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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.

Sts. Peter & Paul & Fourth Sunday of the Pentecost

June 30th, 2019

Sun. June 30	Feast of Saints Peter & Paul 9:00 am Nabiha Hamid 11:30 am Mary Nader (100 yrs Anniversary of her birth)	Req. by Carol Hamid Req. by Marilyn Nader
Mon. July 1	NO LITURGY	St. Junipero Serra
Tues. July 2	10 am Divine Liturgy Mary Ann Cecilia Perun	Req. by Barbara Leon
Wed. July 3	NO LITURGY	
Thurs. July 4	NO LITURGY	St. Andrew the Cantor
Fri. July 5	NO LITURGY	
Sat. July 6	NO LITURGY	St. Maria Goretti
Sun. July 7	5th Sunday of Pentecost 9:00 am Louis, Mary & John Nader 11:30 am Nader & Metery Families	Req. by Marilyn Nader Req. by Marilyn Nader

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 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: 1 Corinthians 12: 112-13, 27-30 Gospel: Matthew 10: 16-25 Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill 11:30 am Vivian Akel - English 11:30 am Cynthia Ayoub - Arabic	
July 21, 2019	7th Sunday of the Pentecost Reading: 2 Corinthians 3: 1-6 Gospel: Luke 10: 1-7 Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill 11:30 am Tiana Eladem - English 11:30 am Darine Safi - Arabic	

Dear Beloved Parishioners:

Travelling to the Maronite Clergy Conference in Miami, Florida, this week, I had to go through security at La Guardia Airport.

Those of you who fly regularly know how the process of getting through TSA (Transportation Security Administration) and its metal detectors changes often.

We still need to show our ID and boarding pass, take off our shoes if we do not have TSA Pre-checked, CLEAR, and so on. However, as I walked in line to be checked by the agents, I noticed that the queue dividers are not as straight and smooth as they were the last time I went through them. I had to turn quickly every couple of steps and zigzag through the lines to get to the person behind the podium to show my driver license and my boarding pass.

The way these dividers are arranged manages the flow of the people passing through and the speed of processing the traffic of travelers. The wigglier the barriers, the slower the people walk, and the faster the process with the agent becomes because more time is needed to get there. This gives us more time to think about whether we have anything in our bags or pockets that might trigger the metal detector.

Furthermore, I am sure you experience a little fear and anxiety every time you go through security because they might pull you out of the line for a random check or you think that you have forgotten to take out the water bottle that you have from your last trip, and so on.

In life, we go through experiences similar to what was described above. Every time we are at a crossroads or making important decisions our anxiety rises and God, in his own way, makes us slow down to examine ourselves. Therefore, as we are journeying with the Almighty God often in a swirling mode, we will now have the time to empty ourselves of all excessive unnecessary extra weight in our bag. And we will make our decisions in a steadier manner always for God's glory without being afraid of the consequences because he has our backs.

Abouna Dominique

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.

75th Anniversary of the First Divine Liturgy at the Cathedral

The Cathedral is announcing the 75th Anniversary of the First Divine Liturgy in the Current Location on Sunday November 24, 2019. The celebration begins with the Divine Liturgy at 11:30am followed by a luncheon at the Dyker Beach Golf Course Catering Hall in Brooklyn, NY. There will also be a Commemorative Book in which pages may be purchased to honor beloved living and deceased members of the Cathedral Community. Meanwhile, those who have old pictures from the time the Cathedra was dedicated onward, please make sure to [email](#), so we can create a nice collage.

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 and 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.

Recommendation of the Finance Council

The Finance Council recommends 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.

Bulletin Advertisement

Business owners who would like to advertise their businesses in the Church bulletin that reaches over 400 households via email, please call the Cathedral at 718-624-7228 for more information.

Featuring a CD from the collection in the Social Hall Beloved: Finding Happiness in Marriage

Dr. Timothy Gray presents an honest look at the blessings and struggles of marriage. He connects the Fall to daily marital struggles and explains how, like Adam and Eve, spouses can end up blaming instead of supporting each other. Dr. Gray also explains how words can heal and build up married life.

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FOR THE EPARCHY OF SAINT MARON
OF BROOKLYN*

BY THE LAYING OF HANDS OF
HIS EXCELLENCY
BISHOP GREGORY J. MANSOUR

On Saturday September, 14th 2019 at 10:30 am
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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

عيد القديسين بطرس وبولس الرسولين

Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, The Apostles

Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians 11: 21-30

To my shame, I must say, we were too weak for that! But whatever anyone dares to boast of I am speaking as a fool I also dare to boast of that.

Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they descendants of Abraham? So am I. Are they ministers of Christ? I am talking like a madman I am a better one: with far greater labors, far more imprisonments, with countless floggings, and often near death. Five times I have received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one.

Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I received a stoning. Three times I was shipwrecked; for a night and a day I was adrift at sea; on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from bandits, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brothers and sisters; in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, hungry and thirsty, often without food, cold and naked. And, besides other things, I am under daily pressure because of my anxiety for all the churches. Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to stumble, and I am not indignant? If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness.

The Gospel of Saint Matthew 16: 13-20

Then Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?'

Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.'

And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

رسالة القديس بولس الثانية إلى 11: 21-30

يا إخوتي، أقول وأخجل، كما لو كنا ضُعفاء! وأقول كجَاهل: إنَّ كُلَّ مَا يَجْرُؤُ عَلَيْهِ هُوَلاء، أَجْرُؤُ عَلَيْهِ أَنَا أَيْضًا: أَهْمَ عِبْرَانِيُونَ؟ أَنَا أَيْضًا عِبْرَانِي! أَهْمَ إِسْرَائِيلِيُّونَ؟ أَنَا أَيْضًا إِسْرَائِيلِي! أَهْمَ نَسْلُ إِبْرَاهِيمَ؟ أَنَا أَيْضًا نَسْلُ إِبْرَاهِيمَ!

أَهْمَ خُدَّامٌ لِلْمَسِيحِ؟ أَقُولُ كَمَنْ فَقَدَ صَوَابَهُ: أَنَا أَكْثَرُ! فِي الْأَتْعَابِ أَكْثَرُ! فِي السُّجُونِ أَكْثَرُ! فِي الضَّرَبَاتِ أَكْثَرُ جِدًّا! فِي أخطارِ المَوْتِ أَكْثَرُ بِمَرَّاتٍ كَثِيرَةٍ! تَلَقَّيْتُ الجُلْدَ مِنَ الْيَهُودِ خَمْسَ مَرَّاتٍ، كُلِّ مَرَّةٍ أَرْبَعِينَ جُلْدَةً إِلَّا وَاحِدَةً!

ضُرِبْتُ بِالْعِصِيِّ ثَلَاثَ مَرَّاتٍ! رُجِمْتُ مَرَّةً وَاحِدَةً! انْكَسَرَتْ بِي السَّفِينَةُ ثَلَاثَ مَرَّاتٍ! فَضَيْتُ فِي غَرَضِ الْبَحْرِ لَيْلَةً وَنَهَارًا! قُمْتُ بِأَسْفَارٍ كَثِيرَةٍ، كُنْتُ فِي أخطارٍ مِنَ الْأَنْهَارِ، أخطارٍ مِنَ اللُّصُوصِ، أخطارٍ مِنْ أُمَّتِي، أخطارٍ مِنَ الْأُمَمِ، أخطارٍ فِي الْمَدِينَةِ، أخطارٍ فِي الصَّخْرَاءِ، أخطارٍ فِي الْبَحْرِ، أخطارٍ بَيْنَ الْإِخْوَةِ الْكَذَّابَةِ! عَانَيْتُ التَّعَبَ، وَالْكَدَّ، وَالسَّهَرَ مَرَّاتٍ كَثِيرَةٍ، وَالْجُوعَ، وَالْعَطَشَ، وَالصَّوْمَ مَرَّاتٍ كَثِيرَةٍ، وَالْبَرْدَ، وَالْغَرِي! أَضِفْ إِلَى ذَلِكَ، مَا عَلَيَّ مِنَ الْأَعْبَاءِ كُلِّ يَوْمٍ، وَالْأَهْتِمَامِ بِجَمِيعِ الْكَنَائِسِ! مَنْ يَضَعُفُ وَلَا أضعفُ أَنَا؟ وَمَنْ يَقَعُ فِي الْخَطِيئَةِ وَلَا أخطئُ أَنَا؟ وَإِنْ كَانَ لَا بُدَّ مِنَ الْأَفْتَحَارِ، فَأَنَا أَفْتَحِرُ بِأَوْهَانِي!

إنجيل القديس متى 16: 13-20

جَاءَ يَسُوعُ إِلَى نَوَاحِي فِينِصِيَّةِ فِينِيسَ فَسَأَلَ تَلَامِيذَهُ قَائِلًا: «مَنْ يَقُولُ النَّاسُ إِنِّي أَنَا ابْنُ الْإِنْسَانِ؟» «فَقَالُوا: «بَعْضُهُمْ يَقُولُونَ: يُوحَنَّا الْمَعْمَدَانُ؛ وَآخَرُونَ: إِيلِيَّا؛ وَغَيْرُهُمْ: إِرْمِيَا أَوْ أَحَدُ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ.» «قَالَ لَهُمْ: «وَأَنْتُمْ مَنْ تَقُولُونَ إِنِّي أَنَا؟» «فَأَجَابَ سَمْعَانُ بَطْرُسُ وَقَالَ: أَنْتَ هُوَ الْمَسِيحُ ابْنُ اللَّهِ الْحَيِّ!»

فَأَجَابَ يَسُوعُ وَقَالَ لَهُ: «طُوبَى لَكَ يَا سَمْعَانُ بَنَ يُونَا! لِأَنَّهُ لَا لَحْمَ وَلَا دَمَ أَظْهَرَ لَكَ ذَلِكَ، بَلْ أَبِي الَّذِي فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ. وَأَنَا أَيْضًا أَقُولُ لَكَ: أَنْتَ هُوَ بَطْرُسُ، أَيِ الصَّخْرَةِ، وَعَلَى هَذِهِ الصَّخْرَةِ سَأَبْنِي بَيْعَتِي، وَأَبْوَابُ الْجَحِيمِ لَنْ تَقْوَى عَلَيْهَا. سَأُعْطِيكَ مَفَاتِيحَ مَلَكُوتِ السَّمَاوَاتِ، فَكُلُّ مَا تَرْتَبِطُهُ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ يَكُونُ مَرْتَبُوطًا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ، وَمَا تَحُلُّهُ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ يَكُونُ مَحْلُولًا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ.»

حِينَئِذٍ أَوْصَى تَلَامِيذَهُ أَلَّا يَقُولُوا لِأَحَدٍ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْمَسِيحُ.