

Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Cathedral

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Most Reverend Gregory J. Mansour — Eparchial Bishop

Very Reverend Dominique Hanna — Rector

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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 St. Maron & Sunday of the Priests

February 10th, 2019

Sun. February 10	Feast of St. Maron & Sunday of the Priests	
	9:00 am Raymond Habib	Req. by Mrs. Salma Vahdat
	11:30 am Abouna Maroun Atieh	Req. by the Family
Mon. February 11	NO LITURGY	
	Our Lady of Lourdes	
Tues. February 12	10 am Divine Liturgy	
	St Meletius of Antioch	
Wed. February 13	10 am Divine Liturgy	
Thurs. February 14	10 am Divine Liturgy for the Peachtree Ridge Café Team	Req. by Mrs. Barbara Leon
	Sts Cyril & Methodius	
Fri. February 15	10 am Divine Liturgy	
Sat. February 16	10 am Divine Liturgy	
Sun. February 17	Sunday of the Faithful Departed	
	9:00 am Intentions of the Parishioners	
	11:30 am Intentions of the Parishioners	

Financial Standing January 2019

Ordinary Income

Sundays & Holy Days Collections: **\$17,592.00**

Cathedral Stipends from Marriages, Baptisms & Funerals, Lower Hall Rent, Candles, Breakfast, Bake Sale, Dues, Religious Education, flowers, Christmas Tree: **\$14,637.00**

Total Ordinary Income: \$32,229.00

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: \$20,831.98

Total Ordinary Income vs Expense: \$11,397.02

We also brought in some extraordinary income in the amount of: \$29,466.67 (which included Library Rent, Donations for specific projects, and the Capital Campaign)

We had some extraordinary expense in the amount of: \$35,000.00 (Major Church Repair such as electricity, roof replacement, Boiler, Installation of HV/AC ...)

Total Extraordinary Income vs Expense: -\$5,533.33

**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.

February 10, 2019 Feast of St. Maron /Sunday of the Priests

Reading: 2 Timothy 3: 10-17

Gospel: John 12: 23-30

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

February 24, 2019 Sunday of the Faithful Departed

Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill

11:30 am Roger Shammas - English

11:30 am Norma Haddad - Arabic

March 3, 2019 Sunday of Entrance into Lent

Reading: Romans 14: 14-23

Gospel: John 2: 1-11

Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill

11:30 am TBA - English

11:30 am TBA - Arabic

Dear Beloved Parishioners

The Prayer of the Faithful, the book of morning, evening, and night prayers of the Maronite Church, summarizes the life of Saint Maron, whose feast day is on February 9, as follows.

"All that is known about Maron, the spiritual father and protector of the Maronites, comes from Theodoret, the bishop of Cyr. Theodoret never knew Maron personally, but only through the disciples of this holy man. In his book (444), he described Maron as 'the one who has planted for God the garden which flourishes now in the region of Cyr.' A man not born for this world, but for heaven. In his description of the beginning of Maron's life, Theodoret asserts that Maron had already increased the number of saints in heaven.

"Maron was never satisfied with the ordinary practices of asceticism, but was always seeking for new ways to accumulate all the treasures of wisdom.

"Maron was the spiritual leader not only of the hermits who lived near him, but indeed of all of the Christian faithful in the area. He used to counsel them, heal their bodily and spiritual ills. Because of his great popularity among the people, riots broke out at the time of his death (407-423) for everyone wanted to save his remains in their village."

Some scholars argued that Maron and John Chrysostom studied together at Antioch before 398 and confirmed for sure that the latter had written a letter to the former praising him for his way of life.

"The Maronite Church formerly celebrated the feast of this great saint on January 5th. This is the day on which the Church of Kfar-hai in the area of Batroun, Lebanon, was consecrated. However, in the 17th century, the feast was transferred to February 9th. Lebanon has proclaimed Maron as its patron saint and Pope Benedict XIV granted a plenary indulgence to everyone who visited a Maronite Church on February 9th.

"After the Council of Chalcedon, Bishop Theodoret worked to build the famous Monastery of St. Maron. In addition to being a stronghold for the defense of the teachings of the Council of Chalcedon, this monastery was for a long time the center of the cultural and theological heritage of Antioch."

Abgana Dominique

Confraternity & Knights Meetings

The Knights and the Confraternity will be meeting on February 17 after the 11:30 am Divine Liturgy in the Library and Rectory respectively

MYA Trip

The MYA will have a trip to Dave & Buster's on Staten Island after the Divine liturgy on February 17.

Feminine Genius Brunch

Come join the Sisters of Life for a beautiful morning set aside to marvel at the mystery of God and His plan for each of us. Please RSVP by Monday, February 11. \$25 person. [Click here from more information](#)

Marriage Enrichment Evening

Married couples are invited on Saturday, February 23, 2019 to a marriage enrichment evening at the Cathedral starting with the Divine Liturgy at 6:30 pm followed by dinner, short talk & Music. \$50 per couple. For registration by email the Cathedral or [click her](#).

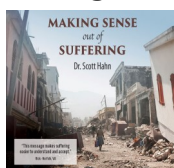
Women's Retreat

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

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 Abou-Chrouh as a president, Norma Haddad as A vice president and Marie Aflak as secretary. Congratulations to the elected members. May God bless them in their new duties.

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.

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.

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.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT EVENING

Come away with your spouse from your busy life to enjoy a candlelight dinner, music and a practical talk about the importance of your vocation of marriage and its significance for your eternal life.

COST: \$50/couple

BYOB

Schedule includes:

Renewal of Married Vows
Divine Liturgy
Dinner
Music
Talk

DATE: Saturday February 23, 2019

LOCATION: Our Lady of Lebanon Cathedral
113 Remsen Street Brooklyn, New York 11201

For registration, e-mail: cathrectory@verizon.net Include
your name, your spouse's name and years of marriage

You can register online at
<http://www.cedaroflebanonfcc.com/events.html>

Registration deadline
February 18, 2019

Ladies Day of Recollection



March 30, 2019

9:30am to 4:00pm

Donation \$25

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Dear Brother Priests, Deacons and Subdeacons, Religious Men and Women,

We are called to love our neighbor. But we may find ourselves asking, "Who is my neighbor?" This Lent, CRS Rice Bowl—Catholic Relief Services' Lenten faith-in-action program—will help us answer that question. We are invited to reflect on how an encounter with our neighbor can make a difference. **That's why again this year, I'm inviting your parish to use CRS Rice Bowl this Lent.**

CRS Rice Bowl provides resources to bring Lenten spirituality to life for families and parish communities, while continuing to connect Catholics in our Eparchy with our brothers and sisters in need around the world. This year's CRS Rice Bowl provides a unique opportunity to connect with Pope Francis and the Church through stories, videos and lesson plans, we can include refugees in our Lenten prayers and remember families who have been through so much as we fast from food and other activities.

I again would like all our parishes and missions to participate in this Lenten program. **Please provide each family in your community with the attached 2019 CRS Rice Bowl Maronite Lenten Calendar.** If you did not receive CRS Rice Bowls last Lent, please visit crsricebowl.org to order one for each family. Please include "St. Maron" after the name of your parish or mission when ordering, so we can better track our Eparchy's participation. Additional CRS Rice Bowl resources also are available on the webpage, including:

- Lenten devotions & prayers
- Lesson plans, videos & activity sheets for Catholic school teachers & religious educators
- Ideas for community gatherings & simple Lenten meal events
- A Lenten app that delivers prayers & resources directly to your mobile device

I have asked CRS to send a mid-Lent mailing to all participating communities in our Eparchy with a CRS-addressed envelope to send in your Lenten alms. Please contact our CRS Diocesan Director, Deacon Joseph Chebli, at (908) 578-3690 / josephchebli@gmail.com or our CRS Relationship Manager, Mary Beth Iduh, at (410) 951-7514 / MaryBeth.Iduh@crs.org with any questions about how to incorporate CRS Rice Bowl into the life of your parish this Lent.

Thank you for inviting families in your faith community to an enriched Lenten journey through CRS Rice Bowl. Together, we will do our part to responding to Christ's call to build a culture of love.

Yours in Christ,

+ *Gregory John Mansour*

+ Gregory John Mansour
Bishop of the Eparchy of St. Maron of Brooklyn
Chairman, CRS Board of Directors

Men's Discernment Retreat

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Save These Dates

Women's Discernment Retreat

Friday, April 26th - Sunday April 28th
Mother of the Light Convent
856 Tucker Rd, Dartmouth, MA 02747

Please join us as we explore how trust in God's mercy
is crucial for developing life-giving relationships,
and especially in living one's mission and purpose.

The Weekend Will Include:
Divine Liturgy, Confession, Eucharistic Adoration
Talks on Religious Life, Marriage & Vocational Discernment, and
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To obtain more information please contact:
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Feast of St. Maron

The Second Letter to Timothy 3:10-17

You have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, and my suffering the things that happened to me in Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra. What persecutions I endured! Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. Indeed, all who want to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. But wicked people and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving others and being deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

The Gospel according to Saint John 12:23-30

Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. 'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say "Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine.

عيد مار مارون

رسالة بولس الثانية إلى طيموثاوس 3:10-17

يا إِخْوَتِي، لَقَدْ تَبِعْتُ تَعْلِيمِي، وَسِيرَتِي، وَقَصْدِي، وَإِيمَانِي، وَأَنَاتِي، وَمَحَبَّتِي، وَثَبَاتِي، وَأَضْطِهَادَاتِي، وَالْأَمِي، كَالَّتِي أَصَابْتَنِي فِي أَنْطَاكِيَّةَ وَإِيقُونِيَّةَ وَلِسْتَرَةَ، وَأَيَّ أَضْطِهَادَاتٍ أَحْتَمَلْتُ! وَمِنْ جَمِيعِهَا نَجَّانِي الرَّبُّ! فَجَمِيعُ الَّذِينَ يُرِيدُونَ أَنْ يَحْيُوا بِالتَّقْوَى فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ يُضْطَهَدُونَ. أَمَّا النَّاسُ الْأَشْرَارُ وَالْمُشْعَوِذُونَ فَإِنَّهُمْ يَتَمَادُونَ فِي الشَّرِّ، مُضِلِّينَ الْآخَرِينَ وَهُمْ أَنْفُسُهُمْ مُضِلُّونَ. أَمَّا أَنْتَ فَأَثْبِتْ عَلَى مَا تَعَلَّمْتَهُ وَأَيَقَنْتَهُ، عَارِفًا مِمَّنْ تَعَلَّمْتَهُ، وَأَنَّكَ مُنْذُ الطُّفُولَةِ تَعْرِفُ الْكُتُبَ الْمُقَدَّسَةَ الْقَادِرَةَ أَنْ تُصَيِّرَكَ حَكِيمًا فِي سَبِيلِ الْخَلَاصِ بِالْإِيمَانِ فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ. فَالْكِتَابُ كُلُّهُ إِنَّمَا اللَّهُ أَلْهَمَهُ، وَهُوَ مُفِيدٌ لِلتَّعْلِيمِ، وَالنُّوْبِيخِ، وَالتَّقْوِيمِ، وَالتَّادِيْبِ فِي الْبِرِّ، لِيَكُونَ رَجُلٌ لِلَّهِ كَامِلًا، مُعَدًّا لِكُلِّ عَمَلٍ صَالِحٍ.

إنجيل القديس يوحنا 12:23-30

قَالَ الرَّبُّ يَسُوعَ: «لَقَدْ حَانَتْ السَّاعَةُ لِكِي يُمَجَّدَ ابْنُ الْإِنْسَانِ. الْحَقُّ الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ: إِنَّ حَبَّةَ الْجُنْطَةِ، إِنْ لَمْ تَقَعْ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَتَمُتْ، تَبْقَى وَاحِدَةً. وَإِنْ مَاتَتْ تَأْتِي بِثَمَرٍ كَثِيرٍ. مَنْ يُحِبُّ نَفْسَهُ يَفْقِدْهَا، وَمَنْ يُبْغِضْهَا فِي هَذَا الْعَالَمِ يَحْفَظْهَا لِحَيَاةٍ أَبَدِيَّةٍ. مَنْ يَخْدُمُنِي فَلْيَتَّبِعْنِي. وَحَيْثُ أَكُونُ أَنَا، فَهُنَاكَ يَكُونُ أَيْضًا خَادِمِي. مَنْ يَخْدُمُنِي يُكَرِّمُهُ الْآبُ. نَفْسِي الْآنَ مُضْطَرَبَّةٌ، فَمَاذَا أَقُولُ؟ يَا أَبَتِ، نَجِّنِي مِنْ هَذِهِ السَّاعَةِ؟ وَلَكِنْ مِنْ أَجْلِ هَذَا بَلَّغْتُ إِلَى هَذِهِ السَّاعَةِ! يَا أَبَتِ، مَجِّدِ اسْمَكَ». فَجَاءَ صَوْتُ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ يَقُولُ: «قَدْ مَجَّدْتُ، وَسَأُجَدُّ». وَسَمِعَ الْجَمْعُ الْحَاضِرُ فَقَالُوا: «إِنَّهُ رَعْدٌ». وَقَالَ آخَرُونَ: «إِنَّ مَلَكًَا خَاطَبَهُ». أَجَابَ يَسُوعُ وَقَالَ: «مَا كَانَ هَذَا الصَّوْتُ مِنْ أَجْلِي، بَلْ مِنْ أَجْلِكُمْ.