

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

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.

***Fourth Sunday after Holy Cross (Holy Rosary Sunday)
October 6th, 2019***

Sun. October 6	4th Sunday after Holy Cross	St. Thomas the Apostle
	9:00 am Intentions of the Parishioners	
	11:30 am Dr. Elie J. Sarkis	Req. by the Sarkis Family
Mon. October 7	NO LITURGY	St. Sarkis & Bacchus
Tues. October 8	10 am Divine Liturgy Jad Salem	St. Pelagia of Antioch Req. by a Parishioner
Wed. October 9	10 am Divine Liturgy Jad Salem	St. James, Brother of the Lord Req. by a Parishioner
Thurs. October 10	10 am Divine Liturgy Jad Salem	Req. by a Parishioner
Fri. October 11	10 am Divine Liturgy Jad Salem	St. Philip the Deacon & Pope St John XXIII Req. by a Parishioner
Sat. October 12	10 am Divine Liturgy Jad Salem	St. Edno Req. by a Parishioner
Sun. October 13	5th Sunday after Holy Cross	
	9:00 am Intentions of the Parishioners	
	11:30 am Elie Safi	Req. by the Family

Financial Standing September 2019

Ordinary Income

Sundays & Holy Days Collections: **\$10,700.90**

Cathedral Stipends from Marriages & Funerals, Lower Hall Rent, Candles, Breakfast, Luncheon, Bake Sale, Dues, Religious Education, flowers, **\$9,521.00**

Total Ordinary Income: \$20,521.90

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: \$20,258.90

Total Ordinary Income vs Expense: \$263.49

We also brought in some extraordinary income in the amount of: \$29,376.67 (which included Library Rent, Donations for specific projects, and the Capital Campaign)

**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:parish@stthomas.org) the church to become one**

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	Natalie Aflak - English
11:30 am	Joseph Madi - 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	Susan Chawki - English
11:30 am	Joseph Sidaoui - Arabic

October 27, 2019	Sunday of Christ the King
Reading:	Romans 12: 9-21
Gospel:	Matthew 25: 31-46
Lectors: 9:00 am	Raymond Gill
11:30 am	Anthony Elhowayek - English
11:30 am	Bassem Diab - Arabic

Dear Beloved Parishioners:

The Gospel passages that we have been hearing the past couple of weeks and that will continue until the end of the Season of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross come from Matthew 24 – 25. They talk about the signs of the end of the world and the second coming of Christ. What is intriguing about the passage of this past Sunday from Matthew 24: 23-31 is the warning that the Evangelist gave to his listeners, “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.”

When the people of God were enslaved in Egypt, the Lord God commissioned Moses with the help of Aaron to deliver his people from the land of the oppressors. The Lord told Moses to go and tell his people about the plan for their freedom. “I am the Lord, and I will free you from the burdens of the Egyptians and deliver you from slavery” But they would not listen to Moses because of their broken spirit and their cruel slavery. The Lord spoke to Moses, “Go and tell Pharaoh king of Egypt to let the Israelites go out of his land.” Moses spoke to the Lord, “The Israelites have not listened to me; how then shall Pharaoh listen to me, poor speaker that I am?” The Lord then told Moses that he would multiply his signs and wonders in the land of Egypt. When Pharaoh did not listen to Moses, God would lay his hand upon Egypt and bring his people out of the land of Egypt by great acts of judgment.

One sign in particular that God did at the hands of Aaron and Moses was reproduced by Pharaoh’s magicians and soothsayers. When God asked Moses to tell Aaron to put his staff in the Nile and it turned the water into blood and the fish in the river died, the river itself stank. The magicians of Egypt did the same by their secret arts, so Pharaoh’s heart remained hardened, and he would not listen to them.” However, the rest of the plagues could not be imitated by the Egyptians.

Thus, there were powers in the world that were against God from the time of creation and they are still at play today. These powers lure us away from God. They exist. But that does not mean at all that they are more powerful than God, but they are more powerful than us if we allow them to take possession of our being and let them run our lives. For example, cocaine exists in the world, but do we mess with it or try it to see what it does to us? For sure we should not.

False messiahs and false prophets will produce great signs and omens, so why do we not believe in them and their power, or associate with them? Because their works are not for the benefit of humanity as a whole or for the common good even when they appear to be. Keep the cocaine example in mind. For the short term cocaine might appear to help you to forget the problems you face, but later on it engenders more issues than anyone can imagine.



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:LilyElhaje)

75th Anniversary of the First Divine Liturgy at the Cathedral

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 from 2 to 7pm. It 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 allnewelectronica@aol.com or 646-284-2377, Bassam Ayoub at ayoubbassam@gmail.com or 347-267-1002 or Darine Safi at 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. 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 slide show.

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, Metehora, 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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Make checks payable to 'Our Lady of Lebanon Cathedral'

Sunday Readings

قراءات الأحد

The Fourth Sunday after The Cross First Letter to the Thessalonians 5: 1-11

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.

When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape!

But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness.

So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation.

For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore, encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

The Gospel according to Saint Matthew 24: 45-51

Who then is the faithful and wise slave, whom his master has put in charge of his household, to give the other slaves their allowance of food at the proper time?

Blessed is that slave whom his master will find at work when he arrives.

Truly I tell you, he will put that one in charge of all his possessions. But if that wicked slave says to himself, "My master is delayed", and he begins to beat his fellow-slaves, and eats and drinks with drunkards, the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour that he does not know. He will cut him in pieces and put him with the hypocrites, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

الأحد الرابع بعد عيد الصليب

رسالة القديس بولس الأولى إلى أهل تسالونيقي 5: 1-11

يا إخوتاي، أمّا الأزمنة والأوقات، أيّها الإخوة، فلا حاجة بكم أن يكتب إليكم في شأنها؛ لأنكم تعلمون جيّداً أن يوم الرب يأتي كالسارق ليلاً. فحين يقولون: سلام وأمن! حينئذ يدهمهم الهلاك وهم المخاض للحبلى، ولا يقلنون. أمّا أنتم، أيّها الإخوة، فلستم في ظلمة ليُفاجئكم ذلك اليوم كالسارق.

فأنتم كلكم أبناء النور، وأبناء النهار؛ ولستنا أبناء الليل ولا أبناء الظلمة.

إذا فلا نتم كسائر الناس، بل لنسهر ونصح؛ لأن الذين ينامون ففي الليل ينامون، والذين يسكرون ففي الليل يسكرون.

أمّا نحن أبناء النهار، فلنصح لابسين درع الإيمان والمحبة، وواضعين خوذة رجاء الخلاص.

فإن الله لم يجعلنا للغضب، بل لإخراز الخلاص بربنا يسوع المسيح،

الذي مات من أجلنا، لنحيا معه ساهرين كذا أم نائمين. فإذ ذلك شجعوا بعضكم بعضاً، ولين الواجد الآخر، كما أنتم فاعلون.

إنجيل القديس متى 24: 45-51

قال الرب يسوع: «من هو العبد الأمين الحكيم الذي أقامه سيده على أهل بيته، ليعطيهم الطعام في حينه؟

طوبى لذلك العبد الذي يجيء سيده فيجده فاعلاً هكذا!

الحق أقول لكم: إنّه يقبضه على جميع ممتلكاته. ولكن إن قال ذلك العبد الشرير في قلبه: سيتأخر سيدي!

وبدا يضرب رفاقه، ويأكل ويشرب مع السكّيرين،

يجيء سيده ذلك العبد في يوم لا ينتظره، وفي ساعة لا يعرفها،

فيفصله، ويجعل نصيبه مع المرائين. هناك يكون البكاء وصريف الأسنان