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SIXTY-THIRD SUNDAY



# 16th Sunday of Pentecost September 5th, 2021

Sun., September 5	16th Sunday of Pentecost 9 am for Elie, Helen & Dolly Nghaywi 11:30 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners	St. Sharbel of Raha & His sister / St. Teresa of Calcutta Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Charbel Nghaywi
Mon., September 6	NO LITURGY St. Michael the Archangel	
Tues., September 7	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Sozon	
Wed., September 8	10 am Divine Liturgy The Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
Thurs., September 9	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Virgin Mary / Blessed Fredrick Ozanam	
Fri., September 10	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Pulcheria the Queen	
Sat., September 11	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Theodora of Alexandria	
Sun., September 12	Celebration of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross 9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners 11:30 am for Mounira Elkhoury Haddad	Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Pierre Haddad

## July 2021 Financial Standing

### Ordinary Income

- ◆ Collections on Sundays & Holy Days: **\$10,839.15**
- ◆ Cathedral Stipends from Marriages & Funerals, Hall Rent, Candles, Breakfast, Luncheon, Raffle, Dues, Religious Education, Flowers .... **\$7,717.02**

**Total Ordinary Income: \$18,556.17**

### Ordinary Expenses

- ◆ 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 Expenses: \$24,715.09**

**Total Ordinary Income vs Expenses: -\$6,158.92**

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**Do you know? A couple of basic monthly expenses:**  
**Cathedral monthly building insurance: \$3,484.00**  
**Monthly Eparchial Assessment & Bishop's Appeal: \$2,125.00**

**The Library is no longer renting the hall. The space was vacated at the end of October 2021.**

**Thank you for your contribution  
in helping maintain the Church  
and in planning different activities**

## 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, Saint Vincent de Paul or The Franciscan Sisters of the Holy Cross.

**ONLINE:**  
 You may also donate online by clicking [here](#).

### FAMILY-TO-FAMILY HELP THROUGH CARITAS LEBANON

In coordination with Caritas Lebanon, a family in the United States is now able to sponsor a family in Lebanon. The sponsorship varies from \$50 to \$100 per month depending on the size and the need of the family.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

As you recall, last year's Fall Benefit Dinner for the Eparchy was a Virtual Event due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Due to lingering health concerns and restrictions, we believe a virtual event again this year is in everyone's best interest. While I am disappointed that we cannot have an in-person event this year, I hope you will join us for this very special celebration on **Thursday, October 7, 2021 at 7:00pm Eastern Time.**

Each year, our Fall Benefit Event provides important financial support to educate seminarians, help parishes and missions, assist retired priests, and foster a variety of ministries of the Eparchy. As in past years, a portion of this year's proceeds will be dedicated to help the Church in Lebanon and the Middle East – which is now needed more than ever. Out of respect for the serious conditions in Lebanon, this year's Benefit Event will honor those organizations and individuals who have been dedicating their time and resources to help the people of Lebanon during these various crises.

Your participation in this year's Benefit Event will help strengthen our Eparchy in her service to our faithful here, and for the vulnerable in Lebanon. I hope you will consider supporting the Eparchy with a donation in any amount. Or perhaps you might consider joining the Order of Saint Sharbel, if you are not already a member. Please visit [www.stmaron.org/eparchial-benefit](http://www.stmaron.org/eparchial-benefit) to make a gift and/or register for this special online Benefit Event, or return the enclosed reply card in the envelope provided.

Thank you for helping us make a difference in the Maronite Church both at home and abroad. I hope to "see" you on October 7. May God bless you for your generosity!

Gratefully yours in Christ,

+ Gregory

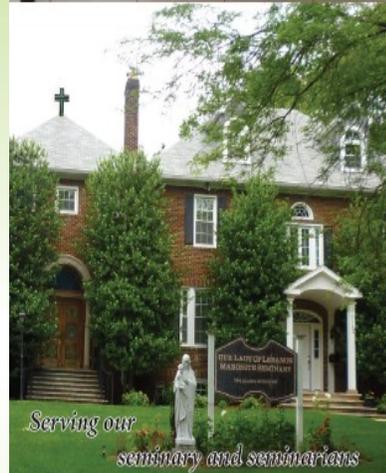
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- \_\_\_\_\_ In lieu of a regular ticket I would like to donate \$350.

All Supporters will be acknowledged at the virtual event and in our post event report.

Please make checks payable to "Eparchy of Saint Maron" and return in the enclosed envelope.

Or make a donation online with a credit card at [www.stmaron.org/eparchial-benefit](http://www.stmaron.org/eparchial-benefit)

For questions, please email [saintmaron@yahoo.com](mailto:saintmaron@yahoo.com) or call 718-237-9913.

## Sunday Divine Liturgy Schedule

Starting Sunday, September 5, we will have two Divine Liturgies on Sundays at 9 am & 11:30 am.

## Maronite Catholic Formation (Sunday School)

Registration for Sunday School is underway. 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 and not wait until the last minute. Classes begin on Sunday, September 26th at 10 am. The program will run until the end of May with two or three in-person classes and one on Zoom monthly. Please [print the form online](#) and email it to [Lily Elhaje](mailto:Lily.Elhaje)

## Maronite Catholic Formation (Sunday School)

Any parishioner who would like to help with Maronite Catholic Formation (Sunday School) as a teacher or substitute, please contact Norma Haddad on her [email](#).

## Arabic Class Registration

Adult Arabic Class registration has begun. Please see Leila Vogl if you are interested.

## The Yearly Benefit Eparchial Dinner

Each October, the Eparchy has a Benefit Dinner to raise funds for educating seminarians, expanding ministries, and supporting parishes and missions in need in the Eparchy. Also, 10% of the proceeds are given to help in Lebanon and the Middle East. This year's Benefit Event will be held by Zoom on **Thursday, October 7, 2021 at 7:00 pm Eastern Time**, and will also honor the many dedicated people and organizations who are helping alleviate the suffering in Lebanon during these difficult times. Please visit <http://www.stmaron.org/eparchial-benefit> to register and make a donation. Please support this important event – the Church needs your support this year more than ever. For more information, please email [saintmaron@yahoo.com](mailto:saintmaron@yahoo.com) or call 718-237-9913. Thank you.

## Cathedral Cedar Remembrance Tree

Parishioners and friends can now remember their deceased and honor the 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 up their Church donation 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](#). During the last meeting, it was determined that \$125.00 per household a month will help meet the Church's budget.

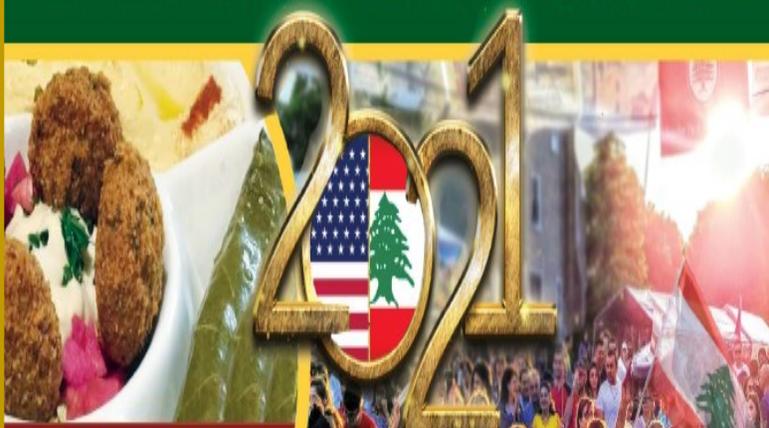
## Bulletin Advertisement

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.

## Roe v. Wade Movie

The movie Roe v. Wade is on Amazon and iTunes. Even though it is currently popular in drama, some platforms are making it impossible to find it. Please let us support this movie to uncover the lies behind the industry of abortion. Please click here for [iTunes](#) and here for [Amazon](#)

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## Sunday Readings

### قراءات الأحد

#### Sixteenth Sunday of Pentecost

#### Letter to the Romans 8: 18-27

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us.

For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God;

for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now;

and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen?

But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.

And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

#### The Gospel according to Saint Luke 18:9-14

Jesus also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt:

‘Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector.

The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people:

thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector.

I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income."

But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!"

I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.

#### الأحد السادس عشر من زمن العنصرة

#### رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل رومة 8: 18-27.

يا إخوتي: إني أحسب أن آلام الوقت الحاضر لا تُوازي المجد الذي سوف يتجلى فينا.

فإن الخليقة تنتظر بفارغ الصبر تجلي أبناء الله؛ لأن الخليقة أخضعت للباطل، لا طوعاً، بل «بسلطان الله

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الروح، نحن أيضاً نئن في أنفسنا، منتظرين التبري أي فداء جسدينا. فإننا بالرجاء خلصنا. والرجاء الذي يرى

ليس رجاء. فهل يرجو أحد ما يراه؟

أما إذا كنا نرجو ما لا نراه، فبالصبر نتنظره.

وهكذا فالروح نفسه يعضدنا في ضعفنا، لأننا لا نعرف

أن نصلي كما ينبغي، لكن الروح نفسه يشفع لنا بأنات لا توصف.

والذي يفحص القلوب يعرف رغبة الروح، وهي أنه

يشفع للقديسين بما يوافق مشيئة الله.

#### إنجيل القديس لوقا 18: 9-14.

قال الرب يسوع هذا المثل للناس يتقون في أنفسهم أنهم أبرار، ويحتقرون الآخرين:

«رجلان صعدا إلى الهيكل ليصليا، أحدهما فريسي والآخر عشار.

فوقف الفريسي يصلي في نفسه ويقول: اللهم، أشكرك لأني لست كباقي الناس الظالمين الزناة، ولا

كهذا العشار.

إني أصوم مرتين في الأسبوع، وأؤدي العشر عن كل ما أقتني.

أما العشار فوقف بعيداً وهو لا يريد حتى أن يرفع عينيه إلى السماء، بل كان يفرغ صدره قائلاً: اللهم، اصفح

عني أنا الخاطيء!

أقول لكم إن هذا نزل إلى بيته مبرراً، أما ذاك فلا! لأن

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