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SEASON
OF THE
HOLY
CROSS

Third Sunday after the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross *October 4, 2020*

Sun., October 4	Third Sun. after the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross/ Holy Rosary/ St. Francis of Assisi 11: 30 am Divine Liturgy for Siham Sabbah, the Mother of Consul General Abir Taha	
Mon., October 5	NO LITURGY	
Tues., October 6	10 am Divine Liturgy for Joseph El Hawa St. Thomas	Req. by Mr. & Mrs William Safi
Wed., October 7	10 am Divine Liturgy for Dumit Karam Azizi Sts. Sarkis (Sergius) & Bacchus	Req. by Mrs. Salma Vahdat
Thurs., October 8	10 am Divine Liturgy for Boutros Dumit Azizi St. Pelagia of Antioch	Req. by Mrs. Salma Vahdat
Fri., October 9	10 am Divine Liturgy for Levi David Smith St. James, Brother of the Lord	Req. by Jorge & Barabra Leon
Sat., October 10	10 am Divine Liturgy for Arianna Maira Layng	Req. by Jorge & Barabra Leon
Sun., October 11	Fourth Sun. after the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross/ St. Philip the Deacon/ Pope St. John XXIII/ the First Council of Nicaea (325) 11: 30 am Divine Liturgy for the Intentions of the Parishioners	

Financial Standing September 2020

Ordinary Income

- ♦ Sundays & Holy Days Collections: **\$9,342.41**
- ♦ Cathedral Stipends from Marriages & Funerals, Lower Hall Rent, Candles, Breakfast, Luncheon, Bake Sale, Dues, Religious Education, Flowers **\$482.00**
- Total Ordinary Income: \$9,824.41**

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: \$12,909.91**

Total Ordinary Income vs Expense: -\$3,085.50

No income was brought in as extraordinary income. The Library did not pay the May, June, July & August rent. They vacated the Church Hall at the end of September.

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Feast of Saint Theresa the Little Flower

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Church in the United States observes October as Respect Life Month. This is the time to give thanks for God's gift of life and to rekindle once again in each of us the responsibility to care, protect, and defend the gift of life. The theme of this year is "Live the Gospel of Life" in commemoration of the 25th Anniversary of Saint Pope John Paul II's encyclical *Evangelium vitae* (*The Gospel of Life*). As Pope John Paul articulated so well, the unborn, the elderly, those with special needs, and the marginalized are all worthy of the right to life.

We thus value the culture of life, for **God created us in his image and likeness**, and life is a sacred gift, precious in God's eyes.

Yet, to be honest, we must recognize that even though life is so valuable and beautiful, we live in a world that promotes a culture of death. Man believes he owns, and has every right to end, life whenever it presents a "burden" to him. In this culture, the human person is evaluated only in terms of "function" and "usefulness" and there is a deep disconnect from God. Therefore, instead of life being precious and protected, it becomes a commodity, threatened by abortion or euthanasia.

Despite these challenges, however, there are ways to build a culture of life. Prayer is the foundation. We **pray** to honor and defend the gift of life, from conception to natural death. We also **advocate**, with a strong and reasonable advocacy, to promote in our society and in all aspects of government a sincere respect for life as a gift from God.

Lastly, let us redouble our efforts **in our own families** to cultivate the virtues, teach the dignity of, and promote the sanctity of life. May our families continue to help us in this sacred duty.

With prayerful best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Gregory

+ Gregory John Mansour
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Cathedral Cedar Remembrance Tree

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Finance Council Recommendation

The Finance Council recommends that parishioners set their Church donation up as an automatic payment. This is the best way to keep supporting your spiritual home while on vacation or out of town. You may also make your contribution online by clicking [here](#).

Maronite Catholic Formation In-person and Online

Registration for Sunday School has begun. 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 this Sunday, October 4th at 10 am. There will be one session in person at the Church and two on Zoom. 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](#).

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.

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 this Sunday, October 4th. Please register your children with Subdeacon Norbert.

Order of St. Sharbel

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.

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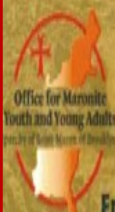
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OCT. 8: DIVINE LITURGY
MSGR. JIM ROOT

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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Sunday Readings

قراءات الأحد

Third Sunday after Holy Cross

Letter to the Philippians 3: 17-4: 1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things.

But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

The Gospel to Saint Matthew 24: 23-31

If anyone says to you, "Look! Here is the Messiah!" or "There he is!" do not believe it.

For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and produce great signs and omens, to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. Take note, I have told you beforehand. So, if they say to you, "Look! He is in the wilderness", do not go out. If they say, "Look! He is in the inner rooms", do not believe it. For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather. 'Immediately after the suffering of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of heaven will be shaken. Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see "the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven" with power and great glory.

And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

الأحد الثالث بعد عيد الصليب

رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل فيلبّي 3: 17-4: 1

يَا إِخْوَتِي، إِفْتَدُوا بِي، وَأَنْظُرُوا إِلَى الَّذِينَ يَسْلُكُونَ عَلَى مِثَالِنَا.

فَكثِيرٌ مِنْ أَوْلِيكَ الَّذِينَ كُنْتُ أَكَلِّمُكُمْ عَنْهُمْ مِرَارًا، وَأَكَلِّمُكُمْ عَنْهُمْ الْآنَ بَاكِيًا، يَسْلُكُونَ كَأَعْدَاءِ لِصَلِيبِ الْمَسِيحِ، أَوْلِيكَ الَّذِينَ عَاقِبَتُهُمُ الْهَلَاكُ، أَوْلِيكَ الَّذِينَ إِلَهُهُمْ بَطْنُهُمْ، وَمَجْدُهُمْ فِي عَارِهِمْ، وَفِي أُمُورِ الْأَرْضِ هُمُومُهُمْ. أَمَّا نَحْنُ فَمَدِينَتُنَا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ، وَمِنْهَا نَنْتَظِرُ الرَّبَّ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحَ مُخْلَصًا.

وَهُوَ سَيُغَيِّرُ جَسَدَ هَوَانِنَا، فَيَجْعَلُهُ عَلَى صُورَةِ جَسَدِ مَجْدِهِ، وَفَقًا لِعَمَلِ قُدْرَتِهِ، الَّتِي بِهَا يُخْضَعُ لِنَفْسِهِ كُلُّ شَيْءٍ. إِذَا، يَا إِخْوَتِي، الَّذِينَ أَحْبَبُّهُمْ وَأَشْتَقُّ إِلَيْهِمْ، وَأَنْتُمْ فَرَجِي وَإِكْلِيلِي، أَتَبْنُوا هَكَذَا فِي الرَّبِّ، أَيُّهَا الْأَحِبَّاءُ.

إنجيل القديس متى 24: 23-31

قَالَ الرَّبُّ يَسُوعُ: «إِنْ قَالَ لَكُمْ أَحَدٌ: هُوَذَا الْمَسِيحُ هُنَا أَوْ هُنَاكَ! فَلَا تُصَدِّقُوا.

فَسَوْفَ يَفُومُ مُسَخَّاءُ كَذِبَةٌ وَأَنْبِيَاءُ كَذِبَةٌ، وَيَأْتُونَ بِآيَاتٍ عَظِيمَةٍ وَخَوَارِقَ، لِيُضِلُّوا الْمُخْتَارِينَ أَنْفُسَهُمْ، لَوْ قَدِرُوا. هَا إِنِّي قَدْ أَنْبَأْتُكُمْ!

فَإِنْ قَالُوا لَكُمْ: هَا هُوَ فِي الْبَرِّيَّةِ! فَلَا تَخْرُجُوا، أَوْ: هَا هُوَ فِي دَاخِلِ الْبَيْتِ! فَلَا تُصَدِّقُوا.

فَكَمَا أَنَّ الْبَرْقَ يُومِضُ مِنَ الْمَشَارِقِ، وَيَسْطَعُ حَتَّى الْمَغَارِبِ، هَكَذَا يَكُونُ مَجِيءُ ابْنِ الْإِنْسَانِ.

حَيْثُ تَكُونُ الْجَنَّةُ هُنَاكَ تَجْتَمِعُ النَّسُورُ.

وَحَالًا بَعْدَ ضِيْقِ تِلْكَ الْأَيَّامِ، الشَّمْسُ تَظْلِمُ، وَالْقَمَرُ لَا يُعْطِي ضَوْءَهُ، وَالنُّجُومُ تَنْسَاقُ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ، وَقُوَّاتُ السَّمَاوَاتِ تَتَزَعْزَعُ.

وَحِينَئِذٍ تَظْهَرُ فِي السَّمَاءِ عَلَامَةُ ابْنِ الْإِنْسَانِ، فَتَنْتَجِبُ قَبَائِلُ الْأَرْضِ كُلِّهَا، وَتَرَى ابْنَ الْإِنْسَانِ آتِيًا عَلَى سَحَابِ السَّمَاءِ بِقُدْرَةٍ وَمَجْدٍ عَظِيمٍ.

وَيُرْسِلُ مَلَائِكَتَهُ لِيُفْخَخُوا فِي بُوقٍ عَظِيمٍ، فَيَجْمَعُونَ مُخْتَارِيهِ مِنَ الرِّيَّاحِ الْأَرْبَعِ، مِنْ أَقَاصِي السَّمَاوَاتِ إِلَى أَقَاصِيهَا.

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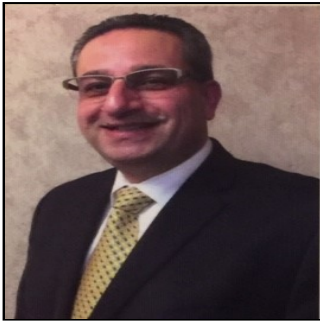
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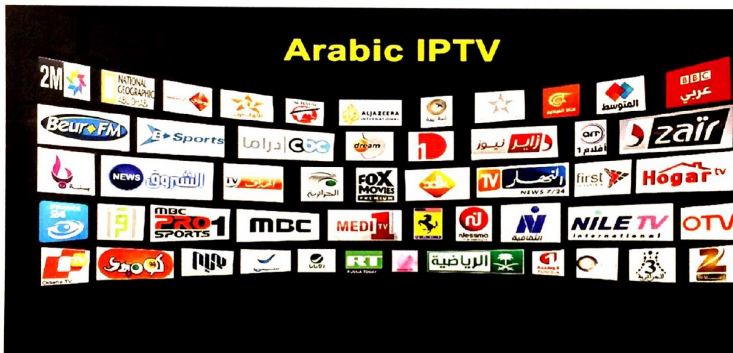
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