

# Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Cathedral

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The Most Reverend Gregory J. Mansour — Eparchial Bishop

The 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.

## *Sunday of the Faithful Departed* *February 24th, 2019*

<b>Sun. February 24</b>	<b>Sunday of the Faithful Departed</b> 9:00 am Raymond Habib 11:30 am Bahjat Lutfi	Req. by Dame Claire Habib Req. by The Loutfi Family
Mon. February 25	NO LITURGY	
Tues. February 26	10 am Divine Liturgy	
Wed. February 27	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Thalaleus, Disciple of St. Maron	
Thurs. February 28	10 am Divine Liturgy Sts. Koura & Maran, Disciples of St. Maron	
Frid. March 1	NO LITURGY St. Domnina, Disciple of St. Maron, & St. Afdokia of Baalbek	
Saturd. March 2	NO LITURGY St. John Maron	
<b>Sun. March 3</b>	<b>Sunday of the Entrance into Lent/ Miracle at Cana in Galilee</b> St. Thomas Aquinas & St. Katharine Drexel 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](mailto:church@stmaron.org) the church to become one.**

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 Anthony Elhowayek - English

11:30 am Bassam Ayoub - Arabic

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 Denise Abou Chrouh - English

11:30 am Bassem Diab - Arabic

March 17, 2019 The Healing Hemorrhaging Woman

Reading: Romans 6: 12-23

Gospel: Mark 1: 35-45

Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill

11:30 am Isabelle Hazar - English

11:30 am Charlie Ayoub - Arabic

## Dear Beloved Parishioners

The Divine Liturgy on Sunday will commemorate the faithful departed. This is the last of three commemorations: the Sunday of the Priests, the Sunday of the Righteous and the Just and the Sunday of the Faithful Departed.

The Prayer of the Faithful provides a good summary of the meaning of the Sunday of the Faithful Departed.

“The Maronite Church commemorates all the faithful Christians who have departed this life in faith. This feast is the Syrian Church’s equivalent of the feast of All Souls in the Latin Church.”

In the Hoosoyo (the Prayer of Forgiveness) of the Evening Prayer of this remembrance, “. . . we ask our Lord Jesus Christ to welcome all our deceased brothers and sisters, who have been nourished with his body and blood, into his kingdom of light. Not knowing the state of perfection they have achieved in their lives, we commend them to the mercy of God with hope and expectation.

“It is a Christian obligation for us to help our brothers and sisters through our prayers and the offering of the Divine Mysteries for their salvation. For though they have not yet reached the joy of the righteous and the just, they are called to ultimately enter the kingdom of light and peace. Our intercession can bring them nearer to the day of eternal happiness.

“We should pray in a special way for those who have been close to, our relatives, friends and benefactors who have died. At the same time we should pray for the deceased members of our parish and for all the departed who have no one to pray for them.

“We commend the faithful departed to the Lord that by his cross he may lead them into the eternal wedding feast, and, newly arrived in God’s kingdom, may they interceded before him on our behalf.”

*Abouna Dominique*

## St. Joseph’s Breakfast

The Knights of St. Maron will hold their annual St. Joseph Breakfast on Sunday March 17 after the 11:30 Divine Liturgy. \$10 per person. For tickets please see Roger Shammass, Arthur Coussa, George El Hajj & Paul Faddoul

## Abouna Dominique Out of Town

Fr. Dominique will be out of town from Friday March 1 to Sunday March 3 for a wedding in SC and from Friday March 29 to Tuesday April 2 for the Discernment Weekend in DC. Bishop Gregory will celebrate the first Sunday and Fr. Patrick Hough will celebrate the Maronite Liturgy on the second Sunday.

## Ash Monday

The Liturgy of the Blessing and Imposition of Ashes on the foreheads will be held on Monday, March 4th @ 7:30 pm.

## Stations and Benediction of the Cross

Every Friday of Lent beginning Friday, March 8th at 7:30pm, we will pray the Stations and Benediction of the Cross. The service will be followed by a Lenten Supper.

## Traditional Fasting & Abstinence Observance

Those who wish to observe the traditional Maronite practice of fasting and abstinence are invited to follow this practice. According to the Synod of Mount Lebanon of 1736, every weekday of Lent (Monday through Friday) is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat and dairy products (eggs, butter, milk etc.) Fasting involves eating and drinking nothing at all (except water and medicine) from midnight until noon. The rest of the day normal meals can be taken but without meat or dairy products. Saturdays and Sundays are exempt from fasting and abstaining as are the following feast days: St Maron on Feb, 9th if it falls during Lent, the 40 Martyrs on March 9th, and St. Joseph on March 19th.

## Bishop’s Appeal 2019

A second collection will be taken every Sunday during the Season of the Great Lent Starting on Sunday March 10th. This Collection is for the Episcopal Charities Appeal which is divided between priests’ retirement fund, Seminarians, Religious Education and Charity in Middle East. Our goal is to raise \$5,500.00. We thank you for your generosity and financial support.

## 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.

## 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](mailto: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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Presents

The 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Raffle - 2019

Only 450 Tickets are printed

Donation: \$100 per ticket

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Cash Prizes

1<sup>st</sup> \$10000

2<sup>nd</sup> \$3000

3<sup>rd</sup> \$2000

4<sup>th</sup> \$1500

5<sup>th</sup> \$1000

This year's drawing will be held at Our Lady of Lebanon, Livonia, Michigan; on April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019

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 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019

*Sandy Nassif Moses, Executive Director*  
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*You can purchase your tickets online using a credit card, or request it to be mailed to you*

## 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

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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 passion: Arabic Music.*

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# encounter Lent



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 [csrcicebowl.org](http://csrcicebowl.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-Lenten 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](mailto:josephchebli@gmail.com) or our CRS Relationship Manager, Mary Beth Iduh, at (410) 951-7514 / [MaryBeth.Iduh@crs.org](mailto: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  
Bishop of the Eparchy of St. Maron of Brooklyn  
Chairman, CRS Board of Directors



## Men's Discernment Retreat

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

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THE FIRST DISCIPLES

"Come after me, and I will  
make you fishers of men."  
(Mat 4:19)

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the Lord is calling you to  
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# Eparchy's Annual Lenten Appeal



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Lent 2019

Prot. No. 018 S / 19

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

During our short time on this earth, we prepare ourselves for the day when we shall stand before God to make an account of how we have spent our lives. In the meantime, we serve with love. The Church, founded by Christ, is the prime vehicle of this love, and of our service, and this is the sole purpose of the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn.

Today, I write to ask you to help your Eparchy fulfill her divine mission with love. We have a blessed opportunity to share our gifts so that the Eparchy can continue to serve the faithful throughout its entire 16-state area.

Your generosity towards this year's Annual Eparchial Appeal will support:

- ✓ **Our Seminarians** are our future. We need your help so that we can invest in their education and formation. We currently have six. Each seminarian costs about \$45,000 per year, in the form of tuition, books, room, board, health insurance and other costs. **40% of your contribution to this year's Annual Appeal will go for Seminarian Expenses.**
- ✓ **Retired Priests:** Collectively, the 15 retired priests of the Eparchy have served the faithful for over 500 years. We help them with a modest pension of \$1,900 per month. **20% of your contribution will go to support our Retired Priests.**
- ✓ **Helping in Lebanon and the Middle East:** The Eparchy assists Lebanon and Syria in countless ways, for example: by applying for grants to American foundations and donors, advocating for the persecuted Christians of the Middle East with the U.S. government, and channeling direct financial assistance. **10% of your contribution will go to support Christians in Lebanon and the Middle East.**
- ✓ **Endowment:** The Eparchy's Endowment Fund provides a source of income each year for the needs of the Eparchy and ensures that the Eparchy will have solid resources in the future. It also provides a "rainy day fund" in case of disaster. **30% of your contribution will be deposited into the Eparchy's Endowment.**

I pray that you will open your heart once again and consider giving a gift. Your participation in this Annual Appeal makes a positive difference in the lives of so many people throughout the Eparchy, from Maine to Florida, and in the Middle East. Any gift you make will help.

Thank you, and may God bless you for your generosity. I wish you a holy Lent and a blessed Easter.

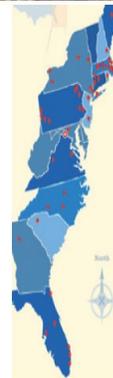
Gratefully yours in Christ,

+ Gregory

+ Gregory J. Mansour

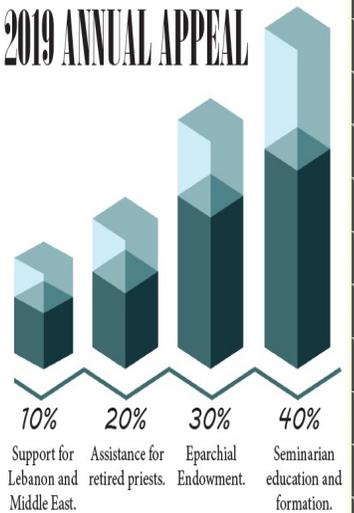
PS: Please also consider remembering the Eparchy and your parish in your estate plan, or as the beneficiary of an insurance policy, retirement plan or charitable gift annuity. Thank you.

A Second Collection for the Eparchial Charities Appeal will be taken every Sunday during the Season of the Great Lent starting on Sunday March 10th. We are asked to raise \$5,500 to participate in this awesome mission of the Eparchy. Please read the Bishop's letter and his work throughout.



EPARCHY OF SAINT MARON OF BROOKLYN

2019 ANNUAL APPEAL



**Sunday of the Faithful Departed**

**The First Letter to the Thessalonians 5: 1-11**

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore, encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

**The Gospel according to Saint Luke 16:31-19**

The Lord Jesus says: 'There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames." But Abraham said, "Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us." He said, "Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house for I have five brothers that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment." Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them." He said, "No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." He said to him, "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead."

**أحد الموتى المؤمنين**

**الرسالة الأولى إلى أهل تسالونيقي 5: 1-11**  
يا إخوتي، أما الأزمنة والأوقات، أيها الإخوة، فلا حاجة بكم أن يكتب إليكم في شأنها؛ لأنكم تعلمون جيدًا أن يوم الرب يأتي كالسارق ليلاً. فحين يقولون: سلام وأمن! حينئذ يدهمهم الهلاك وهم المخاض للحبلى، ولا يفطنون. أما أنتم، أيها الإخوة، فلستم في ظلمة ليفاجتكم ذلك اليوم كالسارق. فأنتم كلكم أبناء النور، وأبناء النهار؛ ولسنا أبناء الليل ولا أبناء الظلمة. إذا فلا نتم كسائر الناس، بل لنسهر ونصح؛ لأن الذين ينامون في الليل ينامون، والذين يسكرون في الليل يسكرون. أما نحن أبناء النهار، فلنصح لابسين درع الإيمان والمحبة، وواضعين خوذة رجاء الخلاص. فإن الله لم يجعلنا للغضب، بل لإحراز الخلاص بربنا يسوع المسيح، الذي مات من أجلنا، لنحيا معه ساهرين كنا أم نائمين. فلذلك شجعوا بعضكم بعضاً، وليبين الواجد الآخر، كما أنتم فاعلون.

**إنجيل القديس لوقا 16: 31-19**

قال الرب يسوع: «كان رجل غني يلبس الأرجوان والكتان الناعم، ويتنعم كل يوم بأفقر الولايم. وكان رجل مسكين اسمه لعازر مطروحاً عند بابه، تكسوه الفروع. وكان يشتهي أن يشبع من الفتات المتساقط من مائدة الغني، غير أن الكلاب كانت تأتي فتأخذ فروعاً. ومات المسكين فحملته الملائكة إلى حضن إبراهيم. ثم مات الغني ودفن. ورفع الغني عينيه، وهو في الجحيم يقاسي العذاب، فرأى إبراهيم من بعيد، ولعازر في حضنه. فنادى وقال: يا أبت إبراهيم، ارحمني وأرسل لعازر لينبل طرف أصبعه بماء ويبرد لساني، لأني متوجع في هذا اللهب. فقال إبراهيم: يا أبتى، تذكر أنك نلت خيرتك في حياتك، ولعازر نال البلبا. والآن هو يتعزى هنا، وأنت تتوجع. ومع هذا كله، فإن بيننا وبينكم هوة عظيمة ثابتة، حتى إن الذين يريدون أن يجتازوا من هنا إليكم لا يستطيعون، ولا من هناك أن يعبروا إلينا. فقال الغني: أسألك إذا، يا أبت، أن ترسل لعازر إلي بيت أبي، فإن لي خمسة إخوة، ليشهد لهم، كي لا يأتوا هم أيضاً إلى مكان العذاب هذا. فقال إبراهيم: عندهم موسى والأنبياء، فليسمعوا لهم. فقال: لا، يا أبت إبراهيم، ولكن إذا مضى إليهم واحد من الأموات يتوبون. فقال له إبراهيم: إن كانوا لا يسمعون لموسى والأنبياء، فأنهم، ولو قام واحد من الأموات، لن يقنعوا.»