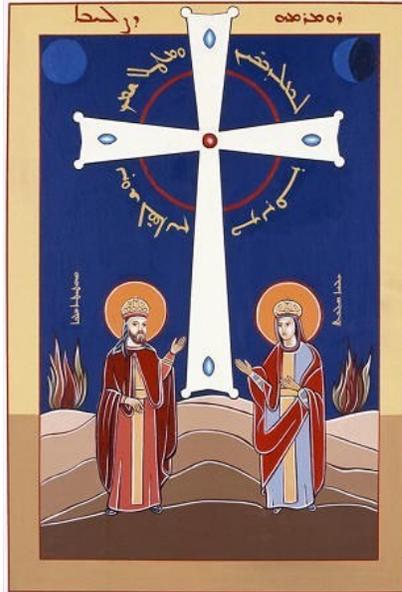


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The Most Reverend Gregory J. Mansour, Eparchial Bishop
The Very Reverend Dominique Hanna, Rector
Deacon Peter Frangie
Subdeacon Norbert Vogl



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.

Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Actual Feast of September 14th)
September 8th, 2019

Sun. September 8	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross	Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
	9:00 am Kamal Barsoun & Jack Manno	Req. by Dr. Elie Chalhoub
	11:30 am Intentions of the Parishioners	
Mon. September 9	NO LITURGY Sts Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Virgin Mary/ Blessed Frederick Ozanam	
Tues. September 10	10 am Divine Liturgy	
Wed. September 11	10 am Divine Liturgy	
Thurs. September 12	10 am Divine Liturgy Josephine Cervasion Cirecello	Req. by Mrs. Salma Vahdat
Fri. September 13	10 am Divine Liturgy Special Intentions	Req. by Phyllis Simon
Sat. September 14	10 am Divine Liturgy	Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross
Sun. September 15	1st Sunday after Holy Cross	Sts. Shaina & Sassine
	9:00 am Intentions of the Parishioners	
	11:30 am Madeline & Elias Souky, Sandra Souky Richardone, Stephen Joseph Souky	Req. by Leslie Greiche

Financial Standing August 2019

Ordinary Income

Sundays & Holy Days Collections: **\$7,844**

Cathedral Stipends from Marriages & Funerals, Lower Hall Rent, Candles, Breakfast, Luncheon, Bake Sale, Dues, Religious Education, flowers,: **\$1,499.84**

Total Ordinary Income: \$9,343.84

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: \$15,146.56

Total Ordinary Income vs Expense: \$5,802.72

We also brought in some extraordinary income in the amount of: \$29,976.67 (which included Library Rent, Donations for specific projects, and the Capital Campaign)

We had some extraordinary expense in the amount of: \$5,500 (Major Church Repair such as electricity, roof replacement, Boiler, ...)

Thus, we had to use some of our 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 maintain the Church
and in planning different activities**

Sunday Readings

**Lectors and Ushers (age 16 and up) are needed.
Please [email](mailto:church@stjohns.org) the church to become one**

September 8, 2019	Exaltation of the Holy Cross Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 18-25 Gospel: John 12: 20-32 Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill 11:30 am Norbert Vogl - English 11:30 am Norma Haddad - Arabic
September 15, 2019	1st Sunday after Holy Cross Reading: 2 Timothy 2: 1-10 Gospel: Mark 10: 35-45 Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill 11:30 am Melissa Safi - English 11:30 am Paula Ashkar - Arabic
September 22, 2019	2nd Sun. after Holy Cross Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 19-34 Gospel: Matthew 24: 1-14 Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill 11:30 am Marleine Safi - English 11:30 am Bassam Ayoub - Arabic
September 29, 2019	3rd Sun. after Holy Cross Reading: Philippians 3: 17-4:1 Gospel: Matthew 24: 23-31 Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill 11:30 am Lydia Gordon - English 11:30 am Zahia Abi Habib - Arabic

Dear Beloved Parishioners:

The sequence of the last three Sunday Gospels inherited from the Syriac Fathers and organized by the Patriarchal Liturgical Commission closes the Season of Pentecost and gives the faithful a deeper look at God's desire to be part of each person's life.

The Parable of the Sower of this Sunday was the culmination of the past two Sunday's encounters of Jesus with Zacchaeus and the Canaanite woman. Jesus invited himself to the house of Zacchaeus, a Jewish chief tax collector from Jericho, had dinner with him and stayed the night there. The Pharisees were very critical of Jesus doing what he did and so we would be if it happened today. Nonetheless, Jesus was telling us that every sinner is not only allowed a second chance, but a third, fourth and whatever it takes to bring him back to be part of God's promise. Then, the story of the healing of the daughter of the Canaanite woman from Tyre and Sidon two Sundays ago made his disciples realize that Jesus did not come to heal and save from sin his own Jewish people only, but others as well, especially their neighbors. "The Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel," reads Ephesians 3: 6.

It seems very clear that there is a crescendo movement of God's inclusivity that is at play when the Gospel that follows is Jesus telling the crowd the Parable of the Sower. The genius in the order of the Gospel readings peaks at the proclamation of the Parable of the Sower showing the generous lavishness of the sower. Luke 8: 4-8 states, "As he sowed, some fell on the path and was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up. Some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered for lack of moisture. Some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew with it and choked it. Some fell into good soil, and when it grew, it produced a hundredfold." Seed at the time of Jesus were not cheap. How could the sower be so irresponsible about where he was throwing them? Was he not aware of the rocky ground and the thorns and that seed could not grow on the path?

Of course, he was aware, but even though, the seed fell as it did to assure us that no matter what kind of creatures we are, God created us through him. If he is the *logos*, the rest of creation is *logoi*. The Seed of forgiveness were thrown into the heart of the Jew Zacchaeus and had their effect. Other seed of healing were sown into the gentile Canaanite woman and produced a hundredfold. The Lord will never stop sowing his seed unrestrictedly throughout his creation to demonstrate his indiscriminatory attitude toward his creation. However, it is up to us to transform these seed into plants and give fruit to feed the many.

Abanna Dominique

Maronite Catholic Formation (Sunday School)

Registration for Sunday School is on its way. It is of extreme importance to hand down the faith to our children (1st to 12th Grade) and our Sunday Formation is one small way to do so. Thus, everyone is encouraged to register their children and not wait to the last minute. Classes begin on Sunday, September 22nd at 10am. The program will run until the end of June two Sundays of formation each month. Please [print the form online](#) and email it to [Lily Elhaje](#)

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 Cathedral was dedicated onward, please make sure to [email](#) them to us, so we can create a nice collage.

Altar Server Training

Subdeacon Norbert will hold an altar server training Sunday September 8th after the 11:30 Divine Liturgy.

Order of St. Sharbel Sunday

This year, October 13 is designated as "Order of Saint Sharbel Sunday" in our Eparchy. On October 13, all Maronite parishes will be promoting the Order. The Order of Saint Sharbel is vitally important in providing financial and spiritual [support for our seminarians](#), who are crucial for the future of our Maronite Church. Please prayerfully consider joining the Order. You may enroll [online](#) or ask Father for more information.

Arabic Class Registration

Arabic Class registration has begun. Please see Leila Vogl if you are interested.

Housekeeping

The Brooklyn Public Library's lease was renewed on July 10th extending their stay until December 31, 2020.

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. We already have 17 people who have signed up for the trip. Deadline for registrations is no later than October 29, 2019. [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

Recommendation of the Finance Council

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11:30am Divine Liturgy

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Details to follow

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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!

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- Fr. Thomas' 25th anniversary in the Holy Priesthood on Saturday evening, October 19
- Fr. Adrian Budica's elevation to the dignity of Archpriest on Sunday, October 20
- The dedication of the new iconography installed since last winter
- The inauguration of two very important anniversaries to be celebrated throughout 2020: 125th anniversary of the Archdiocese and the Cathedral as the first community established by St. Raphael of Brooklyn in 1895 and the 100th anniversary of our State Street Cathedral, consecrated in 1920.

Saturday, October 19

5:30pm Great Vespers at the Cathedral followed by a gala banquet at

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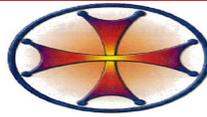
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🌀 **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2019** 🌀

3:00PM – 6:00PM - Registration

7:00PM – 7:30PM - Prayer services (Ramsho)

8:00PM – Midnight - Welcome party (Sahra)

🌀 **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2019** 🌀

9:00AM – 10:00AM - Registration

9:30AM – 10:00AM - Prayer services (Safro)

10:00AM – 11AM - Workshop I

Discipleship: Living Your Faith in the World

11:15AM – 12:15PM - Workshop II

Understanding the Maronite Liturgy

12:30PM – 1:30PM - Lunch (St. Sharbel Ctr.)

6:30PM – 7:30PM - Cocktails (St. Sharbel Ctr.)

8:00PM – 1:00AM - Grand Banquet and Hafli (St. Sharbel Ctr.)

Featuring Mitchell Kaltsunas

🌀 **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2019** 🌀

10:00AM - Liturgy

11:00AM - Farewell Brunch

Room Rate: \$114.00 for Single and Double occupancy
(Single = 1 King; Double = 2 Queen)



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Sunday Readings

قراءات الأحد

Feast of the Exaltation of the Glorious Cross The First Letter to the Corinthians 1:18-25

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.'

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John 12:20-32

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. 'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say "Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.'

Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out.

And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.'

عيد ارتفاع الصليب المقدس

رسالة القديس بولس الأولى إلى أهل كورنتس 1:18-25

يا إخوتي، إِنَّ كَلِمَةَ الصَّلِيبِ عِنْدَ الْهَالِكِينَ حَمَاقَةٌ، أَمَا عِنْدَنَا نَحْنُ الْمُخَلَّصِينَ فَهِيَ قُوَّةُ اللَّهِ؛

لِأَنَّهُ مَكْتُوبٌ: «سَأَبِيدُ حِكْمَةَ الْحُكَمَاءِ، وَأَرُدُّ فِهِمَ الْفُهْمَاءِ.»! فَأَيْنَ الْحَكِيمِ؟ وَأَيْنَ عَالِمِ الشَّرِيعَةِ؟ وَأَيْنَ الْبَاحِثِ فِي أُمُورِ هَذَا الدَّهْرِ؟ أَمَا جَعَلَ اللَّهُ حِكْمَةَ هَذَا الْعَالَمِ حَمَاقَةً؟

فِيمَا أَنَّ الْعَالَمَ بِحِكْمَتِهِ مَا عَرَفَ اللَّهَ بِحَسَبِ حِكْمَةِ اللَّهِ، رَضِيَ اللَّهُ أَنْ يُخَلِّصَ بِحَمَاقَةِ الْبِشَارَةِ الَّذِينَ يُؤْمِنُونَ؛

لِأَنَّ الْيَهُودَ يَطْلُبُونَ الْآيَاتِ، وَالْيُونَانِيِّينَ يَلْتَمِسُونَ الْحِكْمَةَ. أَمَا نَحْنُ فَنُنَادِي بِمَسِيحٍ مَصْلُوبٍ، هُوَ عِثَارٌ لِلْيَهُودِ وَحَمَاقَةٌ لِلْأُمَّمِ.

وَأَمَّا لِلْمَدْعُوبِينَ أَنْفُسِهِمْ، مِنَ الْيَهُودِ وَالْيُونَانِيِّينَ، فَهُوَ مَسِيحٌ، قُوَّةُ اللَّهِ وَحِكْمَةُ اللَّهِ؛

فَمَا يَبْدُو أَنَّهُ حَمَاقَةٌ مِنَ اللَّهِ هُوَ أَحْكَمُ مِنَ النَّاسِ، وَمَا يَبْدُو أَنَّهُ ضَعْفٌ مِنَ اللَّهِ هُوَ أَقْوَى مِنَ النَّاسِ.

إنجيل القديس يوحنا 12:20-32

كَانَ بَيْنَ الصَّاعِدِينَ لِيَسْجُدُوا فِي الْعِيدِ، بَعْضُ الْيُونَانِيِّينَ. فَذَنَا هَوْلَاءِ مِنْ فِيلِبُّسَ الَّذِي مِنْ بَيْتِ صَيْدَا الْجَلِيلِ، وَسَأَلُوهُ

قَائِلِينَ: «يَا سَيِّدَ، نُرِيدُ أَنْ نَرَى يَسُوعَ.» فَجَاءَ فِيلِبُّسُ وَقَالَ لِأَنْدَرَاوُسَ، وَجَاءَ أَنْدَرَاوُسُ وَفِيلِبُّسُ وَقَالَ

لِيَسُوعَ. فَأَجَابَهُمَا يَسُوعُ قَائِلًا: «لَقَدْ حَانَتْ السَّاعَةُ لِكَيْ يُمَجَّدَ ابْنُ

الْإِنْسَانِ. أَحَقُّ أَحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ: إِنَّ حَبَّةَ الْحِنْطَةِ، إِنْ لَمْ تَقَعْ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَتَمُتْ، تَبْقَى وَاحِدَةً. وَإِنْ مَاتَتْ نَأْتِي بِثَمَرٍ كَثِيرٍ.

مَنْ يُحِبُّ نَفْسَهُ يَفْقِدُهَا، وَمَنْ يُبْغِضُهَا فِي هَذَا الْعَالَمِ يَحْفَظُهَا لِحَيَاةٍ أَبَدِيَّةٍ.

مَنْ يَخْدُمُنِي فَلْيَتْبَعْنِي. وَحَيْثُ أَكُونُ أَنَا، فَهَنَّاكَ يَكُونُ أَيْضًا خَادِمِي. مَنْ يَخْدُمُنِي يَكْرِمُهُ الْآبُ.

نَفْسِي الْآنَ مُضْطَرَبَةٌ، فَمَاذَا أَقُولُ؟ يَا أَبَتِ، نَجِّنِي مِنْ هَذِهِ السَّاعَةِ؟ وَلَكِنْ مِنْ أَجْلِ هَذَا بَلَّغْتُ إِلَيْ هَذِهِ السَّاعَةِ!

يَا أَبَتِ، مَجِّدْ اسْمَكَ. «فَجَاءَ صَوْتُ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ يَقُولُ: «قَدْ مَجَّدْتُ، وَسَأَمَجِّدُ.»

وَسَمِعَ الْجَمْعُ الْحَاضِرُ فَقَالُوا: «إِنَّهُ رَعْدٌ.» وَقَالَ آخَرُونَ: «إِنَّ مَلَكًَا خَاطَبَهُ.»

أَجَابَ يَسُوعُ وَقَالَ: «مَا كَانَ هَذَا الصَّوْتُ مِنْ أَجْلِي، بَلْ مِنْ أَجْلِكُمْ.

هِيَ الْآنَ دَيْتُونَةُ هَذَا الْعَالَمِ. الْآنَ يُطْرَدُ سُلْطَانُ هَذَا الْعَالَمِ خَارِجًا.

وَأَنَا إِذَا رُفِعْتُ عَنِ الْأَرْضِ، جَذِبْتُ إِلَيَّ الْجَمِيعَ.»