

Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Cathedral

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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.



Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 27th, 2019

Sun. January 27	3rd Sunday after Epiphany	
	9:00 am	Intentions of the Parishioners
	11:30 am	Nicolas Machalani
		Req. by the Family
Mon. January 28	NO LITURGY	
	St. Ephrem the Syriani, Doctor of the Church	
Tues. January 29	10 am Divine Liturgy	
Wed. January 30	10 am Divine Liturgy	
Thurs. January 31	10 am Divine Liturgy	
	St. John Bosco	
Fri. February 1	10 am Divine Liturgy	
Sat. February 2	10 am Divine Liturgy	
	Presentation of Christ in the Temple	
Sun. February 3	4rd Sunday after Epiphany	
	Saints Simeon the Venerable and Anna the Prophetess	
	9:00 am	Intentions of the Parishioners
	11:30 am	40 Day for Joseph Asfour
		Req. by the Family

Financial Standing Jan. thru Dec. 2018

Ordinary Income

Sundays & Holy Days Collections: **\$169,300.20**

Cathedral Stipends from Marriages, Baptisms & Funerals, Lower Hall Rent, Candles, Breakfast, Bake Sale, Dues, Religious Education, flowers, Christmas Tree: **\$191,453.11**

Total Ordinary Income: \$360,753.31

Ordinary Expense

Payroll, Gas, Electricity, Building and Medical Insurances, Leasing Equipments, TV, Phone, Internet, Church, Hall & Office Supplies, Postage, Regular Maintenance, Charity ...

Total Ordinary Expense: \$388,112.03

Total Ordinary Income vs Expense: -\$27,358.72

We also brought in some extraordinary income in the amount of: \$249,999.96, (which included Library Rent, Donations for specific projects, and the Capital Campaign)

We had some extraordinary expense in the amount of: \$63,899.67 (Major Church Repair such as electricity, roof replacement, Boiler, Installation of HV/AC ...)

Thus, we had to use much of extraordinary income for ordinary expense to make "ends meet." It is our hope that ALL extraordinary expense could be set aside for major improvements for the Cathedral. Thus, we need everyone's help

**Thank you for your contribution
in helping maintaining the Church and
for planning different activities**

Sunday Readings

Lectors and Ushers (age 16 and up) are needed.

Please [email](#) the church to become one.

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

February 10, 2019 Feast of St. Maron

Reading: 1 Timothy 4: 6-16

Gospel: Luke 12: 42-48

Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill

11:30 am Melissa Safi - English

11:30 am Adonis El-Asmar - Arabic

February 17, 2019 Sunday of the Righteous and Just

Reading: Hebrews 12: 18-24

Gospel: Matthew 25: 31-46

Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill

11:30 am Tiana Eladem - English

11:30 am Mary Eladem - Arabic

Dear Beloved Parishioners

During this Season of Epiphany where Christ manifests himself to us as the Son of God, who assumed our human and feeble race to teach us how to be sons and daughters of the Father, we live in accordance with the Father's voice that resonated over the waters of the Jordan River, saying, "This is my beloved Son, on whom my favor rests."

In our 2012 annual Clergy Retreat, the Benedictine retreat master started all his six talks – twice a day - saying, "You can get busy living or you can get busy dying. The choice is yours." We get busy living when we enjoy the presence of God, family and others in our lives. Busy living equals living together, enjoying each other's presence. When we get busy dying, we make the lives of those around us a pain. Busy dying equals living by ourselves, seeking our own interests and letting our ego run wild and out of control.

In last week's Gospel from John 1: 35-42, two disciples of John the Baptist heard him saying, "This is the Lamb of God" and chose life instead of death. Upon hearing the comment of John the Baptist, "They followed Jesus." It seemed like they were spying on him wanting to know more about him from afar. Jesus blew their cover and asked them, "What are you looking for?" This is an important question and the answer to that question determines whether we want to get busy living or busy dying.

If our answer seeks self-benefit, I tell you right away, we are busy dying. If our answer seeks the interests of others, we are busy living. Observe with me the answer of the disciples, "Where are you staying?" They answered the question with another question wanting to know where he lived. Instead of asking him big difficult questions about life, the afterlife, the end of the world, they wanted to stay with him, to be with him, to spend time with him.

Getting busy living means wanting to know more about the other person. Getting busy dying means keeping to myself and getting to know only myself and all I desire.

The passage continues, saying, "They came and saw where he was staying and remained with him that day." We, the readers, are not given much information about the place where Jesus was staying because it was not important for the writer to describe it. What we know is that the two disciples liked being where Jesus was and remained there for some time.

Getting busy living means enjoying each other's presence even with our differences and diversities. Getting busy dying means getting what I want for myself and leaving as quickly as possible whenever I am faced with difficulties, because I am afraid to be in the presence of someone who challenges me, especially God. Sometimes it feels that the gift of life that was given to us by God, the author of life, has become an instrument of death because of our ego. A person once said EGO is not a word, it is an acronym that is translated Easing God Out.

Today let us learn from those two disciples how to follow, how to ask and how to stay in the Lord, so we will get busy living instead of busy dying and destroying each other.

Abgana Dominique

Elected Officers of the Pastoral Council

The Pastoral Council made up of the presidents of the Church's organizations and the trustees (11 members in total) met on January 24th and elected Denise Abouchrouh as a president, Norma Haddad as A vice president and Marie Aflak as secretary. Congratulation to the elected members. May God bless them in their new duties.

Second Collection

There is a second collection on Sunday January 27 for the **United States Catholic Bishops' Worldwide Charities**. This collection combines the **four** USCCB collections: Central and Eastern Europe, the Church in Latin America, Catholic Relief Services, and Operation Rice Bowl [which is part of CRS]. The total is divided accordingly.

Altar Server Training

An altar server training session will be held on February 3rd, after the 11:30am Divine Liturgy. All those who have done their 1st Communion are welcome to take part in serving the Altar of the Lord.

St. Maron Feast Day Luncheon

The event on Sunday, February 10th, 2019, begins with the Divine Liturgy celebrated by His Excellency Bishop Gregory Mansour at 11:30 a.m. and is followed by a luncheon at Gargiulo's Restaurant located at 2911 West 15th Street, Brooklyn, New York 11224. For more information see Therese Abi-Habib and [click here](#).

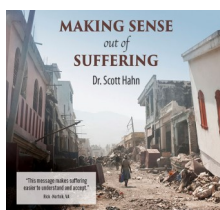
Marriage Enrichment Evening

Married couples are invited on Saturday, February 23, 2019 to a marriage enrichment evening at the Cathedral. Additional information will be provided soon.

Women's Retreat

The Ladies of the Cathedral are invited to join a regional retreat at St. John Paul II Parish in Sleepy Hollow on Saturday March 30. More info to come

Featuring a CD from the collection in the Social Hall: Making Sense of Suffering



Listen as scripture scholar and lay theologian, Dr. Scott Hahn, makes sense out of suffering by drawing from the wisdom and insight of God's Word. He helps us find the meaning of our suffering by showing us how to unite it to the suffering of Christ on the Cross.

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 lower hall 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.

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A THANK YOU NOTE FROM MSGR. JAMES ROOT

*My Dear Parishioners and Friends of
Our Lady of Lebanon,*

*Words cannot express my sincerest
gratitude to each of you for the love and
kindness you have shown me over the
many years as your Rector.*

*I know this card is very late in
coming; however, you are all still very
close to me in my thoughts and prayers.*

*I pray you each have a wonderful
New Year filled with health, happiness
and much love.*

Again, many thanks!

Msgr. James Root

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Letter to the Galatians 3:23-29

Before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore, the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith.

As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

The Gospel according to Saint John 3:1-16

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

الأحد الثالث بعد الدنح

رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل غلاطية 3:23-29
يا إخوتي، قَبْلَ أَنْ يَأْتِيَ الْإِيمَانُ، كُنَّا مُخْتَجَرِينَ مَحْبُوسِينَ تَحْتَ الشَّرِيعَةِ، إِلَى أَنْ يُعْلَنَ الْإِيمَانُ الْمُنْتَظَرُ. إِذَا فَالشَّرِيعَةُ كَانَتْ لَنَا مُؤَدِّبًا يَقُودُنَا إِلَى الْمَسِيحِ، لِكَيْ نُبَرَّرَ بِالْإِيمَانِ. فَلَمَّا أَتَى الْإِيمَانُ، لَمْ نَعُدْ تَحْتَ مُؤَدِّبٍ؛ لَأَنْتُمْ جَمِيعًا أَبْنَاءُ اللَّهِ بِالْإِيمَانِ، فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ. فَأَنْتُمْ جَمِيعَ الَّذِينَ اعْتَمَدْتُمْ فِي الْمَسِيحِ قَدْ لَبَسْتُمْ الْمَسِيحَ. فَلَا يَهُودِيٌّ بَعْدَ وَلَا يُونَانِيٌّ، لَا عَبْدٌ وَلَا حُرٌّ، لَا ذَكَرٌ وَلَا أُنْثَى، فَأَنْتُمْ جَمِيعًا وَاحِدٌ فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ. فَإِنْ كُنْتُمْ لِلْمَسِيحِ، فَأَنْتُمْ إِذَا نَسَلُ إِبْرَاهِيمَ، وَوَارِثُونَ بِحَسَبِ الْوَعْدِ.

إنجيل القديس يوحنا 3:1-16

كَانَ إِنْسَانٌ مِنَ الْفَرِيسِيِّينَ اسْمُهُ نِيقُودِيمُوسَ، رَئِيسٌ لِلْيَهُودِ. هَذَا جَاءَ لَيْلًا إِلَى يَسُوعَ وَقَالَ لَهُ: «رَبِّائِي، نَحْنُ نَعْلَمُ أَنَّكَ جِئْتَ مِنَ اللَّهِ مُعَلِّمًا، لِأَنَّهُ لَا أَحَدَ يَقْدِرُ أَنْ يَصْنَعَ الْآيَاتِ الَّتِي أَنْتَ تَصْنَعُهَا مَا لَمْ يَكُنِ اللَّهُ مَعَهُ.» أَجَابَ يَسُوعَ وَقَالَ لَهُ: «أَلْحَقَّ الْحَقَّ أَقُولُ لَكَ: لَا أَحَدَ يَقْدِرُ أَنْ يَرَى مَلَكُوتَ اللَّهِ مَا لَمْ يُولَدْ مِنْ جَدِيدٍ.» قَالَ لَهُ نِيقُودِيمُوسَ: «كَيْفَ يَقْدِرُ إِنْسَانٌ أَنْ يُولَدَ وَهُوَ كَبِيرٌ فِي السِّنِّ؟ هَلْ يَقْدِرُ أَنْ يَدْخُلَ ثَانِيَةً حَشَا أُمِّهِ، وَيُولَدَ؟» أَجَابَ يَسُوعَ: «أَلْحَقَّ الْحَقَّ أَقُولُ لَكَ، لَا أَحَدَ يَقْدِرُ أَنْ يَدْخُلَ مَلَكُوتَ اللَّهِ مَا لَمْ يُولَدْ مِنَ الْمَاءِ وَالرُّوحِ. مَوْلُودُ الْجَسَدِ جَسَدٌ، وَمَوْلُودُ الرُّوحِ رُوحٌ. لَا تَعْجَبْ إِنْ قُلْتُ لَكَ: عَلَيْكُمْ أَنْ تُولِدُوا مِنْ جَدِيدٍ. الرِّيحُ تَهْبُ حَيْثُ تَشَاءُ، وَأَنْتَ تَسْمَعُ صَوْتَهَا، لَكِنَّكَ لَا تَعْلَمُ مِنْ أَيْنَ تَأْتِي وَلَا إِلَى أَيْنَ تَمْضِي: هَكَذَا كُلُّ مَوْلُودٍ مِنَ الرُّوحِ.» أَجَابَ نِيقُودِيمُوسَ وَقَالَ لَهُ: «كَيْفَ يُمْكِنُ أَنْ يَصِيرَ هَذَا؟» أَجَابَ يَسُوعَ وَقَالَ لَهُ: «أَنْتَ مُعَلِّمُ إِسْرَائِيلَ وَتَجْهَلُ هَذَا؟ أَلْحَقَّ الْحَقَّ أَقُولُ لَكَ: نَحْنُ نَنْطِقُ بِمَا نَعْلَمُ، وَنَشْهَدُ بِمَا رَأَيْنَا، وَأَنْتُمْ لَا تَقْبَلُونَ شَهَادَتَنَا. كُلُّكُمْ فِي شُؤُونَ الْأَرْضِ وَلَا تُؤْمِنُونَ، فَكَيْفَ تُؤْمِنُونَ إِذَا كُلُّكُمْ فِي شُؤُونَ السَّمَاءِ؟ مَا مِنْ أَحَدٍ صَعِدَ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ، إِلَّا الَّذِي نَزَلَ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ، ابْنُ الْإِنْسَانِ. وَكَمَا رَفَعَ مُوسَى الْحَيَّةَ فِي الْبَرِّيَّةِ، كَذَلِكَ يَجِبُ أَنْ يُرْفَعَ ابْنُ الْإِنْسَانِ، لِكَيْ تَكُونَ لِكُلِّ مُؤْمِنٍ بِهِ حَيَاةٌ أَبَدِيَّةٌ. هَكَذَا أَحَبَّ اللَّهُ الْعَالَمَ، حَتَّى ابْنَهُ وَاحِدَ الْوَحِيدِ، لِكَيْ لَا يَهْلِكَ أَيُّ مُؤْمِنٍ بِهِ، بَلْ تَكُونَ لَهُ حَيَاةٌ أَبَدِيَّةٌ.