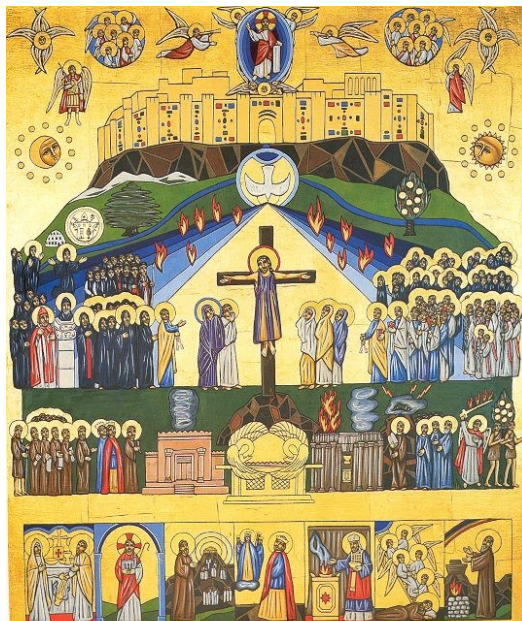


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Divine Liturgy Schedule

Tuesday through Saturday at 10:00 AM
Sunday at 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM
Holy Day at 10 am & 7:30pm
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.

Mystery of Crowning (Marriage)

The 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 after the Birth of Our Lord *December 29, 2019*

Sun. December 29	Sunday after the Birth of Our Lord 9:00 am Rosemary Claire Perun 11:30 am Intentions of the Parishioners	Req. by the Leon Family
Mon. December 30	NO LITURGY	
Tues. December 31	NO LITURGY	
Wed. January 1	9:00 am The Circumcision of Jesus Divine Liturgy 11:30 am The Circumcision of Jesus Divine Liturgy	
Thurs. January 2	10 am Divine Liturgy In Thanksgiving for God's Blessings, Mercy, Forgiveness & Saving Power	Felicitations to the Virgin Mary St. Stephen, the First Martyr
Fri. January 3	10 am Divine Liturgy For Healing of Nonog Reyes	Req. by Stella Gaston
Sat. January 4	10 am Divine Liturgy	The Adoration of the Magi
Sun. January 5	The Finding of Our Lord in the Temple 9:00 am Intentions of the Parishioners 11:30 am Intentions of the Parishioners	

Financial Standing November 2019

Ordinary Income

Sundays & Holy Days Collections: **\$9,421.00**

Cathedral Stipends from Marriages & Funerals, Lower Hall Rent, Candles, Breakfast, Luncheon, Bake Sale, Dues, Religious Education, flowers,: **\$52,647.22**

Total Ordinary Income: \$62,068.22

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: \$15,772.55

Total Ordinary Income vs Expense: \$46,295.67

We also brought in some extraordinary income in the amount of: \$29,741.67 (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:church@stjohns.org) the church if you are interested

December 29, 2019 Sun. after the Birth of Our Lord

Reading: Hebrews 11:23-31

Gospel: Matthew 2:13-18

Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill

11:30 am Patrick Abou Chrouch - English

11:30 am Zahia Abi Habib - Arabic

January 5, 2020

The Finding in the Temple

Reading: Hebrews 7:11-19

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill

11:30 am Roger Shammass - English

11:30 am Wadih Saikali- Arabic

January 12, 2020

1st Sunday after Epiphany

Reading: 2 Corinthians 10:1-11

Gospel: John 1:29-34

Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill

11:30 am Sandra Suweidan -Nemeh - English

11:30 am Mary Eladem- Arabic

January 19, 2020

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:5-15

Gospel: John 1:35-42

Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill

11:30 am Sonia Abi Habib - English

11:30 am Norma Haddad - Arabic

Dear Beloved Parishioners:

This part of the letter that I sent parishioners about three weeks ago regarding the Christmas Season.

Dear Parishioners & Friends:

During this blessed Christmas season, the different organizations and councils here at the Cathedral join me in sending you our warm and best wishes.

Since my Easter letter, the Confraternity of the Immaculate Conception and the Knights of St. Maron have elected new board members who are continuing what was started before but are also adding new activities to build community. For example, the ladies traveled together to participate in the Catholic Women's Conference of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia at the end of October. The Knights worked together putting on a Sajj Breakfast last month.

My goal this past year was for the various organizations to have a better way of communicating their activities with each other, so we would not have overlapping or conflicting events. Through an online application, heads of committees, after discussing their activities at the Parish Council, may then post them for others to see. My hope is that one day at the end of May of every year we will be able to put online the following year's schedule in advance, so all parishioners may then know way ahead of time the Church's events.

The best way to stay connected to the Cathedral is through the bulletin. In addition to the printed copies that can be picked up at the church every Sunday, the bulletin is sent by email. I encourage you to ask family and friends to subscribe electronically to the bulletin. Please make sure to tell them to email cathrectory@verizon.net and we will add them to the list. This is the best way to be up to date about any event at the Church. Also the bulletin is posted weekly on our website www.ololc.org. You may also follow us on our Facebook page at [Our Lady of Lebanon Cathedral](#)

This Season of the Glorious Birth of Our Lord that ends on January 5, the Vigil of the Feast of the Glorious Epiphany, awakens in our hearts the immense love of Jesus Christ who *"emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself..."* (Philippians 2: 7-8). Our response to such an awesome initiative is to continue praising and adoring him not only during the Christmas Season, but throughout the entire liturgical year. For this reason, I would like to invite you to the Divine Liturgy of the Feast of the Circumcision of Jesus on January 1 at 9 or 11:30 am and the Feast of the Epiphany on January 6 at 7:30 pm.

Merry Christmas

and a Blessed New Year



UPDATE on The 2nd Collection for Caritas Lebanon

The Second collection that was authorized for Caritas Lebanon and was taken up on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. We collected \$1,439 that the Eparchy will send to Caritas Lebanon. Thanks for your generosity.

UPDATE on Family Christmas Party December 22

The Cathedral had the Christmas Party on Sunday December 22 organized by the Sunday School Teachers and sponsored by SYMA Club. We want to thank all of the teachers and the club for a wonderful afternoon that brought parishioners together. Also we cannot forget to thank Nicole Safi who put together the Christmas Play with the help of the kids and parents.

UPDATE on Sloan Kettering Toy Drive

The Christmas Toy Drive for the children of Sloan Kettering Cancer Center that ended on December 22nd was a great success. Christopher Safi collected from 10 locations a 1000 gifts to the children at Sloan Kettering. On Monday December 23, we took the toys to the hospital and the staff were very grateful and send their regards and thanks.

St. Maron Feast Day Luncheon

The event on Sunday, February 9th, 2020, begins with the Divine Liturgy celebrated by His Excellency Bishop Gregory Mansour at 11:30 a.m. and is followed by a luncheon at Sirico's (8023 13th Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11228). \$100 for Adults and \$50 for children under 12. Live soft music provided by Nadim. Valet Parking is available

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. [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

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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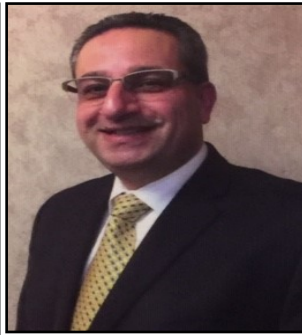
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“Life Empowers: Pro-Life is Pro-Woman”

Please RSVP no later than Monday January 17.
Contact the National MYA Board at 310-400-0212 or
nationalmya@gmail.com if you will be attending this young adult gathering.
For more information locally please contact:
Marise Frangie (914) 393-8907
Simona El-Hallal (540) 798-8450

March for Life 2020 on Friday January 24th



Schedule:

Thursday, January 23

5:30 - 7:30 PM - Pro-Life Vigil Liturgy at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, 400 Michigan Ave NE, Washington, DC

8:00 PM - Meet after the Liturgy with Bishop Gregory Mansour in the Maronite Chapel down stairs in the Crypt of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

Friday, January 24

11:00 AM - We will meet at the Starbucks on the corner of Indiana Avenue and Seventh Street to join for the March for life.

5:00 PM - Pro Life Gathering and Dinner with Bishop Gregory at the Maronite Seminary Library, 7164 Alaska Ave NW Washington DC.

Saturday, January 25

Open day to tour the Monuments or great museums such as the Bible, Holocaust, Native American, Art etc.

Sunday January 26

11:00 AM - Maronite Liturgy at Our Lady of Lebanon Church, Washington DC

Following the Liturgy there will be MYO/MYA Pro-life gathering with Bishop Gregory at the Maronite Seminary Library.

For more information or to access a copy of the flyer visit:

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Sunday Readings

قراءات الأحد

The Letter to the Hebrews 11:31-23

By faith Moses was hidden by his parents for three months after his birth, because they saw that the child was beautiful; and they were not afraid of the king's edict.

By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called a son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered abuse suffered for the Christ to be greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking ahead to the reward. By faith he left Egypt, unafraid of the king's anger; for he persevered as though he saw him who is invisible. By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel.

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned.

By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days.

By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

The Gospel according to Saint Matthew 2:18-13

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.'

Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, 'Out of Egypt I have called my son.'

When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men.

Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: 'A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.'

الرسالة إلى العبرانيين 11:23-31

يا إخواني، بالإيمان موسى، لما وُلِدَ، أَخْفَاهُ آبَاؤُهُ ثَلَاثَةَ أَشْهُرٍ، لِأَنَّهُمَا رَأَيَا الصَّبِيَّ جَمِيلاً، وَلَمْ يَرْهَبَا أَمْرَ الْمَلِكِ. بِالْإِيمَانِ مُوسَى، لَمَّا كَبُرَ، أَبِي أَنْ يُدْعَى ابْنًا لِابْنَةِ فِرْعَوْنَ، وَأَخْتَارَ الْمَشَقَّةَ مَعَ شَعْبِ اللَّهِ عَلَى التَّمَتُّعِ الْوَقْتِيِّ بِالْخَطِيئَةِ، حَاسِبًا عَارَ الْمَسِيحِ غِنَى أَعْظَمَ مِنْ كُنُوزِ مِصْرَ، لِأَنَّهُ كَانَ يَتَطَلَّعُ إِلَى الْمُكَافَأَةِ.

بِالْإِيمَانِ تَرَكَ مِصْرَ، وَلَمْ يَخْشَ غَضَبَ الْمَلِكِ، وَثَبَّتَ عَلَى عَزْمِهِ، كَأَنَّهُ يَرَى مَا لَا يَرَى. بِالْإِيمَانِ صَنَعَ الْفِصْحَ وَرَشَّ الدَّمِ، لِيَلْأَ يَمَسَّهُمْ مُهْلِكُ الْأَبْكَارِ.

بِالْإِيمَانِ عَبَّرَ بَنُو إِسْرَائِيلَ الْبَحْرَ الْأَحْمَرَ، كَمَا عَلَى أَرْضِ يَابِسَةٍ، وَلَمَّا حَاوَلَ الْمِصْرِيُّونَ عُبُورَهُ غَرِقُوا. بِالْإِيمَانِ سَقَطَتْ أَسْوَارُ أَرِيحَا، بَعْدَ الطَّوَافِ حَوْلَهَا سَبْعَةَ أَيَّامٍ.

بِالْإِيمَانِ رَاحَبُ الْبَغْيِ لَمْ تَهْلِكْ مَعَ الَّذِينَ عَصَوْا، لِأَنَّهَا قَبِلَتْ الْجَاسُوسِينَ بِسَلَامٍ.

انجيل القديس متى 2:13-18

بَعْدَمَا أَنْصَرَفَ الْمَجُوسُ، تَرَاعَى مَلَائِكُ الرَّبِّ فِي الْحُلْمِ لِيُوسُفَ، وَقَالَ لَهُ: «قُمْ، خُذِ الصَّبِيَّ وَأُمَّهُ، وَاهْرُبْ إِلَى مِصْرَ، وَابْقَ هُنَاكَ إِلَى أَنْ أَقُولَ لَكَ، لِأَنَّ هِيرُودُسَ مُرْمِعٌ أَنْ يَبْحَثَ عَنِ الصَّبِيِّ لِيُهْلِكَهُ.»

فَقَامَ يُوسُفُ وَأَخَذَ الصَّبِيَّ وَأُمَّهُ لَيْلًا، وَاجَأَ إِلَى مِصْرَ. وَبَقِيَ هُنَاكَ حَتَّى مَاتَ هِيرُودُسُ، لِيَتِمَّ مَا قَالَهُ الرَّبُّ بِالنَّبِيِّ: «مِنْ مِصْرَ دَعَوْتُ ابْنِي.»

وَلَمَّا رَأَى هِيرُودُسُ أَنَّ الْمَجُوسَ سَخِرُوا مِنْهُ غَضِبَ جِدًّا. وَأَرْسَلَ فَفَتَلَ جَمِيعَ الصَّبِيَّانِ فِي بَيْتِ لَحْمٍ وَضَوَاحِيهَا، مِنْ أَبْنِ سَنَتَيْنِ فَمَا دُونَ، بِحَسَبِ الزَّمَنِ الَّذِي تَحَقَّقَهُ مِنَ الْمَجُوسِ.

حِينَئِذٍ تَمَّ مَا قِيلَ بِالنَّبِيِّ إِزْمِيَا:

صَوْتُ سَمِعَ فِي الرَّامَةِ، بُكَاءٌ وَنَحِيبٌ كَثِيرٌ. رَاحِيلُ نَبَّكِي أَوْلَادَهَا، وَقَدْ أَبَتْ أَنْ تَنْعَزَى، لِأَنَّهُمْ زَالُوا مِنَ الْوُجُودِ