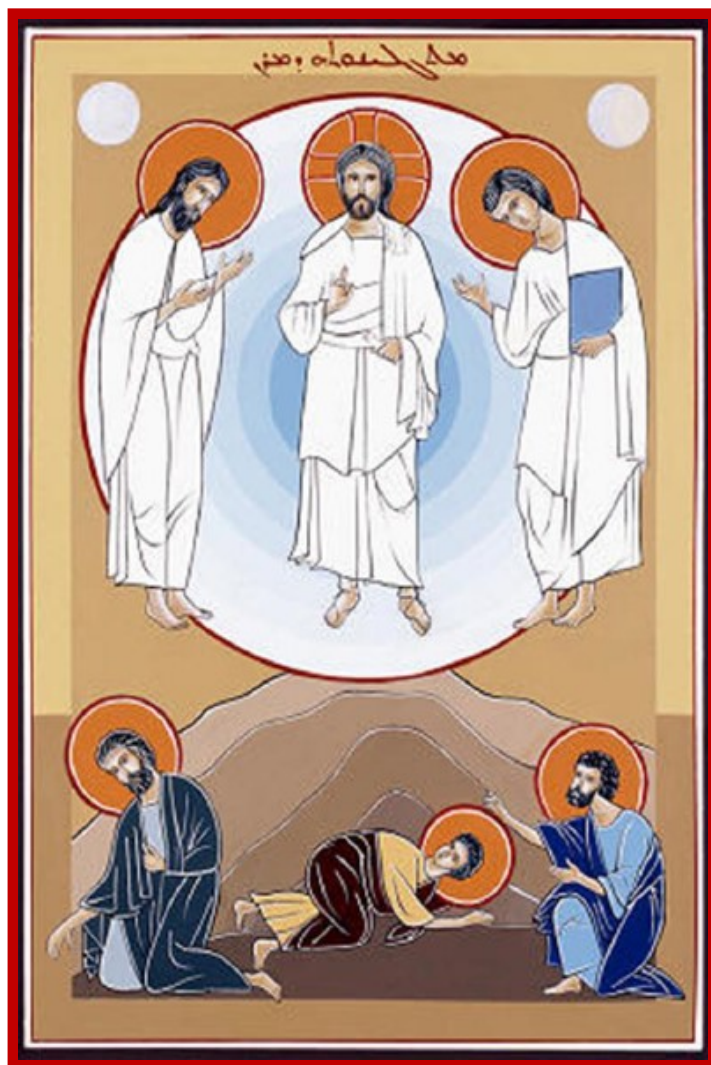


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Transfiguration of Our Lord

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Celebration of the Transfiguration of Our Lord & Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost August 9, 2020

Sun., August 9	Transfiguration of Our Lord & 11th Sunday of Pentecost 10 am Forty Day Divine Liturgy for Hanne Houkayem Nehme Req. by the Nehme Family	St. Matthias
Mon., August 10	NO LITURGY St. Laurence	
Tues., August 11	10 am Divine Liturgy for Salam El Hayek Req. by El Howayek Family St. Clare	
Wed., August 12	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Shaina	
Thurs., August 13	10 am Divine Liturgy	
Fri., August 14	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Maximilian Kolbe	
Sat., August 15	10 am Divine Liturgy The Feast of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary	
Sun., August 16	The Assumption of the Virgin & 12th Sunday of Pentecost 10 am Divine Liturgy for Afif Abou Chrouch Req. by Mr & Mrs William Abou Chrouch	St. Roch



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August 4, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today, August 4, at around 6:00 PM (Lebanon Time), Beirut was shaken by a large blast that killed and injured many and caused great destruction. It is unclear who is behind the blast, but what is certain is that there were explosive materials which turned Beirut into an apocalyptic city. Hospitals, schools, houses, businesses, and much more is destroyed leaving people feeling hopeless and helpless.

It saddens us to see Lebanon, once designated by Pope St. John Paul II, as being "more than a country, it is a message," a message of conviviality between Christians and Muslims, between East and West. This country is at the verge of a failed state and total collapse. We urge you to pray for Lebanon, and we ask for your support for our brothers and sisters at this difficult time and in response to this catastrophe. We appeal to all nations, all people of goodwill, to stand in solidarity with the Lebanese. We hope and pray Lebanon will regain stability and initiate a path of recovery toward peace and justice for all.

Yours in Christ,

+ Gregory

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Appeal to the Nations of the World

Beirut is a devastated city. A catastrophe struck the city because of a mysterious explosion that occurred in its sea port. Beirut, the bride of the East and the lighthouse of the West, is injured. Destruction and desolation are visible in virtually all its streets, neighborhoods, and homes. Hundreds of citizens have lost their lives; thousands are injured. Hospitals, places of worship, residences, public and private institutions, hotels, shopping malls and stores have been totally or partially destroyed.

Many of the city's inhabitants are homeless. This national disaster comes at a time when the country is in a situation of economic and financial bankruptcy which renders the government incapable of facing this human and urban catastrophe. In addition, the Lebanese people are also in a state of poverty and indigence.

The Church, which has set up a relief network throughout Lebanon's territory, today finds itself faced with a new and greater responsibility which she cannot assume alone. This being said, however, the Church stands in total solidarity with the afflicted, the dead and their families, the wounded, and the displaced in placing her institutions at their service.

On behalf of the church in Lebanon, I wish to thank all the states that have expressed their readiness and willingness to aid the devastated city of Beirut. I also take the liberty to address Lebanon's friends throughout the world, especially the super powers, as well as the United Nations, to mobilize their efforts for the purpose of providing immediate aid to save the city of Beirut, without any political considerations, because what has happened is beyond politics and conflict. I also call on charities in different countries to help Lebanese families, the inhabitants of the Beirut in particular, so that they can heal their wounds and restore their homes.

During these last years, Lebanon has not ceased to experience successive political, security, economic and financial catastrophes, which require interventions to save the country. Lebanon, which offered the alphabet to the world, deserves the support of its brothers and friends to help it restore its capital, through the immediate establishment of a fund under UN control to manage aid. I am speaking to you because I know that you love Lebanon and that you will answer this call. I am addressing you because I know how much you want Lebanon to regain its historic role in the service of mankind, democracy, and peace in the middle east and in the world.

Dimane, August 5, 2020

+ Bechara Boutros Card. RAI

Patriarch of Antioch and All the East

**President of the Lebanon's Assembly
of Catholic Patriarchs and Bishops in Lebanon**

The 2020 Eparchial Annual Lenten Appeal

A Second Collection for the Eparchial Charities Appeal will be taken every Sunday until August 16. We are asked to raise \$5,500 to participate in this awesome mission of the Eparchy. We have collected \$4,168 so far. You may donate [here](#). Thanks for your generosity.



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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.

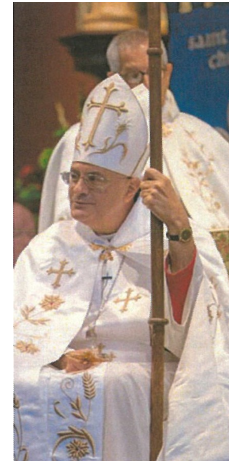
Thank you, and may God bless you for your generosity. I wish you a blessed Lent and Easter.

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.



Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

Second Letter to the Corinthians 3:7-17

If the ministry of death, chiseled in letters on stone tablets, came in glory so that the people of Israel could not gaze at Moses' face because of the glory of his face, a glory now set aside, how much more will the ministry of the Spirit come in glory?

For if there was glory in the ministry of condemnation, much more does the ministry of justification abound in glory!

Indeed, what once had glory has lost its glory because of the greater glory; for if what was set aside came through glory, much more has the permanent come in glory!

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside.

But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside.

Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed.

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

The Gospel according to Saint Mark 9: 1-7

And he said to them, 'Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see that the kingdom of God has come with power.'

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them.

And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.'

He did not know what to say, for they were terrified.

Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!'

عيد تجلي الرب يسوع

رسالة القديس بولس الثانية إلى أهل كورنثس 3: 7-17

يَا إِخْوَتِي، إِذَا كَانَتْ خِدْمَةُ الْمَوْتِ، الَّتِي نُقِشَتْ حُرُوفُهَا فِي
الْوَحْ مِنْ حَجَرٍ، قَدْ ظَهَرَتْ فِي الْمَجْدِ، حَتَّى إِنَّ بَنِي
إِسْرَائِيلَ لَمْ يَقْدِرُوا أَنْ يَنْظُرُوا إِلَى وَجْهِ مُوسَى، بِسَبَبِ مَجْدِ
وَجْهِهِ، مَعَ أَنَّهُ مَجْدٌ زَائِلٌ،

فَكَيْفَ لَا تَكُونُ خِدْمَةُ الرُّوحِ أَكْثَرَ مَجْدًا؟ فَإِذَا كَانَ لَخِدْمَةِ
الدَّيْنُونَةِ مَجْدٌ، فَكَمْ بِالْأَحْرَى تَفُوقُهَا خِدْمَةُ الْبِرِّ مَجْدًا؟
لَأَنَّ مَا كَانَ ذَا مَجْدٍ فِي الْمَاضِي، زَالَ مَجْدُهُ، بِالْقِيَاسِ إِلَى
هَذَا الْمَجْدِ الْفَائِقِ! فَإِذَا كَانَ مِنْ مَجْدٍ لِمَا يَزُولُ، فَأَيُّ مَجْدٍ
يَكُونُ بِالْأَحْرَى لِمَا يَدُومُ؟ إِذَا، بِمَا أَنَّ لَنَا مِثْلَ هَذَا الرَّجَاءِ،
فَنَحْنُ نَتَصَرَّفُ بِكَثِيرٍ مِنَ الْجُرْأَةِ، وَلَسْنَا كَمُوسَى الَّذِي كَانَ
يَضَعُ بَرْقَعًا عَلَى وَجْهِهِ، لِئَلَّا يَنْظُرَ بَنُو إِسْرَائِيلَ إِلَى نِهَائِيَةِ
مَجْدِ يَزُولٍ.

وَلَكِنْ أُعْمِيَتْ بَصَائِرُهُمْ؛ فَإِنَّ ذَلِكَ الْبَرْقَعُ نَفْسُهُ بَاقٍ إِلَى هَذَا
الْيَوْمِ، عِنْدَمَا يَقْرَأُونَ الْعَهْدَ الْقَدِيمَ؛ وَلَا يُكْشَفُ عَنْ
بَصَائِرِهِمْ، لِأَنَّهُ لَا يَزُولُ إِلَّا بِالْمَسِيحِ!
أَجَلْ، إِنَّ ذَلِكَ الْبَرْقَعُ لَا يَزَالُ حَتَّى الْيَوْمِ مَوْضُوعًا عَلَى
قُلُوبِهِمْ، عِنْدَمَا يَقْرَأُونَ كِتَابَ مُوسَى.
وَلَكِنْ عِنْدَمَا يَرْجِعُونَ إِلَى الرَّبِّ، يُنْزَعُ الْبَرْقَعُ عَنْ قُلُوبِهِمْ.
فَإِنَّ الرَّبَّ هُوَ الرُّوحُ، وَحَيْثُ يَكُونُ رُوحُ الرَّبِّ تَكُونُ
الْحُرِّيَّةُ.

إنجيل القديس مرقس 7: 1-9

قَالَ الرَّبُّ يَسُوعُ: «الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ: إِنَّ بَعْضًا مِنَ الْقَائِمِينَ
هُنَا لَنْ يَذُوقُوا الْمَوْتَ، حَتَّى يَرَوْا مَلَكُوتَ اللَّهِ وَقَدْ أَتَى
بِقُوَّةٍ.»

وَبَعْدَ سِتَّةِ أَيَّامٍ أَخَذَ يَسُوعُ بُطْرُسَ وَيَعْقُوبَ وَيُوحَنَّا، وَصَعِدَ
بِهِمْ وَحَدَّهُمْ إِلَى جَبَلٍ عَالٍ عَلَى أَنْفِرَادٍ، وَتَجَلَّى أَمَامَهُمْ.
وَصَارَتْ ثِيَابُهُ بَيَاضًا نَاصِعَةً، حَتَّى لَيَعْجُرُ أَيُّ قَصَّارٍ عَلَى
الْأَرْضِ أَنْ يَبْيِضَ مِثْلَهَا.

وَتَرَاءَى لَهُمْ إِبِلْيَا مَعَ مُوسَى، وَكَانَا يَتَكَلَّمَانِ مَعَ يَسُوعَ.
فَقَالَ بُطْرُسُ لِيَسُوعَ: «رَبِّي، حَسَنٌ لَنَا أَنْ نَكُونَ هُنَا!
فَلْنُنْصِبْ ثَلَاثَ مَظَالٍ، لَكَ وَاحِدَةً، وَلِمُوسَى وَاحِدَةً، وَلِإِبِلْيَا
وَاحِدَةً.»

وَلَمْ يَكُنْ يَدْرِي مَا يَقُولُ، لِأَنَّ الْخَوْفَ اعْتَرَاهُمْ.
وظَهَرَتْ غَمَامَةٌ تَظِلُّهُمْ، وَجَاءَ صَوْتُ مِنَ الْغَمَامَةِ يَقُولُ:
«هَذَا هُوَ ابْنِي الْحَبِيبُ، فَلَهُ أَسْمَعُوا!»

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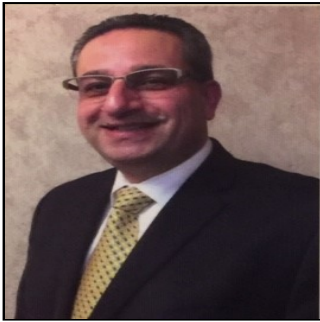
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