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The Most Reverend Gregory J. Mansour - Eparchial Bishop

The 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.

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Tues. March 12	10 am Divine Liturgy for Sa Pope St. Gregory the Great,	
Wed. March 13	10 am Divine Liturgy	
Thurs. March 14	10 am Divine Liturgy	
Friday March 15	10 am Divine Liturgy	
Satur. March 16	10 am Divine Liturgy The First Council of Consta	ntinople
Sun. March 17	Sunday of the Healing of the Hemorrhaging Woman St. Patrick9:00 amIntentions of the Parishioners 11:30 am11:30 amIntentions of the Parishioners	
Financial Standing February 2019		Sunday Readings
Ordinary Income Sundays & Holy Days Collections: \$11,275.00		Lectors and Ushers (age 16 and up) are needed. Please <u>email</u> the church to become one.
Cathedral Stipends from Marriages& Funerals, Lower Hall Rent, Candles, Breakfast, Luncheon, Bake Sale, Dues, Reli- gious Education, flowers, Christmas Tree: \$30,643.00 Total Ordinary Income: \$41,918.00		Reading: Romans 6: 12-23 Gospel: Mark 1: 35-45
Ordinary Expense Payroll, Gas, Electricity, Building and Medical Insuranc- es, Leasing Equipments, TV, Phone, Internet, Church, Hall & Office Supplies, Postage, Regular Maintenance, Charity		
	Sense: \$70,430.00* Some vs Expense: -\$28,552.00 3.00 for Building Insurance	Gospel: Mark 1: 35-45 Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill 11:30 am Isabelle Hazar - English 11:30 am Charlie Ayoub - Arabic
We also brought in some extraordinary income in the amount of: \$29,166.67 (which included Library Rent, Donations for specific projects, and the Capital Campaign)		
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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

By Subdeacon Norbert Vogl

Our daily prayers (Ramsho and Safro), Divine Liturgy and Lenten hymns for Great Lent frequently include the phrases "fasting and prayer" and "prayer and fasting." For example:

"Fasting and prayer purify the soul and make the body chaste; fasting and prayer spread a marvelous light, the light of Christ, on those who fast and pray; fasting and prayer raise the spirit, restrain the passions and the mercy from on high pours forth."

And,

"During these forty days of Lent, may we meditate on the benefits of fasting and prayer. Through fasting and prayer, souls are made pure, bodies are made chaste, spirits are uplifted, passions are restrained, mercy abounds, and the Holy Spirit dwells in the soul that was created to be the temple of God."

With the repetition of this phrase, our Maronite fathers are telling us to not just fast, but both fast and pray. They are providing us with a formula, a recipe, to harvest "the fruits of Lent." We know how to fast; we know how to pray; but our challenge is to combine fasting and prayer. Saint Therese of Lisieux's "Little Way" can help us do that. Saint Therese offered her life, moment by moment, in love for God. Each good time and bad time, each pain and joy, she equally offered to God the Father. She flipped irritations, jealousy and moments of excessive pride into little prayers. Her "Little Way" is to do ordinary things with extraordinary love. She wrote: "Charity gave me the key to my vocation. My vocation is love! I will be love.... I remember that the smallest act of love is more...than every other work put together. The only way I can prove my love is by scattering flowers and these flowers are every little sacrifice, every glance and word, and the doing of the least of actions for love." She strove to live her life as a constant reflection of God's great love.

In these times of fasting, when we experience worldly cravings, let her "Little Way" guide us back toward the love of God. Saint Therese's "Little Way" also has the practical benefit of turning the times when we are weak in our fast into temporary setbacks instead of all-ornothing failures.

"Lord God,

may we remain in your presence all the days of our lives, offering you praise and thanksgiving, prayer and fasting, so that, pure and chaste, just and sanctified, strangers to all sin and every evil intention, we may glorify the Trinity, now and for ever. Amen."

Lenten Formation

The St. Paul Center is offering a series of streaming videos called "From Genesis to Jesus" for Lent on their website by using your email. It sounds promising to make for an enrichment spiritual exercise during this Season of Great Lent.

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 Shammas, Arthur Coussa, George El Hajj & Paul Faddoul

Abouna Dominique Out of Town

Fr. Dominique will be out of town from Friday March 29 to Tuesday April 2 for the Discernment Weekend in DC. Fr. Patrick Hough will cover for him and celebrate the Maronite Liturgy.

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 Eparchial 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 **Beyond Belief: Following Christ Today**



Fr. Mike Schmitz tackles some of the most difficult topics in the Church today with humor, clarity, and theological truth.

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-oftown.

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 Regional

Sponsored by the National Apostolate of Maronites- New England Region

Hosted by

Saint Maron Maronite Catholic Church

613 Main Street, Torrington, Connecticut 06790

Saturday March 23, 2019

Donation per adult: \$ 30 (NAM Members discount \$5=\$25) Donation per Young Adult: \$ 20 Children 12 and under are welcome gratis.

Those wishing to stay overnight must call ahead to Saint Maron Church as there are a limited number of accommodations available at the Shrine of Lourdes Retreat Center in nearby Litchfield.For more information, contact either the

> NAM Office, 914-964-3070, info@namnews.org, or Saint Maron Church, 860-489-6015, stmaronchurch@yahoo.com

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

Cut along dotted line.

Name: Parish:

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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.



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This year's drawing will be held at Our Lady of Lebanon, Livonia, Michigan; on April 28th, 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 15th, 2019

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

info@namnews.org, www.namnews.org

You can purchase your tickets online using a credit card, or request it to be mailed to you

Men's

Discernment Retreat

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

Have you ever wondered if the Lord is calling you to serve as a Maronite Priest?

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For More Information Contact Us: (202)723-8831 maroniteseminary@comcast.net www.maroniteseminary.org Maronite Seminary: 7164 Alaska Ave. NW, Washington DC, 20012 THE CALL OF THE FIRST DISCIPLES "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." (Mat 4:19)

Eparchy's Annual Lenten Appeal

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Lent 2019

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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 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 Char-

ities Appeal will be taken every Sunday dur-

ing the Season of the Great Lent starting on

Sunday March 10th. We are asked to raise

\$5,500 to participate in this awesome mis-

sion of the Eparchy. Please read the Bish-



10% 20% 30% 40% Support for Assistance for Eparchial Lebanon and retired priests. Endowment. education and formation

Sunday Readings قراءات الأحد

الأحد الثاني من الصوم الكبير : أحد شفاء الأبرص Second Sunday of Great Lent: Sunday of the Man with Leprosy

Letter to the Romans 6:12-23.

Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness.

I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Gospel according to Saint Mark1: 35-45.

In the morning, while it was still very dark, Jesus got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, 'Everyone is searching for you.' He answered, 'Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.' And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons. A leper came to him begging him, and kneeling he said to him, 'If you choose, you can make me clean.' Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, 'I do choose. Be made clean!' Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. After sternly warning him he sent him away at once, saying to him, 'See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.' But he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the word, so that Jesus could no longer go into a town openly, but stayed out in the country; and people came to him from every quarter.

رسالة القدّيس بولس إلى أهل رومة 12:6-23 ياً إخوَتِي، لا تَمْلِكَنَّ الْخَطْيِئَةُ بَعْدُ في جَسَدِكُمُ المَائِت، فَتُطْيِعُوا شَهَوَاتِهِ. وَلا تَجْعَلُوا أَعْضَاءَكُم سِلاَحَ ظُلْم لِلخَطِينَة، بَلْ قَرِّبُوا أَنْفُسَكُم للهِ كَأَحْيَاءٍ قَامُوا مِنْ بَيْنِ أَلأَمْوَات، وٱجْعَلُوا أَعْضَاءَكُمُ سِلاحً بِرِّ للهِ. فلا تَتَسَلَّطْ عَلَيْكُمُ ٱلْخَطِيئَة، لأَنَّكُم لَسْتُمٍ في حُكْمٍ الشَّرِيِعَةِ بَلْ فَي حُكْمِ اَلَنِّعْمَةِ. ۖ فَمَاذَا إِذًا ۖ هَلْ نَخْطَأُ لأَنَّنَا لَسْنَا فَي حُكْمِ الْشَرَبِعَة، بَلْ في حُكْمِ النِّعْمَة؟ حَاشَا! أَلا تَعْلَمُونَ أَنَّكُم عِنْدَمَا تَجْعَلُونَ أَنْفُسَكُم عَبِيدًا لأَحَدٍ فَتُطْبِعُونَهُ، تَكُونُونَ عَبِيدًا للَّذِي تُطْبِعُونَهُ إِمَّا عَبِيدًا لِلخَطِينَةِ الَّتِي تَؤُولُ إِلَى المَوتَ، وَإِمَّا لِلطَّاعَةِ الَّتِي تَؤُولُ إِلَى البِرَّ. فَشْكُرًا لِلَهِ لأَنَّكُم بَغْدَمَا كُِنْتُم عَبِيدَ الْخَطِينَةِ، أَطَعْتُم مِنْ كُلِّ قَلْبِكُمُ مِثَالَ التَّعْلِيمِ الَّذِي سُلِّمْتُمْ إِلَيْهِ. وَبَعْدَ أَنْ حُرِّرْتُمُ مِٰنَ الخَطِيئَة، صِرْتُم عَبِيدًا لِلبِرِّ. وأَقُولُ فَقُولاً بَشَرِيًّا مُرَاعَاةً لِضُبِغْفِكُم: فَكَمَا جَعَلْتُم أُعْضَاًءَكُمْ عَبِيدًا لِلنَّجَاسَةِ وَالإِثْمِ فَيْ سَبِيلِ الإِثْمِ، كَذَلِكَ ٱجْعَلُوا الآنَ أَعْضَاءَكُمْ عَبِيدًا لَلبِرٌ فَي سَبِيلِ القَدَاسَة فَلَمَّا كُنْتُم عَبِيدَ الخَطِيئَة، كُنْتُم أَحْرَارًا مِنَ البِرّ. فأَيَّ ثَمَرٍ جَنَيْتُم حِينَئِذٍ مِنْ تِلْكُ الأُمُورِ الْتَي تَسْتَحُونَ مِنْهَا الأَنِ؟ فَإِنَّ عَاقِبَتُهَا الْمَوْتِ. أَمَّا الآن، وقَدْ صِرْثُم أَحرارًا مِنَ الخَطِيئَةِ وعَبِيدًا لله، فإنَّكُم تَجْنُونَ ثَمَرً ا لِلْقَدَاسَة، و عَاقِبَتُهَا الْحَيَاةُ الأَبَدِيَّة. لأَنَّ أُجْرَ ةَ الْخَطِيِئَةِ هِيَ الْمَوِتِ. أَمَّا مَوْ هِبَةُ اللهِ فَهِيَ الْحَيَاةُ الأَبَدِيَّةُ في أَلْمَسِيِّح يَسُوعَ رَبِّنَا. إنجيل القديس مرقس 35:1-45 قَامَ يَسُوعُ قَبْلَ طُلُوع الفَجْر، فخَرَجَ وذَهَبَ إلى مَكَان قَفْرٍ، وأَخَذَ يُصَلِّى هُنِاك. ولَحِقَ بِهِ سِمْعَانُ وَالَّذِينِ مَعَهُ، وَوَجَدُوهُ فَقَالُوا لَهُ: »أَلْجَمِيعُ يَطْلُبُونَكَ. « فَقَالَ لَهُم: »لِنَذْهَبْ إِلَى مَكَانٍ آخَرَ إِلَى اللَّوَرَى المُجَاوِرَة، لِأُبْشِرَ هُنَاكَ أَيْضًا، فَإِنِّي لِهذَا خَرَجْتُ.« وسَارَ فَى كُلِّ الجَلِيل، وهُوَ يَكْرِزُ فَى مَجَامِعِهم رَ وَيَظْرُدُ الشَّيَاطِين. وَأَتَاهُ أَبْرَصُ بَنَّوَسَّلُ إلَيْه، فجَثَا وقَالَ لَهُ: »إنْ شِئْتَ فَأَنْتَ قَادِرٌ أَنْ تُطْهِرَنِيً. إِ فتَحَنَّنَ يَسُوغُ ومَدَّ يَدَهُ والمَسَهُ وقَالَ لَهُ: »قَدْ شِئْتُ، فَٱطْهُرْ .«! وفي الحَالِ زَالَ عَنْهُ البَرَص، فَطَهُرَ. فَٱنْتَهَرَهُ يَسَُوعُ وصَرَفَهُ حَالاً، وقالٌ لَهُ: »أَنْظُرْ، لا تُخْبِرْ أَحَدًا بِشَيء، بَلِ ٱذْهَبْ وَأَرِ نَفْسَكَ لِلْكَاهِنِ، وَقَدِّمُ عَنْ طُهُرِكَ مَا أَمَرَ بِهِ مُو بَسَى، شَهَادَةً لَهُم. « أَمَّا هُوَ فَخَرَجَ وبَداأُ يُنَادِي بِأَعْلَى صَوْتِهِ ويُذِيعُ الْخَبَرِ، حَتَّى إِنَّ يَسُوعَ لَمْ يَعُدْ قَادِرًا أُنَّ يَدُخُلُ إِلَى مَدِيَنَةٍ عَلانِيَة، بَلْ كانَ يُقِيمُ في الْخَارِج، في أَمَاكِنَ مُقْفِرَة، وكانَ النَّاسُ يَأْتُونَ إِلَيْهِ مِنْ كُلِّ مَكَان.