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Most Reverend Gregory J. Mansour — Eparchial Bishop

Very Reverend Dominique Hanna — Rector Deacon Peter Frangie Subdeacon Norbert Vogl Mrs. Madelyn Russo — Cathedral Secretary

**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.

Sunday of the Righteous & Just	
<i>February 17th, 2019</i>	
Sun. February 17Sunday of the Righteous and Just 9:00 am 11:30 amHenry Hamid Intentions of the Pa	rishioners
Mon. February 18 NO LITURGY Pope St. Leo the Great	
Tues. February 1910 am Divine Liturgy The 500 Martyrs of Tyre	
Wed. February 2010 am Divine Liturgy St. James, the Hermit of Cyrrhus	
Thurs. February 2110 am Divine Liturgy St. Eustathius, Patriarch of Antioch	
Fri.February 2210 am Divine Liturgy Establishment of the Chair of St. Peter in Antioch	
Sat. February 2310 am Divine Liturgy for N St. Polycarp of Smyrna.	Iaryann PerunReq. by Mrs. Barbara Leon
Sun. February 24Sunday of the Faithful Departed 9:00 am9:00 amRaymond Habib 11:30 am	Req. by Dame Claire Habib Req. by The Loutfi Family
Financial Standing January 2019	Sunday Readings
Ordinary Income Sundays & Holy Days Collections: \$17,592.00	Lectors and Ushers (age 16 and up) are needed. Please <u>email</u> the church to become one.
Cathedral Stipends from Marriages, Baptisms & Funerals, Lower Hall Rent, Candles, Breakfast, Bake Sale, Dues, Reli- gious Education, flowers, Christmas Tree: <b>\$14,637.00</b> <b>Total Ordinary Income: \$32,229.00</b>	February 17, 2019 Sunday of the Righteous and Just Reading: Hebrews 12: 18-24 Gospel: Matthew 25: 31-46
Ordinary Expense	Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill 11:30 am Tiana Eladem - English
Payroll, Gas, Electricity, Building and Medical Insuranc-	11:30 am Mary Eladem - Arabic
es, Leasing Equipments, TV, Phone, Internet, Church, Hall & Office Supplies, Postage, Regular Maintenance,	
Charity	February 24, 2019 Sunday of the Faithful Departed
Total Ordinary Expense: \$20,831.98	Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Gospel: Luke 16:19-31
Total Ordinary Income vs Expense: \$11,397.02	Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill
	11:30 am Roger Shammas - English
We also brought in some extraordinary income in the	
<b>amount of: \$29,466.67</b> (which included Library Rent, Donations for specific projects, and the Capital Cam-	
paign)	March 3, 2019 Sunday of Entrance into Lent Reading: Romans 14: 14-23
We had some extraordinary expense in the amount of	Gospel: John 2: 1-11
\$35,000.00 (Major Church Repair such as electricity, roo	
replacement, Boiler, Installation of HV/AC) Total Extraordinary Income vs Expense: -\$5,533.33	11:30 am TBA - Arabic
Thank you for your contribution in helping maintaining the Church and for planning different activities	March 10, 2019 Sunday of the Healing of the Leper Reading: Romans 6: 12-23 Gospel: Mark 1: 35-45 Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill 11:30 am TBA - English
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### **Dear Beloved Parishioners**

This is the little speech that I gave at the St. Maron Luncheon last Sunday.

Over 1600 years after St. Maron, those of us who live in the great City of New York coming to commemorate him on his feast day, can we learn anything from him who lived hundreds of years ago? And what can he teach us today? He was a man who excelled in his ascetical life, creating new ways to detach himself from earthly desire and anything that prevented him from being solely devoted to God.

St. Maron did not settle for less in his relationship with the Lord, and his creativity to connect with God was unprecedented. Fullness of life, for him, far exceeded the dimensions of his earthly existence and ordinary practices of asceticism did not satisfy his spiritual appetite, always seeking to accumulate God's treasures of wisdom. This brought him to aim for greatness rather than to accept what was average.

I feel that we have lost the search for greatness and are no longer pursuing creative ways to do most of what we do, especially in our relationship with God and the Church. We have become satisfied with our status quo and comfortable with how things stand.

My Friends, we are destined for greatness and God did create us for this, but we have settled for what is mediocre. I am reminded of a story that I read recently.

A mother camel and her baby were lying around under a tree.

The baby camel asked, "Why do camels have humps?" The mother camel considered this and said, "We are desert animals so we have the humps to store water so we can survive for a long time without needing to drink."

The baby camel thought for a moment and then said, "OK, why are our legs long and our feet round?"

The mother replied, "They are suited for walking long distances in the desert."

The baby paused for a moment longer and then asked, "Why are our eyelashes long? Sometimes they get in my way."

The mother responded, "Those beautiful long thick eyelashes protect your eyes from the harsh desert sand when it blows in the wind."

The baby thought and thought. Then he said, "I see. So the hump is to store water when we are in the desert, the legs are for walking through the desert and these eyelashes protect my eyes from the desert sand. Then why do we live in the zoo?"

St. Maron is teaching us today that God made us with remarkable abilities, among them to love and be loved and

to forgive and be forgiven. It would be a waste not to use them.

### 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. <u>Click here from more information</u>

### **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 <u>click her</u>.

#### 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. Anyone wishing to stay over the night before can reserve a room at the Tarrytown Doubletree. Please call Viviane @ 917-825-3777 for more info.

### **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-Chrouch 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.

#### 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 <u>email Mrs. Eid</u> 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.

# 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

### Schedule includes:

BYOB

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

## Second Annual Ladies Day of Recollection



Saturday March 30, 2019 9:30am to 4:00pm Donation \$25 Registration Deadline March 15

St. John Paul II at Immaculate Conception Church 199 North Broadway Sleepy Hollow, NY 10591 https://goo.gl/maps/14FR1psA3Lm

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Make check payable to **St John Paul II at ICC** attached to this form. Include **Ladies Day of Recollection** on the envelope. Any questions call (914) 631-0446. Someone will call you back.

# Children's Music Series

Please join us as the NY Arabic Orchestra introduces our children to the basics of Middle Eastern Music:

Who: Children and Anyone Interested in Music

When: Sunday, February 24, 2019 at 1pm

Where: The Library behind the Cathedral

Expect lots of fun as your children learn the basics of the Oud, Riqq, Darbeke, and short Arabic songs. Refreshments included.

Save the date for future lessons: March 24 and May 5 (To be Determined)

From http://www.nyarabicorchestra.org: The New York Arabic Orchestra is New York City's leading institute in classical and contemporary Arabic music, directed by world-renowned virtuoso and educator, Bassam Saba. The orchestra brings together a culturally diverse group of musicians – as diverse as the city itself – around one common passions: Arabic Music.



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# encounter Lent

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES BOWL

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 / <u>iosephchebli@gmail.com</u> or our CRS Relationship Manager, Mary Beth Iduh, at (410) 951-7514 / <u>MaryBeth.Iduh@crs.org</u> 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 Ich Marson

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

# Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Seminary March 29 - 31, 2019

Men's

Discernment

Retreat

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Thank you for your support in previous years for this raffle fund-raiser, as it is an important part of the NAM annual budget. We are counting on your generosity once again, to support our community projects. To purchase a personal ticket(s) or to help us in selling tickets please contact the national office.

All requests and payments must be received by April 15th, 2019

Sandy Nassif Moses, Executive Director NAM, P.O. Box 398, Coppell, IX 75019 914-964-3070 phone

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## Sunday Readings قراءات الأحد

### Sunday of the Righteous and the Just

### The Letter to the Hebrews 12: 18-24.

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, 'If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.' Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, 'I tremble with fear.') But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

### The Gospel according to Saint Matthew25: 31-46.

'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

### أحد الأبرار والصديقين

الرسالة إلى العبرانيين 18:12-24 يا إخوتِي، إنَّكُم لَمْ تَقْتَرَ بُوا إلَى جَبَلٍ مَلْمُوس، ونارٍ مُتَقَدَة، وضَبَاب وظَلام وزَوبَعَة، وهُتَاف بُوق، وصوت كَلمَات طَلَبَ الَّذِينَ سَمِعُوهَا أَلاَّ يُزَادُوا مِنهَا كَلَمَة؛ لأَنَّهُم لَمْ يُطِيقُوا تَحَمُّلَ هذَا الأَمْر: »ولَو أَنَّ بَهِيمَةً مَسَّت الجَبَلَ تُرْجَم . «إوكانَ المَنْظَرُ أَقْتَرَ بْتُم إلى جَبَلِ صِهْبُون، وإلى مَدِينَة الله الحَيّ، أورَ شَلِيمَ السَّماويَّة، وإلى عَشَرَات الأَلُوف منَ المَلائِكَة، وإلى عِيدٍ حَافِلُ، وإلى عَشَرَات الأَلُوف منَ المَلائِكَة، السَّمَاوَات، وإلى الله ديّان الجَمِيع، وإلى أَرُواح الأَبْرَار وإلى دَمِ رَشٍ يَنْطِقُ بكَلَمٍ أَقْضَلَ مِنْ دَمِ هَايِبِل

### إنجيل القديس متى 31:25-46 قالَ الربُّ يَسوع: »مَتَى جَاءَ آبْنُ الإِنْسَانِ في مَجْدِهِ، وجَمِيعُ المَلائِكَةِ مَعَهُ، يَجْلِسُ على عَرْشٍ مَجْدِهِ. وتُجْمَعُ لَذَيْهِ جَمِيعُ الأَمَم، فَيُمَيِّزُ بَعْضَهُم مِنْ بَعْض، كَمَا يُمَيِّزُ الرَّاعِي الخِرَافَ مِنَ الحِدَاء. ويُقِيمُ الخِرَافَ عَنْ يَمِينِهِ وَالحِدَاء. حِينَئِذٍ يَقُولُ المَلَكُ لِلَّذِينَ عَنْ يَمِينِهِ: تَعَالَوا، يَا مُبَارَكِي جَينَئِذ مَقُولُ المَلَكُ لِلَّذِينَ عَنْ يَمِينِهِ تَعَالَوا، يَا مُبَارَكِي جَينَئِذ مَقُولُ المَلَكُوتَ المُعدَّ لَكُم مُنْذُ إِنْشَاءِ العَالَم؛ لأَنِّي جَينَئِذ مِقُولُ المَلَكُوتَ المُعَدَّ لَكُم مُنْذُ إِنْسَاءِ العَالَم؛ لأَنِي قاوَيْتُمُونِي، وعُرْيَانًا فَكَسَوْتُمُونِي، ومَنِي مَنْ عَرِيبًا فَاوَيْتُمُونِي، وعُرْيَانًا فَكَسَوْتُمُونِي، ومَنْ يَعْدِيبَ ومَحْبُوسًا فَأَنَيْتُمُ إلى حَينَة يُحَينُهُ الأَبْرَارُ قَائِلِين ومَحْبُوسًا فَأَنَيْنَاكَ جَرِيبًا فَآوَيْنَاك، أَو عَطْشَانَ ومَتَى رَأَيْنَاكَ عَرِيبًا فَآوَيْنَاك، أَو عَرْيَانًا فَكَسَوْتُمُونِي، ومَنْ عَرَيبًا ومَتَى رَأَيْنَاكَ عَرِيبًا فَآوَيْنَاكَ، أَو عَرْيانًا فَكَسَوْتُهُونِي وَالِسُاءِ وَالمَاكَرِيبَ

ومَتَى رَايَنَاكَ مَرِيضَا أو مَحْبَوسًا فَاتَيْنَا إلَيْكَ؟ فَيُحِيبُ المَلِكُ ويَقُولُ لَهُم: أَلحَقَّ أَقُولُ لَكُم: كُلُّ مَا عَمِلْتُمُوهُ لأَحَدِ إِخْوَتِي هوُ لاء الصَّغَار، فَلِي عَمِلْتُمُوه! تُمَّ يَقُولُ لِلَّذِينَ عَنْ شَمَالِهِ: إِذْهَبُوا عَتِي، يَا مَلاعِين، إلى أَلْحُمْتُمُونِي، وعَطِشْتُ فَمَا سَقَيْتُمُونِي، وكُنْتُ عَريبًا فَمَا وَيُتُمُونِي، وعُرْيَانًا فَمَا كَسَوْتُمُونِي، ومَريضًا ومَحْبُوسًا فَمَا زُرْتُمُونِي، وعُرْيَانًا فَمَا كَسَوْتُمُونِي، ومَريضًا ومَحْبُوسًا مَتَى رَأَيْنَاكَ جائِعًا أَوْ عَطْشَانَ أَوْ غَرِيبًا أَو مَريضًا أَو مَتَى رَأَيْنَاكَ جائِعًا أَوْ عَطْشَانَ أَوْ غَرِيبًا أَو مَريضًا وَمَ مَتَى رَأَيْنَاكَ جائِعًا أَوْ عَطْشَانَ أَوْ غَرِيبًا أَو مَريضًا وَم مَتَى رَأَيْنَاكَ جائِعًا أَوْ عَطْشَانَ أَوْ غَرِيبًا أَو مَريضًا وَم مَتَى رَأَيْنَاكَ جائِعًا أَوْ عَطْشَانَ أَوْ غَرِيبًا أَو مَريضًا وَمَريضًا أَو مُتَى رَأَيْنَاكَ جائِعًا أَوْ عَطْشَانَ أَوْ غَرِيبًا أَو مَريضًا أَو مُنَا حَدُوسًا ومَا خَدَمْنَاك؟