

**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**  
**Subdeacon Adonis El-Asmar**



**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**  
**noon**

**First Friday of the month at 10:40 until**

**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 Bap-**  
**and Chrismation of the child.**

**tism**

**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 after Holy Cross September 29th, 2019*

<b>Sun. September 29</b>	<b>3rd Sunday after Holy Cross</b>	<b>St. Romanos (Rouhana the Cantor)</b>
9:00 am	Jad Salem	Req. by Parishioner
11:30 am	President Bachir Gemayel & All who have died in the Service & Love for Lebanon	Req. by The Lebanese Forces of NY
<b>Mon. September 30</b>	<b>NO LITURGY</b>	<b>St. Georgy, the Illuminator</b>
<b>Tues. October 1</b>	10 am Divine Liturgy Jad Salem	St. Therese of the Child Jesus Req. by a Parishioner
<b>Wed. October 2</b>	12 Noon Divine Liturgy Jad Salem	Saints Cyprian & Justian Req. by a Parishioner
<b>Thurs. October 3</b>	12 Noon am Divine Liturgy Jad Salem	St. Mother Theodore Guerin Req. by a Parishioner
<b>Fri. October 4</b>	10 am Divine Liturgy Dumit Karam Azizi	St. Francis of Assisi Req. by Mrs. Salma Vahdat
<b>Sat. October 5</b>	10 am Divine Liturgy Jad Salem	Req. by a Parishioner
<b>Sun. October 6</b>	<b>4th Sunday after Holy Cross</b>	<b>St. Thomas</b>
9:00 am	Intentions of the Parishioners	Req. by the Sarkis Family
11:30 am	Dr. Elie J. Sarkis	

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

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
October 20, 2019	6th Sun. after Holy Cross
Reading: Galatians 6: 1-10	
Gospel: Matthew 25: 14-30	
Lectors: 9:00 am	Raymond Gill
11:30 am	TBA - English
11:30 am	TBA - Arabic

**Dear Beloved Parishioners:**

**BELOW IS THE LETTER OF INVITATION TO THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY THAT WILL BE MAILED TO YOU IN THE NEXT WEEK OR SO**

Dear Parishioners, Family, and Friends,

This November we will be celebrating the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the first Divine Liturgy at Our Lady of Lebanon Cathedral on 113 Remsen Street. We look forward to making this celebration a memorable event for parishioners and all who have visited here through the years.

The theme that was chosen for our celebration is *On God's Holy Mountain: The Maronite People on Pilgrimage*. Our ancestors from the time of St. John Maron, the first Patriarch, until today have encountered God on mountains that were transformed into holy places when churches were built on them. On plains too our Lord revealed himself as the Maronites moved around the world willingly or unwillingly. This process of moving to new places became for them a pilgrimage as they used the circumstances of their lives no matter what they were to evangelize and pass the torch of faith from generation to generation.

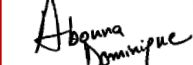
Our celebration begins on God's Holy Mountain with the Divine Liturgy on November 24, 2019, at 11:30am at the Cathedral with Bishop Gregory Mansour as the main celebrant. Please email [cathrectory@verizon.net](mailto:cathrectory@verizon.net) the names of the deceased you would like remembered that day on the altar. Following will be a gala where we, as pilgrims walking together, will share with each other our stories about the ties we have to the Cathedral.

The gala is at Dyker Beach Golf Course at 86th Street and 7th Avenue, Brooklyn, from 2 to 7pm and includes a cocktail hour, an open bar and a full course meal with entertainment provided by Eddy Ousama and ensemble. Tickets are \$150 per person and \$75 per child between 4 & 12 years old. Four sponsor tables of ten people are available for \$3000 each. Please be sure to make your reservation by November 20, 2019, with William Abou Chrouh at [allnewelectronic@aol.com](mailto:allnewelectronic@aol.com) or 646-284-2377, Bassam Ayoub at [ayoubbassam@gmail.com](mailto:ayoubbassam@gmail.com) or 347-267-1002 or Darine Safi at [darinesafi@hotmail.com](mailto:darinesafi@hotmail.com) or 347-336-5265. There will also be a raffle during the gala. Please see Jihane Ayoub if you would like to donate to the raffle.

We are counting on your generous support by advertising in the Commemorative Ad Book which will feature business advertisements, personal messages, and tributes to living and deceased loved ones. We trust that each family will consider purchasing an ad. This publication will be distributed to all attendees and parishioners and will serve as a meaningful symbol of our unity and our desire to preserve our rich patrimony and strong faith. [Click here](#) for an advertisement request form that includes the prices for various sizes of ad space. We ask that all ad request forms be submitted no later than October 20, 2019. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Mike Naber at [mikenaber@verizon.net](mailto:mikenaber@verizon.net) or 917-612-4004.

We thank you for your continued support which we hope to build on for future fundraising. We encourage your participation and with your help we will create and preserve great memories of our beloved Cathedral.

In Jesus Christ, I remain,



Fr. Dominique Hanna, Rector

### **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 began 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](mailto:Lily.Elhaje)

### **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.

### **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.

### **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

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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  
Downtown Brooklyn and the NY Harbor.

**Tickets are \$150.00**

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Tickets can also be purchased by Visa/MC online at

[www.stnicholascathedral.org](http://www.stnicholascathedral.org) and clicking on the "donate" button.

## 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 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 1:4-17:3

يا إخوتي، إقتدوا بي، وأنظروا إلى الذين يسلكون على مثالنا.

فكثير من أولئك الذين كنت أكلّمكم عنهم مراراً، وأكلّمكم عنهم الآن باكيًا، يسلكون كأعداء لصليب المسيح، أولئك الذين عاقبتهم الهلاك، أولئك الذين إلههم بطنهم، ومجدهم في عارهم، وفي أمور الأرض همهم. أما نحن فمديننا في السموات، ومنها ننتظر الرب يسوع المسيح مُخلصًا.

وهو سيعير جسده هوانًا، فيجعلهُ على صورة جسده، وفقًا لعمل قدرته، التي بها يخضع لنفسه كل شيء. إذا، يا إخوتي، الذين أحبهم وأشتاق إليهم، وأنتم فرجي وإكليلي، أنبتوا هكذا في الرب، أيها الأحباء.

##### إنجيل القديس متى 31-23:24

قال الرب يسوع: «إن قال لكم أحد: هوذا المسيح هنا أو هناك! فلا تصدقوا.

فسوف يقوم 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 تنساقط من السماء، وقوات السموات تنزع.

وحينئذ تظهر في السماء علامة ابن الإنسان، فتتجنب قبائل الأرض كلها، وترى ابن الإنسان آتياً على سحب السماء بقدرة ومجد عظيم.

ويُرسل ملائكته ينفخون في بوق عظيم، فيجمعون مختاريه من الرياح الأربع، من أقاصي السموات إلى أقاصيها