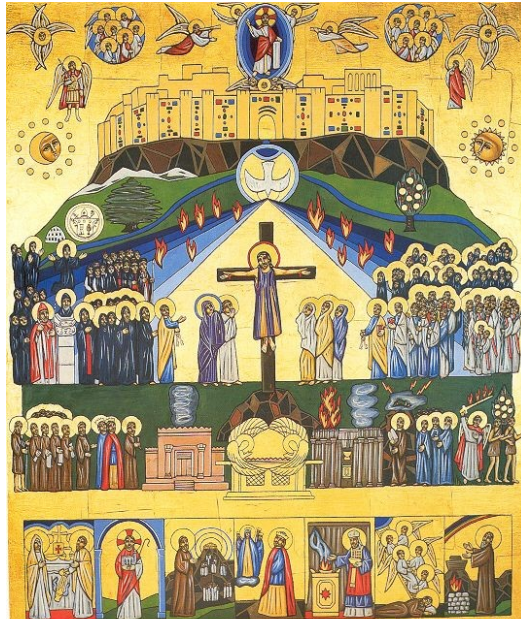


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The Very Reverend Dominique Hanna, Rector
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Divine Liturgy Schedule

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.

Sunday of the Renewal of the Church

November 10, 2019

Sun. November 10	Sunday of Renewal of the Church 9:00 am Intentions of the Parishioners 11:30 am 40 Day for Michel Fares Abi Saab	St. Moura By Mr. & Mrs. Nidal Abi Saab
Mon. November 11	NO LITURGY	St. Mennas & St. Martin
Tues. November 12	10 am Divine Liturgy	
Wed. November 13	10 am Divine Liturgy	St. John Chrysostom & St. Frances Cabrini
Thurs. November 14	10 am Divine Liturgy	St. Philip
Fri. November 15	10 am Divine Liturgy	
Sat. November 16	10 am Divine Liturgy	St. Matthew the Evangelist
Sun. November 17	Sunday of Renewal of the Church 9:00 am Salma Dahdat 11:30 am 40 Day Hannah El Helo & Ibrahim Rizik	St. Gregory the Wonderworker By Mrs. Salma Vahdat By Subdeacon & Mrs. Norbert Vogl

Financial Standing October 2019

Ordinary Income

Sundays & Holy Days Collections: **\$7,388.00**

Cathedral Stipends from Marriages & Funerals, Lower Hall Rent, Candles, Breakfast, Luncheon, Bake Sale, Dues, Religious Education, flowers,: **\$9,401.80**

Total Ordinary Income: \$16,789.80

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: \$17,640.06

Total Ordinary Income vs Expense: -\$850.26

We also brought in some extraordinary income in the amount of: \$30,539.67 (which included Library Rent, Donations for specific projects, and the Capital Campaign)

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Sunday Readings

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

November 10, 2019	Renewal of the Church Reading: Hebrews 9: 11-15 Gospel: John 10: 22-42 Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill 11:30 am Gustave Abi Saab - English 11:30 am Nidal Abi Saab - Arabic
November 17, 2019	Announcement to Zechariah Reading: Romans 4: 13-25 Gospel: Luke 1: 1-25 Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill 11:30 am John Eladem - English 11:30 am Darine Safi - Arabic
November 24, 2019	Announcement to the Virgin Reading: Galatians 3: 15-22 Gospel: Luke 1: 26-38 Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill 11:30 am Vivian Akel - English 11:30 am Edward Antonios - Arabic
December 1, 2019	Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth Reading: Galatians 3: 15-22 Gospel: Luke 1: 26-38 Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill 11:30 am Marleine Safi - English 11:30 am Joseph Kallasy - Arabic

Dear Beloved Parishioners:

The beauty of the liturgical year is that every twelve months, we are given another opportunity to renew our covenant with God and his Church. My friends, the Father is granting us endless invitations to renew and rejuvenate our relationship with him. Whatever we might feel today—worthy of his love or unworthy, sinful or saintly, burdened and stressed out or hopeful and happy—the Father is extending his gentle hands to bring us back to his sheepfold. But how is he going to work this with us?

The passage that was read last week in celebration of the Consecration of the Church from Matthew 16: 13-20 represents the ultimate philosophical question of WHO AM I? I am sure many of us have had to ask this question several times during their lives. It usually starts with, why am I acting this way or what is happening to me. Then one question leads to another and we end up not knowing ourselves or who we are.

At first, one would think that Jesus is suffering from an identity crisis. Listen to his question: “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” and then “Who do you say that I am?” It looks like Jesus does not know who he is and what his mission is. To come to the point right up front, I have to strongly affirm that Jesus knew who he was and what his mission on earth was. His questions are for the disciples to get to know themselves in their relationship with him. Our identity and who we are depend on how well we are getting to know Christ. There is a wonderful balance between Peter telling Jesus who he is and Jesus telling Peter who he is. As soon as Peter said, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the Living God,” Jesus replied: “You are Peter and on this rock, I will build my Church.” The more we get to know Christ and who he is and the important role that he plays in our lives, the more Christ will tell us who we are and reveal to us his will and our mission in life.

The answers that the disciples gave as to who Jesus was were right but not complete. Yes, Jesus’ ministry was introduced by John the Baptist and they did share some commonalities, but Jesus is not John the Baptist. Jesus resembled Elijah of the Old Testament especially when Elijah was lifted up from the earth into heaven, but Jesus is not Elijah. Jesus might be like Jeremiah in his suffering, but he is not Jeremiah or one of the prophets. Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of the living God. He is not one among many, but he is THE ONE.

Christ is the Messiah for Peter, and Peter is the rock for Christ. During this year, let us look for more titles to attribute to Christ. For example, Christ is the shepherd and at the same time the lamb; he is the bridegroom, the high priest, the forgiving one and the just one. We could go on and on with the list. As Christ is unfolding his mystery during this liturgical year let us focus on discovering something new about Christ and move beyond what we already know. This will tell us more about who we are, as Christ continues to lead us from week to week back to his sheepfold where we can honor him forever and ever. Amen.

Abigayna Dominique

MYA Karaoke Night

The MYA will be holding a Karaoke Night on November 15th after the 730pm Divine Liturgy.

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 allnewelectronic@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. [A Commemorative Book](#) in which pages may be purchased to honor beloved living and deceased members of the Cathedral Community is also being put together. 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.

Sloan Kettering Toy Drive

A Christmas Toy Drive for the children of Sloan Kettering Cancer Center will be in effect until December 22nd. All toys must be brand new unwrapped, no used toys, no stuffed animal, and no clothes for newborn to 18 years old. A big box is placed in the Cathedral to the far right of the Altar for your convenience.

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

Vocations Awareness Poster-Essay

Students grades K to 12 are encouraged to participate in the [Vocations Awareness Poster-Essay](#) Multimedia Contest through NAM. [Click here for guidelines](#) and [here for applications](#). Also you can see Adonis El-Asmar or Marian Ciaccia for more information. This year let us have more students take part of the contest.

Project Roots

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Sunday Readings

قراءات الأحد

Sunday of the Renewal of the Church Letter to the Hebrews 9:11-15.

When Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God! For this reason he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, because a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions under the first covenant.

The Gospel according to Saint John 10:22-42.

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.' The Jews took up stones again to stone him. Jesus replied, 'I have shown you many good works from the Father. For which of these are you going to stone me?' The Jews answered, 'It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you, but for blasphemy, because you, though only a human being, are making yourself God.' Jesus answered, 'Is it not written in your law, "I said, you are gods"? If those to whom the word of God came were called "gods" and the scripture cannot be annulled, can you say that the one whom the Father has sanctified and sent into the world is blaspheming because I said, "I am God's Son"?' If I am not doing the works of my Father, then do not believe me. But if I do them, even though you do not believe me, believe the works, so that you may know and understand that the Father is in me and I am in the Father.' Then they tried to arrest him again, but he escaped from their hands. He went away again across the Jordan to the place where John had been baptizing earlier, and he remained there. Many came to him, and they were saying, 'John performed no sign, but everything that John said about this man was true.' And many believed in him there.

أحد تجديد البيعة

الرسالة إلى العبرانيين 9:11-15.

يا إخواني، أما المسيح فقد ظهرَ عظيمَ أخبارِ الخيراتِ الآتية، وأجتنزَ المسكنَ الأعظمَ والأكملَ، غيرَ المصنوعِ بالأيدي، أي ليسَ من هذه الخليقة، فدخلَ إلى قدسِ الأقداسِ مرّةً واحدةً، لا بدمِ الثيوسِ والعجول، بل بدمِهِ هُوَ، فَحَقَّقَ لَنَا فِدَاءً أَبَدِيًّا. فإذا كانَ رَشُّ دَمِ الثيوسِ والثيرانِ ورمادِ العجَلَةِ على المُجسِّسِ، يُقدِّسُ أجسادَهُم فيطهرُهُم، فكَم بالأحرى دَمُ المسيحِ، الذي قَرَّبَ نَفْسَهُ لله بِالرُّوحِ الأَزَلِيِّ قُرْبَانًا لا عَيْبَ فِيهِ، يُطَهِّرُ ضَمِيرَنَا مِنَ الأَعْمَالِ المَيْتَةِ، لِتَعْبُدَ اللهُ الحَيَّ! ولذلك فَهُوَ الوَسِيطُ لِعَهْدٍ جَدِيدٍ، وَقَدْ صَارَ مَوْتُهُ فِدَاءً لِتَعْدِيَّاتِ العَهْدِ الأوَّلِ، حَتَّى يَنَالَ بِهِ المَدْعُوونَ وَعَدَّ المِيراثِ الأَبَدِيِّ.

إنجيل القديس يوحنا 10:22-42.

حَانَ عِيدُ التَّجْدِيدِ فِي أُورُشَلِيمَ، وَكَانَ فَصْلُ الشِّتَاءِ. وَكَانَ يَسُوعُ يَنْمَسِّي فِي الهَيْكَلِ، فِي رَوَاقِ سَلِيمَانَ. فَحَاطَ بِهِ اليَهُودُ وَأَخَذُوا يَقُولُونَ لَهُ: «إِلَى مَتَى نَتَّبِعِي نَفُوسَنَا حَازِرَةً؟ إِنْ كُنْتَ أَنْتَ المَسِيحُ، فَقُلْ لَنَا صَرَاحَةً.» أَجَابَهُم يَسُوعُ: «قُلْتُهُ لَكُمْ، لَكِن كُمْ لا تُؤْمِنُونَ. الأَعْمَالُ الَّتِي أَعْمَلُهَا أَنَا بِاسْمِ أَبِي هِيَ تَشْهَدُ لِي. لَكِن كُمْ لا تُؤْمِنُونَ، لِأَنَّكُمْ لَسْتُمْ مِن خِرَافِي. خِرَافِي تَسْمَعُ صَوْتِي، وَأَنَا أَعْرِفُهَا، وَهِيَ تَتَّبِعُنِي. وَأَنَا أَعْطِيهَا حَيَاةً أَبَدِيَّةً، فَلَنْ تَهْلِكَ أَبَدًا، وَلَنْ يَخْطَفَهَا أَحَدٌ مِن يَدِي. أَبِي الَّذِي أَعْطَانِي إِيَّاهَا هُوَ أَعْظَمُ مِنَ الكُلِّ، وَلا يَقْدِرُ أَحَدٌ أَنْ يَخْطَفَهَا مِن يَدِ الأَبِ.» أَنَا وَالأَبُ وَاحِدٌ.» فَأَخَذَ اليَهُودُ، مِن جِدِيدٍ، جِجَارَةً لِيَرْجُمُوهُ. قَالَ لَهُم يَسُوعُ: «أَعْمَالًا حَسَنَةً كَثِيرَةً أَرِيكُمْ مِنْ عِنْدِ الأَبِ، فَلَا بِي عَمَلٍ مِنْهَا تَرْجُمُونِي؟.» أَجَابَهُ اليَهُودُ: «لا لِعَمَلٍ حَسَنٍ نَرْجُمُكَ، بَلْ لِتَجْدِيفِ. لَأَنَّكَ، وَأَنْتَ إِنْسَانٌ، تَجْعَلُ نَفْسَكَ اللهُ.» أَجَابَهُم يَسُوعُ: «أَمَّا كُنِبَ فِي تَوْرَاتِكُمْ: أَنَا قُلْتُ إِنَّكُمْ اللهُ؟ فَإِذَا كَانَتِ التَّوْرَةُ تَدْعُو إِلَهَةً أَوْلَيْكَ الَّذِينَ صَارَتْ إِلَيْهِمْ كَلِمَةُ اللهِ، وَلا يُمَكِّنُ أَنْ يُنْفِضَ الكِتَابَ، فَكَيْفَ تَقُولُونَ لِي، أَنَا الَّذِي قَدَسَهُ الأَبُ وَأَرْسَلَهُ إِلَيَّ العَالَمَ: أَنْتَ تَجْدِفُ؛ لِأَنِّي قُلْتُ: أَنَا ابْنُ اللهِ؟» إِنْ كُنْتُ لا أَعْمَلُ أَعْمَالَ أَبِي، فَلا تُصَدِّقُونِي، أَمَّا إِذَا كُنْتُ أَعْمَلُهَا، وَإِنْ كُنْتُمْ لا تُصَدِّقُونِي، فَصَدِّقُوا هَذِهِ الأَعْمَالَ، لَكِي تَعْرِفُوا وَتُؤْمِنُوا أَنَّ الأَبَ فِيَّ وَأَنِّي فِي الأَبِ.» فَحَاوَلُوا مِن جَدِيدٍ أَنْ يَقْبِضُوا عَلَيْهِ، فَأَقْلَبْتُ مِنْ يَدِهِمْ. وَعَادَ يَسُوعُ إِلَى عِبْرِ الأَرْدُنِّ، إِلَى حَيْثُ كَانَ يُوحَاثُ يُعَمِّدُ مِنْ قَبْلِ، فَأَقَامَ هُنَاكَ. وَأَتَى إِلَيْهِ كَثِيرُونَ وَكَانُوا يَقُولُونَ: «لَمْ يَصْنَعْ يُوحَاثًا أَيَّ آيَةٍ، وَلَكِنْ، كُلُّ مَا قَالَهُ فِي هَذَا الرَّجُلِ كَانَ حَقًّا.» فَأَمَّنَ بِهِ هُنَاكَ كَثِيرُونَ.