

# Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Cathedral

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The Most Reverend Gregory J. Mansour — Eparchial Bishop

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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 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 Healing of the Hemorrhaging Woman

## March 17th, 2019

Sun. March 17	<b>Sunday of the Healing of the Hemorrhaging Woman</b> St. Patrick 9:00 am Intentions of the Parishioners 11:30 am John Habib	Req. by Marian Ciaccia
Mon. March 18	NO LITURGY	
Tues. March 19	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Joseph the Virgin, the Spouse of Mary	
Wed. March 20	10 am Divine Liturgy	
Thurs. March 21	10 am Divine Liturgy	
Friday March 22	10 am Divine Liturgy	
Satur. March 23	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Rafka	
Sun. March 24	<b>Sunday of the Parable of the Prodigal Son</b> 9:00 am Intentions of the Parishioners 11:30 am Praying for the Sick	Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Tabet Eid

### Financial Standing February 2019

#### Ordinary Income

Sundays & Holy Days Collections: **\$11,275.00**

Cathedral Stipends from Marriages& Funerals, Lower Hall Rent, Candles, Breakfast, Luncheon, Bake Sale, Dues, Religious Education, flowers, Christmas Tree: **\$30,643.00**

**Total Ordinary Income: \$41,918.00**

#### 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: \$70,430.00\***

**Total Ordinary Income vs Expense: -\$28,552.00**

\*This includes \$38,738.00 for Building Insurance

**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)

**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](mailto:church@stpatrick.org) the church to become one.**

March 17, 2019	Healing the 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 Charly Ayoub - Arabic	
March 24, 2019	Sunday of the Parable of Prodigal Son Reading: 2 Corinthians 13: 5-13 Gospel: Luke 15: 11-32 Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill 11:30 am John Eladem - English 11:30 am Edward Antonios - Arabic	
March 31, 2019	Sunday of the Healing of the Paralytic Reading: 1 Timothy 5: 24 - 6:5 Gospel: Mark 2: 1-12 Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill 11:30 am Lydia Gordon - English 11:30 am Joseph Kallassy - Arabic	
April 7, 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 Melissa Safi - English 11:30 am Leila Vogl - Arabic	

## Dear Beloved Parishioners

Never say it is too late when it comes to developing a deeper relationship with the Lord, especially during this great and blessed Season of Lent.

The first week of Lent has gone by and the second week is well on its way. For many of us, the fast and abstinence may not have gone according to what we had initially planned. Whether fasting from food or abstaining from bad habits that lead to sinful actions, we might not have measured up to the Lenten fast that we had intended in the first place.

The good news is that we can start again because in our interaction with God, it is never too late and God is willing *to accommodate and bring us on board again and again every time we decide to re-start*. God's generous attitude toward his beloved children during Lent, receiving them at any point, reminds me of what happened in my last trip to Charleston, SC, to officiate at a wedding.

It was on a very cold Friday morning with freezing temperatures when my flight from Newark Airport was delayed. The line of planes getting de-iced was long and we could not take off on time. I was connecting to another flight in Washington, DC, to reach my final destination and be there on time for the rehearsal. However, it was clear that I would be missing my connection and would not be making it on time for the wedding rehearsal. Finally, we took off for the 50 minute flight to DC. Right after we landed, I began looking for another flight to Charleston because my connecting flight had already left. The next flight was not until three hours later which meant that I would not only miss the wedding rehearsal, but also the rehearsal dinner. I texted the groom, who had booked the tickets, about what was happening, but he did not panic, thank God.

Things got really exciting in DC when I talked to the airline customer service person who was waiting at the gate to help with the connection for the next flight to Charleston. She said to me, "Run to D4." That was the gate from which I was originally supposed to catch my connecting flight. The plane had experienced a few little technical difficulties and it was decided it should come back. So I raced to D4 and saw the plane coming back to the gate. Fifteen minutes later, I was on that original plane that had left once, but had not taken off. I thought to myself that the pilot had heard my plea and that of the groom, and turned back to pick me up along with five more passengers. So, I made it on time for the wedding rehearsal on that Friday afternoon.

If the plane which was taking off, leaving me behind, actually returned to the gate and I was able to be on it, God will even do greater things than that. He will receive us on board the Lenten journey even when we are late.

So, never say it is too late to start and re-start your Lenten fast.



## 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.

## Palm Sunday Candles

Decorated candles are available for purchase beginning March 17 after Sunday Liturgies. Please contact Yolla Howayek for more information. Quantities are limited, so be sure to order yours soon.

## 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.

## Men's Lenten Retreat

There will be a Men's Lenten Retreat on April 6th will be held at the Salvatorian Fathers in Verona, New Jersey. For more information, please see Deacon Peter Frangie

## 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. We have raise \$998.00 so far.

## 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 April 27. 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-of-town.

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February 20, 2019

Christopher Safi  
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Dear Christopher,

On behalf of the staff, patients, and families of the Department of Pediatrics at Memorial Sloan Kettering, thank you for your generous donation of toys and gifts. You are so thoughtful to brighten our kids' holiday season in this special way. Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (MSK) is home to the largest pediatric oncology program in the country—and treats more children with cancer than any other hospital nationwide.

We are grateful for your partnership and all you do to bring magic to our youngest patients during the holiday season and all year long. We extend our best wishes to you and your loved ones for a happy and healthy new year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Rachel Corke'.

Rachel Corke  
Program Manager  
Department of Pediatrics

# 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. We have raised \$998 so far.



EPARCHY OF SAINT MARON OF BROOKLYN

2019 ANNUAL APPEAL



Support for Lebanon and Middle East. Assistance for retired priests. Eparchial Endowment. Seminarian education and formation.

## Sunday Readings

### قراءات الأحد

#### Third Sunday of Great Lent: The Hemorrhaging Woman

##### Second Letter to the Corinthians 7:4-11

I often boast about you; I have great pride in you; I am filled with consolation; I am overjoyed in all our affliction. For even when we came into Macedonia, our bodies had no rest, but we were afflicted in every way disputes without and fears within. But God, who consoles the downcast, consoled us by the arrival of Titus, and not only by his coming, but also by the consolation with which he was consoled about you, as he told us of your longing, your mourning, your zeal for me, so that I rejoiced still more. For even if I made you sorry with my letter, I do not regret it (though I did regret it, for I see that I grieved you with that letter, though only briefly). Now I rejoice, not because you were grieved, but because your grief led to repentance; for you felt a godly grief, so that you were not harmed in any way by us. For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation and brings no regret, but worldly grief produces death. For see what earnestness this godly grief has produced in you, what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation, what alarm, what longing, what zeal, what punishment! At every point you have proved yourselves guiltless in the matter.

##### The Gospel according to Saint Luke 8:40-56

When Jesus returned, the crowd welcomed him, for they were all waiting for him. Just then there came a man named Jairus, a leader of the synagogue. He fell at Jesus' feet and begged him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years old, who was dying. As he went, the crowds pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years; and though she had spent all she had on physicians, no one could cure her. She came up behind him and touched the fringe of his clothes, and immediately her hemorrhage stopped. Then Jesus asked, 'Who touched me?' When all denied it, Peter said, 'Master, the crowds surround you and press in on you.' But Jesus said, 'Someone touched me; for I noticed that power had gone out from me.' When the woman saw that she could not remain hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before him, she declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace.' While he was still speaking, someone came from the leader's house to say, 'Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the teacher any longer.' When Jesus heard this, he replied, 'Do not fear. Only believe, and she will be saved.' When he came to the house, he did not allow anyone to enter with him, except Peter, John, and James, and the child's father and mother. They were all weeping and wailing for her; but he said, 'Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But he took her by the hand and called out, 'Child, get up!' Her spirit returned, and she got up at once. Then he directed them to give her something to eat. Her parents were astounded; but he ordered them to tell no one what had happened.

#### الأحد الثالث من الصوم الكبير: أحد شفاء النازفة

رسالة القديس بولس الثانية إلى أهل كورنثس 7:4-11  
يا إخوتي، إن لي عليكم دالة كبيرة، ولي بكم فخرًا عظيمًا. ولقد أمتلأت تعزية، وأنا أبيض فرحًا في ضيقنا كله. فإننا لما وصلنا إلى مقدونية، لم يكن لجسدنا شيء من الراحة، بل كنا متضايقين في كل شيء، صراع من الخارج، وخوف من الداخل! لكن الله الذي يعزي المتواضعين عزانا بمجيء طيطس، لا بمجيئه فحسب، بل أيضًا بالتعزية التي تعزاهما بكم. وقد أخبرنا بأشقيائكم اليان، وحزنكم، وغيرتكم عليّ، حتى إتي أرددت فرحًا. وإذا كنت قد أحزنتكم برسالتني فلست نادمًا على ذلك، مع أنني كنت قد ندمت، لأنني أرى أن تلك الرسالة، ولو أحزنتكم إلى حين، قد سببت لي فرحًا كثيرًا، لا لأنكم حزنتم، بل لأن حزنكم أدى بكم إلى التوبة. فقد حزنتم حزنًا مرضيًا لله، كي لا تحسروا بسببنا في أي شيء؛ لأن الحزن المرضي لله يصنع توبة للخلاص لا ندم عليها، أما حزن العالم فيصنع موتًا. فأنظروا حزنكم هذا المرضي لله كم أنشأ فيكم من الأجهاد، بل من الاعتذار، بل من الاستنكار، بل من الخوف، بل من الشوق، بل من العزيرة، بل من الإصرار على العقاب! وقد أظهرتم أنفسكم في كل ذلك أنكم أبرياء من هذا الأمر.

##### إنجيل القديس لوقا 8:40-56

لما عاد يسوع، استقبله الجمع، لأنهم جميعهم كانوا ينتظرونه. وإذا برجل اسمه يائيرس، وكان رئيس المجمع، جاء فارتقى على قدمي يسوع، وأخذ يتوسل إليه أن يدخل بيته، لأن له ابنةً وجيدة، عمرها نحو اثنتي عشرة سنة، قد أشرقت على الموت. وفيما هو ذاهب، كان الجموع يزحمونه. وكانت امرأة مصابة بنزف دم منذ اثنتي عشرة سنة، ولم يقدر أحد أن يشفيها. دنت من وراء يسوع، ولمست طرف رداءه، وفجأة وقفت نرف دمها. فقال يسوع: «من لمسني؟» وأنكر الجميع. فقال بطرس ومن معه: «يا معلم، إن الجموع يزحمونك ويضايقونك.» فقال يسوع: «إن واحدًا قد لمسني! فإني عرفت أن قوة قد خرجت مني.» «ورأت المرأة أن أمرها لم يخف عليه، فدنت مرتعدةً وأرتمت على قدميه، وأعلنت أمام الشعب كله لماذا لمسته، وكيف شفيته للحال. فقال لها يسوع: «يا ابنتي، إيمانك خلصك! إذهبي بسلام.» وفيما هو يتكلم، وصل واحد من دار رئيس المجمع يقول: «ماتت ابنتك! فلا تزعج المعلم.» «ووسم يسوع فأجابته: «لا تحف! يكفي أن تؤمن فتحيا ابنتك.» «ولما وصل إلى البيت، لم يدع أحدًا يدخل معه سوى بطرس ويوحنا ويعقوب وأبي الصبية وأمه. وكان الجميع يبكون عليها ويفرعون صدورهم. فقال: «لا تبكوا! إنَّها لم تمت. لكنَّها نائمة.» «فأخذوا يضحكون منه لِعلمهم بأنَّها ماتت. أما هو فأمسك بيدها ونادى قائلًا: «أبنتها الصبية، قومي.» «فعاذت روحها إليها، وفجأة نهضت. ثم أمر بأن يطعموها. فدعش أبواها، وأوصاهما يسوع ألا يخبرا أحدًا بما حدث.