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The Most Reverend Gregory J. Mansour, Eparchial Bishop The Very Reverend Dominique Hanna, Rector Deacon Peter Frangie Subdeacon Norbert Vogl Subdeacon Adonis El-Asmar



Divine Liturgy Schedule

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 pm except on Saturday or Sunday

First Friday of the month at 10:40 until noon

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Reconciliation

Initiation Rites (Baptism—Chrismation)

Mystery of Crowning (Marriage)

Hospital and Sick Calls

New Parishioners

10:15 am to 10:45 am Sunday 11:00 am to 11:45 am First Friday and upon request.

Parents and Godparents must meet with the Rector for instruction and then a time will be set for the Baptism and Chrismation.

The Rector must be notified at least six months in advance to set up instruction.

Notify the Rector as soon as possible.

All are welcome at Our Lady of Lebanon Cathedral. Please notify the Office of the Rector to become a member.

Third Sunday after Epiphany January 26, 2020

Sun. January 26	3rd Sunday after Epipha 9:00 am Intentions of the 11:30 am Joseph Rizk	
Mon. January 27	NO LITURGY	St. Euthymius the Great
Tues. January 28	10 am Divine Liturgy Joseph Dagher	St. Ephrem the Syriac, Doctor of the Church Req. Subdeacon & Mrs. Adonis El-Asmar
Wed. January 29	10 am Divine LiturgyAssaad FrangieReq. Deacon & Mrs. Peter Frangie	
Thurs. January 30	10 am Divine Liturgy Catherine &Khalil Frangie Req. Deacon & Mrs. Peter Frangie	
Fri. January 31	10 am Divine Liturgy St. John Bosco Grandparents of Peter & Marise Frangie Req. Deacon & Mrs. Peter Frangie	
Sat. February 01	10 am Divine Liturgy	
Sun. February 02	Sunday of the Priests/ Prieses9:00 amIntentions of the11:30 amNicolas Mechala	
Financial Standing December 2019 Ordinary Income Sundays & Holy Days Collections: \$41,292.00		Sunday Readings Lectors and Ushers (age 16 and up) are needed. Please <u>email</u> the church if you are interested
Cathedral Stipends from Marriages & Funerals, Lower Hall		January 26, 20203rd Sunday after EpiphanyHallDII

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

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 Priest		
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		
February 16, 2020	Sunday of the Faithful Departed		
Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11			
Gospel: Luke 16:19-31			
Lectors: 9:00 am			
11:30 am	Denise Abou Chrouch - English		
11:30 am	Marise Frangie - Arabic		

Dear Beloved Parishioners:

This is the third Sunday of the Season of Epiphany. As we move forward into this season, we discover more and more new ways Christ is presented to us that we are not familiar with or whose meanings we have not deeply explored.

This week's new way of bringing Christ to us comes from the very last verse of this Sunday's passage from John 3: 1-16: "... and just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life." When Moses started his Exodus to the Promised Land, the Israelites going with him would complain at different times for different reasons. They would complain about the food - the manna that God was providing. They would complain if they were tired. In one instance, in the Book of Numbers 21, when Moses and his people set out on the Red Sea route to bypass the land of Edom, the patience of the people was worn out by the journey. They complained against God and Moses saying, "Why have you brought us up from Egypt to die in this desert where there is no food or water? We are disgusted with this wretched food.

Because of their resentment and anger at God, the Lord sent poisonous serpents among them which bit the people and many of them died. Then Moses' followers came to him and said, "We have sinned in complaining against the Lord. Pray to the Lord to take the serpents from us." So the Lord said to Moses, "Make a serpent and mount it on a pole and if anyone who has been bitten looks at it, he will recover." Moses made a bronze serpent and mounted it on a pole and everyone who had been bitten by a serpent looked at the bronze serpent and was healed.

Christ is the bronze serpent on the pole or the cross. And the devil who is represented by a serpent is defeated by the bronze serpent that is Christ. As the bronze serpent saved those who looked at it from death, so Christ lifted up on the cross like the bronze serpent saves people from perishing. That is what John meant in 3: 16 when he said, "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish, but may have eternal life."

Eternal life has one source, Christ on the cross.

So today and during this season as we continue to uncover different ways to look at Christ, let us mediate on the cross. We see the cross all the time, let us now stop and observe it, look at it, and believe that eternal life springs from it.

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 917-612-4004, Darine Safi 347-336-5265, Jihane Ayoub 917-326-1296 or George Elhage 646-691-9925.

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

Letter for Annual Donations

Parishioners who for tax purposes would like a letter stating their annual contribution . Please email cathrectory@verizon.net or call the rectory at 718-624-7228

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 Fertility*Care* 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 <u>sanctityoflife@live.com</u>

Bulletin Advertisement

Business owners who would like to advertise their businesses in the Church bulletin that reaches over 600 households via email, please call the Cathedral at 718-624-7228 for more information.

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 <u>new website</u> and contact <u>Zahia Abi Habib</u> 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-oftown.

Kindly patronize the following with all your needs





OUR LADY OF LEBANON CATHEDRAL

94TH ANNUAL 5T. MARON'S DAY LUNCHEON



Sunday February 9th , 2020 Two O['] Clock

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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 22nd, 2020

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



Darine Safi 347-336-5265 darinesafi@hotmail.com

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Order of Saint Sharbel Matching Grant

CATHOLIC EXTENSION SOCIETY ISSUES GRANT CHALLENGE TO MARONITE EPARCHIES IN 2020!

Good news: Catholic Extension Society recently announced that it will make a \$25,000 grant to our Eparchy in 2020 for our Seminarian Endowments – if certain conditions are met!

Each Eparchy can earn the \$25,000 grant if they enroll at least 15 new Perpetual Members in the Order of Saint Sharbel by December 31. Membership dues and donations must be <u>received</u> by December 31, 2020 to qualify.

This is not the first time that the Eparchies have received matching grants from Catholic Extension. Similar grants were made in 2012, 2013, 2015 and 2016 after the Order of Saint Sharbel met similar challenges. The Eparchies were selected after a competitive application process each time.

Order of Saint Sharbel President Jim Abdo of Minneapolis immediately put out a call to Members of the Order to invite their friends, family members and fellow parishioners to join or to recruit new Members or to make a gift of Membership, saying, "We do not want to waste this great opportunity!"

Perpetual Membership in the Order requires a donation of \$5,000. The payment can be made in one lump sum, or in four quarterly installments over the course of a year. Information on enrolling in the Order can be found on the Order of St. Sharbel's website, <u>www.orderstsharbel.org</u>, or obtained by contacting any of the following people:

- James Abdo, President of the Order (jabdo@abdobooks.com)
- Charlene Hiffa, Vice President, Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn (<u>mchiffa@bellsouth.net</u>)
- John Kurey, Stewardship Director, Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn and the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon (718-237-9913 / 314-231-1021; or <u>saintmaron@yahoo.com</u> / <u>maroniteswest@yahoo.com</u>).

JOIN THE ORDER OF SAINT SHARBEL

TO SUPPORT THE EDUCATION OF MARONITE SEMINARIANS AND HELP BUILD THE FUTURE OF THE MARONITE CHURCH

Meet this year's Seminarians for the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn















The 2020 Eparchial Annual Lenten Appeal

A Second Collection for the Eparchial Charities Appeal will be taken every Sunday during the Season of Great Lent



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Lent 2020

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we enter into the season of preparation through prayer, fasting and almsgiving, I ask you to recall all the ways in which God has blessed you. As you reflect on that, I also ask you to consider supporting the Eparchy of Saint Maron with a donation to our 2020 Lenten Appeal, to further the Eparchy's mission of service to God's faithful people.

Your generosity towards this year's Annual Eparchial Appeal will support:

- Seminarians: We currently have five men preparing for the priesthood. Our seminarians are our future × priests, and we want them to get the best education and formation possible. We need your help to invest in their education and formation. Each seminarian costs about \$45,000 per year, in the form of tuition, books, room, board, health insurance and other costs. 40% of your contribution to this year's Annual Appeal will go for Seminarians.
- Ministries: Our ministries to young people, the elderly, families, and in defense of life from conception to natural death, help people at the most critical times in their lives. Please help ensure that the Eparchy can help those in need when they need help the most. 20% of your contribution will go to support Ministries.
- Retired Priests: Collectively, the 15 retired priests of the Eparchy served the faithful for over 500 years. Now, we help them with a modest pension of \$2,000 per month. 20% of your contribution will go to support Retired Priests.
- Helping in Lebanon and the Middle East: The Eparchy assists Lebanon and the Middle East in multiple ways, for example: by applying for grants to American foundations and donors, advocating for the persecuted Christians of the Middle East with the U.S. government, and channeling and providing direct financial assistance. 10% of your contribution will go to support Christians in Lebanon and the Middle East.
- Endowment: The Eparchy's Endowment Fund provides a source of income each year for the needs of the Eparchy and ensures that the Eparchy will have resources in the future. It also provides a "rainy day fund" if needed in the future. 10% of your contribution will be deposited into the Eparchy's Endowment.

I pray that you will open your heart once again and consider giving a gift. Your participation in this Annual Appeal makes a positive difference in the lives of so many people, both inside the Eparchy, and outside of it in the Middle East. Any gift you make will help.

Thank you, and may God bless you for your generosity. I wish you a blessed Lent and Easter.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Greg







Sunday Readings قراءات الأحد

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Letter to the Galatians 3:23-29

Before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore, the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

The Gospel according to Saint John 3:1-16

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل غلاطية 23:3-29 يا إخوَتِي، قَبْلَ أَنْ يَأْتِي الإِيْمَانِ، كُنَّا مُحْتَجَزِينَ مَحبُوسِينَ تَحْتَ الشَرِيعَة، إلى أَنْ يُعْلَنَ الإِيْمَانُ الْمُنْتَظَرِ إذًا فَالشَّرِيَعَةُ كَانَتْ لَنَا مُؤَدِّبًا يَقُوَّدُنَا إلى المَسِيح، لِكَيْ رَ بِالْإَيْمَانِ. فَلَمَّا أَتَى الْإِيْمَانِ، لَمْ نَعُدْ تَحْتَ مُؤَدِّبٍ لأَنَّكُم جَمِّيعًا أَبْنَاءُ اللهِ بَالإِيْمَان، في المسِيح يَسُوع. فأَنْتُم جَمِيعَ الَّذِينَ ٱعْتَمَدْتُمُ في المَسِيح قَدُ لَبِسْتُمُ ٱلمَسِيح. فِلا يَٰهُودِيٍّ بَعْدُ وَلا يُونَانِنِيّ، لا عَبْدُ وَلا حُرَّ، لاَ ذَكَرُ وَلا أُنْثَى، فَإِنَّكُم جَمِيعًا وَاحِدٌ فِي الْمَسِيح بَسُوع. فَإِنْ كُنْتُم لِلْمَسِيح، فَأَنْتُم إِذًا نَسْلُ إِبْرِاهِيم، ووَأَرِثُونَ بِحَسَبِ الوَعْدِ انجيل القديس يوحناً 1:3-16 كَانَ إِنْسَانٌ مِنَ الْفَرِّيسِيِّينَ ٱَسْمُهُ نِيقُودِيْمُوس، رَئِيسٌ لِلْيَهُودِ. هذا جَاءَ لَيْلاً إِلَى يَسُوعَ وَقَالَ لَهُ: يَهرَ آبِّي، نَحْنُ نَعْلَمُ أَنَّكَ جِئْتَ مِنَ اللهِ مُعَلِّمًا، لأَنَّهُ لا أَحَدَ بَقْدِرُ أَنَّ يَصْنَعَ الآيَاتِ الَّتِي أَنْتَ تَصْنَعُهَا مَا لَمْ يَكُن اللهُ مَعَهُ. < أَجَابَ بَسُوعُ وقَالَ لَهُ: »أَلْحَقَّ ٱلْحَقِّ أَنْحَقَّ أَقُولُ لَكَ: لا أَحَدَ يَقْدِرُ أَنْ بَرَى مَلَكُو تَ الله مَا لَمْ يُو لَدْ مِنْ جَدِيد. « قَالَ لَهُ نِيقُو دِيْمُوسٍ: »كَيْفَ يَقْدِرُ إِنْسَانٌ أَنْ يُولَدَ و هُوَ كَبِيرٌ في السِّنَّ؟ هَلْ يَقْدِرُ أَنْ يَدْخُلَ ثَانِيَةً حَشَا أُمِّهِ، و يُولَدُ؟.﴿ أَجَّابَ بَسُوع: »أَلْحَقَّ ٱلْحَقَّ أَقُولُ لَكَ، لا أَحَدَ يَقْدِرُ أَنْ بَدْخُلَ مَلَكُو تَ الله مَا لَمْ يُولَدْ مِنَ المَاءِ و الرُّوح. مَولُو دُ ٱلْجَسَدِ جَسَدٍ، ومَوْلُودُ الرُّوح رُوح. لَا تَعْجَبْ إِنْ قُلْتُ لَكَ: عَلَيْكُمْ أَنْ تُوَلَّدُوا مِنْ جَدِيدٍ. ۖ ٱلْرَيحُ تَهُبُّ حَيَّتُ تَشَاء، وِأَنْتَ تَسْمَعُ صَوْتَهَا، لَكِنَّكَ لَا تُعْلَمُ مِّنْ أَيْنَ تِأْتِي وِلا إِلَى أَيّْنَ تَمْضِي: هكَذَا كُلُّ مَوْلُودٍ مِنَ الْرُّوح . ﴿ أَجَابَ نِيقُودِيْمُوَسٌ وِقَالَ لَهُ: »كَيْفَ يُمْكِنُ أَنْ يَصِيرُ هِذَا؟ ﴿ أَجَابَ بَسُو عُ و قَالَ لَهُ: »أَنْتَ مُعَلِّمُ إِسْرَ ابْبِلَ و تَجْهَلُ هذَا؟ أَلْحِقَّ ٱلْحِقِّ أَقُولُ لَكَ: نَحْنُ نَنْطِقُ بِمَّا نَعْلَمُ، وَنَشْهَدُ بِمَا رَ أَبْنَا، وأَنْتُم لا تَقْبَلُونَ شَهَادَتَنَا. كَلُّمْتُكُم في شُؤُون الأَرْضِ ولا تُؤْمِنُون، فَكَيْفَ تُؤْمِنُونَ إِذَا كَلْمْتُكُم في شُؤُون السَّمَاء؟ مَا مِنْ أَحَدٍ صَعِدَ إلى السَّمَاء، إلاَّ الَّذي نَزَلَ مِنَ السَّمَاء، أَي إَبْنُ الإَنْسَانَ. وَكَمَا رَفَعَ مُؤْسَى الْحَيَّةُ فَيَ الْبَرّيَّة، كَذَلِكَ يَجِبُ أَنْ يُرْفَعَ ٱبْنُ الإِنْسَان، لِكَي تَكُونَ لِكُلِّ مُؤْمِنِ بِهِ حَياة ابَدِيَةٍ. هَكَذَا أَحَبَّ اللهُ العَالَم، حتَّى إِنَّهُ جَادَ بِٱبْنِهِ الوَحِيد، لِكَي لا يَهْلِكَ أَيُّ مُؤْمِنٍ بِهِ، بَلْ تَكُونُ لَهُ حَيَاةٌ أَبَدِيَّةٍ.

الأحد الثالث بعد الدنح