

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 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 of the Priests/ Presentation of the Lord in the Temple

February 2, 2020

Sun. February 2	Sunday of the Priests/ Presentation of the Lord in the Temple	
	9:00 am	Intentions of the Parishioners
	11:30 am	Nicolas Mechalany
		Req. by the Family
Mon. February 3	NO LITURGY	Sts. Simeon the Venerable & Anna the Prophetess
Tues. February 4	10 am Divine Liturgy Joseph Dagher	Req. Mrs. Marian Sahadi Ciacci
Wed. February 5	10 am Divine Liturgy Lina Obeid	St. Agatha Req. Mrs. Lina Fakhoury
Thurs. February 6	10 am Divine Liturgy Lina Obeid	Req. Mrs. Lina Fakhoury
Fri. February 7	10 am Divine Liturgy Lina Obeid	Req. Mrs. Lina Fakhoury
Sat. February 8	10 am Divine Liturgy Lina Obeid	Req. Mrs. Lina Fakhoury
Sun. February 9	Feast of St. Maron/ Sunday of the Righteous & Just	
	9:00 am	Lina Obeid
	11:30 am	Intentions of the Parishioners
		Req. Mrs. Lina Fakhoury

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](mailto:church@stmaron.org) the church if you are interested**

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	Sun. of the Faithful Departed
Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	
Gospel: Luke 16:19-31	
Lectors: 9:00 am	Raymond Gill
11:30 am	Denise Abou Chrouch - English
11:30 am	Bassem Diab - Arabic
February 23, 2020	Sunday of Entrance into Lent Miracle at Cana in Galilee
Reading: Romans 14:14-23	
Gospel: John 2:1-11	
Lectors: 9:00 am	Raymond Gill
11:30 am	Marise Frangie - English
11:30 am	Micha Nakhle - Arabic

Dear Beloved Parishioners:

The death of Kobe Bryant was heart-breaking news of an extraordinary and much-admired athlete who was renowned for his work ethic and focus on success. Kobe was not a saint, but it was his Catholic faith and that of his family that helped him overcome different crises in his life, especially his infidelity.

Bryant once said, "We can always kind of be average and do what's normal. I'm not in this to do what's normal."

On Monday of this week, I was doing the usual office work that I do after the weekend. At around 11 am, the doorbell rang and three women dressed in long winter coats were at the door. One, in her 80's, was in a wheelchair and the other two ranged between 40 and 50. As I opened the door to greet them, I noticed the habits under their heavy coats and knew that they were sisters of the Missionaries of Charity founded by Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta. As I opened the door, one of the sisters, said, "Father, may we use your phone?" In this day and age, it might sound strange for many of us that someone would knock at your door asking if they could use the phone. This, I am sure, used to happen 25 years ago, but not now when everyone is assumed to have a cellphone. She had to call a wheelchair transportation service to take them back to their religious house. The oldest among them had needed to come to the doctor next door to the rectory but they did not know that his office was not handicapped accessible and their dropoff-pickup ride had already left. Thus, they needed to call the service to schedule an early pick up. This is when they saw the rectory sign of Our Lady of Lebanon and were encouraged to knock. With the rectory not being ADA compliant, I suggested that they wait in the Church. So I walked with them around the corner to Henry St., and we entered through the library to the sacristy and then the Church.

On our way there, the youngest sister was pushing the wheelchair while I was conversing with the other sister who had used the rectory phone. This sister knew about the Cathedral being in Brooklyn but had not known where it was located. Their house is in the Bronx and she has been there for less than a year after coming from another house in California. She is originally from South Africa and has been with the Missionaries of Charity for the past 25 years. When I asked her her name, she answered, "Rafka." So I said, "After Saint Rafka?" "Yes, Father," she said, "I am Maronite and my grandparents immigrated to Johannesburg from Besharre, Lebanon. When I was growing up, my entire family went to the Maronite Church there and I knew Fr. Badweh, Fr. Nadim, and Fr. Marwan, now Bishop of the Maronites in Canada. Also Fr. Elie Madi wrote my letter to enter the Missionaries of Charity." Upon hearing all this, I was overcome with joy and very happy listening to her story. I called Bishop Gregory to come and meet them. The five of us stood in the Chapel of St. Rafka talking for 10 to 15 minutes about their order. They turned out to be contemplative sisters within the Missionaries of Charity, a branch in the order that, in addition to daily Holy Mass, has a whole-day Eucharistic adoration with some limited acts of mercy compared to the active branch that we see all the time and whose charism is focused mainly on serving the poorest of the poor. Around noon, their ride showed up and they left.

The contemplative mission of these three sisters is not common among people today. My encounter and my conversation with them assured me that their vocation is not a normal calling nowadays. Their interaction with one another and their care for the oldest is not the typical average treatment witnessed all the time. My friends, "We can always kind of be average and do what's normal." These sisters are "not in this to do what's normal."



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 Tanousis 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

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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 received 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, www.orderstsharbel.org, 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 (mchiffa@bellsouth.net)
- 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 saintmaron@yahoo.com / maroniteswest@yahoo.com).

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 Seminarists for the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn



OUR LADY OF LEBANON CATHEDRAL

P R E S E N T S

94TH ANNUAL ST. MARON'S DAY LUNCHEON



Sunday
February 9th, 2020
Two O' Clock

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Jihane Ayoub	917-326-1296	jihaneayoub@live.com
Mike Naber	917-612-4004	mikenaber@verizon.net

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 22nd, 2020

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

For reservations:



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

Helen Zihenni
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Annual St. Joseph Day



Breakfast

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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
Samer Hadchiti, Edgard Abi Daher, George Elhaj & Roger Shammas

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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 -
Take time from your busy schedule to return to our loving God!

- Divine Liturgy
- Talks
- Q & A
- Lunch
- Eucharistic Adoration
- Confessions



Donation \$30

All are Welcome!

How to Grow
Closer to Jesus

RSVP: No later than Sunday March 1, 2020

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

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 starting on Sunday March 10th. We are asked to raise \$5,500 to participate in this awesome mission of the Eparchy. Please read the Bishop's letter.



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Lent 2020

Prot. No. 012 S / 20

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.

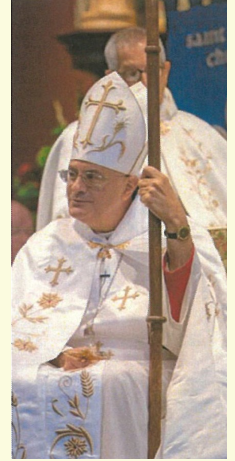
Thank you, and may God bless you for your generosity. I wish you a blessed Lent and Easter.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

+ Gregory

+ Gregory J. Mansour

PS: Please also consider remembering the Eparchy and your parish in your estate plan, or as the beneficiary of an insurance policy, retirement plan or charitable gift annuity. Thank you.



Sunday Readings

قراءات الأحد

Sunday of the Priests

The First Letter to Timothy 4: 6-16.

If you put these instructions before the brothers and sisters, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, nourished on the words of the faith and of the sound teaching that you have followed. Have nothing to do with profane myths and old wives' tales. Train yourself in godliness, for, while physical training is of some value, godliness is valuable in every way, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and struggle, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe. These are the things you must insist on and teach. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Until I arrive, give attention to the public reading of scripture, to exhorting, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you through prophecy with the laying on of hands by the council of elders. Put these things into practice, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; continue in these things, for in doing this you will save both yourself and your hearers.

The Gospel according to Saint Luke 12: 42-48.

The Lord said, 'Who then is the faithful and prudent manager whom his master will put in charge of his slaves, to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Blessed is that slave whom his master will find at work when he arrives. Truly I tell you, he will put that one in charge of all his possessions. But if that slave says to himself, "My master is delayed in coming", and if he begins to beat the other slaves, men and women, and to eat and drink and get drunk, the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour that he does not know, and will cut him in pieces, and put him with the unfaithful. That slave who knew what his master wanted, but did not prepare himself or do what was wanted, will receive a severe beating. But one who did not know and did what deserved a beating will receive a light beating. From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded.

أحد الكهنة

رسالة القديس بولس الأولى إلى تيموثاوس 16-

6:4

يا إخواني، إذا عَرَضْتَ ذَلِكَ لِلْإِخْوَةِ، تَكُونُ خَادِمًا صَالِحًا لِلْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ، مُتَعَدِّيًا بِكَلَامِ الْإِيمَانِ وَالتَّعْلِيمِ الْحَسَنِ الَّذِي تَبِعْتَهُ. أَمَّا الْحَرَافَاتُ النَّافِهَةُ، حِكَايَاتُ الْعَجَائِزِ، فَأَعْرِضْ عَنْهَا. وَرَوِّضْ نَفْسَكَ عَلَى التَّقْوَى. فَإِنَّ الرِّيَاضَةَ الْجَسَدِيَّةَ نَافِعَةٌ بَعْضَ الشَّيْءِ، أَمَّا التَّقْوَى فَهِيَ نَافِعَةٌ لِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ، لِأَنَّ لَهَا وَعْدَ الْحَيَاةِ الْخَاصِرَةِ وَالْآتِيَّةِ. صَادِقَةٌ هِيَ الْكَلِمَةُ وَجَدِيرَةٌ بِكُلِّ قَبُولٍ: إِنْ كُنَّا نَتَعَبُ وَنُجَاهِدُ، فَذَلِكَ لِأَنَّنا جَعَلْنَا رَجَاءَنَا فِي اللَّهِ الْحَيِّ، الَّذِي هُوَ مُخْلِصُ النَّاسِ أَجْمَعِينَ، وَلَا سِيَّمَا الْمُؤْمِنِينَ. فَأَوْصِ بِذَلِكَ وَعَلِّمُهُ. وَلَا تَدَعْ أَحَدًا يَسْتَهِينُ بِخَدَائَةِ سَيِّئِكَ، بَلْ كُنْ مَثَلًا لِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ، بِالْكَلَامِ، وَالسِّيَرَةِ، وَالْمَحَبَّةِ، وَالْإِيمَانِ، وَالْعَقَافِ. وَاطْبُ عَلَى إِعْلَانِ الْكَلِمَةِ وَالْوَعْظِ وَالتَّعْلِيمِ، إِلَى أَنْ أَجِيءَ. لَا تُهْمَلِ الْمَوْهَبَةَ الَّتِي فِيكَ، وَقَدْ وَهَبْتَ لَكَ بِالنَّبُوءَةِ مَعَ وَضْعِ أَيْدِي الشُّبُوحِ عَلَيْكَ. اِهْتَمَّ بِتِلْكَ الْأُمُورِ، وَكُنْ مُوَاطِبًا عَلَيْهَا، لِيَكُونَ تَقَدُّمُكَ وَاضِحًا لِلْجَمِيعِ. اِنْتَبِهْ لِنَفْسِكَ وَلِتَّعْلِيمِكَ، وَأَثْبِتْ فِي ذَلِكَ. فَإِذَا فَعَلْتَ خَلَصْتَ نَفْسَكَ وَالَّذِينَ يَسْمَعُونَكَ.

إنجيل القديس لوقا 42:12-48

قَالَ الرَّبُّ يَسُوعُ: «مَنْ نَرَاهُ الْوَكِيلَ الْأَمِينُ الْحَكِيمُ الَّذِي يُقِيمُهُ سَيِّدُهُ عَلَى خَدَمِهِ لِيُعْطِيَهُمْ جِصَّتَهُمْ مِنَ الطَّعَامِ فِي حِينِهَا؟ طُوبَى لِذَلِكَ الْعَبْدِ الَّذِي، مَتَى جَاءَ سَيِّدُهُ، يَجِدُهُ فَاعِلًا هَكَذَا! حَقًّا أَقُولُ لَكُمْ: إِنَّهُ يُقِيمُهُ عَلَى جَمِيعِ مُقْتَنِيَاتِهِ. أَمَّا إِذَا قَالَ ذَلِكَ الْعَبْدُ فِي قَلْبِهِ: سَيَتَأَخَّرُ سَيِّدِي فِي مَجِيئِهِ، وَبَدَأَ يَضْرِبُ الْعِلْمَانَ وَالْجَوَارِي، يَأْكُلُ وَيَشْرَبُ وَيَسْكُرُ، يَجِيءُ سَيِّدُ ذَلِكَ الْعَبْدِ فِي يَوْمٍ لَا يَنْتَظِرُهُ، وَفِي سَاعَةٍ لَا يَعْرِفُهَا، فَيُفْصَلُهُ، وَيَجْعَلُ نَصِيبَهُ مَعَ الْكَافِرِينَ. فَذَلِكَ الْعَبْدُ الَّذِي عَرَفَ مَشِيئَةَ سَيِّدِهِ، وَمَا أَعَدَّ شَيْئًا، وَلَا عَمِلَ بِمَشِيئَةِ سَيِّدِهِ، يَضْرَبُ ضَرْبًا كَثِيرًا. أَمَّا الْعَبْدُ الَّذِي مَا عَرَفَ مَشِيئَةَ سَيِّدِهِ، وَعَمِلَ مَا يَسْتَوْجِبُ الضَّرْبَ، فَيَضْرَبُ ضَرْبًا قَلِيلًا. وَمَنْ أُعْطِيَ كَثِيرًا يُطَلَبُ مِنْهُ الْكَثِيرُ، وَمَنْ أُتْمِنَ عَلَى الْكَثِيرِ يُطَلَبُ بِأَكْثَرِ.