

FIRST SUNDAY

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SEASON OF THE HOLY CROSS

First Sunday after the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross *September 20, 2020*

Sun., September 20	First Sunday after the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross 11: 30 am 40 Day Divine Liturgy for Joshua Sharbel Allam His Aunt Mrs. Norma Abbas-Bato & Family in New York, Virginia, Utah & Lebanon	Req. by
Mon., September 21	NO LITURGY	
Tues., September 22	10 am Divine Liturgy for Joseph Georges St. Phocas	Req. by Majida Georges
Wed., September 23	10 am Divine Liturgy	
Thurs., September 24	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Thecla, First Woman Martyr	
Fri., September 25	10 am Divine Liturgy	
Sat., September 26	10 am Divine Liturgy	
Sun., September 27	Second Sunday after the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross 11: 30 am Divine Liturgy for Hasna Azizi Besheer	Req. by Mrs. Salma Vahdat

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.

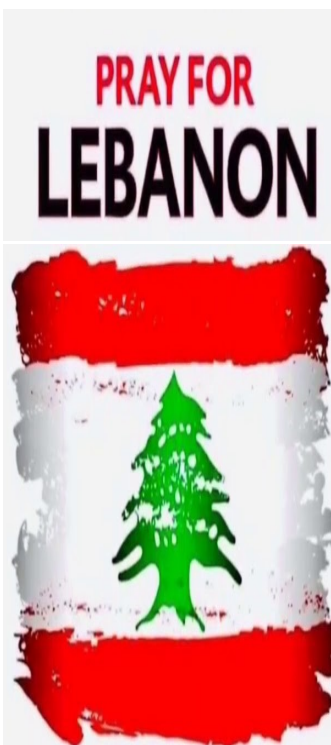
Collection Taken up at

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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Make your donation to Lebanon by sending a check to the Eparchy of St. Maron of Brooklyn and in the memo designate your charity either to Caritas, Lebanon, or Saint Vincent de Paul.

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Dear Parishioners & Friends:

This Sunday is the first Sunday after the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. The Gospel we read is taken from Mark 10: 35-45 and is given the title *Ambition of James and John* in the New American Bible translation. It appears, in this Season so far, that the more we reflect on the cross, the more Christ's humanity is highlighted.

In last week's Gospel, Christ said, "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" (John 12: 27-28). This emotional and spiritual distress of Jesus, the Son of God, mixed with doubtful thoughts is balanced by assurances of his Father's glory, coming after his triumphant entry into Jerusalem. It is a prayer emphasizing a human kind of anxiety that all of us share with the Messiah. It is a cry of the heart that calls out to glorify the Father in the midst of the worrisome events of life. Do we glorify God in the midst of our suffering?

The dialogue of Christ with James and John offers another side of Jesus' human character and shows how each one of us can be a better person. When James and John said to Jesus, "We want you to do for us whatever we ask of you," these two disciples are asking their master to do a task for them and it is not an easy one. It is usually the other way around: the teacher charges the student to do things for him. It is a very odd request, yet it shows how close the two brothers were to Jesus. They saw in their Lord someone that they could freely speak to and ask anything of. He was their master, but also a close friend, someone who could keep their secrets and advise them in their daily struggles. Do people confide in us and do they feel free to tell us about their ambitions? Do they calculate every single move they make around us so we will not betray them?

Jesus' humanity is revealed even more when he tells James and John that to sit at his right or at his left is not his to give but is for God the Father. This humble attitude is summarized beautifully in a hymn in the Letter of Paul to the Philippians. It reads, "Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself taking the form of a slave. Coming in human likeness, he humbled himself becoming obedient to death, even death on the cross" (Philippians 2: 6-11). Our Lord and God Jesus Christ desired to be meek and humble in taking flesh, but James and John wanted to govern and be like gods next to Jesus to exercise authority over other human beings.

Jesus is teaching us how to glorify God when we are in pain, how to be trustworthy and approachable for others, and how to be humble, but sometimes all that we want is to tell God what to do as James and John did.

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 our 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.

Picnic at the National Blue Army Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima

We are planning a picnic on Saturday, October 3rd at the Blue Army Shrine (674 Mountain View Road East, Asbury, NJ 08802). Everyone will meet at the Shrine at 11:00 am. The Rosary is at 11:30 am followed by Mass at 12 Noon. Picnic tables are available on a first come, first served basis. Please bring your own prepared and cooked food (grilling is not allowed) and do not forget your masks and sanitizers. Please [email](#) the Church if you are going.

Arabic Class Registration

Arabic Class registration has begun. Please see Leila Vogl if you are interested. The first class is on Oct. 10 at 10 am.

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 [here](#) or by calling 718-237-9913. Please consider attending and supporting this important event for the Eparchy.

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.

Lector Ministry

If you wish to be put on the next lector's schedule, please see Subdeacon Adonis El-Asmar or email the Church at cathrectory@verizon.net.

Abouna Dominque

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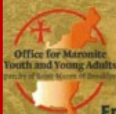
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VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS

OCT. 1: THE MARONITE CHURCH
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OCT. 8: DIVINE LITURGY
MSGR. JIM ROOT

OCT. 15: SCRIPTURE & TYPOLOGY
FR. VINCE FARHAT

OCT. 22: STS. EPHREM &
JAMES OF SERUG

FR. JAMES DORAN

OCT. 29: VOCATIONS IN
THE MARONITE CHURCH
FR. ELIE MIKHAEL

Via Zoom on Thursdays 8:00-9:15PM

[Register Here](#)

HOSTED BY THE MARONITE SERVANTS OF CHRIST THE LIGHT

Our Lady of Lebanon Cathedral Family Picnic

National Blue Army Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima

Our Lady of Lebanon will be hosting a Family Picnic Day of Faith, Hope and Peace. We invite all to pray and spend time together with us as a community of faith.



Saturday October 3rd, 2020

Schedule of Events:

10:30-11:00 AM Arrival

11:30-12:00 Prayer of the Rosary

12:00 Mass at the Shrine

Lunch will follow after Mass. Please bring your own lunch, no Alcoholic beverage, No BBQ's are available.

Tables are available as a first come first availability basis or you can bring your own table and chairs.

As a reminder everyone needs to wear a mask.

Shrine location: 674 Mountain View Rd E Asbury, NJ 08802

To register for this event please email the church
CATHRECTORY@verizon.net

Sunday Readings

قراءات الأحد

First Sunday after Holy Cross

The Second Letter to 2 Timothy 2: 1-10

Be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus; and what you have heard from me through many witnesses entrust to faithful people who will be able to teach others as well.

Share in suffering like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No one serving in the army gets entangled in everyday affairs; the soldier's aim is to please the enlisting officer. And in the case of an athlete, no one is crowned without competing according to the rules.

It is the farmer who does the work who ought to have the first share of the crops.

Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in all things. Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained.

Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark 10: 35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.' And he said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?'

And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.'

But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?'

They replied, 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.'

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John.

So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

الأحد الأول بعد عيد الصليب

رسالة القديس بولس الثانية إلى تيموثاوس 2: 1-10

يا إخوتي، وأنت، يا أبنائي، تتشدّد بالنعمة التي في المسيح يسوع. وما سمعته مني بحضور شهود كثيرين، استودعته أناساً أمّاء، جديرين هم أيضاً بأن يعلموا غيرهم.

شاركني في احتمال المشقات كجندّي صالح للمسيح يسوع. وما من جندّي ينهمك في الأمور المعيشية، إذا أراد أن يرضي من جنده.

ومن يصارع لا ينال أكليلاً إلا إذا صار ع بحسب الأصول. والحرث الذي يتعب له الحق بالنصيب الأول من الثمر.

تأمل في ما أقول: والرب سيعطيك فهماً في كل شيء! تذكّر يسوع المسيح الذي قام من بين الأموات، وهو من نسل داود، بحسب إنجيلي،

الذي فيه احتمل المشقات حتى القيود كمجرم، لكن كلمة الله لا تقيد. لذلك أصبر على كل شيء من أجل المختارين، ليحصلوا هم أيضاً على الخلاص في المسيح يسوع مع المجد الأبدي.

إنجيل القديس مرقس 10: 35-45

دنا من يسوع يعقوب ويوحنا، أبنائ زبدي، وقالوا له: «يا معلّم، نريد أن تصنع لنا كل ما نسألك.»

فقال لهما: «ماذا تريدان أن أصنع لكما؟»

قالا له: «أعطنا أن نجلس في مجدك، واحد عن يمينك، وواحد عن يسارك.»

فقال لهما يسوع: «إنكما لا تعلمان ما تطلبان: هل تستطيعان أن تشربا الكأس التي أشربها أنا؟ أو أن تتعمدا بالمعمودية التي أتعمد بها أنا؟»

قالا له: «نستطيع.» فقال لهما يسوع: «الكأس التي أنا أشربها ستشربانها، والمعمودية التي أنا أتعمد بها ستتعمدان بها.

أما الجلوس عن يميني أو عن يساري، فلنيس لي أن أمنحه إلا للذين أعد لهم.»

ولما سمع العشرة الآخرون، بدأوا يغتاظون من يعقوب ويوحنا. فدعاهم يسوع إليهم وقال لهم: «تعلمون أن الذين يعتبرون رؤساء الأمم يسودونهم، وعظماءهم يتسلطون عليهم.

أما أنتم فلنيس الأمر بينكم هكذا، بل من أراد أن يكون فيكم عظيماً، فلنكن لكم خادماً.

ومن أراد أن يكون الأول بينكم، فلنكن عبداً للجميع؛

لأن ابن الإنسان أيضاً لم يات ليخدم، بل ليخدم، ويبدّل نفسه فداءً عن كثيرين.»

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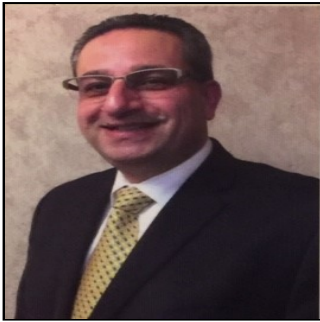
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