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# The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

## September 12th, 2021

Sun., September 12	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross 9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners 11:30 am for Mounira Elkhoury Haddad	St. Cornelius the Centurion  Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Pierre Haddad
Mon., September 13	NO LITURGY St. Christopher	
Tues., September 14	10 am Divine Liturgy The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Actual Feast)	
Wed., September 15	10 am Divine Liturgy Sts. Shaina & Sassine	
Thurs., September 16	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage	
Fri., September 17	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Sophia & her three Daughters	
Sat., September 18	10 am Divine Liturgy The Flight of the Lord Jesus into Egypt	
Sun., September 19	1st Sunday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross 9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners 11:30 am for President Bachir Gemayel & his companions	St. Januarius.  Req. by the Lebanese Forces of NY

### 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 2020.**

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### 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.

Please click [here](#) to sponsor a family and for additional information.

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

This Sunday we are celebrating the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross and on Tuesday, September 14th, the actual feast day, we begin a new liturgical season reflecting on the spirituality of the cross and the suffering of the present time while always looking intently with joy toward the second coming of Christ.

The reading for the feast comes from the first chapter of Paul's Letter to the Corinthians. It reads, "For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God" (1 Corinthians 1:18). These words from Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles, reminded me of what Cardinal Sako, the Patriarch of the Chaldean Catholic Church of Iraq, said early this week at the 52nd International Eucharistic Congress in Budapest. "One night in 2014 [because of ISIS], 120,000 people left their homes without anything, with only their clothes. And we admire that no one left his faith. No one was converted to Islam just to stay at home and be protected. All of them, they left their houses to go to other cities in Kurdistan."

For some believers and non-believers alike, this sounds absurd and unreasonable. It would have been much easier and safer for those Iraqi Christians to deny their faith and become Muslim instead of risking their life and losing everything they had to strangers. Outsiders to the Catholic faith do not understand the logic of those Chaldeans and consider it foolishness. Faith for many is a commodity and going to Church on Sunday might be a social event, but for the persecuted Christians in the Middle East their religion is part of their identity. Thus, the cross for them is the power of God and "God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength" (1 Corinthians 1: 25). St. Paul expressed this differently in his Letter to the Romans, "I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ... We ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies" (Romans 8:18, 23).

My friends, if we proclaim Christ crucified, we are anticipating indirectly his second coming. Throughout the liturgical year and especially during passion week, the emphasis is on carrying the cross and bearing the suffering the world throws at us. May I suggest that during the Season of the Holy Cross, we experience being powerless, carried by the cross, being hung on it where we totally surrender ourselves to God, but with our eyes fixed on the sky awaiting with patient endurance the joyful second coming of Christ.



### Confraternity Meeting

On Sunday September 12th, the Confraternity will hold their first meeting of this season on Zoom at 7 pm. Please email me if you did not receive the details of the meeting.

### Sunday Divine Liturgy Schedule

We are now celebrating the Divine Liturgy on Sundays at 9 & 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 Grades) 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 registration form online](#) and email it to [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 7th, 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.

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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

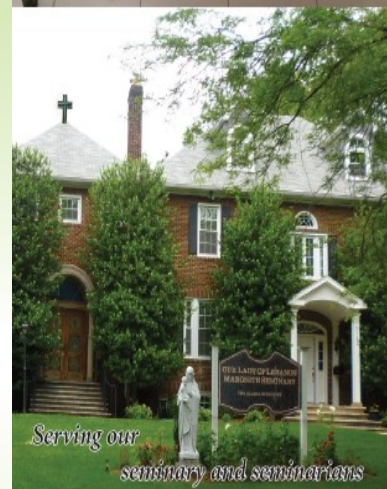
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## Sunday Readings

### قراءات الأحد

#### Feast of the Exaltation of the Glorious Cross

##### The First Letter to the Corinthians 1:18-25

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.'

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

##### The Holy Gospel according to Saint John 12:20-32

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. 'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say "Father, save me from this hour"?

No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.'

The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.'

Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out.

And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.'

#### عيد ارتفاع الصليب المقدس

رسالة القديس بولس الأولى إلى أهل كورنتس 1:18-25  
يا إخوتي، إِنَّ كَلِمَةَ الصَّليبِ عِنْدَ الْهَالِكِينَ حَمَاقَةٌ، أَمَّا عِنْدَنَا نَحْنُ الْمُخْلَصِينَ فَهِيَ قُوَّةُ اللَّهِ؛

لأنَّه مَكْتُوبٌ: «سَأَبِيدُ حِكْمَةَ الْحُكَمَاءِ، وَأَرُدُّهُمْ فَهُمْ الْفُهْمَاءُ.»  
فَأَيْنَ الْحَكِيم؟ وَأَيْنَ عَالِمُ الشَّرِيعَةِ؟ وَأَيْنَ الْبَاحِثُ فِي أُمُورِ هَذَا الدَّهْرِ؟ أَمَّا جَعَلَ اللَّهُ حِكْمَةَ هَذَا الْعَالَمِ حَمَاقَةً؟

فَإِنَّمَا أَنَّ الْعَالَمَ بِحِكْمَتِهِ مَا عَرَفَ اللَّهَ بِحَسَبِ حِكْمَةِ اللَّهِ، رَضِيَ اللَّهُ أَنْ يُخَلِّصَ بِحَمَاقَةِ الْبَشَارَةِ الَّذِينَ يُؤْمِنُونَ؛

لأنَّ الْيَهُودَ يَطْلُبُونَ الْآيَاتِ، وَالْيُونَانِيِّينَ يَلْتَمِسُونَ الْحِكْمَةَ.  
أَمَّا نَحْنُ فَتَنَادِي بِمَسِيحٍ مَصْلُوبٍ، هُوَ عِتَارٌ لِلْيَهُودِ وَحَمَاقَةٌ لِلْأُمَمِ.  
وَأَمَّا لِلْمَدْعُوبِينَ أَنْفُسِهِمْ، مِنَ الْيَهُودِ وَالْيُونَانِيِّينَ، فَهُوَ مَسِيحٌ، قُوَّةُ اللَّهِ وَحِكْمَةُ اللَّهِ؛

فَمَا يَبْدُو أَنَّهُ حَمَاقَةٌ مِنَ اللَّهِ هُوَ أَحْكَمُ مِنَ النَّاسِ، وَمَا يَبْدُو أَنَّهُ ضَعْفٌ مِنَ اللَّهِ هُوَ أَقْوَى مِنَ النَّاسِ.

#### إنجيل القديس يوحنا 12:20-32

كَانَ بَيْنَ الصَّاعِدِينَ لِيَسْجُدُوا فِي الْعِيدِ، بَعْضُ الْيُونَانِيِّينَ.  
فَدَنَا هَؤُلَاءِ مِنْ فِيلِبُّسَ الَّذِي مِنْ بَيْتِ صَيْدَا الْجَلِيلِ، وَسَأَلُوهُ قَائِلِينَ:  
«يَا سَيِّدُ، نُرِيدُ أَنْ نَرَى يَسُوعَ.»

فَجَاءَ فِيلِبُّسُ وَقَالَ لَأَنْدَرَاوُسَ، وَجَاءَ أَنْدَرَاوُسُ وَفِيلِبُّسُ وَقَالَا لِيَسُوعَ.

فَأَجَابَهُمَا يَسُوعُ قَائِلًا: «لَقَدْ حَانَتْ السَّاعَةُ لِكَيِ يُمَجَّدَ ابْنُ الْإِنْسَانِ.  
الْحَقُّ الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ: إِنَّ حَبَّةَ الْحِنْطَةِ، إِنْ لَمْ تَقَعْ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَتَمُتْ، تَبْقَى وَاحِدَةً. وَإِنْ مَاتَتْ تَأْتِي بِثَمَرٍ كَثِيرٍ.  
مَنْ يُحِبُّ نَفْسَهُ يَفْقِدْهَا، وَمَنْ يُبْغِضْهَا فِي هَذَا الْعَالَمِ يَحْفَظُهَا لِحَيَاةٍ أَبَدِيَّةٍ.»

مَنْ يَخْدُمُنِي فَلْيَتْبَعْنِي. وَحَيْثُ أَكُونُ أَنَا، فَهَنَّاكَ يَكُونُ أَيْضًا خَادِمِي. مَنْ يَخْدُمُنِي يُكْرِمُهُ الْآبُ.

نَفْسِي الْآنَ مُضْطَرَبَّةٌ، فَمَاذَا أَقُولُ؟ يَا أَبَتِ، نَجِّنِي مِنْ هَذِهِ السَّاعَةِ؟ وَلَكِنْ مِنْ أَجْلِ هَذَا بَلَّغْتُ إِلَى هَذِهِ السَّاعَةِ!  
يَا أَبَتِ، مَجِّدْ أَسْمَكَ. «فَجَاءَ صَوْتُ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ يَقُولُ: «قَدْ مَجَّدْتُ، وَسَأَمَجِّدُ.»

وَسَمِعَ الْجَمْعُ الْحَاضِرُ فَقَالُوا: «إِنَّهُ رَعْدٌ.» وَقَالَ آخَرُونَ: «إِنَّ مَلَاكًا خَاطَبَةً.»

أَجَابَ يَسُوعُ وَقَالَ: «مَا كَانَ هَذَا الصَّوْتُ مِنْ أَجْلِي، بَلْ مِنْ أَجْلِكُمْ.»

هِيَ الْآنَ دَبُّونَةُ هَذَا الْعَالَمِ. الْآنَ يُطْرَدُ سُلْطَانُ هَذَا الْعَالَمِ خَارِجًا.  
وَأَنَا إِذَا رُفِعْتُ عَنِ الْأَرْضِ، جَذَبْتُ إِلَيَّ الْجَمِيعَ.»

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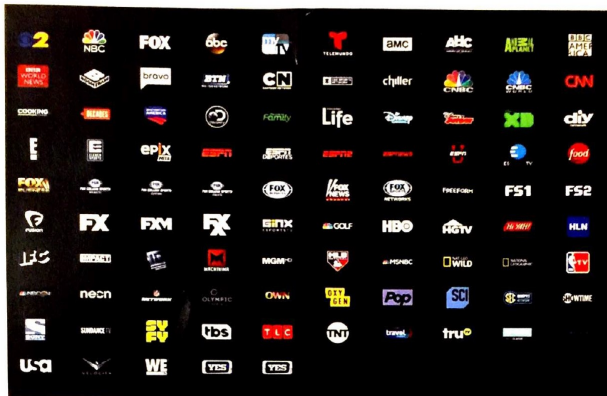
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