

Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Cathedral
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The Most Reverend Gregory J. Mansour — Eparchial Bishop
The Very Reverend Dominique Hanna — Rector
Deacon Peter Frangie
Subdeacon Norbert Vogl

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.

Third Sunday of the Pentecost June 23rd, 2019

Sun. June 23	Sunday of the Most Holy Trinity		
	9:00 am	Ameen Hamid	Req. by Carol Hamid
	11:30 am	Intention of the Parishioners	
Mon. June 24	NO LITURGY	Birth of St. John the Baptist	
Tues. June 25	NO LITURGY	Zechariah & Elizabeth, Parents of John the Baptist	
Wed. June 26	NO LITURGY	St. Josemaria Escriva, Blessed Yacuub the Capuchin	
Thurs. June 27	NO LITURGY		
Fri. June 28	NO LITURGY	The Sacred Heart of Jesus	
Sat. June 29	10 am Divine Liturgy	Sts. Peter & Paul (actual feast)	
Sun. June 30	Feast of Saints Peter & Paul		
	9:00 am	Nabiha Hamid	Req. by Carol Hamid
	11:30 am	Intention of the Parishioners	

Financial Standing May 2019

Ordinary Income

Sundays & Holy Days Collections: **\$11,610**

Cathedral Stipends from Marriages & Funerals, Lower Hall Rent, Candles, Breakfast, Luncheon, Bake Sale, Dues, Religious Education, flowers, **\$11,072**

Total Ordinary Income: \$22,682

Ordinary Expense

Payroll, Gas, Electricity, Building and Medical Insurances, Leasing Equipments, TV, Phone, Internet, Church, Hall & Office Supplies, Postage, Regular Maintenance, Charity, Eparchial Appeal, Insurance,...

Total Ordinary Expense: \$18,731.28

Total Ordinary Income vs Expense: 3,950.72

We also brought in some extraordinary income in the amount of: \$29,576.67 (which included Library Rent, Donations for specific projects, and the Capital Campaign)

We had some extraordinary expense in the amount of: \$10,000 (Major Church Repair such as electricity, roof replacement, Boiler, Installation of AC ...)

**Thank you for your contribution
in helping maintain the Church and
for planning different activities**

Sunday Readings

**Lectors and Ushers (age 16 and up) are needed.
Please [email](#) the church to become one**

June 23, 2019	3rd Sunday of the Pentecost
	Reading: 1 Corinthians 2: 1-10
	Gospel: John 14: 21-27
	Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill
	11:30 am Subdecon Norbert Vogl - English
	11:30 am Lina Fakhoury - Arabic
June 30, 2019	Saints Peter & Paul
	Reading: 2 Corinthians 11: 21-30
	Gospel: Matthew 16: 13-20
	Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill
	11:30 am Patrick Abou Chrouch - English
	11:30 am Marise Frangie - Arabic
July 7, 2019	5th Sunday of the Pentecost
	Reading: Philippians 3: 7-14
	Gospel: Matthew 10: 1-7
	Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill
	11:30 am Anthony Elhowayek - English
	11:30 am Bassem Diab - Arabic
July 14, 2019	6th Sunday of the Pentecost
	Reading: Philippians 3: 7-14
	Gospel: Matthew 10: 1-7
	Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill
	11:30 am Vivian Akel - English
	11:30 am Cynthia Ayoub - Arabic

Dear Beloved Parishioners:

The most difficult doctrine to explain in Christianity is probably the mystery of the Trinity, and we are mostly challenged when people from other faiths accuse us of being polytheistic or believing in many gods at once. Actually in the 50s and 60s to avoid preaching on this topic of the Trinity and its complexity, priests and ministers, Catholic and non-Catholic, used to give the congregation the financial report of the parish. Thus, regarding income and expenses, following that tradition, let me tell you a little bit about our profit and loss, the revenue and expenditures of our parish. This is supposed to be a joke. I'm kidding. I do not want to talk about the Church finances.

My friends, we could sit here forever while I explained the theological concept of the Trinity, of how there are three persons and one divine nature and how the Father is God, the Son is God and the Holy Spirit is God. We could read different treatises and essays from the fathers and saints of the Church and prominent theologians who talked about the meaning of the word 'person' in the context of the Trinity and how 'nature' can mean something different from what it actually means today. Or how the three persons are separate without division. We could dwell on this even longer while I came up with what I call Trinity analogies like how water can exist in three forms, solid, liquid and gas and that the Trinity is similar to that. Or how the Trinity is similar to a three string violin (actually there are four strings in a violin), but let us pretend if there are three and each has a different pitch yet when played together form one harmony.

The Most Holy Trinity is not meant to be explained fully, that does not mean we should stop our reading and researching to find new ways to comprehend our belief. Let us see what the Divine Liturgy has to say about it. The first line in the opening hymn of the Sunday dedicated to the Holy Trinity reads, "Who can fully comprehend God as Holy Trinity? So great is this mystery far beyond our scrutiny!" The prayer of forgiveness (Hoosoyo) proclaims, "O Most Holy Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the one true God, without division and beyond our understanding."

Similarly, the passage from Matthew last Sunday says, "When they saw him, they worshiped him, but some doubted" – his resurrection - and Jesus gave them all authority in heaven and earth to make disciples, baptize and teach. Even though some of them were being doubtful, the disciples worshipped and were given the power to make disciples, baptize and teach. Yes, the Trinity is far beyond our reasoning power and our way of thinking. Yes, the Trinity cannot be fully explained, but it can be fully lived, worshipped and granted power in our lives. How can it be fully lived?

The Trinity is the communion between the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit that is mirrored in communion in our families. The more there is harmony between the different members of the family, husbands, wives and children, the more we experience the work of the Trinity and portray it to those around us. So, now every time we are asked to explain what the Trinity is, let us ask ourselves if we are living it. And, trust me, once we live the Trinity, not too many people will ask us to explain it anymore, because they see the Trinity in us.

Abouna Dominique Visiting Lebanon

Abouna Dominique will be in Lebanon from July 8 to August 9 visiting his family. The Sunday Divine Liturgy will continue at 9 and 11:30 am during this time. Bishop Gregory will cover July 14; Fr. Tony Mouanes July 21 & August 4, and Fr. Patrick Hough July 28. In case of emergency and needing a priest, please call Subdeacon Norbert at 678-723-5201 or Adonis El-Asmar at 917-855-3075 and they will get in touch with a priest. Weekdays Divine Liturgy from Monday to Saturday are canceled.

Rice Bowl Donation

During Lent, the Church raised \$540 for Catholic Relief Services through the Rice Bowl initiatives. Thanks for your don

Pilgrimage: [In The Footsteps of Paul](#)

A 10-day/8-night trip to **Greece** including a **3-day cruise** to the **Greek Islands** and **Turkey**, visiting Athens, Corinth, Mykonos, Ephesus, Patmos, Crete, Santorini, Meteora, Veria, Vergina, Salonica, and Philippi. Departing **April 29, 2020** - **\$3,498** per person/double occupancy from New York, including fuel surcharge and port taxes. If they register with \$500 by July 29th, they will save \$100. [For more information](#) please call Marleine Aflak at 1-917-608-2996 or Tony Tannousis at 1-718-987-3900

Project Roots

Bishop Gregory is asking to redouble the efforts to register American citizens of Lebanese descent who would like to regain their Lebanese citizenship. Parishioners are encouraged to register their births and marriages in Lebanon. Please check Project Root's [new website](#) and contact [Zahia Abi Habib](#) for more information

World Patriarchal Maronite Foundation for Integral Development

Patriarch Rai is looking to engage business men and women in some of the charitable work in Lebanon. He also desires that business men and women do what they can to promote business interests with men and women of good will inside Lebanon. Please check the [website](#) of this new Foundation. If anyone is interested, please [email](#) the Church with your name, email, home address, and phone number.

Abouna Dominique

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Reception to follow – Parish Hall
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For Concelebrating Clergy: White vestments are requested



«YOU HAVE UNITED, O LORD, YOUR DIVINITY
WITH OUR HUMANITY
AND OUR HUMANITY WITH YOUR DIVINITY»

- Maronite Divine Liturgy -

The Tenth Annual Benefit Dinner **The Eparchy of Saint Maron**

This Jubilee Event will recognize three special honorees known for their service to their communities: **Tony Loubnan, Antoun Sehnaoui, and Salma Besheer Vahdat**. We honor Tony for his years of service to his parish, Saint Sharbel in Somerset, NJ; Antoun who, together with Cardinal Timothy Dolan, created the Shrine of Saint Sharbel at Saint Patrick Cathedral; and Salma for her years of service to Our Lady of Lebanon Cathedral and the Brooklyn community.

The Cathedral Community is proud of having **Salma Besheer Vahdat**, a Trustee of the church, as an honoree.

Join us October 3 for an evening of fun and fellowship with your friends in support of a great cause!

*Tenth Annual Benefit Dinner for
The Eparchy of Saint Maron*

A Special Decade of Service



Thursday, October 3, 2019
New York Athletic Club, New York City

Details to follow

Sunday Readings

قراءات الأحد

Third Sunday of Pentecost

First Letter to the Corinthians 2: 1-10

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, 'What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him' these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

The Gospel according to Saint John 14: 21-27

They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.' Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, 'Lord, how is it that you will reveal yourself to us, and not to the world?' Jesus answered him, 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. 'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

الأحد الثالث من زمن العنصرة

رسالة بولس الأولى إلى أهل قورنتس 10-1:2
يا إخوتي، أنا، لما أتيتكم لأبشركم بسير الله، لم أت ببراعة الكلام أو الحكمة؛ لأنني قررت أن لا أعرف بينكم شيئاً إلا يسوع المسيح، وإياه مصلوباً! وقد جئت إليكم بضعف وخوف ورعدة شديدة. ولم يكن كلامي وتبشيري بكلمات الحكمة والإفناع، بل ببرهان الروح والفدرة، لئلا يكون إيمانكم قائماً على حكمة الناس، بل على فطرة الله. غير أننا ننطق بالحكمة بين الكاملين، ولكن لا بحكمة هذا الدهر، ولا بحكمة رؤساء هذا الدهر الذين مصيرهم إلى الزوال. بل ننطق بسير حكمة الله المحجوبة، التي سبق الله فحددها قبل الدهور لمجدنا. وهي الحكمة التي لم يعرفها أحد من رؤساء هذا الدهر، لأنهم لو عرفوها لما صلبوا رب المجد. ولكن، كما هو مكتوب: «ما لم تره عين، ولم تسمع به أذن، ولم يخطر على قلب بشر، قد أعده الله للذين يحبونه». لكن الله أعلنه لنا بروحه، لأن الروح يسبر كل شيء حتى أعماق الله.

إنجيل القديس يوحنا 27-21:14

قال الرب يسوع لتلاميذه: «من كانت لديه وصاياي ويحفظها، هو الذي يحبني. ومن يحبني يحب أبي، وأنا أحبه وأظهر له ذاتي». قال له يهوذا، لا ذلك الإسخر يوطي: «يا رب، ماذا جرى حتى تظهر ذاتك لنا، لا للعالم؟». أجاب يسوع وقال له: «من يحبني يحفظ كلمتي، وأبي يحبني وإليه تأتي، وعنده تجعل لنا منزلاً. من لا يحبني لا يحفظ كلمتي. والكلمة التي تسمعونها ليست كلمتي، بل كلمة الأب الذي أرسلني. كلمتكم بهذا، وأنا مقبم عندكم. لكن البرقليط، الروح القدس، الذي سيرسله الأب باسمي، هو يعلمكم كل شيء، ويذكركم بكل ما قلته لكم. السلام أستودعكم، سلامي أعطيكم. لا كما يعطيه العالم أنا أعطيكم. لا يضطرب قلبكم ولا يخف!