

SECOND SUNDAY

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SEASON OF THE HOLY CROSS



## *Second Sunday after the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross* *September 27, 2020*

<b>Sun., September 27</b>	<b>Second Sun. after the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross</b> <b>11: 30 am Divine Liturgy for the Intentions of the Parishioners</b>	
<b>Mon., September 28</b>	<b>NO LITURGY</b>	
<b>Tues., September 29</b>	10 am Divine Liturgy for Joseph Georges St. Romanos, known as Rouhana the Cantor	Req. by Majida Georges
<b>Wed., September 30</b>	10 am 40 Day Divine Liturgy for Jamile Bahri St. Gregory the Illuminator	Req. by the Family
<b>Thurs., October 1</b>	10 am Divine Liturgy for Hasna Azizi Besheer St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Doctor of the Church	Req. by Mrs. Salma Vahdat
<b>Fri., October 2</b>	10 am Divine Liturgy Sts. Cyprian and Justina	
<b>Sat., October 3</b>	Divine Liturgy at the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima in Asbury, NJ, at 12:15 pm <b>NO LITURGY AT THE CATHEDRAL</b> St. Mother Theodore Guerin	
<b>Sun., October 4</b>	<b>Third Sun. after the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross/ Holy Rosary/ St. Francis of Assisi</b> <b>11: 30 am Divine Liturgy for Siham Sabbah, the Mother of Consul General Abir Taha</b>	

### **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**

## **HELP LEBANON!**



#### **BY CHECK:**

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.

#### **ONLINE:**

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## Dear Parishioners & Friends:

My interest in the United States Supreme Court began in the summer of 2010. Part of my requirements for the canon law degree was to take two classes in American civil law. *American Law for Canonists* and *Religious Freedom* were the two courses and they covered several cases related to the separation of Church and State adjudicated by the nine justices of the Supreme Court throughout history. These cases formed the precedents for many rules and regulations in this country.

In August of 2010, the professor of the *Religious Freedom* class was able to arrange a meeting with Justice Antonin Scalia. So the entire class went to Capitol Hill where the magnificent building of the Supreme Court is and we met with Justice Scalia for 30 minutes. I do not recall much about the encounter except that Justice Scalia was very gracious meeting us and humble in attitude. Justice Scalia, a native of Trenton, NJ, was a devout Catholic, married with nine children. One of them is a priest in the Diocese of Arlington, VA. On February 13, 2016, Scalia died in his sleep at age 79. In his eulogy, his son, Fr. Paul Scalia said, "God blessed Dad with a deep Catholic faith: the conviction that Christ's presence and power continue in the world today through His body, the Church. He loved the clarity and coherence of the Church's teachings. He treasured the church's ceremonies, especially the beauty of her ancient worship. He trusted the power of her sacraments as the means of salvation as Christ working within him [Scalia] for his salvation."

Recently another Justice of the Supreme Court passed away. Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, 87, was born in Brooklyn, NY. Although not devout, the Bader family belonged to the East Midwood Jewish Center, a Conservative synagogue, where Ruth learned the Jewish faith and gained familiarity with the Hebrew tradition. The two justices differed and disagreed on most issues and were on diametrically opposing sides in the Court. Their views on the Constitution and the role of the Supreme Court were vastly different, but they still respected each other as individuals. Not only that, but, shockingly, the two were friends. How could Ginsburg possibly be friends with Scalia? Scalia was Ginsburg's favored souvenir shopping buddy when they traveled together. They also shared New Year's Eves with their families and friends.

Upon the death of Justice Ginsburg, the older son of Justice Scalia wrote a little story on his social media account about Justice Scalia's visit with a good friend. As the friend was leaving Scalia's chambers, he noticed two dozen roses on his table. Scalia explained that he needed to take them down to Ruth for her birthday. The friend was surprised and said, "I doubt I have given a total of twenty-four roses to my wife in almost thirty years of marriage... So what good have all these roses done for you? Name one five-to-four case of any significance where you got Justice Ginsburg's vote."

"Some things," Scalia answered, "are more important than votes."

## 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. Frankie 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 1st. There will be a farewell reception for him and his wife on Sunday, September 27th 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 12:15 pm. 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

Adult Arabic Class registration has begun. Please see Leila Vogl if you are interested. The first class is on October 10th 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 4th. Please register your children with Subdeacon Norbert.

*Abouna Dominique*



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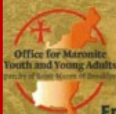
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ADULT FAITH FORMATION FALL 2020

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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

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# 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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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](mailto:CATHRECTORY@verizon.net)

## Sunday Readings

### قراءات الأحد

#### Second Sunday after Holy Cross

##### First Letter to the Corinthians 15: 19-34

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For 'God has put all things in subjection under his feet.' But when it says, 'All things are put in subjection', it is plain that this does not include the one who put all things in subjection under him. When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who put all things in subjection under him, so that God may be all in all. Otherwise, what will those people do who receive baptism on behalf of the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, why are people baptized on their behalf? And why are we putting ourselves in danger every hour? I die every day! That is as certain, brothers and sisters, as my boasting of you a boast that I make in Christ Jesus our Lord. If with merely human hopes I fought with wild animals at Ephesus, what would I have gained by it? If the dead are not raised, 'Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.' Do not be deceived: 'Bad company ruins good morals.' Come to a sober and right mind, and sin no more; for some people have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.

#### The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew 24: 1-14

As Jesus came out of the temple and was going away, his disciples came to point out to him the buildings of the temple. Then he asked them, 'You see all these, do you not? Truly I tell you, not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.' When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, 'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?' Jesus answered them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. For many will come in my name, saying, "I am the Messiah!" and they will lead many astray. And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars; see that you are not alarmed; for this must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places: all this is but the beginning of the birth pangs. 'Then they will hand you over to be tortured and will put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of my name. Then many will fall away, and they will betray one another and hate one another. And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. And because of the increase of lawlessness, the love of many will grow cold. But anyone who endures to the end will be saved. And this good news of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the world, as a testimony to all the nations; and then the end will come.

#### الأحد الثاني بعد عيد الصليب

##### رسالة القديس بولس الأولى إلى أهل كورنثس 15: 19-34

يا إخوتي، إن كنا نرجو المسيح في هذه الحياة وحسب، فنحن أشقى الناس أجمعين! والحال أن المسيح قام من بين الأموات، وهو باكورة الرّاقدين. فبما أن الموت كان بواسطة إنسان، فبواسطة إنسان أيضًا تكون قيامة الأموات. فكما أنه في آدم يموت الجميع، كذلك في المسيح سيجب الجميع، كل واحد في رتبته: المسيح أولاً، لأنه الباكورة، ثم الذين هم للمسيح، عند مجيئه. وبعد ذلك تكون النهاية، حين يسلم المسيح الملك إلى الله الأب، بعد أن يكون قد أبطل كل رئاسة وكل سلطان وقوة، لأنه لا بد للمسيح أن يملك، إلى أن يجعل الله جميع أعدائه تحت قدميه. وأخر عدو يبطل هو الموت. لقد أخضع الله كل شيء تحت قدميه. وحين يقول الكتاب: «أخضع له كل شيء»، فمن الواضح أنه يستثنى الله الذي أخضع له كل شيء. ومتى أخضع للآب كل شيء، فحينئذ يخضع الآب نفسه للذي أخضع له كل شيء، حتى يكون الله الكل في الكل. وإلا فماذا يفعل الذين يتعمدون من أجل الأموات؟ إن كان الأموات لا يقومون أبداً، فلماذا يتعمدون من أجلهم؟ ونحن، فلماذا نعرض أنفسنا كل ساعة للخطر؟ أقسم، أيها الإخوة، بما لي من فخر بكم في المسيح يسوع ربنا، أتى أواجه الموت كل يوم. إن كنت صارت الوحوش في أفسس، لغاية بشرية، فأني نفع لي؟ وإن كان الأموات لا يقومون، فلنأكل ونشرب، لأننا عدا سنموت! لا تصلوا! إن المعاشرات السيئة تفسد الأخلاق السليمة! أيقظوا قلوبكم بالتقوى، ولا تخطوا، فإن بعضاً منكم يجهلون الله! أقول هذا لإخبالكم!

#### إنجيل القديس متى 14: 1-24

خرج يسوع من الهيكل ومضى. فدنا منه تلاميذه يلقون نظره إلى أبنية الهيكل. فأجاب وقال لهم: «ألا تنظرون هذا كله؟ ألقوا أقول لكم: لن يترك هنا حجر على حجر إلا وينقض». وفيما هو جالس على جبل الزيتون، دنا منه التلاميذ على أنفراد قائلين: «قل لنا متى يكون هذا، وما هي علامة مجيئك ونهاية العالم؟». فأجاب يسوع وقال لهم: «إحذروا أن يضلكم أحد! فكثيرون سيأتون باسمي قائلين: «أنا هو المسيح! ويضلون الكثيرين. وسوف تسمعون بحروب وبأخبار حروب، أنظروا، لا ترتعبوا! فلا بد أن يحدث هذا. ولكن ليست النهاية بعد! ستقوم أمة على أمة، ومملكة على مملكة، وتكون مجاعات وزلازل في أماكن شتى، وهذا كله أول المخاض. حينئذ يسلموكم إلى الضيق، ويقتلونكم، ويغيضكم جميع الأمم من أجل اسمي. وحينئذ يرتد الكثيرون عن الإيمان، ويسلم بعضهم بعضاً، ويغيض بعضهم بعضاً. ويقوم أنبياء كذبة كثيرون ويضلون الكثيرين. ولكثرة الإنم تفتر محبة الكثيرين. ومن يصبر إلى النهاية يخلص. ويكرز بإنجيل المأكوت هذا في المسكونة كلها شهادة لجميع الأمم، وحينئذ تأتي النهاية.



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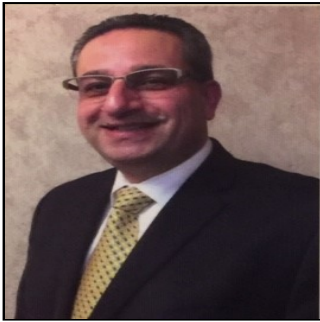
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