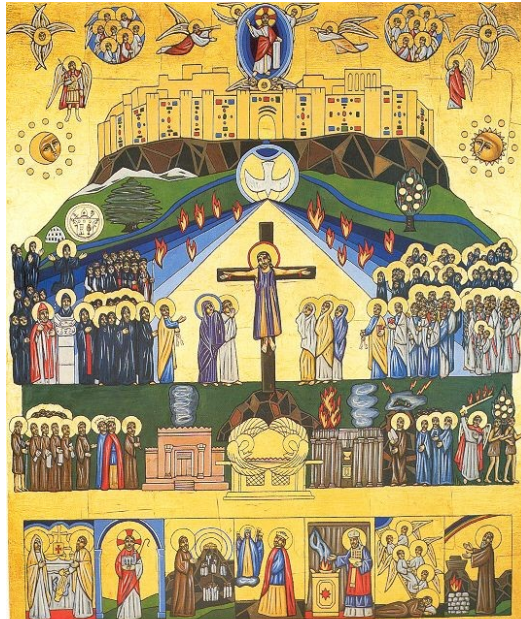


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The Most Reverend Gregory J. Mansour, Eparchial Bishop
The Very Reverend Dominique Hanna, Rector
Deacon Peter Frangie
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Divine Liturgy Schedule

Tuesday through Saturday at 10:00 am
Sunday at 9:00 am and 11:30 am
Holy Day at 10 am & 7:30 pm
St. Sharbel the 22nd of each month
at 7:30 am 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.

The Finding of Our Lord in the Temple

January 5, 2020

Sun. January 5	The Finding of Our Lord in the Temple	
	9:00 am	Intentions of the Parishioners
	11:30 am	Mona Chemali Khalaf
		Req. by Jennifer Khalaf
Mon. January 6	7:30pm Feast of the Glorious Epiphany & Blessing of the Water	
Tues. January 7	10 am Divine Liturgy	
Wed. January 8	10 am Divine Liturgy	
Thurs. January 9	10 am Divine Liturgy	
Fri. January 10	10 am Divine Liturgy	
Sat. January 11	10 am Divine Liturgy	
Sun. January 12	1st Sunday after Epiphany	
	9:00 am	Intentions of the Parishioners
	11:30 am	Intentions of the Parishioners

Financial Standing December 2019

Ordinary Income

Sundays & Holy Days Collections: **\$41,292.00**

Cathedral Stipends from Marriages & Funerals, Lower Hall Rent, Candles, Breakfast, Luncheon, Bake Sale, Dues, Religious Education, flowers, ...: **\$36,500.00**

Total Ordinary Income: \$77,792.00

Ordinary Expense

Payroll, Gas, Electricity, Building and Medical Insurance, Leasing Equipment, TV, Phone, Internet, Church, Hall & Office Supplies, Postage, Regular Maintenance, Charity, Eparchial Appeal, Insurance,...

Total Ordinary Expense: \$44,724.88

Total Ordinary Income vs Expense: \$36,067.12

We also brought in some extraordinary income in the amount of: \$29,436.67 (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](#) the church if you are interested

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 Joseph Kallassy - 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 Roger Shammass - English
 11:30 am Norma Haddad - Arabic

January 26, 2020 3rd Sunday after Epiphany
Reading: Galatians 3:23-29
Gospel: John 3:1-16
Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill
 11:30 am Tiana Eladem - English
 11:30 am Paula Ashkar - Arabic

Dear Beloved Parishioners:

The Maronite Prayer of the Faithful offers a nice summary of the Feast of the Circumcision celebrated at the beginning of each year.

It reads, "The entire Maronite liturgical year is centered on the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. The Season of the Birth of Our Lord recalls for us the great events in the history of our salvation leading up to the birth of our Lord.

"On January 1, the first day of the year, we commemorate an event in the life of Jesus which took place eight days after his birth: his naming and circumcision. According to the Jewish law, every male child was to be circumcised on the eighth day after his birth (Genesis 17: 11-13). Circumcision was the sign God gave to Abraham of his covenant with his chosen people. Through circumcision the Hebrew child received the physical sign of his membership in the chosen people of God. At the time of circumcision the child was also given the name by which he was to be known among God's people.

"It is thus that Jesus is circumcised and given his name, which means 'God saves.' Jesus, as God's true Son, had no need of circumcision and yet, in order to show that he was the fulfillment of the law, he submitted to its prescriptions. Jesus was already a member of God's chosen people; for, in fact, he was God's Chosen One, the Son of the Most High. And yet, Jesus not only observed the prescriptions of the law, he also surpassed them since after his death and resurrection, the New Covenant would be established and the Old Covenant would be abolished.

"The infant church questioned whether circumcision was necessary for those who wished to become Christians. Saint Paul, who brought the gentiles into the Church, asserted that circumcision is no longer required in the light of the death and resurrection of Jesus. One becomes a member of the new Israel, not by circumcision of the flesh, but by faith and baptism in Christ Jesus (Colossians 2:11)."

Thus, baptism early on in the life of the Church had become the sacrament of the circumcision of the heart by which one becomes a member of the Church of God configured to Christ, its founder. As the child is named at the time of circumcision, so also at the time of baptism the infant receives a saint's name to help the child grow under the blessing and guidance of a given saint.

The sign of the circumcision of the flesh in the Old Testament was replaced by the invisible and indelible mark of baptism in the New Testament to purify the body and the spirit and give us the infused knowledge and grace of God's true law.

Abouna Dominique

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 am 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

UPDATE on the 2nd Collection for Caritas Lebanon

The Second collection that was authorized for Caritas Lebanon 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 the 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 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.

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 in 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.

Bulletin Advertisement

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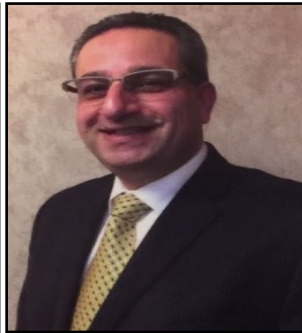
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Lenten Retreat at Our Lady of Lebanon Cathedral

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Facilitated by: Deacon George Pitula

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Saturday, March 7th, 2020

9 AM — 5 PM

- Explore the spiritual aspects of Lent -

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- Talks
- Q & A
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RSVP: No later than Sunday March 1, 2020

Subdeacon Adonis El-Asmar at (917) 855-3075 (call / text); email: adoniselasmar@gmail.com

"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

Sunday of the Finding of the Lord in the Temple

The Letter to the Hebrews 7: 11-19

If perfection had been attainable through the Levitical priesthood for the people received the law under this priesthood what further need would there have been to speak of another priest arising according to the order of Melchizedek, rather than one according to the order of Aaron? For when there is a change in the priesthood, there is necessarily a change in the law as well. Now the one of whom these things are spoken belonged to another tribe, from which no one has ever served at the altar. For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, and in connection with that tribe Moses said nothing about priests. It is even more obvious when another priest arises, resembling Melchizedek, one who has become a priest, not through a legal requirement concerning physical descent, but through the power of an indestructible life. For it is attested of him, 'You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.' There is, on the one hand, the abrogation of an earlier commandment because it was weak and ineffectual (for the law made nothing perfect); there is, on the other hand, the introduction of a better hope, through which we approach God.

The Gospel according to Saint Luke 2: 41-52

Every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

أحد وجود الرب يسوع في الهيكل

الرسالة إلى العبرانيين 7: 11-19

يَا إِخْوَتِي، لَوْ كَانَ الْكَمَالُ قَدْ تَحَقَّقَ بِالْكَهَنُوتِ اللَّائِي، وَهُوَ أَسَاسُ الشَّرِيعَةِ الَّتِي أُعْطِيتَ لِلشَّعْبِ، فَأَيُّ حَاجَةٍ بَعْدُ إِلَى أَنْ يَقُومَ كَاهِنٌ آخَرُ عَلَى «رُتْبَةِ مُلْكِيصَادِقِ»، وَلَا يُقَالُ «عَلَى رُتْبَةِ هَارُونَ»؟ فَمَتَى تَغَيَّرَ الْكَهَنُوتُ، لَا بُدَّ مِنْ تَغْيِيرِ الشَّرِيعَةِ أَيْضًا. فَالَّذِي يُقَالُ هَذَا فِي شَأْنِهِ، أَيِ الْمَسِيحِ، جَاءَ مِنْ سِبْطِ آخَرٍ، لَمْ يَلِازِمَ أَحَدٌ مِنْهُ خِدْمَةَ الْمَذْبَحِ، وَمِنْ الْوَاضِحِ أَنَّ رَبَّنَا أَشْرَقَ مِنْ يَهُوذَا، مِنْ سِبْطِ لَمْ يَصِفْهُ مُوسَى بِشَيْءٍ مِنَ الْكَهَنُوتِ. وَيَزِيدُ الْأَمْرَ وَضُوحًا أَنَّ الْكَاهِنَ الْآخَرَ الَّذِي يَقُومُ عَلَى مِثَالِ مُلْكِيصَادِقِ، لَمْ يَقُمْ وَفْقَ شَرْيَعَةٍ وَصِيَّةٍ بَشَرِيَّةٍ، بَلْ وَفْقَ قُوَّةِ حَيَاةٍ لَا تَزُولُ. وَيُشْهَدُ لَهُ: «أَنْتَ كَاهِنٌ إِلَى الْأَبَدِ، عَلَى رُتْبَةِ مُلْكِيصَادِقِ». «وَهَكَذَا يَتِمُّ إِبْطَالُ وَصِيَّةِ الْكَهَنُوتِ السَّابِقَةِ، بِسَبَبِ ضَعْفِهَا وَعَدَمِ نَفْعِهَا، لِأَنَّ الشَّرِيعَةَ لَمْ تُبْلَغْ شَيْئًا إِلَى الْكَمَالِ، وَيَتِمُّ أَيْضًا إِدْخَالُ رَجَاءٍ أَفْضَلَ، بِهِ نَقْتَرِبُ مِنَ اللَّهِ.

إنجيل القديس لوقا 2: 41-52

كَانَ أَبَوَا يَسُوعَ يَذْهَبَانِ كُلَّ سَنَةٍ فِي عِيدِ الْفِصْحِ إِلَى أُورُشَلِيمَ. وَلَمَّا بَلَغَ يَسُوعُ عَشْرَةَ أَثْنَتَيْ عَشْرَةَ سَنَةً، صَعِدُوا مَعًا كَمَا هِيَ الْعَادَةُ فِي الْعِيدِ. وَبَعْدَ انْقِضَاءِ أَيَّامِ الْعِيدِ، عَادَ الْأَبَوَانِ، وَبَقِيَ الصَّبِيُّ يَسُوعُ فِي أُورُشَلِيمَ، وَهُمَا لَا يَدْرِيَانِ. وَإِذْ كَانَا يَظُنَّانِ أَنَّهُ فِي الْقَافِلَةِ، سَارَا مَسِيرَةَ يَوْمٍ، ثُمَّ أَخَذَا يَطْلُبَانِهِ بَيْنَ الْأَقَارِبِ وَالْمَعَارِفِ. وَلَمْ يَجِدَاهُ، فَعَادَا إِلَى أُورُشَلِيمَ يَبْحَثَانِ عَنْهُ. وَبَعْدَ ثَلَاثَةِ أَيَّامٍ، وَجَدَاهُ فِي الْهَيْكَلِ جَالِسًا بَيْنَ الْعُلَمَاءِ، يَسْمَعُهُمْ وَيَسْأَلُهُمْ. وَكَانَ جَمِيعُ الَّذِينَ يَسْمَعُونَهُ مُنْذَهَلِينَ بِذَكَائِهِ وَأَجُوبَتِهِ. وَلَمَّا رَأَهُ أَبَوَاهُ بُهْتًا، وَقَالَتْ لَهُ أُمُّهُ: «يَا ابْنِي، لِمَاذَا فَعَلْتَ بِنَا هَكَذَا؟ فَهَذَا أَنَا وَأَبُوكَ كُنَّا نَبْحَثُ عَنْكَ مُتَوَجِّعِينَ». «إِفْقَالَ لِهْمَا: «لِمَاذَا تَطْلُبَانِنِي؟ أَلَا تَعْلَمَانِ أَنَّهُ يَنْبَغِي أَنْ أَكُونَ فِي مَا هُوَ لِأَبِي؟». «أَمَّا هُمَا فَلَمْ يَفْهَمَا الْكَلَامَ الَّذِي كَلَّمَهُمَا بِهِ. ثُمَّ نَزَلَ مَعَهُمَا، وَعَادَ إِلَى النَّاصِرَةِ، وَكَانَ خَاضِعًا لِهْمَا. وَكَانَتْ أُمُّهُ تَحْفَظُ كُلَّ هَذِهِ الْأُمُورِ فِي قَلْبِهَا. وَكَانَ يَسُوعُ يَنْمُو فِي الْحِكْمَةِ وَالْقَامَةِ وَالتَّعَمُّعَةِ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ وَالنَّاسِ.