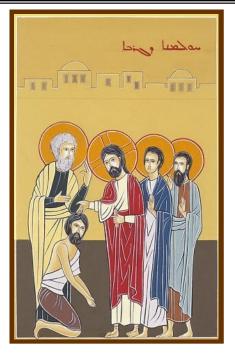
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The Most Reverend Gregory J. Mansour, Eparchial Bishop The Very Reverend Dominique Hanna, Rector Deacon Peter Frangie Subdeacon Norbert Vogl Subdeacon Adonis El-Asmar



Divine Liturgy Schedule

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Reconciliation

Initiation Rites (Baptism—Chrismation)

Mystery of Crowning (Marriage)

Hospital and Sick Calls

New Parishioners

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

First Friday of the month at 10:40 until noon

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.

Sunday of the Healing of the Leper March 1, 2020

Sun. March 1		the Parishioners Sts. Domnina, Disciple of St. Maron & Afdokia of Baalbek f the Parishioners
Mon. March 2	NO LITURGY	
Tues. March 3	10 am Divine Liturg The Vogl & Nassar	
Wed. March 4	10 am Divine Liturg The Vogl & Nassar	
Thurs. March 5	10 am Divine Liturg The Vogl & Nassar	
Fri. March 6	10 am Divine Liturg The Vogl & Nassar	
Sat. March 7	10 am Divine Liturg The Vogl & Nassar	
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Thank you for your contribution in helping maintain the Church		Gospel: Mark 2:1-12 Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill

Dear Beloved Parishioners:

In the Maronite Church, the Season of Great Lent is sandwiched between two big feasts that help define Lent as a joyful period of people's eagerness to return back to God through Jesus Christ and to change their old way of life: The Sunday of entrance into Lent is Cana Sunday and the last Sunday before Passion Week is the Sunday of Entrance into Jerusalem. On the way from Cana to Jerusalem, the leper was cleansed; the hemorrhaging woman was healed and the twelve-year-old daughter of Jairus was resuscitated; the prodigal son came back to his father's house; the paralytic was able to walk carrying his stretcher before the people; and the blind man recovered his sight. These are only a handful of examples of people finding out that their lives were lacking something but were given what they needed to make them whole.

The lack of wine at the wedding at Cana in Galilee sets us on the right path at the beginning of Lent to highlight a need that could not be fulfilled in the world. "They have no wine," the Virgin Mary said to her son, Jesus Christ, when with his twelve disciples they attended the wedding. I was told that when a child was born to a Jewish family during Jesus' time, the tradition called for his parents to begin saving a little bit of wine each year to prepare for his or her marriage. Thus, the shortage of wine at this wedding, in addition to being an embarrassment to the family of the bridegroom, showed a lack of preparedness, and shocked Mary who made the problem known to Jesus. Wine was the only drink that people could have at occasions like these. Open bars at weddings with mixed drinks and beer were yet to be introduced, so hosts did not have the luxury of substituting one drink for another for everybody to continue their celebration without interruption.

Mary, who noticed the shortage of wine, and not wanting the bride and groom to be embarrassed, went to Jesus who could have responded in the expected ordinary ways. First, he could have told his disciples to stop drinking, or to run to the store to buy more wine which might not have been a possible option. But Jesus and Mary are not only ordinary people who would respond in an ordinary fashion. They are the Son of God and the Mother of God, so their reactions take a different turn.

The running out of wine in this miracle at the wedding feast of Cana is not strictly about wine, but points to a lack or shortage in prayer, fasting and almsgiving which can ultimately be sources of joy in our lives. Lent is a season when we turn to ourselves and learn that we have no wine, that we are running on an empty tank. Like our Lady, the Church through its faithful people will gently point out to us when we are running short whether in our prayer, fasting or almsgiving, and when we are too fascinated by creation and have ignored Λ .

the Creator.



Stations and Benediction of the Cross

Every Friday of Lent beginning Friday, February 28th at 7:30pm, we will pray the Stations and Benediction of the Cross. The service will be followed by a Lenten Supper.

Traditional Fasting & Abstinence Observance

Those who wish to observe the traditional Maronite practice of fasting and abstinence are invited to follow this practice. According to the Synod of Mount Lebanon of 1736, every weekday of Lent (Monday through Friday) is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat and dairy products (eggs, butter, milk etc.) Fasting involves eating and drinking nothing at all (except water and medicine) from midnight until noon. The rest of the day normal meals can be taken but without meat or dairy products. Saturdays and Sundays are exempt from fasting and abstaining as are the following feast days: St Maron on Feb, 9th if it falls during Lent, the 40 Martyrs on March 9th, and St. Joseph on March 19th.

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 inside.

Catholic Relief Services Lenten RICE BOWL

Join our faith community—and more than 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl at the end of the Divine Liturgy. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on the challenge of global hunger and how it affects our human family. <u>Read more here</u>.

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

Palm Sunday Children's Participation

Parents who would like their children to participate in this year's Palm Sunday Divine Liturgy, please contact Leila Vogl.

Vocations Awareness Poster-Essay

Students grades K to 12 are encouraged to participate in the <u>Vo-</u> <u>cations Awareness Poster-Essay</u> Multimedia Contest through NAM. <u>Click here for guidelines</u> and information. 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.

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 at 7:30pm

Thursday April 30 at 7:30pm

Tuesday May 19 at 7:30pm

Monday June 8 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. For more information <u>click here</u> and call the rectory at 718-624-7228.

Breakfast

Spansared by the Knights of St. Maron of Our Lady of Lebanon Cathedral

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Held in the Parish Hall of the Cathedral

<u>Sunday, March 15, 2020</u> Immediately following the Divine Liturgy

Annual St. Joseph Day

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

<u>RSVP</u>: by Sunday, March 8, 2020 Samer Hadchiti, Edgard Abi Daher, George Elhaj & Roger Shammas

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Please join us for Saint John Paul II Maronite Catholic Church's Annual Gala

honoring Father Jean Younes

Saturday April 25, 2020 || 7:00 PM New York Athletic Club – Travers Island DETAILS TO FOLLOW



Join us for the

Eleventh Annual Benefit Dinner for The Eparchy of Saint Maron

At The Water Club, New York

Details to follow

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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













"Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." (Mat. 4:19) Men's Discernment Weekend—March 27th—29th



For more information please contact us: Our Lady f Lebanon Maronite Seminary 7164 Alaska Avenue, NW—Washington, DC 20012 (202) 723-8831 Maroniteseminary@comcast.net - www.maroniteseminary.org

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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.

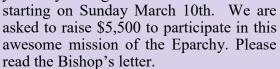
Thank you, and may God bless you for your generosity. I wish you a blessed Lent and Easter.

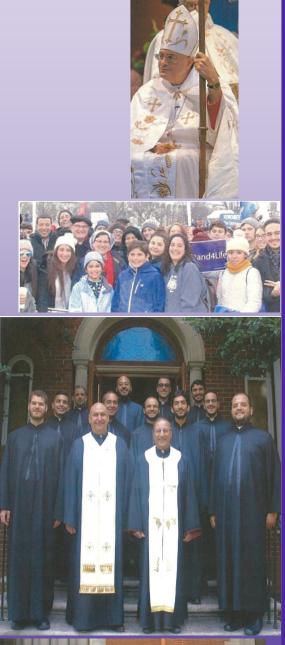
Gratefully yours in Christ,

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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

Second Sunday of Great Lent: Sunday of the Man with Leprosy

Letter to the Romans 6:12-23

Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Gospel according to Saint Mark1: 35-45

In the morning, while it was still very dark, Jesus got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him.

When they found him, they said to him, 'Everyone is searching for you.' He answered, 'Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.' And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons. A leper came to him begging him, and kneeling he said to him, 'If you choose, you can make me clean.' Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, 'I do choose. Be made clean!' Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. After sternly warning him he sent him away at once, saying to him, 'See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.' But he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the word, so that Jesus could no longer go into a town openly, but stayed out in the country; and people came to him from every quarter.

رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل رومة 12:6-23 يا إخرَتِي، لا تَمْلِكَنَّ الخَطينَةُ بَعْدُ في جَسَدِكُمُ المَائِت، فَتُطْبِعُوا شَهَوَاتِهِ. وَلا تَجْعَلُوا أَعْضَاءَكُم سِلاحَ ظُلْمِ لِلخَطِينَة، بَلْ قَرّبُوا أَنْفُسَكُم للهِ كَأَخْيَاءٍ قَامُوا مِنْ بَيْنَ الأَمْوَاتَّ، وٱجْعَلُوا أَعْضَاءَكُم فَلا تَتَسَلَّطُ عَلَيْكُمُ الخَطِيئَة، لأَنَّكُم لَسْتُم في حُكْم الشَّر بِعَةِ بَلْ في حُكْم النِّعْمَة ﴿ فَمَاذَاً إِذًا؟ هَلْ نُخْطَأُ لأَنَّنَّا لَسْنَا فِي َّخُكْمَ الشُّرِيعَةُ، بَلْ في حُكْم الْنَعْمَة؟ حَاشَا! أَلا تَعْلَمُونَ أَنْكُم أَ عِنْدَمَا تَجْعَلُونَ أَنْفُسَكُم عَبِيدًا لأَحَدٍ فَثِطْيعُونَهُ، تَكُونُونَ عَبِيدًا للَّذِي تُطِيعُونُهِ: إمَّا عَبِيدًا لَلْخَطِيئَةِ الَّتِي تَؤُولُ إلى الْمَوت، وإِمَّا لِلطَّاعَةِ إِلَّتِي تَؤُولُ إِلَى الْبِرِّ. وَجَدُ اللَّهُ لِأَنْكُم بَعْدَمًا كُنْتُم عَبِيدَ الْخَطْيِنَة، أَطَعْتُم مِنْ كُلِّ فَشْكُراً للَّهُ لِأَنْكُم بَعْدَمًا كُنْتُم عَبِيدَ الْخَطْيِنَة، أَطَعْتُم مِنْ كُلِّ قَلْبِكُم مِثَالَ التَّغْلِيمِ الَّذِي سُلِّمْتُمْ إِلَيْهِ. وَبَعْدَ أَنْ حُرِّ رُتُم مِنَ الْخَطِينَة، صِرْتُم عَبِيدًا لِلبِرّ. وأَقُولَ قَوْلاً بَشَرِيًّا مُرَاعَاةً لِضُعْفِكُم: فَكَمَا جَعَلْتُم أَعْضَاءَكُم عِبِيدًا لِلنَّجَاسَةِ وَالإِنْمِ في سَبِيلِ الإِثْم، كَذَلِكَ آجْعَلُوا الآنَ أَعْضَاءَكُم عَبَدًا لَلُبِرَّ فِي سَبَيْلَ القُدَاسَةِ. فَلَمَا كُنْتُم عَبِيدِ الخَطِيئَةِ، كُنْتُم أَخْرِ ارًا مِنَ البِرِ فأَىَّ ثَمَر جَنَيْتُم حِينَئِذٍ مِنْ تِلْكُ الأُمُورِ الَّتِي تَسْتَجُونَ مِنْهَا الآن؟ فَأِنَّ عَاقِبَتَهَا الْمَوْتَ. أَمَّا الآن، وقَدْ صِرْتُم أَحرارًا مِنَ الْخَطِيبَةِ و عَبِيدًا لله، فِإِنَّكُمْ تَجْنُونَ ثَمَرًا لِلْقَدَاسَة، وعَاقَبَتُهَا الحَيَاةُ الأَبَدِيَّةِ. لأَنَّ أُجُرَةُ الخَطِيئَةِ هِيَ ٱلمَوتِ. أَمَّا مَوَّ هِبَةُ اللهِ فَهِيَ الْحَيَاةُ الأَبَدِيَّةَ فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوَّعَ رَبِّنَا. إنجيل القديس مرقس 35:1-45 قَامَ يَسُوعُ قَبْلَ طُلُوع الفَجْرِ، فخَرَجَ وذَهَبَ إلى مَكَانٍ قَفْرٍ، و أَخَذَ يُصَلِّى هُنَاك. و لَحِقَ بِه سَمْعَانُ وَ الَّذِينِ مَعَهُ، ووَجَدُو أَهُ فَقَالُو إِلَهُ: »أَلْجَمِيعُ يَطْلُبُو نَكَ. « فَقَالَ لَهُم: »لِنَذْهَبْ إلى مَكَانُ آخَر، إلى القُرَى المُجَاوِرَة، لأُبَشَرَ هُٰنَاكَ أَيْضَاً، قَانِي لِهذَا خَرَجْتُ « وسَارَ في كُلِّ الجَلِيل، وهُوَ يَكْرِزُ في مَجَامِعِهم وَيَطْرُدُ رِأَتَاهُ أَبْرَصُ يَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْه، فجَثَا وِقَالَ لَهُ: »إِنْ شِئْتَ فَأَنْتَ أَنْ تُطْهِّرَنِي. ﴿! نَّنَ يَسُوغُ ومَدَّ يَدَهُ و لَمَسَهُ و قَالَ لَهُ: »قَدْ شَنْتُ، وفي الحَالِ زَالَ عَنْهُ البَرَص، فَطَهُرَ. فَٱنْتَهَرَهُ يَسُو غُ و صَرَ فَهُ حَالاً، وِقَالَ لَهُ: »ِأَنْظَرْ، لا تُخْبِرْ أَحَدًا بِشَيء، بَلِ ٱذْهَبْ وَأَرِ نَفْسَكَ لِلْكَاهِنِ، وَقَدِّمْ عَنْ طُهْرِكَ مَا أَمَرَ بِهِ مُوسَى، شَهَادَةً لَهُم. ﴿ أُمَّا هُوَ فَخَرِجُ وبَداً يُنَادِّي بِأَعْلَى صَوْتِهِ ويُذِيعُ الخَبَرِ، حُتَّى إِنَّ يَسُوعَ لَمْ يَحُدُّ قَادِرًا أَنْ يَدْخُلَ إِلَى مَدِينَةٍ عَلانِيَةٍ، بَلْ كَانَ

يُقِيمُ في الْخَارِج، في أَمَاكِنَ مُقْفِرَة، وكانَ الْنَّاسُ يَأْتُونَ إِلَيْهِ

مِنْ كُلَّ مَكَانٍ ۖ

الأحد الثاني من الصوم الكبير : أحد شفاء الأبرص

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