is the beloved Son of the Father and upon him the Spirit rests. Thus, at the baptism of the Lord, we have not only an epiphany or manifestation of Christ as God's Son, but also a theophany or manifestation of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The feast of Epiphany reminds us not only of the baptism of Christ, but also of our own baptism. Saint Ephrem in his Hymn on Epiphany says: "Our blessed Lord came to be baptized with sinners and because of his glory the heavens were opened. The one who purifies all creatures, desiring to cleanse them, went into the waters and sanctified them for our baptism." It is for this reason that we bless water on this day. Originally, the mystery of baptism was celebrated on this feast and the waters blessed were those of baptism. Today, we celebrate the manifestation or epiphany of the Trinity at the baptism of Christ as well as the manifestation of the glory of God in the person of the Lord, the Word of God, among us. Let us then call to mind the grace of God who has appeared for the salvation of all, and thank him for the baptism through which we have been begotten in the Spirit and through which we have put on Christ and become children of the Father.

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.

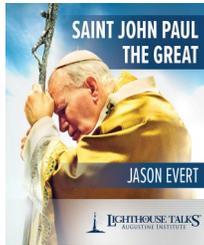
Pro-life March in DC

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.



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MARONITE VIGIL FOR LIFE &

MARCH FOR LIFE



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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
Contact Simona Hallal · jhallal@verizon.net · 540-798-8450



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The Feast of Epiphany

The Letter of Paul to Titus 2:11-3:7

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds. Declare these things; exhort and reprove with all authority. Let no one look down on you. Remind them to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show every courtesy to everyone. For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, despicable, hating one another. But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. Praise be to God always!

The Gospel according to Luke 3:15-22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people. But Herod the ruler, who had been rebuked by him because of Herodias, his brother's wife, and because of all the evil things that Herod had done, added to them all by shutting up John in prison. Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." This is the truth. Peace be with you.

عيد الدنح المجيد

رسالة القديس بولس إلى طيطس 2:11 - 3:7

يا إخواني، إنَّ نِعْمَةَ اللَّهِ قَدْ ظَهَرَتْ خَلَاصًا لِجَمِيعِ النَّاسِ، وَهِيَ تُؤَدِّبُنَا لِنَحْيَا فِي الدَّهْرِ الحَاضِرِ بِرَّانَةً وَبِرًّا وَتَقْوَى، تَأْيِذِينَ الكُفْرَ وَالشَّهَوَاتِ العَالَمِيَّةِ، مُنْتَظِرِينَ الرَّجَاءَ السَّعِيدِ، وَظُهُورَ مَجْدِ إِلَهِنَا وَمُخْلِصِنَا العَظِيمِ يَسُوعَ المَسِيحِ، الَّذِي بَدَلَ نَفْسِهِ عَنَّا، لِيُقَدِّسَنَا مِنْ كُلِّ إِثْمٍ، وَيُطَهِّرَنَا لِنَفْسِهِ شَعْبًا خَاصًّا، غَيْرًا عَلَى الأَعْمَالِ الصَّالِحَةِ. تَكَلِّمُ بِهَذِهِ الأُمُورِ وَعَظُّ بِهَا، وَوَبِّخْ بِكُلِّ سُلْطَانٍ. وَلَا يَسْتَهِنُ بِكَ أَحَدٌ. ذَكِّرْهُمْ أَنَّ يَخْضَعُوا لِلرَّئِاسَاتِ وَالسَّلَاطِينِ، وَيُطِيعُوهُمْ، وَيَكُونُوا مُسْتَعِدِّينَ لِكُلِّ عَمَلٍ صَالِحٍ، وَلَا يَجِدُّوا عَلَى أَحَدٍ، وَيَكُونُوا غَيْرَ مُمَاجِكِينَ، خُلَمَاءَ، مُظْهِرِينَ كُلَّ وَدَاعَةٍ لِجَمِيعِ النَّاسِ. فَنَحْنُ أَيْضًا كُنَّا مِنْ قَبْلِ أَغْيَاءَ، عَاقِينَ، ضَالِّينَ، مُسْتَعِدِّينَ لِشَهَوَاتٍ وَلذَاتِ سُنَى، سَالِكِينَ فِي السَّرِّ وَالحَسَدِ، مَمْقُوتِينَ، مُبْغِضِينَ بَعْضُنَا بَعْضًا. وَلَكِنْ لَمَّا تَجَلَّى لَطْفُ اللَّهِ مُخْلِصِنَا، وَمَحَبَّتُهُ لِلبَشَرِ، خَلَّصَنَا، لَا بِأَعْمَالٍ بَرٍّ عَمَلْنَاهَا، بَلْ وَفَّقَ رَحْمَتِهِ، بِغَسْلِ المِيلَادِ الثَّانِي، وَتَجْدِيدِ الرُّوحِ القُدُسِ، الَّذِي أَقَاضَهُ اللَّهُ عَلَيْنَا بِعِزَارَةِ، يَسُوعَ المَسِيحِ مُخْلِصِنَا. فَإِذَا تَبَرَّرْنَا بِنِعْمَتِهِ، نَصِيرُ وَارِثِينَ وَفَقَّا لِرَجَاءِ الحَيَاةِ الأَبَدِيَّةِ.

إنجيل القديس لوقا 3:15-22

فِيمَا كَانَ الشَّعْبُ يَنْتَظِرُ، وَالجَمِيعُ يَتَسَاءَلُونَ فِي قُلُوبِهِمْ عَنْ يُوْحَنَّا لَعَلَّهُ هُوَ المَسِيحِ، أَجَابَ يُوْحَنَّا قَائِلًا لَهُمْ أَجْمَعِينَ: «أَنَا أَعْمِدُكُمْ بِالمَاءِ، وَيَأْتِي مَنْ هُوَ أَقْوَى مِنِّي، مَنْ لَسْتُ أَهْلًا أَنْ أَحُلَّ رَبَاطَ جِذَائِهِ. هُوَ يُعْمِدُكُمْ بِالرُّوحِ القُدُسِ وَالنَّارِ. فِي يَدِهِ المِذْرَى يُنْقِي بِهَا بَيْدَرَهُ، فَيَجْمَعُ القَمْحَ فِي أَهْرَائِهِ، وَأَمَّا التَّنْبُ فَيُحْرِقُهُ بِنَارٍ لَا تُطْفَأُ.» وَبِأَقْوَالٍ أُخْرَى كَثِيرَةٍ كَانَ يُوْحَنَّا يَعْظُ الشَّعْبَ وَيُبَشِّرُهُمْ. لَكِنْ هِيرُودُسُ رَئِيسَ الرُّبْعِ، وَقَدْ كَانَ يُوْحَنَّا يُوْبِّخُهُ مِنْ أَجْلِ هِيرُودِيَّا أَمْرَأَةِ أَخِيهِ، وَمِنْ أَجْلِ كُلِّ الشَّرُورِ الَّتِي صَنَعَهَا، زَادَ عَلَى تِلْكَ الشَّرُورِ كُلِّهَا أَنَّهُ أَلْفَى يُوْحَنَّا فِي السِّجْنِ. وَلَمَّا اعْتَمَدَ الشَّعْبُ كُلَّهُ، وَاعْتَمَدَ يَسُوعُ أَيْضًا، وَكَانَ يُصَلِّي، انْفَتَحَتِ السَّمَاءُ، وَنَزَلَ عَلَيْهِ الرُّوحُ القُدُسُ فِي صُورَةِ جَسَدِيَّةٍ مِثْلِ حَمَامَةٍ، وَجَاءَ صَوْتٌ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ يَقُولُ: «أَنْتَ هُوَ ابْنِي الحَبِيبِ، بِكَ رَضِيْتُ.»