

**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.

## ***Second Sunday after Holy Cross September 22nd, 2019***

<b>Sun. September 22</b>	<b>2nd Sunday after Holy Cross</b>	<b>St. Phocas</b>
9:00 am	In thanksgiving from Maria Villegas for St. Sharbel Prayers	
11:30 am	Juliette Issa ElKhoury	Req. by Roger Issa Elkhoury
<b>Mon. September 23</b>	<b>NO LITURGY</b>	
<b>Tues. September 24</b>	10 am Divine Liturgy Takla Chalhoub Juliette Issa ElKhoury	St. Thecla, 1st Woman Martyr Dr. Elie & Georges Chalhoub Req. by Roger Issa Elkhoury
<b>Wed. September 25</b>	10 am Divine Liturgy Juliette Issa ElKhoury	Req. by Roger Issa Elkhoury
<b>Thurs. September 26</b>	10 am Divine Liturgy Eva Karam Azizi	Req. by Mrs. Salma Vahdat
<b>Fri. September 27</b>	10 am Divine Liturgy Hasna Azizi Besheer	St. Vincent de Paul Req. by Mrs. Salma Vahdat
<b>Sat. September 28</b>	10 am Divine Liturgy	
<b>Sun. September 29</b>	<b>3rd Sunday after Holy Cross</b>	<b>St. Phocas</b>
9:00 am	Intentions of the Parishioners	
11:30 am	President Bachir Gemayel & his Companions	Req. by The Lebanese Forces of NY

### **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](#) the church to become one**

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
October 6, 2019	4th Sun. after Holy Cross
Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11	
Gospel: Matthew 24: 45-51	
Lectors: 9:00 am	Raymond Gill
11:30 am	John Eladem - English
11:30 am	Marise Frangie - Arabic
October 13, 2019	5th Sun. after Holy Cross
Reading: Philippians 2: 12-18	
Gospel: Matthew 25: 1-13	
Lectors: 9:00 am	Raymond Gill
11:30 am	TBA - English
11:30 am	TBA - Arabic

## Dear Beloved Parishioners:

So far, the two Gospel passages that we read in the Season of the Holy Cross called to our attention the concept of governance in the Church, which we usually ignore. In fact, the Church tries to skip over this concept because we are a communion of love and we do not want to imitate a corporation in the business world where the exercise of power is an issue. In the secular world, we talk about CEOs and managers, and how one could enjoy the benefits or sometimes the downside of being a leader.

On the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross two week ago, the Gospel touched on hierarchy. Some Greeks wanted to see Jesus, so they came to Philip and then Philip relayed their request to Andrew and then both of them spoke to Jesus about the Greeks wishing to see him. It seemed that there was some sort of a chain of command that was being followed to get to Jesus.

In last week's passage, two other disciples, James and John, approached Jesus wishing to share in his governance and his authority. They wanted to sit one at his right and the other at his left, not then but when he came into his glory. In fact, the two brothers felt that they already had the power to participate in what was to come. Observe with me their question to Jesus. They said: "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." These two disciples seeking to exercise governance were asking Jesus their master to do for them whatever they asked of him. This is a little odd for me. Usually, the master asks his followers to do for him whatever he asks of them. In this case, it is the other way around. James and John knew that Jesus' authority was a little different from that of other leaders, but they did not quite apprehend fully how different.

Now when the disciples heard what James and John were asking of Jesus, they became angry because they also wanted to share in Jesus' power. The ten other disciples must have become afraid that they might be losing some power. James and John with all the disciples were focusing on the glory of the power. This is what the Gentiles and most of us today understand by the concept of leaders, as rulers who lord it over others. Jesus emphasized the reverse, the power of the glory. But his glory is that of service, as he said, "For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve." The king has become the servant.

The scepter of governance in the Church is the cross, a sign of defeat for those who do not understand the true and correct meaning of the cross. During this Season of the Cross, the Lord will remind us that power comes from the true meaning of glory, that is your cross. He will guide us to see the power of the glory and not the glory of the power. O Lord, instill in our hearts the desire to seek the gift to serve and not to be served.

*Abouna 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.

## Youth Choir

All interested in youth choir ages 7 and up are invited to sign up with [Paula Achkar](#) or [Fidelle El-Asmar](#). If you already have an instrument that you would like to play, you are welcome to bring it with you to add to the experience. There will be a Sunday practice in the next few weeks.

## 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.

## Sajj Sunday

The Knights of St. Maron will be serving Manaesh on the Sajj on Sunday, October 6th. Please support the Knights in this activity.

## 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



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*RSVP Required*  
*RSVP BY September 20th*  
*by email to: Consul@NJLebCons.org*  
*Open Invitation*

## **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*





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and the Cathedral of St. Nicholas cordially invite you to

## "A Weekend of Celebrations"

**October 19-20, 2019**

*as we celebrate the following events:*

- Fr. Thomas' 25<sup>th</sup> 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:  
*125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Archdiocese and the Cathedral as the first community established by St. Raphael of Brooklyn in 1895 and the 100<sup>th</sup> 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**

### ***Sterling Affair at the Brooklyn Law School***

205 State Street, Brooklyn, NY

reception at 7:00pm and dinner at 8:00pm

This magnificent location on the top floor has panoramic views of  
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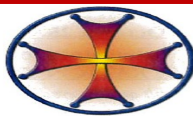
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## **NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL NAM CONVENTION**

***"Faith, Heritage and Tradition"***

**OCTOBER 25, 26 & 27, 2019**

*hosted by:*

**St. Anthony of the Desert Maronite  
Catholic Church  
Fall River, MA**

✠ **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

#### Third Sunday after Holy Cross Letter to the Philippians 3: 17-4: 1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

#### The Gospel according to Saint Matthew 24: 23-31

If anyone says to you, "Look! Here is the Messiah!" or "There he is!" do not believe it. For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and produce great signs and omens, to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. Take note, I have told you beforehand. So, if they say to you, "Look! He is in the wilderness", do not go out. If they say, "Look! He is in the inner rooms", do not believe it. For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather. 'Immediately after the suffering of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of heaven will be shaken. Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see "the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven" with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

#### الأحد الثالث بعد عيد الصليب رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل فيلبّي 17:3-4:1

يا إخوتي، اقتنوا بي، وأنظروا إلى الذين يسلكون على مثالنا. فكثير من أولئك الذين كنتم أكلتم عنهم مراراً، وأكلتم عنهم الآن باكيًا، يسلكون كأعداء لصليب المسيح، أولئك الذين عاقبتهم الهلاك، أولئك الذين الهتهم بطنهم، ومجدهم في عارهم، وفي أمور الأرض همهم. أما نحن فمدينتنا في السماوات، ومنها ننتظر الرب يسوع المسيح مُخلصًا. وهو سيغير جسد هواننا، فيجعله على صورة جسد مجده، وفقًا لعمل قدرته، التي بها يخضع لنفسه كل شيء. إذا، يا إخوتي، الذين أحبهم وأستاق إليهم، وأنتم فرحي وإكليلي، أثبتوا هكذا في الرب، أيها الأحباء.

#### إنجيل القديس متى 24: 23-31

قال الرب يسوع: «إن قال لكم أحد: هوذا المسيح هنا أو هناك! فلا تصدقوا. فسوف يقيم مسحاء كذبة وأنبياء كذبة، ويأتون بآيات عظيمة وخوارق، ليضلوا المختارين أنفسهم، لو قدروا. ها إني قد أنبأتكم! فإن قالوا لكم: ها هو في البرية! فلا تخرجوا، أو: ها هو في داخل البيت! فلا تصدقوا. فكما أن البرق يومض من المشرق، ويسطع حتى المغرب، هكذا يكون مجيء ابن الإنسان. حيث تكون الجنة هناك تجتمع النسور. وحالاً بعد ضيق تلك الأيام، الشمس تظلم، والقمر لا يعطي ضوءه، والنجوم تتساقط من السماء، وقوات السماوات تنزع. وحينئذ تظهر في السماء علامة ابن الإنسان، فتنتحب قبائل الأرض كلها، وترى ابن الإنسان آتياً على سحب السماء بقوة ومجد عظيم. ويرسل ملائكته ينفخون في بوق عظيم، فيجمعون مختاريه من الرياح الأربع، من أقاصي السماوات إلى أقاصيها»