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SUNDAY

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SEASON OF THE HOLY CROSS

Fourth Sunday after the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross October 11, 2020

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 Deacon Mikael Hanna Nehmi Req. by his Son, Sami Nehmi	
Mon., October 12	NO LITURGY	
Tues., October 13	10 am Divine Liturgy for Chafik Dib	Req. by Deacon & Mrs. Peter Frangie
Wed., October 14	10 am Divine Liturgy for Chafik Dib St. Isaiah the Monk	Req. by Deacon & Mrs. Peter Frangie
Thurs., October 15	10 am Divine Liturgy for Chafik Dib St. Teresa of Avila, Doctor of the Church	Req. by Deacon & Mrs. Peter Frangie
Fri., October 16	10 am Divine Liturgy for Chafik Dib St. Longinus, Commander of the Legion	Req. by Deacon & Mrs. Peter Frangie
Sat., October 17	10 am Divine Liturgy for Chafik Dib St. Cosmas & Damian	Req. by Deacon & Mrs. Peter Frangie
Sun., October 18	Fifth Sun. after the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross/ St. Luke the Evangelist 11: 30 am Divine Liturgy for Elie Safi Req. by Marleine Safi & Family	

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 & September rents. They vacated the Church Hall at the end of September.

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in helping maintain the Church
and in planning different activities**

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Dear Parishioners & Friends:

The following is Bishop Gregory John Mansour's Fifth Pastoral Letter entitled *Man and Woman: Designed as Part of the Grandeur of God*:

The LORD God said: It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suited to him. So the LORD God formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds of the air, and he brought them to the man to see what he would call them; whatever the man called each living creature was then its name. The man gave names to all the tame animals, all the birds of the air, and all the wild animals; but none proved to be a helper suited to the man. So, the LORD God cast a deep sleep on the man, and while he was asleep, he took out one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. The LORD God then built the rib that he had taken from the man into a woman. When he brought her to the man, the man said:

"This one, at last, is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; This one shall be called 'woman': for out of man this one has been taken, that is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one body". The man and his wife were both naked, yet they felt no shame. (Genesis 2:18-25)

This profoundly human passage from Sacred Scriptures describes how we are created, male and female, in the likeness of God, and created with love and intention. In fact, there was so much "intention" on God's part that God himself was there to notice that "it was not good for man to be alone". In other words, God had noticed what was wrong with man, even before man himself did!

When one considers the great love that God has for man, and the grandeur in which he has been placed in the universe, the poem by Gerard Manley Hopkins comes to mind:

The world is charged with the grandeur of God.
It will flame out, like shining from shook foil;
It gathers to a greatness, like the ooze of oil Crushed.

Why do men then now not reckon his rod?
Generations have trod, have trod, have trod;
And all is seared with trade; bleared, smeared with toil;
And wears man's smudge and shares man's smell:
the soil
Is bare now, nor can foot feel, being shod.

And for all this, nature is never spent;
There lives the dearest freshness deep down things;
And though the last lights off the black West went
Oh, morning, at the brown brink eastward, springs

Because the Holy Ghost over the bent World broods
with warm breast and with ah! bright wings.

God's Grandeur

Hopkins describes this "grand" world as bearing "man's smudge" referring to the man-made troubles in the world. It is hard to believe that we, who were made so great, with so much love, with such a great plan, even made similar to God, have drifted so far from that noble calling!

PLEASE CONTINUE READING [HERE](#).

Order of St. Sharbel

This year, October 11th 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.

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 began last 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](#).

Marriage Publication of Banns

Tony Mansour of New York and Denise Abou-Chrouh of New York will be married on October 30th, 2020 at Our Lady of Lebanon Cathedral. If anyone knows a reason or a just impediment why they may not marry each other, please declare it to the priest.

Arabic Class Registration

Adult Arabic Class registration has begun. Please see Leila Vogl if you are interested. The first class is on Sunday October 11th 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. Please register your children with Subdeacon Norbert.

Bulletin Advertisement

Business owners, you may advertise your businesses in the Church bulletin that reaches over 600 households via email. For more information click [here](#) or call the rectory at 718-624-7228.

Cathedral Cedar Remembrance Tree

Parishioners and friends can now remember their deceased and honor their living with their names on the commemorative tree located in our Cathedral Chapel vestibule. Please click [here](#) for more details.

Finance Council Recommendation

The Finance Council has recommended 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](#).

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If you are interested in becoming a Priest, Religious Sister, or Deacon, contact Vocations Director

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ADULT FAITH FORMATION FALL 2020

MARONITE SPIRITUALITY

Learn more about the Maronite Faith and Traditions.
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VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS

OCT. 1: THE MARONITE CHURCH

FR. DOMINIQUE HANNA

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](#)

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Sunday Readings

قراءات الأحد

The Fourth Sunday after The Cross

First Letter to the Thessalonians 5: 1-11

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore, encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

The Gospel of Saint Matthew 24: 45-51

Who then is the faithful and wise slave, whom his master has put in charge of his household, to give the other slaves their allowance of food at the proper time?

Blessed is that slave whom his master will find at work when he arrives. Truly I tell you, he will put that one in charge of all his possessions. But if that wicked slave says to himself, "My master is delayed", and he begins to beat his fellow-slaves, and eats and drinks with drunkards, the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour that he does not know. He will cut him in pieces and put him with the hypocrites, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

الأحد الرابع بعد عيد الصليب

رسالة القديس بولس الأولى إلى أهل تسالونيقي-11: 1:5

يا إخوتي، أمّا الأزمنة والأوقات، أيّها الإخوة، فلا حاجة بكم أن يكتب إليكم في شأنها؛ لأنكم تعلمون جيّداً أن يوم الرب يأتي كالسارق ليلاً. فحين يقولون: سلام وأمن! حينئذ يدهمهم الهلاك دهم المخاض للحبلى، ولا يفطنون. أمّا أنتم، أيّها الإخوة، فلستم في ظلمة ليفاجئكم ذلك اليوم كالسارق. فأنتم كلكم أبناء النور، وأبناء النهار؛ ولستنا أبناء الليل ولا أبناء الظلمة. إذاً فلا ننم كسائر الناس، بل لنسهر ونصح؛ لأن الذين ينامون في الليل ينامون، والذين يسكرون في الليل يسكرون. أمّا نحن أبناء النهار، فلنصح لابسين درع الإيمان والمحبة، وواضعين خوذة رجاء الخلاص. فإن الله لم يجعلنا للغضب، بل لإحراز الخلاص ببرنا يسوع المسيح، الذي مات من أجلنا، لنحيا معه ساشرين كُنّا أم نائمين. فلذلك شجعوا بعضكم بعضاً، وليبن الواحد الآخر، كما أنتم فاعلون.

إنجيل القديس متى 24: 45-51

قال الرب يسوع: «مَنْ هُوَ الْعَبْدُ الْأَمِينُ الْحَكِيمُ الَّذِي أَقَامَهُ سَيِّدُهُ عَلَى أَهْلِ بَيْتِهِ، لِيُعْطِيَهُمُ الطَّعَامَ فِي حِينِهِ؟ طُوبَى لِدَلِكِ الْعَبْدِ الَّذِي يَجِيءُ سَيِّدُهُ فَيَجِدُهُ فَاعِلاً هَكَذَا!

الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ: إِنَّهُ يُقِيمُهُ عَلَى جَمِيعِ مُمْتَلَكَاتِهِ. وَلَكِنْ إِنْ قَالَ ذَلِكَ الْعَبْدُ الشَّرِيرُ فِي قَلْبِهِ: سَيَتَأَخَّرُ سَيِّدِي!

وَبَدَأَ يَضْرِبُ رِفَاقَهُ، وَيَأْكُلُ وَيَشْرَبُ مَعَ السَّكَّارِينَ، يَجِيءُ سَيِّدُ ذَلِكَ الْعَبْدِ فِي يَوْمٍ لَا يَنْتَظِرُهُ، وَفِي سَاعَةٍ لَا يَعْرِفُهَا،

فَيَفْصَلُهُ، وَيَجْعَلُ نَصِيبَهُ مَعَ الْمُرَائِينَ. هُنَاكَ يَكُونُ الْبُكَاءُ وَصَرِيفُ الْأَسْنَانِ

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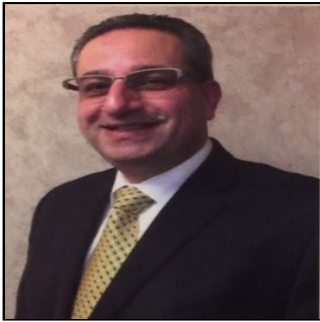
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