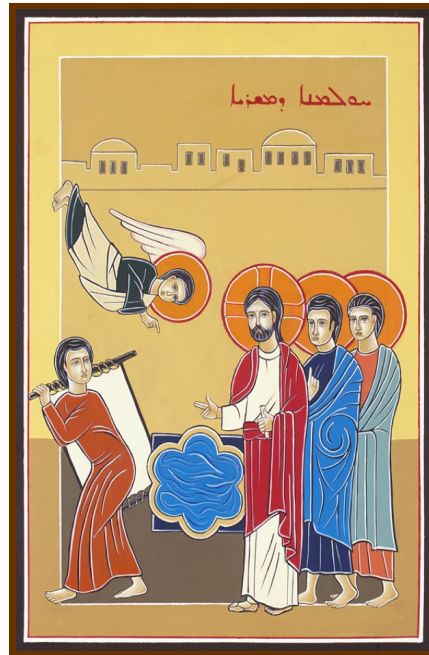


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Divine Liturgy Schedule

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 Healing of the Paralytic

March 22, 2020

Sun. March 22	Sunday of the Healing of the Paralytic	
	9:00 am	Intentions of the Parishioners
	11:30 am	Intentions of the Parishioners
Mon. March 23	NO LITURGY	St. Rafka
Tues. March 24	10 am Divine Liturgy	
Wed. March 25	10 am Divine Liturgy of the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary	
Thurs. March 26	10 am Divine Liturgy	St. Gabriel the Archangel
Fri. March 27	10 am Divine Liturgy	
Sat. March 28	10 am Divine Liturgy	
Sun. March 29	Sunday of the Healing of the Blind Man	
	9:00 am	Intentions of the Parishioners
	11:30 am	40 Day Memorial for Joseph Eid
		Mr. & Mrs. Assad Eid & Family

Financial Standing February 2020

Ordinary Income

Sundays & Holy Days Collections: **\$10,472.00**

Cathedral Stipends from Marriages & Funerals, Lower Hall Rent, Candles, Breakfast, Luncheon, Bake Sale, Dues, Religious Education, flowers, ...: **\$21,795.70**

Total Ordinary Income: \$32,267.70

Ordinary Expense

Payroll, Gas, Electricity, Building Insurance and Medical Insurance, Leasing Equipment, TV, Phone, Internet, Church, Hall & Office Supplies, Postage, Regular Maintenance, Charity, Eparchial Appeal, Insurance,...

Total Ordinary Expense: \$30,325.38

Total Ordinary Income vs Expense: \$1,942.32

We also brought in some extraordinary income in the amount of: \$42,036.67 (which included Library Rent, Donations for specific projects, and the Capital Campaign)

**Thank you for your contribution
in helping maintain the Church**

Sunday Readings

**Lectors and Ushers (age 16 and up) are needed.
Please [email](#) the church if you are interested**

March 22, 2020 Sun. of the Healing of the Paralytic

Reading: 1 Timothy 5: 24-6:5

Gospel: Mark 2:1-12

Lectors: 9:00 am

Raymond Gill

11:30 am

Joseph Kallasy - English

11:30 am

Marleine Safi - Arabic

March 29, 2020

Sun. of the Healing of the Blind Man

Reading: 2 Corinthians 10:1-7

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

Lectors: 9:00 am

Raymond Gill

11:30 am

Roger Shammas - English

11:30 am

Georges Abi Zeid - Arabic

April 5, 2020

Hosanna (Palm) Sunday

Reading: Philippians 1: 1-13

Gospel: John 12:12-22

Lectors: 9:00 am

Raymond Gill

11:30 am

Kevin Diab - English

11:30 am

Rita Hosri - Arabic

April 9, 2020

Thursday of the Mysteries at 7:30pm

Reading: 1 Corinthians 11: 23-32

Gospel: John 13: 12-22

11:30 am

Tiana Eladem - English

11:30 am

Bassam Ayoub - Arabic

April 10, 2020

Great Friday at 7:30pm

Reading: Hebrews 12: 12-21

Gospel: John 19: 31-37

11:30 am

Vivian Akl - English

11:30 am

Edward Antonios - Arabic

Dear Beloved Parishioners:

It is not God who led the world to this point of panic and terror over the coronavirus. Fear is the work of the evil one and his legions and not the work of God Almighty. In the First Letter of John, it is written, "There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love" (1 John 4: 18).

What is going on in the world today is the product of our wrongdoing. We think of ourselves as the masters of the universe. No one can challenge the decisions we make. We think: I know everything and you know nothing, and I am better than you. We believe no authority in the family, in society or in the Church exists anymore. When a father in his house, a teacher in the classroom or a priest in his church cannot gently recommend or even suggest something or advise children, students, or parishioners for fear of offending them or of being politically incorrect, we are inevitably heading toward something bad.

When we act like a god and fail to respect divine and natural law by manipulating genes and changing chromosomes in laboratories to clone human beings, when we decide to kill a baby in the womb because "I do not feel I want to be a parent today and I am not ready to raise a child," when nations or even people seek their own interests and climb the ladder of success by stepping on others or using and abusing the world's common resources, no wonder the world around us is melting down.

My friends, we have gone over and beyond the margin of error that we were given. We are like the prodigal son of last week's gospel passage who asked his father for his inheritance because he wanted to leave home. The father did not kick him out. On the contrary, he gave him the money reluctantly and in pain saw his child going away. Creation and life are gifts from God and we decided to depart from his realm and set up new rules for the game. We now face a virus outbreak that is hard to contain worldwide.

My prayer is that this virus will help us to come back to our senses like the younger son and confess, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands." This is the beginning of the journey back.

Abouna Dominque

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. We have collected \$1,560 so far. Thanks for your generosity.

Palm Sunday Candles

Decorated candles will be available for purchase after Sunday Liturgies. Please contact Yolla Howayek for more information. Quantities are limited, so be sure to order yours soon. The MYO will benefit from selling the candles.

Postponement of the Greece Pilgrimage

Due to the coronavirus, the planned Greece Pilgrimage in the Footsteps of St. Paul was postponed to October 11. It will be the same itinerary as before, but we will be joining another group and hopefully by then this situation will be under control.

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. [Read more here.](#)

High & Elementary School Scholarship

Students, currently enrolled or about to start attending high school or graduating from high school to college, are eligible to apply for either the Confraternity of the Immaculate Conception, Knights of St. Maron, or the Joulwan Family scholarships. Students may also apply for the SALAM Club Scholarship. All forms will be available in the next few weeks.

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 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 FertilityCare System presenting the theology and the scientific aspect of NFP. The following are the dates and times: Thursday April 30, Tuesday May 19, Monday June 8 at 7:30pm. To sign up for one of the sessions please contact Marise Frangie at 914-393-8907 or sanctityoflife@live.com

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 [click here](#) and call the rectory at 718-624-7228.

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.



Save the Date

Thursday, October 1, 2020

Join us for the
*Eleventh Annual Benefit Dinner for
The Eparchy of Saint Maron*

At The Water Club, New York

Details to follow

Order of Saint Sharbel Matching Grant

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).

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Meet this year’s Seminarists for the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn



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Mr. & Mrs. Patrick O'Sullivan

In Memory of Annette Najjar

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Mrs. Salma Vahdat

In Honor of the Family

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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.

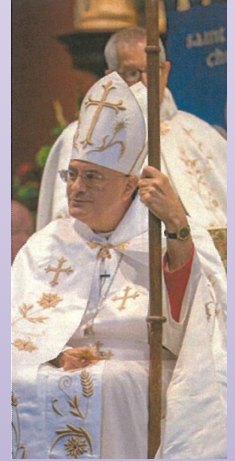
Thank you, and may God bless you for your generosity. I wish you a blessed Lent and Easter.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

+ 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

Fifth Sunday Lent: Sunday of the Man who was Paralyzed

First Letter to Timothy 5:24-6: 5

The sins of some people are conspicuous and precede them to judgement, while the sins of others follow them there. So also good works are conspicuous; and even when they are not, they cannot remain hidden. Let all who are under the yoke of slavery regard their masters as worthy of all honor, so that the name of God and the teaching may not be blasphemed. Those who have believing masters must not be disrespectful to them on the ground that they are members of the church; rather they must serve them all the more, since those who benefit by their service are believers and beloved. Teach and urge these duties. Whoever teaches otherwise and does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching that is in accordance with godliness, is conceited, understanding nothing, and has a morbid craving for controversy and for disputes about words. From these come envy, dissension, slander, base suspicions, and wrangling among those who are depraved in mind and bereft of the truth, imagining that godliness is a means of gain.

The Gospel according to Saint Mark 2:1-12

When Jesus returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door; and he was speaking the word to them. Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, 'Son, your sins are forgiven.' Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, 'Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?' At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves; and he said to them, 'Why do you raise such questions in your hearts?'

Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, "Your sins are forgiven", or to say, "Stand up and take your mat and walk"? But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins' he said to the paralytic 'I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your home.' And he stood up, and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, 'We have never seen anything like this!'

الأحد الخامس من الصوم الكبير : أحد شفاء المخلع

رسالة القديس بولس الأولى إلى تيموثاوس 5:24-6: 5

يا إخوتي، من الناس من تكون خطاياهم واضحة قبل الحكم فيها، ومنهم من لا تكون واضحة إلا بعده. كذلك فإن الأعمال الصالحة هي أيضاً واضحة، والتي هي غير واضحة فلا يمكن أن تبقى خفية. على جميع الذين تحت نير العبودية أن يحسبوا أسيادهم أهلاً لكل كرامة، لئلا يجذف على اسم الله وتعليمه. أما الذين لهم أسياد مؤمنون فلا يستهينوا بهم، لأنهم إخوة، بل بالأحرى فليخدموهم، لأن المستفيدين من خدمتهم الطيبة هم مؤمنون وأحباء، ذلك ما يجب أن تعلمه وتعض به. فإن كان أحد يعلم تعليماً مخالفاً، ولا يتمسك بالكلام الصحيح، كلام ربنا يسوع المسيح، وبالتعليم الموافق للتقوى، فهو إنسان أعماه الكبرياء، لا يفهم شيئاً، بل مصاب بمرض المجادلات والمخاكات، التي ينشأ عنها الحسد والخصام والتجديف وسوء الظن، والمشاجرات بين أناس فاسدي العقل، زانفين عن الحق، يظنون أن التقوى وسيلة للربح.

إنجيل القديس مرقس 12:1-12

عاد يسوع إلى كفرناحوم. وسمع الناس أنه في البيت. فتجمع عدد كبير منهم حتى غص بهم المكان، ولم يبق موضع لأحد ولا عند الباب. وكان يخاطبهم بكلمة الله. فأتوه بمخلع يحميه أربعة رجال. وبسبب الجمع لم يستطيعوا الوصول به إلى يسوع، فكشفوا السقف فوق يسوع، ونشروه، ودلوا الفراش الذي كان المخلع مطروحاً عليه. ورأى يسوع إيمانهم، فقال للمخلع: «يا ابني، مغفورة لك خطاياك!». وكان بعض الكتبة جالسين هناك يفكرون في قلوبهم: لماذا يتكلم هذا الرجل هكذا؟ إنه يجدف! من يقدر أن يغفر الخطايا إلا الله وحده؟ وفي الحال عرف يسوع بروحه أنهم يفكرون هكذا في أنفسهم فقال لهم: «لماذا تفكرون بهذا في قلوبكم؟ ما هو الأسهل؟ أن يقال للمخلع: مغفورة لك خطاياك؟ أم أن يقال: قم واحمل فراشك وامش؟ ولكي تعلموا أن لابن الإنسان سلطاناً أن يغفر الخطايا على الأرض»، قال للمخلع: «قال لك أقول: قم، احمل فراشك، وأذهب إلى بيتك!». فقام في الحال وحمل فراشه، وخرج أمام الجميع، حتى دهشوا كلهم ومجدوا الله قائلين: «ما رأينا مثلاً هذا البتة!».

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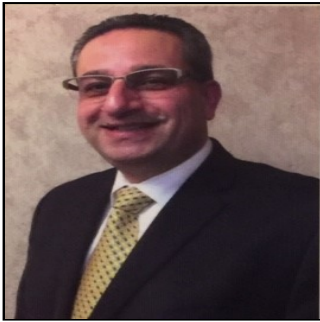
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