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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.

First Sunday after Epiphany *January 12, 2020*

Sun. January 12	1st Sunday after Epiphany	
	9:00 am	Intentions of the Parishioners
	11:30 am	Habib & Hayat Aflak & Michel Habib Aflak Davis Paul Popkings
		By Mr. & Mrs. Tony Aflak by Mr. & Mrs. John Shaia
Mon. January 13	NO LITURGY	St. Jacob of Nisibis
Tues. January 14	10 am Divine Liturgy	
Wed. January 15	10 am Divine Liturgy	Our Lady of the Sowing/ St. John Calybitis For Moses Maron Leon on his 23rd Birthday By the Leon Family
Thurs. January 16	10 am Divine Liturgy	In Honor of St. Peter in Chains
Fri. January 17	10 am Divine Liturgy	St. Anthony the Great
Sat. January 18	10 am Divine Liturgy	St. Athanasius of Alexandria Establishment of the Chair of St. Peter in Rome
Sun. January 19	2nd Sunday after Epiphany	St. Macarius the Egyptian
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Women's ministry

“The world doesn't need what women have, it needs what women are” Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross said. Encouraging women to flourish and be who God is calling them to be is very essential. To help all ladies live up to their vocation, please check our women's ministry page [here](#) for suggestions.

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 if you are interested

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
February 2, 2020	Sunday of the Priests
Reading: 1 Timothy 4:6-16	
Gospel: Luke 12:42-48	
Lectors: 9:00 am	Raymond Gill
11:30 am	Sonia Abi Habib - English
11:30 am	Joseph Madi - Arabic

Dear Beloved Parishioners:

After Christ, the main character in the Season of the Glorious Epiphany that started on January 6 is John the Baptist.

John the Baptist led a holy life preparing the way of the Lord in an unconventional manner. He lived in the desert and dressed in animal skin and ate locusts and honey dedicating himself solely to God. Of a priestly tribe, John was supposed to be serving in the Temple like his father Zechariah, but he decided not to. The officials of the Temple were not fulfilling what God had asked them to do as servants of the people and John did not want to be part of a group that burdened the people with rituals and laws and did not help or comfort them. Thus, he was a voice crying in the wilderness, advising Temple leaders and people at large to make straight the paths of the Lord. John was not the sort of person who would go along with the flow of a tradition that confused and led the people astray and away from the Lord. Instead of being a recognizable priest of the Temple, he refused to fit in. That is why he was in the wilderness and not under the protection of the Temple authorities.

People were filled with expectation when John came on the scene. He was not restricted to the Temple. He was the breath of fresh air needed by those who were seeking God and could not find him in the Temple anymore. For these people, John fit perfectly the profile of a spiritual leader. Many even were questioning in their hearts, whether he might be the Messiah. But he said no. He clearly affirmed that someone greater than he would come after him "who was before him." "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire," John said.

The people wanted to make John someone who he was not. But John was clear. He testified that he was not the Messiah. When Christ came to John to be baptized, at first John refused saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness." In this instance too, John would not play the role that might have been expected of him. He understood that what he did would only "prepare the way" and his baptism could only take the people so far. In some way the difference between the baptism of John and that of Jesus can be compared to being washed by water only or by water and soap. John's baptism served for a time, but there was a need for a baptism that sanctified completely, as sometimes bleach is needed to get the most difficult stains out of clothes.

John could not be what his family's priestly tradition wanted him to be nor what the people wanted him to be. He knew he was only one part in the huge plan of God's salvation and not the whole plan.



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. Please make your reservation with Mike Naber, Darine Safi or Jihane Ayoub.

Marriage Enrichment Evening

Married couples are invited on Saturday, February 22, 2020, to a marriage enrichment evening at the Cathedral starting with the Divine Liturgy at 6:30 pm followed by dinner, a short talk & music. \$100 per couple. For registration please see Helen Zihenni & Darine Safi

Pro-life March in DC

All Maronites are invited to the March for Life. On January 23, the Pro-Life Vigil Liturgy at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception is celebrated at 5:30 pm. At 8 pm, Bishop Gregory will meet with the Maronites who are attending the March in the Crypt. The next day on January 24, the group will meet at 11 am on the corner of Indiana Ave. and 7th St. in DC.

The Maronite Foundation in the World

Are you of Lebanese descent living abroad, between 20 to 30 years old and fluent in English? The Maronite Foundation proudly presents its 8th annual session in collaboration with the Holy Spirit University of Kaslik and in honor of the late HE Michel Edde founder and honorary president of the Maronite Foundation to win a trip to Lebanon from July 19 to August 3, 2020. Please [click to register online](#)

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.

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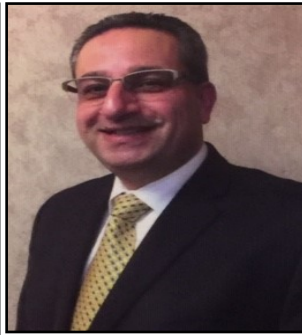
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Marriage Enrichment Evening



Celebrate married life; renew your vows, listen to practical words, be challenged by Fr Dominique's Trivia questions and enjoy a candlelight dinner with Italian food and music .

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 22nd, 2020

Registration Deadline Feb 10, 2020
Evening begins 6:30pm



For reservations:



Darine Safi
347-336-5265
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Helen Zihenni
917-682-4689
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Cost \$100
per couple



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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:

maroniteyoungadults.org

familyandsanctityoflife.org/events

Sponsored by: National Maronite Young Adults as well as the Family and Sanctity of Life Office

Lenten Retreat at Our Lady of Lebanon Cathedral

(113 Remsen Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201)

Facilitated by: Deacon George Pitula

Want to Take another step
closer to Christ this Lent?

Saturday, March 7th, 2020

9 AM – 5 PM

- Explore the spiritual aspects of Lent -

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- Divine Liturgy
- Talks
- Q & A
- Lunch
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All are Welcome!



How to Grow
Closer to Jesus

RSVP: No later than Sunday March 1, 2020

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

Sunday Readings

قراءات الأحد

The First Sunday after the Epiphany

Second Letter to the Corinthians 10:1-11.

I myself, Paul, appeal to you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ I who am humble when face to face with you, but bold towards you when I am away! I ask that when I am present I need not show boldness by daring to oppose those who think we are acting according to human standards. Indeed, we live as human beings, but we do not wage war according to human standards; for the weapons of our warfare are not merely human, but they have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every proud obstacle raised up against the knowledge of God, and we take every thought captive to obey Christ. We are ready to punish every disobedience when your obedience is complete. Look at what is before your eyes. If you are confident that you belong to Christ, remind yourself of this, that just as you belong to Christ, so also do we. Now, even if I boast a little too much of our authority, which the Lord gave for building you up and not for tearing you down, I will not be ashamed of it. I do not want to seem as though I am trying to frighten you with my letters. For they say, 'His letters are weighty and strong, but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech contemptible.' Let such people understand that what we say by letter when absent, we will also do when present.

The Gospel according to Saint John 1:29-34.

The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'

الأحد الأول بعد الدنح

رسالة القديس بولس الثانية إلى أهل كورنثس 10:1-11

يا إخوتي، أنا بولس نفسي أناشدكم بوداعة المسيح ورحمته، أنا المتواضع بينكم عندما أكون حاضراً، والجريء عليكم عندما أكون غائباً. وأرجو ألا أجبر عند حضورى أن أكون جريئاً، بالثقة التي لي بكم، والتي أنوي أن أجروها بها على الذين يحسبون أننا نسلك كائنات جسديين. أجل، إننا نحيا في الجسد، ولكننا لا نحارب كائنات جسديين؛ لأن أسلحة جهادنا ليست جسدية، بل هي قاذرة بالله على هدم الحصون المنيعة؛ فإننا نهدم الأفكار الخاطئة، وكل شموخ يرتفع ضد معرفة الله، ونأسر كل فكر لطاعة المسيح.

ونحن مستعدون أن نعاقب كل عصيان، متى كملت طاعتكم. إنكم تحكمون على المظاهر! إن كان أحد واثقاً بنفسه أنه للمسيح، فليفكر في نفسه أنه كما هو للمسيح كذلك نحن أيضاً. فإنا لا نخجل إن بالغت بعض المبالغة في الافتخار بالسلطان الذي وهبه الرب لنا لبنيانكم لا لهدمكم. ولا أريد أن أظهر كأني أخوفكم برسائلي؛ لأن بعضاً منكم يقولون: «رسائله شديدة اللهجة وقوية، أما حضوره الشخصي فهزيل، وكلامه سخي.»! فليعلم مثل هذا القائل أننا كما نحن بالكلام في الرسائل، عندما نكون غائبين، كذلك نحن أيضاً بالفعل، عندما نكون حاضرين.

إنجيل القديس يوحنا 1:29-34

في الغد (بعد شهادة المعمدان) رأى يوحنا يسوع مقبلاً إليه فقال: «ها هو حمل الله الذي يرفع خطيئة العالم. هذا هو الذي قلت فيه: يأتي ورأي رجلاً قد صار قدامي، لأنه كان قبلي.»

وأنا ما كنت أعرفه، لكني جئت أعمد بالماء لكي يظهر هو لإسرائيل.

وشهد يوحنا قائلاً: «رأيت الروح نازلاً كحمامة من السماء، ثم استقر عليه.»

وأنا ما كنت أعرفه، لكن الذي أرسلني أعمد بالماء هو قال لي: من ترى الروح ينزل ويستقر عليه، هو الذي يعمد بالروح القدس.

وأنا رأيت وشهدت أن هذا هو ابن الله.»