

**Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Cathedral**  
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**The Most Reverend Gregory J. Mansour, Eparchial Bishop**  
**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 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.**

**Second Sunday after Epiphany**  
**January 19, 2020**

Sun. January 19

**2nd Sunday after Epiphany**

**St. Macarius the Egyptian**

9:00 am Hanne & Tanios Nghawhi  
11:30 am Intentions of the Parishioners

Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Charbel Nghawhi

Mon. January 20

NO LITURGY

St. Euthymius the Great

Tues. January 21

10 am Divine Liturgy

Wed. January 22

10 am Divine Liturgy

St. Timothy, Disciple of St. Paul

Thurs. January 23

10 am Divine Liturgy

Pope St. Sergius I/ St. Marianne Cope

Fri. January 24

10 am Divine Liturgy

St. Francis de Sales, Doctor of the Church

Sat. January 25

10 am Divine Liturgy

The Conversion of St. Paul

Sun. January 26

**3rd Sunday after Epiphany**

9:00 am Intentions of the Parishioners  
11:30 am Intentions of the Parishioners

## Marriage and Homosexuality

There is no relationship on earth that can more perfectly mirror the relationship between the three persons of the Holy Trinity than the relationship between husband and wife. That's why the Church holds sacred the marital bond between husband and wife. If you are struggling with same sex attraction, know that you are loved infinitely regardless of your sexual orientation and you can seek support and help through groups like Courage. For more information, check [our Family and Sanctity of Life website](#)

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 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 Shammas - English
11:30 am	Darine Safi - 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

February 9, 2020 Feast of St. Maron

Sunday of the Righteous & Just

Reading: 2 Timothy 3:10-17

Gospel: John 12:23-30

Lectors: 9:00 am	Raymond Gill
11:30 am	Sandra Suweidan-Nemeh - English
11:30 am	Edward Antonios - Arabic

## Dear Beloved Parishioners:

In last week's bulletin, I concluded my column with reference to John the forerunner and his baptism. As John prepared the way of the Lord, so also his baptism was one more step toward knowing the true Lord Jesus.

Let us dig deeper into John's fearless attitude toward religious leaders and civil authorities to know more about his mission.

Jesus described John as someone more than a prophet. "This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you. I tell you, among those born of women no one is greater than John; yet the least in the kingdom of God is greater than he'" (Luke 7: 27-28). The primary role of a prophet is to proclaim God's words to his people and warn them of their misdeeds, but also to encourage them to adhere to God's teachings. However, John was more than that especially since he lived within the freedom of the desert seeking perfect unity with God and leading a holy life. As a result, people including religious officials flocked to him looking for guidance because holiness attracts. "When John saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire'" (Matthew 3: 7-11). John was not afraid to speak up against people who held religious power not only for condemnation but mostly for salvation.

Mark 6: 17-27 tells the story of John the Baptist being very critical of King Herod who was living an immoral life. While still in the desert John did not ignore his civic duty to correct his ruler. "For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.' She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the baptizer.' Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.' The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head."

John, a burning and shining lamp, was very popular among religious and government people, but this did not prevent him from being honest with them for their sake no matter the office they were holding. Neither shyness nor fear kept him from pointing out the sins and faults of powerful people even at the risk of his own death. Nonetheless, John's light has been shining...

*Abana Dominique*

## St. Maron Feast Day Luncheon

The event on Sunday, February 9, 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, Jihane Ayoub or George Elhage.

## 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.

## 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.

## Free Online NFP Session

In order to make sure that couples gain proper understanding of Natural Family Planning, per the Statutes of the Eparchy (No. 71), a free online session is offered to learn an overview of NFP methods and the introductory session to the Creighton Model FertilityCare System presenting the theology and the scientific aspect of NFP. The following are the dates and times:

Saturday February 8 2020 at 9:30 am

Tuesday March 10, 2020 at 7:30pm

Thursday April 30, 2020 at 7:30pm

Tuesday May 19, 2020 at 7:30pm

Monday June 8, 2020 at 7:30pm

To sign up for one of the sessions please contact Marise Frangie at 914-393-8907 or

[sanctityoflife@live.com](mailto:sanctityoflife@live.com)

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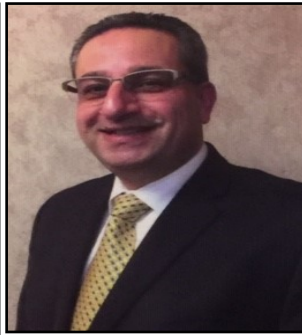
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*Sunday  
February 9th, 2020  
Two O' Clock*

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*For reservations please contact*

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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 by  
**DJ Nayef Sawalha.**



**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020**

**Registration Deadline Feb 10, 2020**

**Evening begins 6:30pm**

**For reservations:**



**Darine Safi**

**347-336-5265**

**darinesafi@hotmail.com**

**Helen Zihenni**

**917-682-4689**

**Helen.zihenni@me.com**

**Cost \$100  
per couple**



**Our Lady of Lebanon Cathedral  
113 Remsen Street Brooklyn  
New York 11201**

“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](http://maroniteyoungadults.org)

[familyandsanctityoflife.org/events](http://familyandsanctityoflife.org/events)

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# 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
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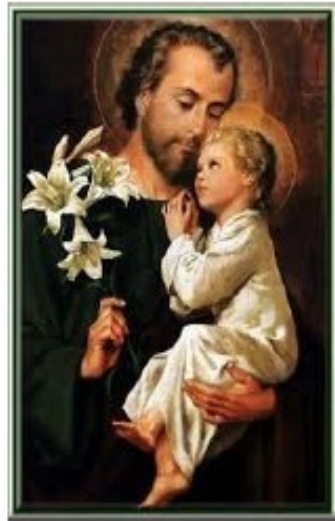
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**RSVP: No later than Sunday March 1, 2020**

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



# Annual St. Joseph Day



## Breakfast

Sponsored by the  
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Held in the Parish Hall  
of the Cathedral

Sunday, March 15, 2020  
Immediately following the Divine Liturgy

Donation of \$15/adult  
&  
\$10/child under the age of 12

**RSVP: by Sunday, March 8, 2020**  
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## Sunday Readings

### Second Sunday after the Epiphany

#### Second Letter to the Corinthians 4: 5-15.

For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you. But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture 'I believed, and so I spoke' we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

#### The Gospel according to Saint John 1: 35-42.

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

### الأحد الثاني بعد الدنح

رسالة القديس بولس الثانية إلى أهل كورنتس 4: 5-15  
يا إخوتي، نحن لا نبشّر بأنفسنا، بل نبشّر بيسوع المسيح رباً، وبأنفسنا عبيداً لكم من أجل يسوع؛ لأن الله الذي قال: «ليشرق من الظلمة نور!»، هو الذي أشرق في قلوبنا، لنستنير فنعرف مجد الله المتجلي في وجه المسيح.  
ولكننا نحمل هذا الكثر في آنية من خرف، ليظهر أن تلك القدرة الفائقة هي من الله لا منا.  
يضيّق علينا من كل جهة ولكننا لا نسحق، نختار في أمرنا ولكننا لا نياس، نضطهد ولكننا لا نهمل، ننبذ ولكننا لا نهلك، ونحمل في جسدينا كل حين موت يسوع، لكي تظهر حياة يسوع أيضاً في جسدينا؛ فإننا نحن الأحياء نسلم دوماً إلى الموت، من أجل يسوع، لكي تظهر حياة يسوع أيضاً في جسدينا المائت.  
فالموت يعمل فينا، والحياة تعمل فيكم. ولكن بما أن لنا روح الإيمان عينه، كما هو مكتوب: «أمنت، ولذلك تكلمت»، فتحن أيضاً نؤمن، ولذلك نتكلم.  
ونحن نعلم أن ذلك الذي أقام الرب يسوع، سيقيمنا نحن أيضاً مع يسوع، ويجعلنا وإياكم في حضرتيه. فكل شيء هو من أجلكم، لكي تكثر النعمة، فيفيض الشكر في قلوب الكثيرين لمجد الله.

#### إنجيل القديس يوحنا 1: 35-42

في الغد أيضاً كان يوحنا واقفاً هو وأثنان من تلاميذه. ورأى يسوع ماراً فحدق إليه وقال: «ها هو حمل الله.» وسمع التلميذان كلامه، فتبعوا يسوع. وألقت يسوع، فرأهما يتبعانه، فقال لهما: «ماذا تطلبان؟» قالاً له: «رأبي، أي يا معلم، أين تقيم؟» قال لهما: «تعاليا وأنظرا.» فذهبا ونظرا أين يقيم. وأقاما عنده ذلك اليوم، وكانت الساعة نحو الرابعة بعد الظهر. وكان أندراوس أخو سمعان بطرس أحد التلميذين، اللذين سمعا كلام يوحنا وتبعوا يسوع. ولقي أولاً أخاه سمعان، فقال له: «وجدنا مشيحاً، أي المسيح.» وجاء به إلى يسوع، فحدق يسوع إليه وقال: «أنت هو سمعان بن يونا، أنت ستدعى كيفا، أي بطرس الصخرة.»