

SUNDAY OF THE HOLY CROSS

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## *Sunday of Christ the King* *October 25th, 2020*

Sun., October 25	Sunday of Christ the King 11: 30 am Divine Liturgy for Michel Merhej	Req. by the Merhej Family
Mon., October 26	NO LITURGY St. Demetrius	
Tues., October 27	10 am Divine Liturgy for Deacon & Mrs. Peter Frangie	
Wed., October 28	10 am Divine Liturgy for Deacon & Mrs. Peter Frangie	
Thurs., October 29	10 am Divine Liturgy for Deacon & Mrs. Peter Frangie	
Fri., October 30	10 am Divine Liturgy for Deacon & Mrs. Peter Frangie	
Sat., October 31	10 am Divine Liturgy for Deacon & Mrs. Peter Frangie	
Sun., November 1	Sunday of the Consecration of the Church 11: 30 am Divine Liturgy for Henriette Safi Ashkar	Req. by her 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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## Dear Parishioners & Friends:

Christ the King Sunday is the last Sunday of this current Season of the Exaltation of the Cross. In retrospect, the lesson we learn from this Season can be summarized in this way: serving others in the midst of tribulations is the best way to conquer hardships and drive away all fear.

In the Gospel of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Jesus talked about himself as a grain of wheat that must die to bring much fruit to others. The following Sunday, Jesus clarified that the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. The next two Sunday Gospels spoke about the events at the end of time. Jesus said, "And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars; see that you are not alarmed....For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places....Many will fall away, and they will betray one another and hate one another. And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray....For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and produce great signs and omens, to lead astray, if possible, even the elect....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." The prediction of these occurrences has been inciting fear and anxiety throughout history and generations. The subsequent Sunday the Church read from Matthew 24: 45-51 recounting the behavior of the good and bad servant. The good servant gives others their allowance of food at the proper time while the bad servant beats his fellows, and eats and drinks with drunkards. The sequence of Sunday passages so far depicted shows that the endtime events are inserted between Gospels that emphasize serving others.

This year we are missing one week in the liturgical cycle, so we did not read the Parable of Talents. Last Sunday, the Gospel that was proclaimed told the Parable of the Ten Virgins which assured us that the second coming of Jesus Christ is a joyful wedding feast for those good and watchful servants who have stored extra oil in their flasks, that is, good deeds in their lives. But how difficult is it to be part of the wedding feast? How hard is it to do good deeds? It is not that hard.

The five foolish virgins did not go to meet the bridegroom with their lamps completely empty. In reality, they had some oil in their lamps, but when the bridegroom delayed their oil ran out. Since they did not bring extra oil, they could not keep their lamps lit and hence they needed to leave the festivity. The five foolish had oil, but not enough. The Gospel of the Judgment of the Nations will be declared this Sunday. It speaks about the king separating people to his right and his left. Those on the right fed the hungry, gave drink to the thirsty, welcomed strangers, clothed the naked, and cared for the sick and visited those in prison. However, those on the left did not serve anyone at all and would not enter into eternal life.

I am sure that all of us have donated food or drinks to pantries and food banks. I am certain that many of us have given clothes to organizations for those who need them. There is no doubt that a good majority of parishioners have visited sick people at home or in the hospital. We have been doing good, but are we doing enough good? Salvation might look hard to attain but it is not. It should not have been hard for the foolish virgins to bring extra oil for they already had some in their lamps. I think the foolish virgins were wise, but not wise enough.

My friends, the best way to overcome and battle these difficult times in our history is to serve others. Thus, if fear and anxiety are sneaking in and threatening our way of life, and if we look unhappy and worried about recent events, it means that we are not serving enough.



## 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 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. 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 was 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

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&

Dr. Anne Borik

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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

#### The Seventh Sunday after The Cross

##### The Letter to the Romans 12: 9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

#### The Gospel according to Saint Matthew 25: 31-46

'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

#### الأحد السابع بعد عيد الصليب

##### رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل رومة 12: 9-21

يا إخوتي، لتكن محبتكم بلا رياء: تحببوا الشر، ولازموا الخير. أحبوا بعضكم بعضاً محبة أخوية، وبادروا بغضكم بغضاً بالإكرام. كونوا في الاجتهاد غير متكاسلين، وبالروح حارين، وللرب عابدين، وبالرجاء فرحين، وفي الضيق ثابتين، وعلى الصلاة مواظبين، وفي حاجات القديسين مشاركين، وإلى ضيافة الغرباء ساعين. باركوا الذين يضطهدونكم، باركوا ولا تلعنوا. افرحوا مع الفرحين، وأنكروا مع الباكين. كونوا متفقين بعضكم مع بعض، متواضعين لا متكبرين. لا تكونوا حكماء في عيون أنفسكم. ولا تبدلوا أحداً شراً بشراً، وأغتنوا بعمل الخير أمام جميع الناس. سالموا جميع الناس، إن أمكن، على قدر طاقتكم. لا تنتقموا لأنفسكم، أيها الأجباء، بل اتركوا مكاناً لغضب الله، لأنه مكتوب: «لي الانتقام، يقول الرب، وأنا أجازي.» ولكن «إن جاع عدوك فأطعمه، وإن عطش فأسقيه، فإنك بفعلك هذا تتركهم على رأسه جمر نار.» لا تدع الشر يغلبك، بل أغلب الشر بالخير.

#### إنجيل القديس متى 25: 31-46

قال الرب يسوع: «متى جاء ابن الإنسان في مجده، وجميع الملائكة معه، يجلس على عرش مجده. وتجمع لديه جميع الأمم، فيميز بعضهم من بعض، كما يميز الراعي الخراف من الجداء. ويقيم الخراف عن يمينه والجداء عن شماله. حينئذ يقول الملك للذين عن يمينه: تعالوا، يا مباركي أبي، رثوا الملكوت المعد لكم منذ إنشاء العالم؛ لأنني جعت فأطعمتموني، وعطشت فسقيتموني، وكنت غريباً فأوئتموني، وغريباً فكسوتُموني، ومريضاً فزرتموني، ومحبوساً فأتيتكم إلي. حينئذ يجيبه الأبرار قائلين: يا رب، متى رأيناك جائعاً فأطعمناك، أو عطشان فسقيناك؟ ومتى رأيناك غريباً فأوئناك، أو غريباً فكسوناك؟ ومتى رأيناك مريضاً أو محبوساً فأتينا إليك؟ فيجيب الملك ويقول لهم: الحق أقول لكم: كل ما عملتموه لأحد إخوتي هؤلاء الصغار، فلي عملتموه! ثم يقول للذين عن شماله: اذهبوا عني، يا ملاعين، إلى النار الأبديّة المعدّة لإبليس وجنوده؛ لأنني جعت فما أطعمتموني، وعطشت فما سقيتموني، وكنت غريباً فما أوئتموني، وغريباً فما كسوتُموني، ومريضاً ومحبوساً فما زرتموني! حينئذ يجيبه هؤلاء أيضاً قائلين: يا رب، متى رأيناك جائعاً أو عطشان أو غريباً أو مريضاً أو محبوساً وما خدمناك؟ حينئذ يجيبهم قائلًا: الحق أقول لكم: كل ما لم تعملوه لأحد هؤلاء الصغار، فلي لم تعملوه. ويذهب هؤلاء إلى العذاب الأبدي، والأبرار إلى الحياة الأبديّة»



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