

# Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Cathedral

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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 Paralytic*

## *March 31st 2019*

**Sun. March 31**

**Sunday of the Healing of the Paralytic**

9:00 am Intentions of the Parishioners

11:30 am Boutros Hankach

Req. by Michel Hankach & Family

Mon. April 1

NO LITURGY  
St. Mary the Egyptian

Tues. April 2

NO LITURGY

Wed. April 3

10 am Divine Liturgy  
Isaiah & Ezekiel the Prophets

Thurs. April 4

10 am Divine Liturgy

Friday April 5

10 am Divine Liturgy

Satur. April 6

NO LITURGY

**Sun. April 7**

**Sunday of the Healing of the Blind Man**

9:00 am Intentions of the Parishioners

11:30 am Maroun Fakhoury

Req. by His wife, Lina Fakhoury

### 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:info@stmarys.org) the church to become one.**

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 Blind

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

April 14, 2019 Hosanna Sunday (Palm Sunday)

Reading: Philippians 1: 1-13

Gospel: John 12: 12-22

Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill

11:30 am Tiffany Chawki - English

11:30 am Rita Hosri - Arabic

April 18, 2019 Holy Thursday at 7:30pm

Reading: 1 Corinthians 11: 23-32

Gospel: John 13: 12-22

Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill

11:30 am Patrick Abou Chrouch - English

11:30 am Marise Frangie - Arabic

## Dear Beloved Parishioners

“Why do we call it *fast* when it goes so slow?” was a question that a young adult asked me a few years ago about our Lenten season.

For many of us all that we understand about Lent is that it is a time of penance and mortification for our souls and bodies which makes it unpleasant. Fast, abstinence and most ascetic activities seem to make us sad and put us in a sorrowful mood.

We know well that in Lent we enter more and more into ourselves to discover how far away we have become from our loving Father and his Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Our disconnect throughout the year from the Source of Life creates in us sometimes a sort of fake independence. It makes us believe that there is no need for God or that God does not exist. This freedom develops, in fact, a sense of loss preventing us from being solely God's, leaving us in such spiritual disarray that we don't know how to return to the Father's house. The distractions of the world lure us away from God, giving us false promises of happiness and leaving us with a divided heart. Our hearts, the centers of emotion and will, begin seeking instant gratification and ignoring the true joy of the Lord.

It is actually the realization that we have strayed from him and have put the creatures above the creator that saddens our hearts and not the fasting and abstaining. When we become conscious through Scriptures and Lenten prayers of what we have missed by being apart from God, our hearts pain us.

Lent is that intense time when one gathers oneself together to make a comeback to discover God anew. It is similar to a relationship rejuvenation between a husband and wife when the difficulties and challenges of life have caused them to drift apart. These forty days of Lent become a re-dating period analogous to what couples may engage in after years of marriage when their love for each other has cooled and they have grown apart.

Lent, then, makes us aware of what we have missed from leading a life separate from God. Not only does it help to protect us from falling back, but also it repairs our relationship with the Lord.

That is why Lent is described in the Hoosoyo of the First Weekday Cycle of Lent as a shield of protection and a healing remedy.

*Abouna Dominique*

## 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 enriching spiritual exercise during this Season of Great Lent.

## Palm Sunday Candles

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

## “Unplanned” Upcoming Movie

“[UNPLANNED](#) is the inspiring true story of Abby Johnson's journey of transformation. Her passion surrounding a woman's “right to choose” led her to become a spokesperson for Planned Parenthood, fighting to enact legislation for the cause she so deeply believed in. Then, one day she saw something that changed everything, and she became one of the most ardent pro-life speakers in America.” For more information and tickets, [click here](#).

## 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.

## Bishop's Appeal 2019

A second collection will be taken up every Sunday during the Season of the Great Lent. This Collection is for the Eparchial Charities Appeal which is divided between the priests' retirement fund, seminarians, religious education and charity in the Middle East. Our goal is to raise \$5,500.00. We thank you for your generosity and financial support. We have raised \$2,179.00 so far. Please make your check to Our Lady of Lebanon Cathedral.

## Stations and Benediction of the Cross

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

## Men's Lenten Retreat

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

## Altar server training

Subdeacon Norbert will be conducting an altar server training session after the 11:30 Divine Liturgy on April 7.

## 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.

## What couples need to know & women has a right to know

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## Mother's Day Luncheon

Please save the date for the Cathedral Mother's Day Luncheon on Sunday May 19 after the 11:30 Divine Liturgy.

## 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. If you know any daycare interested in the same space, please call the Church at 718-624-7228

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## Lenten Retreat

# "Men: Defenders of Family and Society"

**Saturday April 6th, 2019**

**8:30am – 4:30pm**

And when he had removed him, he raised up David to be their king, of whom he testified and said, 'I have found in David the son of Jesse a man after my heart, who will do all my will.' (Acts 13:22)

Come away from your busy daily life schedule, enjoy the beautiful nature in Verona and draw closer to the Lord and His Will.

Retreat day includes:

- Talks
- Silent Time for reflection
- Eucharistic Healing service
- Lunch & snacks
- Rosary & Gospel Reflection
- Divine Liturgy
- Fellowship time
- Spiritual Direction & confession

Fathers, how do you live out your calling? First of all, we cannot give what we do not have. If we as men are not taking our own spiritual lives seriously, we will have nothing of value to offer our wives and children.

Where?

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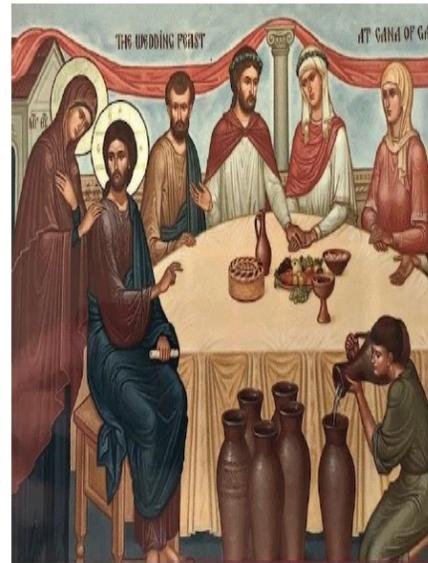
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**Cost \$50**

To sign up please contact  
Adonis El-Asmar at (917) 855-3075  
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**ALL ARE WELCOME & INVITED!!**

## Second Annual Ladies Day of Recollection



**NEW DATE!**

**Saturday April 27, 2019**

**9:30am to 4:00pm**

**Donation \$25**

**Registration Deadline March 24**

**St. John Paul II at  
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Any questions call (914) 631-0446. Someone will call you back.

# 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

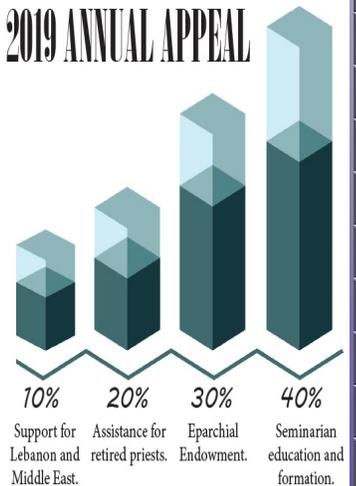
PS: Please also consider remembering the Eparchy and your parish in your estate plan, or as the beneficiary of an insurance policy, retirement plan or charitable gift annuity. Thank you.

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 \$2,179 so far. Please make your check to Our Lady of Lebanon Cathedral.



EPARCHY OF SAINT MARON OF BROOKLYN

2019 ANNUAL APPEAL



# Sunday Readings

## قراءات الأحد

### Fifth Sunday Lent: Sunday of the Paralytic

#### First Letter to Timothy 5:24-6: 5

The sins of some people are conspicuous and precede them to judgement, while the sins of others follow them there. So also good works are conspicuous; and even when they are not, they cannot remain hidden. Let all who are under the yoke of slavery regard their masters as worthy of all honor, so that the name of God and the teaching may not be blasphemed. Those who have believing masters must not be disrespectful to them on the ground that they are members of the church; rather they must serve them all the more, since those who benefit by their service are believers and beloved. Teach and urge these duties. Whoever teaches otherwise and does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching that is in accordance with godliness, is conceited, understanding nothing, and has a morbid craving for controversy and for disputes about words. From these come envy, dissension, slander, base suspicions, and wrangling among those who are depraved in mind and bereft of the truth, imagining that godliness is a means of gain.

#### The Gospel according to Saint Mark 2:1-12

When Jesus returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door; and he was speaking the word to them. Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, 'Son, your sins are forgiven.' Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, 'Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?' At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves; and he said to them, 'Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, "Your sins are forgiven", or to say, "Stand up and take your mat and walk"? But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins' he said to the paralytic 'I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your home.' And he stood up, and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, 'We have never seen anything like this!'

### الأحد الخامس من الصوم الكبير : أحد شفاء المخلع

#### رسالة القديس بولس الأولى إلى طيموتاوس 5:24-6: 5

يا إخوتي، مِنَ النَّاسِ مَنْ تَكُونُ خَطَايَاهُمْ وَاضِحَةً قَبْلَ الْحُكْمِ فِيهَا، وَمِنْهُمْ مَنْ لَا تَكُونُ وَاضِحَةً إِلَّا بَعْدَهُ. كَذَلِكَ فَإِنَّ الْأَعْمَالَ الصَّالِحَةَ هِيَ أَيْضًا وَاضِحَةٌ، وَالَّتِي هِيَ غَيْرُ وَاضِحَةٍ فَلَا يُمَكِّنُ أَنْ تَبْقَى خَفِيَّةً. عَلَى جَمِيعِ الَّذِينَ تَحْتَ نِيرِ الْعُبُودِيَّةِ أَنْ يَحْسَبُوا أَسْيَادَهُمْ أَهْلًا لِكُلِّ كِرَامَةٍ، لِئَلَّا يُجَدِّفَ عَلَى اسْمِ اللَّهِ وَتَعْلِيمِهِ. أَمَّا الَّذِينَ لَهُمْ أَسْيَادٌ مُؤْمِنُونَ فَلَا يَسْتَهَيَّبُوا بِهِمْ، لِأَنَّهُمْ إِخْوَةٌ، بَلْ بِالْأَحْرَى فَلْيَخْدُمُوهُمْ، لِأَنَّ الْمُسْتَفِيدِينَ مِنْ خَدْمَتِهِمُ الطَّيِّبَةَ هُمْ مُؤْمِنُونَ وَأَجْبَاءُ، ذَلِكَ مَا يَجِبُ أَنْ تُعَلِّمَهُ وَتَعِظَ بِهِ.

فَإِنْ كَانَ أَحَدٌ يُعَلِّمُ تَعْلِيمًا مُخَالَفًا، وَلَا يَتَمَسَّكَ بِالْكَلَامِ الصَّحِيحِ، كَلَامِ رَبِّنَا يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ، وَبِالتَّعْلِيمِ الْمُوَافِقِ لِلتَّقْوَى،

فَهُوَ إِنْسَانٌ أَعَمَّهُ الْكِبْرِيَاءُ، لَا يَفْهَمُ شَيْئًا، بَلْ مُصَابٌ بِمَرَضِ الْمُجَادَلَاتِ وَالْمُمَاحَكَاتِ، الَّتِي يَنْشَأُ عَنْهَا الْحَسَدُ وَالْخِصَامُ وَالتَّجْبِيفُ وَسُوءُ الظَّنِّ، وَالمُشَاجَرَاتُ بَيْنَ أَنَاسٍ فَاسِدِي الْعَقْلِ، زَائِفِينَ عَنِ الْحَقِّ، يَطْنُونَ أَنْ التَّقْوَى وَسِيلَةٌ لِلرَّبْحِ.

#### إنجيل القديس مرقس 12:1-2

عَادَ يَسُوعُ إِلَى كَفَرْنَاحُومَ. وَسَمِعَ النَّاسُ أَنَّهُ فِي الْبَيْتِ. فَتَجَمَّعَ عَدَدٌ كَبِيرٌ مِنْهُمْ حَتَّى غَصَّ بِهِمُ الْمَكَانُ، وَلَمْ يَبْقَ مَوْضِعٌ لِأَحَدٍ وَلَا عِنْدَ الْبَابِ. وَكَانَ يُخَاطِبُهُمْ بِكَلِمَةِ اللَّهِ. فَأَتَوْهُ بِمَخْلَعٍ يَحْمِلُهُ أَرْبَعَةُ رِجَالٍ. وَبِسَبَبِ الْجَمْعِ لَمْ يَسْتَطِيعُوا الْوُضُوعُ بِهِ إِلَى يَسُوعَ، فَكَشَفُوا السَّقْفَ فَوْقَ يَسُوعَ، وَنَبَّسُوهُ، وَدَلَّوْا الْفِرَاشَ الَّذِي كَانَ الْمَخْلَعُ مَطْرُوحًا عَلَيْهِ. وَرَأَى يَسُوعُ إِيمَانَهُمْ، فَقَالَ لِلْمَخْلَعِ: «يَا ابْنِي، مَغْفُورَةٌ لَكَ خَطَايَاكَ.»!

وَكَانَ بَعْضُ الْكُتَّابَةِ جَالِسِينَ هُنَاكَ يُفَكِّرُونَ فِي قُلُوبِهِمْ: لِمَاذَا يَتَكَلَّمُ هَذَا الرَّجُلُ هَكَذَا؟ إِنَّهُ يُجَدِّفُ! مَنْ يَقْدِرُ أَنْ يَغْفِرَ الْخَطَايَا إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ؟

وَفِي الْحَالِ عَرَفَ يَسُوعُ بِرُوجِهِ أَنَّهُمْ يُفَكِّرُونَ هَكَذَا فِي أَنْفُسِهِمْ فَقَالَ لَهُمْ: «لِمَاذَا تَفَكِّرُونَ بِهَذَا فِي قُلُوبِكُمْ؟ مَا هُوَ الْأَسْهَلُ؟ أَنْ يَقَالَ لِلْمَخْلَعِ: مَغْفُورَةٌ لَكَ خَطَايَاكَ؟ أَمْ أَنْ يَقَالَ: قُمْ وَاحْمِلْ فِرَاشَكَ وَأَمْشِ؟ وَلَكِي تَعْلَمُوا أَنَّ لِابْنِ الْإِنْسَانِ سُلْطَانًا أَنْ يَغْفِرَ الْخَطَايَا عَلَى الْأَرْضِ»، قَالَ لِلْمَخْلَعِ:

لَكَ أَقُولُ: قُمْ، احْمِلْ فِرَاشَكَ، وَأَذْهَبْ إِلَى بَيْتِكَ! فَقَامَ فِي الْحَالِ وَحَمَلَ فِرَاشَهُ، وَخَرَجَ أَمَامَ الْجَمِيعِ، حَتَّى دَهَشُوا كُلَّهُمْ وَمَجَّنُّوا اللَّهَ قَائِلِينَ: «مَا رَأَيْنَا مِثْلَ هَذَا الْبَيْتَةِ.»!