

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.



First Sunday after the Epiphany

January 13th, 2019

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
Mon. January 14	NO LITURGY	
Tues. January 15	10 am Divine Liturgy for Assad Frangie Our Lady of the Sowing & St. John Calybites	Req. by. Deacon & Mrs. Peter Frangie
Wed. January 16	10 am Divine Liturgy for Healing & Consolation of Elham, Nancy, Natalie, Alex Frangie In Honor of St. Peter in Chains	Req. by Deacon & Mrs. Peter Frangie
Thurs. January 17	10 am Divine Liturgy for the Wellbeing Moses & Lucas St. Anthony the Great	Req. by. The Leon Family
Fri. January 18	10 am Divine Liturgy for Rosemary Perun Establishment of the Chair of St. Peter in Rome & St. Athanasius of Alexandria	Req. by. The Leon Family
Sat. January 19	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Macarius the Egyptian	
Sun. January 20	2nd Sunday after Epiphany St. Euthymius the Great 9:00 am Tanios & Hanne Elnghawi 11:30 am Fr. Elias Eid Patrick, Helen, Michael O'Shea	Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Charbel Elnghawi Req. by the Eid Family Req. by the O'Shea Family

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, Leasing 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](#) the church to become one.

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
February 3, 2019	4th Sunday after Epiphany Reading: Romans 7: 1-6 Gospel: John 4:5-7, 9-26 Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill 11:30 am Lydia Gordon - English 11:30 am Edward Antonios - Arabic

Dear Beloved Parishioners

As I was waiting at La Guardia Airport to board the plane going to the Annual Clergy Retreat on Monday, the gate area did not have the usual poles indicating the zones where each passenger would stand in his designated spot before boarding the plane. In most of the Delta waiting areas, there usually are little poles with signs saying Premium Boarding Zone, Sky Priority Boarding Zone, Zone 1, Zone 2, Zone 3, Zone 4. For one reason or another, the waiting area where I was did not. When the time came to board the plane, people started crowding next to where they could scan their boarding passes so they would be allowed on the plane. It was a little chaotic, to say the least, and the person behind the desk repeatedly said, "Form one line, please. Form one line, so we may all get on the plane in a timely manner."

My zone was the last to be called. Of course I had checked in very late on Sunday. Nonetheless, this enabled me to observe the people cramming around the scanning area and the exchanges they were having with the person trying to organize them into one line to scan their tickets.

This scene made me think about how God deals with our requests when we bombard him with all sorts of demands. Does he say to us, "Form one line, please?"

I am reminded of Luke 17:11-19 which tells the story of Jesus healing the lepers. "As he was entering a village, ten lepers met him. They stood at a distance from him and raised their voices, saying, 'Jesus, Master! Have pity on us.'" When he saw them, he said, "Go show yourselves to the priests." As they were going they were cleansed. All ten were healed at once by Jesus whose power from afar reached the group and a miracle took place. The lepers were not asked to stand in line or form one line and come up to Jesus one by one asking him for a healing. They were not asked to scan their boarding passes so Jesus would get to know their identity or where they were coming from. All they needed to do was to pray, "Jesus, Master! Have pity on us," and their request was granted.

My friends, God would take us all at once and do anything to admit us into his Kingdom. There is no line to be formed and we can all crowd around him, even if it is chaotic, to tell him we want to be part of the Kingdom of Heaven, with the hope of hearing "Come, blessed of my Father inherit the Kingdom prepared for you before the foundation of the world."

Abigail Dominique

Take Action Now

Pro-life New Yorkers need to stand up in unison and make their voices heard on behalf of women and their unborn children today. Tell your state lawmakers that enough is enough. Here's a simple way to do this. Go to the New York State Catholic Conference website at www.nyscatholic.org. Click on "Stop Abortion Expansion." Enter your home address information, then select "Send Message." Your message will automatically be sent to your State Senator, State Assembly Representative and the Governor. For more info [click here](#).

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.

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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The First Sunday after the Epiphany

Second Letter to the Corinthians 10:1-11.

I myself, Paul, appeal to you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ I who am humble when face to face with you, but bold towards you when I am away! I ask that when I am present I need not show boldness by daring to oppose those who think we are acting according to human standards. Indeed, we live as human beings, but we do not wage war according to human standards; for the weapons of our warfare are not merely human, but they have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every proud obstacle raised up against the knowledge of God, and we take every thought captive to obey Christ. We are ready to punish every disobedience when your obedience is complete. Look at what is before your eyes. If you are confident that you belong to Christ, remind yourself of this, that just as you belong to Christ, so also do we. Now, even if I boast a little too much of our authority, which the Lord gave for building you up and not for tearing you down, I will not be ashamed of it. I do not want to seem as though I am trying to frighten you with my letters. For they say, 'His letters are weighty and strong, but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech contemptible.' Let such people understand that what we say by letter when absent, we will also do when present.

The Gospel according to Saint John 1:29-34

The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'

الأحد الأول بعد الدنح

رسالة القديس بولس الثانية إلى أهل كورنتس 10:1-11
يا إخوتي، أنا بولس نفسي أناشدكم بوداعة المسيح وحلمه، أنا المتواضع بينكم عندما أكون حاضراً، والجريء عليكم عندما أكون غائباً. وأرجو ألا أجبر عند حضوري أن أكون جريئاً، بالثقة التي لي بكم، والتي أتوي أن أجرو بها على الذين يحسبون أننا نسلك كإناس جسديين. أجل، إننا نحيا في الجسد، ولكننا لا نحارب كإناس جسديين؛ لأن أسلحة جهادنا ليست جسدية، بل هي قادرة بالله على هدم الحصون المنيعة؛ فأننا نهدم الأفكار الخاطئة، وكل شموخ يرتفع ضد معرفة الله، ونأسر كل فكر لطاعة المسيح.

ونحن مستعدون أن نعاقب كل عصيان، متى كملت طاعتكم. إنكم تحكمون على المظاهر! إن كان أحد واثقاً بنفسه أنه للمسيح، فلنفكر في نفسه أنه كما هو للمسيح كذلك نحن أيضاً. فأننا لا نخجل إن بالغت بعض المبالغة في الافتخار بالسُلطان الذي وهبه الرب لنا لبنيانكم لا لهدمكم. ولا أريد أن أظهر كأني أخوفكم برسائلي؛ لأن بعضاً منكم يقولون: «رسائله شديدة اللهجة وقوية، أما حضوره الشخصي فهزيل، وكلامه سخي.»!

فلنعلم مثل هذا القائل أننا كما نحن بالكلام في الرسائل، عندما نكون غائبين، كذلك نحن أيضاً بالفعل، عندما نكون حاضرين.

إنجيل القديس يوحنا 1:29-34

في الغد (بعد شهادة المعمدان) رأي يوحنا يسوع مقبلاً إليه فقال: «ها هو حمل الله الذي يرفع خطيئة العالم.»

هذا هو الذي قلت فيه: يأتي ورأيي رجل قد صار قدامي، لأنه كان قبلي.

وأنا ما كنت أعرفه، لكنني جئت أعمد بالماء لكي يظهر هو لإسرائيل.

وشهد يوحنا قائلاً: «رأيت الروح نازلاً كحمامة من السماء، ثم استقر عليه.»

وأنا ما كنت أعرفه، لكن الذي أرسلني أعمد بالماء هو قال لي: من ترى الروح ينزل ويستقر عليه، هو الذي يعمد بالروح القدس.

وأنا رأيت وشهدت أن هذا هو ابن الله.»