

**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**  
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**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.**

***Fifth Sunday after Holy Cross  
October 13th, 2019***

<b>Sun. October 13</b>	<b>5th Sunday after Holy Cross</b>		
	9:00 am	Intentions of the Parishioners	
	11:30 am	Elie Safi	Req. by the Family
Mon. October 14		NO LITURGY	St. Isaiah the Monk
Tues. October 15		10 am Divine Liturgy Ronnie Lizares & Larry Kennedy	St. Teresa of Avila, Doctor of the Church Req. by Mrs. Stella Gaston
Wed. October 16		10 am Divine Liturgy Elijah & Levi David Smith on their birthday	St. Longinus, Commander of the Legion
Thurs. October 17		10 am Divine Liturgy Arianna Maria Layng on her 16th birthday	Saints Cosmas and Damian
Fri. October 18		10 am Divine Liturgy Dave Edwards for Peace, Hope and Love	St. Luke the Evangelist
Sat. October 19		10 am Divine Liturgy In Thanksgiving for all God's Many Wonderful Blessings	St. Aaron of Antioch
<b>Sun. October 20</b>	<b>6th Sunday after Holy Cross</b>		
	9:00 am	Emily West	Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Gill
	11:30 am	40 Day for Georges Diab	Mr. & Mrs. Ramze Diab

## You are precious

Each one of us is created in a unique and unrepeatable way; we all have gifts and talents given to us in order to fulfill our mission. Don't buy into the lies that say you don't matter. You matter; Your life matters; every life matters and is precious, whether in the womb or aged.

For more information about our ministry  
Check [here and watch the video.](#)

### Sunday Readings

**Lectors and Ushers (age 16 and up) are needed.**  
Please [email](#) the church to become one

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
November 3, 2019	Consecration of the Church
Reading: Hebrews 9: 1-12	
Gospel: Matthew 16: 13-20	
Lectors: 9:00 am	Raymond Gill
11:30 am	Denise Abou-Chrouch - English
11:30 am	Cynthia Ayoub - Arabic

## Dear Beloved Parishioners:

The Gospel of last Sunday did not seem to fit within the scheme of the Season of the Exaltation of the Cross. The emphasis of the current season, as I have mentioned before, is on the signs of the second coming of the Messiah and the end of the world. However, the seven verses chosen to be proclaimed on the Fourth Sunday after the Feast of the Holy Cross do not explicitly talk about the destruction of the Temple of Jerusalem, wars and rumors of wars, nations rising against nations and kingdom against kingdom, or famines and earthquakes in various places. Furthermore, the passage does not speak about false messiahs and prophets who would appear and produce great signs and omens to lead astray even the most faithful.

The Gospel last Sunday started with an important question and continued with the answer. It reads, "Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom his master has put in charge of his household, to give the other servants their allowance of food at the proper time? Blessed is that servant 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." What seems not fitting or out of context to us is actually at the heart of the readings of current season.

The seven Gospel verses of this past Sunday come from the end of Matthew 24. As you may remember, the Gospels of the last three Sundays before this one came from that same chapter predicting the calamities and hardships at the end of the world and the coming of the Son of Man: "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." It is very easy for people upon hearing all that is going to happen at the end to focus on themselves and be distracted from the purpose of their existence. The events of the second coming may create fear among human beings and caring for one another will be the least of their worries.

Thus, Christ is insisting that his hearers not ignore providing care for their brothers and sisters in the midst of their trials. He is telling them to provide an allowance of food which is a basic need and vital for people. Not only this, our Lord is making sure that it is done at the proper time and not according to each person's whim.

My friends, the end of the world and the second coming of the Son of Man will make us afraid and probably terrified. They will drain our energy and we will become weak and tired, but this should not lead us to forget about others or let our hearts become cold and uncaring. Therefore, the faithful and wise servant, whose master finds him at work when he returns, may not be perfect, but still charitable towards others. He will be blessed and put in charge of his master's possessions.

*Abouna Dominique*

## 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.

## 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 Chrouch 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. 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.

## 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

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.

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## Our Lady of Lebanon Cathedral

113 REMSEN STREET BROOKLYN, NY

# Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019

DIVINE LITURGY AT HALF PAST ELEVEN IN THE MORNING

FOLLOWED BY  
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AT TWO O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON

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- ✓ Confessions

Father, forgive them,  
they know not  
what they do.  
Luke 23:34



Cost \$25

## All are welcome!!!

To sign up please contact

Subdeacon Adonis El Asmar at 917-855-3075 or [adoniselasmar@gmail.com](mailto:adoniselasmar@gmail.com)

by Sunday October 27<sup>th</sup> 2019

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## Sunday Readings

### قراءات الأحد

#### The Fifth Sunday of The Cross Letter to the Philippians 2:12-18

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;

for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Do all things without murmuring and arguing, so that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, in which you shine like stars in the world. It is by your holding fast to the word of life that I can boast on the day of Christ that I did not run in vain or labor in vain.

But even if I am being poured out as a libation over the sacrifice and the offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you and in the same way you also must be glad and rejoice with me.

#### The Gospel according to Saint Matthew 25:1-13

'Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom.

Five of them were foolish, and five were wise.

When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps.

As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out."

But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves."

And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

#### الأحد الخامس بعد عيد الصليب

رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل فيلبي 2:12-18  
يا إخوتي، إعملوا لخلصكم بخوفٍ ورعدة، كما أطعتم دائماً، لا في حضورٍ فحسب، بل بالأحرى وبالأكثر الآن في غيابي.

فإن الله هو الذي يجعلكم تُريدون وتعملون بحسب مرضاته. إعملوا كل شيءٍ بغير تدمرٍ وجدالٍ، لكي تصيروا بسطاء لا لومٍ عليكم، وأبناءً لله لا عيب فيكم، وسط جيلٍ موعجٍ ومنحرفٍ، تُضيئون فيه كالنيرات في العالم،

متمسكين بكلمة الحياة، لأفتخاري في يوم المسيح، بأنني ما سعيت ولا تعبت باطلاً. لو أن دمي يُراق على ذبيحة إيمانكم وخدمته، لكنت أفرح وأبتهج معكم جميعاً. فأفرحوا أنتم أيضاً وابتهجوا معي.

#### إنجيل القديس متى 13-1:25

قال الرب يسوع: «يشبه ملكوت السموات عذاري عاشرن مصابيحهن وخرجن إلى لقاء العريس، خمس منهن جاهلات، وخمس حكيمات.

فالجاهلات أخذن مصابيحهن ولم يأخذن معهن زيتاً. أما الحكيمات فأخذن زيتاً في آنية مع مصابيحهن. وأبطأ العريس فنعسن جميعهن، ورفدن.

وفي منتصف الليل، صارت الصيحة: هوذا العريس! أخرجوا إلى لقاءه!

حينئذ قامت أولئك العذاري كلهن، وزين مصابيحهن. فقالت الجاهلات للحكيمات: أعطينا من زيتك، لأن مصابيحنا تنطفئ.

فأجابت الحكيمات وقلن: قد لا يكفيك ويكفيك. اذهبن بالأحرى إلى الباعة وأبتعن لكن.

ولما ذهبن لابتعن، جاء العريس، ودخلت المستعذات إلى العرس، وأغلق الباب.

وأخيراً جاءت العذاري الباقيات وقلن: يا رب، يا رب، افتح لنا!

فأجاب وقال: الحق أقول لكن، إني لا أعرفكن! إنسهرُوا إذًا، لأنكم لا تعلمون اليوم ولا الساعة