

EXALTATION OF THE CROSS

SEASON OF THE HOLY CROSS

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## *Exaltation of the Holy Cross* *September 13, 2020*

Sun., September 13	Exaltation of the Holy Cross 11: 30 am Divine Liturgy for Fr. Weiler	Req. by Subdeacon & Mrs. Norbert Vogl
Mon., September 14	NO LITURGY Exaltation of the Holy Cross	
Tues., September 15	10 am Divine Liturgy for Joseph Georges Sts. Shaina & Sassine	Req. by Majida Georges
Wed., September 16	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage	
Thurs., September 17	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Sophia & Her Three Daughters	
Fri., September 18	10 am Divine Liturgy	
Sat., September 19	10 am Divine Liturgy	
Sun., September 20	First Sunday of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross 11: 30 am Divine Liturgy for the Intentions of the Parishioners	

### Financial Standing August 2020

#### Ordinary Income

- ♦ Sundays & Holy Days Collections: **\$13,544.62**
- ♦ Cathedral Stipends from Marriages & Funerals, Lower Hall Rent, Candles, Breakfast, Luncheon, Bake Sale, Dues, Religious Education, Flowers, ...: **\$5,334.00**
- Total Ordinary Income: \$18,878.62**

#### 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: \$18,925.15**

**Total Ordinary Income vs Expense: -\$46.53**

No income was brought in as extraordinary income. The Library did not pay the May, June, July & August rent. We were recently informed the Library will be moving before the end of 2020.

### Collection Taken up at Prayer Service for Lebanon August 25

- ♦ **\$1,705 in cash** sent to the Antiochene Orthodox Metropolitan for Saint George hospital.
- ♦ **\$2,300 in checks** to the Eparchy earmarked for the Patriarch Solidarity Fund.
- ♦ **\$1,000 in checks for Our Lady of Lebanon.** One check for \$200 was earmarked for Saint Vincent de Paul. The others marked Lebanon aid were sent to the Patriarch Solidarity Fund.
- ♦ **\$10,000 from the Coptic Archbishop** for the Patriarch Solidarity Fund, portions of which will go for the Coptic, Armenian and Antiochene Orthodox communities in Beirut.

**Thank you for your generosity**

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### Dear Parishioners & Friends:

The number-one tennis player in the world, Novak Djokovic, was disqualified by the umpires of the US Open Tournament on Sunday, September 6, 2020. Toward the end of the first set against his opponent, Pablo Carreño Busta, ranked twentieth in the world, Djokovic lost a couple of points in a row. And while he was throwing the ball to the ball boy/girl to hold it, it accidentally hit the line judge in her throat and she fell down, but quickly recovered after the intervention of the medical team on the court. The number-one ranked player ran toward the judge to check on her and apologized, but he will forever remember this moment because it cost him the entire tournament. The officials on the tennis court met quickly and determined Djokovic's action as an "Aggravated Behavior."

The *2020 Official Grand Slam Rule Book* in Article III: *Player On-Site Offences, Paragraph N on Abuse of Balls* reads, "Players shall not violently, dangerously or with anger hit, kick or throw a tennis ball within the precincts of the tournament site except in the reasonable pursuit of a point during a match (including warm-up)." In the same Article, *Paragraph R on Unsportsmanlike Conduct* states, "In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of a tournament, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Section shall also constitute the Major Offence of 'Aggravated Behavior' and shall be subject to the additional penalties hereinafter set forth. For the purposes of this Rule, Unsportsmanlike Conduct is defined as any misconduct by a player that is clearly abusive or detrimental to the Sport."

It is clear that Djokovic did not intend to hit or harm the line judge even if she falsely called a few of his shots, but his action mounted to an aggravated behavior driven by ANGER. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Paragraph 2302, "Anger is a desire for revenge. To desire vengeance in order to do evil to someone who should be punished is illicit, but it is praiseworthy to impose restitution to correct vices and maintain justice. If anger reaches the point of a deliberate desire to kill or seriously wound a neighbor, it is gravely against charity; it is a mortal sin." Nonetheless, anger as a feeling is neutral and at times is warranted. For example, when you see the immense destruction in the seaport of Beirut after the August 4th explosion and the huge September 10th fire in the same area, you might be angry. It would be abnormal for a person to feel nothing upon seeing all these horrible scenes.

In John 2: 13-22, Jesus went up to the Temple as the privileged place of encounter with God. The Temple was the dwelling place of the Father, a house of prayer. Once Jesus saw that the outer court had become a place of commerce, he was angered and drove merchants out of it because of jealous love for his Father. "You shall not make my Father's house a house of trade. His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.'"

Because of his anger, Djokovic was dismissed from the US Open and his chance of winning his eighteenth Grand Slam title faded away. Many people in Lebanon and around the globe after watching the blast in Lebanon channel their anger by volunteering to help those who were injured. Jesus, angry at the merchants dealing and wheeling in the Temple of Jerusalem, poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables, channeling his anger by purifying the house of the Lord.

HOW ARE WE CHANNELING OUR ANGER?

### Maronite Catholic Formation (Sunday School)

#### In-person and Online

Registration for Sunday School is on its way. It is of extreme importance to hand down the faith to our children (1st to 12th Grade) and our Sunday Formation is one small way to do so. Thus, everyone is encouraged to register their children. Classes begin on Sunday, October 4th at 10 am. There will be one session in person at the Church and two on zoom. We are working on a schedule of the sessions now. Please help us by registering using this form, so we can plan accordingly. Please [print the form online](#) and email it to [Lily Elhaje](#) or [the Church](#).

#### Deacon & Mrs. Frangie Farewell

As part of his formation to the priesthood, Deacon Peter was appointed to serve as deacon at St. Anthony Maronite Church in Glen Allen (Richmond), Va., for the next six months starting October 1. There will be a farewell reception for him and his wife on Sunday, September 27 in the driveway after the 11:30 am Divine Liturgy.

#### Arabic Class Registration

Arabic Class registration has begun. Please see Leila Vogl if you are interested.

#### 2020 Virtual Benefit Dinner

Please join us for a Virtual Event on Thursday, October 1, 2020, at 7:00 pm Eastern Time. Your participation this year is so important. All friends and supporters of the Maronite Church are invited. You may register online by clicking [here](#) or obtain a printed invitation for the event by sending an email to [here](#) or by calling 718-237-9913. Please consider attending and supporting this important event for the Eparchy.

#### Save the Date

We are planning a picnic on Saturday, October 3rd. More information to follow.

#### Altar Server Schedule

Subdeacon Norbert will be putting together a schedule for the altar servers. We will only have two servers each Sunday helping on the Altar starting Sunday, October 4. Please register your children with Subdeacon Norbert.

#### Order of St. Sharbel Sunday

This year, October 11 is designated as "Order of Saint Sharbel Sunday" in our Eparchy. The Order of Saint Sharbel is vitally important in providing financial and spiritual support for our seminarians, who are crucial for the future of our Maronite Church. This year we have four men studying in Washington and two in Lebanon for our Eparchy. Please prayerfully consider joining the Order. You may enroll online [here](#) or ask Father for more information.

*Abgana Dominique*



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## Sunday Readings

### قراءات الأحد

#### Feast of the Exaltation of the Glorious Cross

##### The First Letter to the Corinthians 1:18-25

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.' Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

##### The Holy Gospel according to Saint John 12:20-32

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. 'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say "Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.'

#### عيد ارتفاع الصليب المقدس

رسالة القديس بولس الأولى إلى أهل كورنتس 1:18-25  
يا إخوتي، إِنَّ كَلِمَةَ الصَّليبِ عِنْدَ الْهَالِكِينَ حَمَاقَةٌ، أَمَّا عِنْدَنَا نَحْنُ الْمُخْلَصِينَ فَهِيَ قُوَّةُ اللَّهِ؛

لأنَّهُ مَكْتُوبٌ: «سَأَبِيدُ حِكْمَةَ الْحُكَمَاءِ، وَأَزْدُلُ فَهْمَ الْفُهَمَاءِ.»  
فَأَيْنَ الْحَكِيم؟ وَأَيْنَ عَالِمُ الشَّرِيعَةِ؟ وَأَيْنَ الْبَاحِثُ فِي أُمُورِ هَذَا الدَّهْرِ؟ أَمَّا جَعَلَ اللَّهُ حِكْمَةَ هَذَا الْعَالَمِ حَمَاقَةً؟

فَبِمَا أَنَّ الْعَالَمَ بِحِكْمَتِهِ مَا عَرَفَ اللَّهَ بِحَسَبِ حِكْمَةِ اللَّهِ، رَضِيَ اللَّهُ أَنْ يُخَلِّصَ بِحَمَاقَةِ الْبَشَارَةِ الَّذِينَ يُؤْمِنُونَ؛

لأنَّ الْيَهُودَ يَطْلُبُونَ الْآيَاتِ، وَالْيُونَانِيِّينَ يَلْتَمِسُونَ الْحِكْمَةَ.  
أَمَّا نَحْنُ فَتَنَادِي بِمَسِيحٍ مَصْلُوبٍ، هُوَ عِثَارٌ لِلْيَهُودِ وَحَمَاقَةٌ لِلْأُمَمِ.  
وَأَمَّا لِلْمَدْعُورِينَ أَنْفُسِهِمْ، مِنَ الْيَهُودِ وَالْيُونَانِيِّينَ، فَهُوَ مَسِيحٌ، قُوَّةُ اللَّهِ وَحِكْمَةُ اللَّهِ؛

فَمَا يَبْدُو أَنَّهُ حَمَاقَةٌ مِنَ اللَّهِ هُوَ أَحْكَمُ مِنَ النَّاسِ، وَمَا يَبْدُو أَنَّهُ ضَعْفٌ مِنَ اللَّهِ هُوَ أَقْوَى مِنَ النَّاسِ.

##### إنجيل القديس يوحنا 12:20-32

كَانَ بَيْنَ الصَّاعِدِينَ لِيَسْجُدُوا فِي الْعِيدِ، بَعْضُ الْيُونَانِيِّينَ.  
فَدَنَا هُوَ لَا مِنْ فِيلِئُسَ الَّذِي مِنْ بَيْتِ صَيْدَا الْجَلِيلِ، وَسَلَّوَهُ قَائِلِينَ:  
«يَا سَيِّدُ، نُرِيدُ أَنْ نَرَى يَسُوعَ.»

فَجَاءَ فِيلِئُسُ وَقَالَ لِأَنْدَرَاوُسَ، وَجَاءَ أَنْدَرَاوُسُ وَفِيلِئُسُ وَقَالَ لِيَسُوعَ.

فَأَجَابَهُمَا يَسُوعُ قَائِلًا: «لَقَدْ حَانَتْ السَّاعَةُ لِكَيْ يُجَدَّ ابْنُ الْإِنْسَانِ.  
أَلْحَقَ الْحَقِّ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ: إِنَّ حَبَّةَ الْحِنْطَةِ، إِنْ لَمْ تَقَعْ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَتَمُتْ، تَبْقَى وَاحِدَةً. وَإِنْ مَاتَتْ تَأْتِي بِثَمَرٍ كَثِيرٍ.

مَنْ يُحِبُّ نَفْسَهُ يَفْقِدْهَا، وَمَنْ يُبْغِضْهَا فِي هَذَا الْعَالَمِ يَحْفَظُهَا لِحَيَاةٍ أَبَدِيَّةٍ.

مَنْ يَخْدُمُنِي فَلْيَتَّبِعْنِي. وَحَيْثُ أَكُونُ أَنَا، فَهَنَّاكَ يَكُونُ أَيْضًا خَادِمِي. مَنْ يَخْدُمُنِي يُكْرِمُهُ الْآبُ.

نَفْسِي الْآنَ مُضْطَرَبَّةٌ، فَمَاذَا أَقُولُ؟ يَا أَبَتِ، نَجِّنِي مِنْ هَذِهِ السَّاعَةِ؟ وَلَكِنْ مِنْ أَجْلِ هَذَا بُلَعْتُ إِلَى هَذِهِ السَّاعَةِ!

يَا أَبَتِ، مَجِّدْ أَسْمَكَ. «فَجَاءَ صَوْتُ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ يَقُولُ: «قَدْ مَجَّدْتُ، وَسَأَمَجِّدُ.»

وَسَمِعَ الْجَمْعُ الْحَاضِرُ فَقَالُوا: «إِنَّهُ رَعْدٌ.» وَقَالَ آخَرُونَ: «إِنَّ مَلَكًَا خَاطَبَهُ.»

أَجَابَ يَسُوعُ وَقَالَ: «مَا كَانَ هَذَا الصَّوْتُ مِنْ أَجْلِي، بَلْ مِنْ أَجْلِكُمْ.

هِيَ الْآنَ دَيْئُونَةُ هَذَا الْعَالَمِ. الْآنَ يُطْرَدُ سُلْطَانُ هَذَا الْعَالَمِ خَارِجًا. وَأَنَا إِذَا رُفِعْتُ عَنِ الْأَرْضِ، جَذَبْتُ إِلَيَّ الْجَمِيعَ.»



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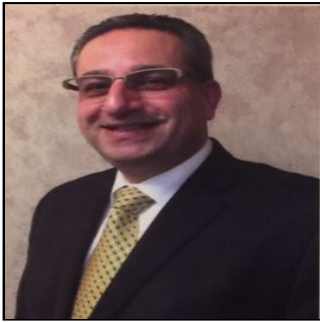
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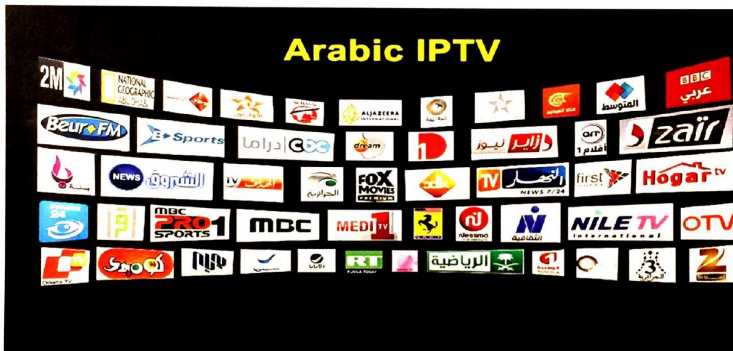
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