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**THIRD
SUNDAY**

**AFTER
HOLY
CROSS**



Third Sunday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross *October 3rd, 2021*

Sun., October 3	3rd Sunday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross 9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners 11:30 am for Sami Nassour	St. Dionysius the Areopagite/ St. Theodore Guerin Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Tony Nassour
Mon., October 4	NO LITURGY St. Francis of Assisi	
Tues., October 5	11 am Divine Liturgy for Dumit Karam Azizi St. Paul the Simple	Req. by Mrs. Salma Vahdat
Wed., October 6	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Thomas	
Thurs., October 7	10 am Divine Liturgy for Nicolas & Sofia Del Puerto Sts. Sarkis (Sergius) & Bacchus	Req. by Julie Aguilera
Fri., October 8	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Pelagia of Antioch	
Sat., October 9	10 am Divine Liturgy St. James, the Brother of the Lord	
Sun., October 10	4th Sunday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross 9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners 11:30 am for Odette, Elias & Renee Diab 40 Day for Pierre Dib	St. Eulampius, Eulampia & Companions Req. by Phillip, Raymonda & Marie Antoinette Diab Req. by the Family

September 2021 Financial Standing

Ordinary Income

- ♦ Collections on Sundays & Holy Days: **\$11,866.41**
- ♦ Cathedral Stipends from Marriages & Funerals, Hall Rent, Candles, Breakfast, Luncheon, Raffle, Dues, Religious Education, Flowers **\$5,611.00**

Total Ordinary Income: \$17,477.41

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: \$17,425.84

Total Ordinary Income vs Expenses: \$51.57

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.

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

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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.

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

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The prediction of the events of the end times followed by the second coming of Christ in the Gospel readings of the Season of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross last Sunday and in the weeks to come may terrify the listeners. We cannot be blamed for being afraid when we read in Matthew 24: 4-8, as Jesus answered his disciples, "Beware that no one leads you astray. For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Messiah!' and they will lead many astray. And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars; see that you are not alarmed; for this must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places: all this is but the beginning of the birth pangs."

Expressions such as "the end is not yet" and "all this is but the beginning of the birth pangs" breed even more anxiety leading to the belief that worse things are about to happen. Matthew continued in the same chapter, "Then they will hand you over to be tortured and will put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of my name. Then many will fall away, and they will betray one another and hate one another. And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. And because of the increase of lawlessness, the love of many will grow cold" (Matthew 24: 9-12). These Gospel passages might impel a few people to claim to have precise knowledge about when the end of the world will occur. If we were to do a google search today on when the end times are to take place, I am almost certain that someone predicted it to come about soon.

Nonetheless, these authors are not to be criticized or reproached for feeling inspired to spend time and ink on such disasters. In fact, Matthew 24 provided them with more materials to write about the end of the age: "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." Faced with these predictions of future calamities, people should not be faulted for being afraid and acting as if there is no God to protect them.

HOWEVER, these events are not to be read in a vacuum without the liturgical context which is the proper forum for its correct interpretation. That our Syriac Fathers chose to have these readings during the Season of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross speaks volumes. The cross also terrified people in Greco-Roman times and was state-sponsored terrorism. It was a form of capital punishment for those who had undermined the authority of the Romans. But for Christians it became their instrument of salvation. When read through the lens of the cross of Christ by the faithful, these events preceding the second coming should no longer be a source of terror. These catastrophes, fears and tribulations are best understood in the light of the cross which is the best shield and refuge against them.

My friends, if we fear the cross, we will for sure be afraid hearing about the events of the end times and the second coming of Christ. The events of the end of the world may cause fear for non-believers, but for us who know the cross these catastrophes are only preceding the second coming of Christ which we desire so much.

Abouna Dominique

Confraternity Meeting

The Confraternity will meet in person this Sunday after the 11:30 am Divine Liturgy.

Sajj Sunday Sponsored by the Knights

On Sunday, October 10th, the Knights of St. Maron are sponsoring a sajj breakfast after Church. Please support them.

Order of St. Sharbel Awareness Sunday

This year, October 10th is designated as "Order of Saint Sharbel Sunday" in our Eparchy. On October 10th, all Maronite parishes will be promoting the Order. 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 six men studying in Washington and two in Lebanon for our Eparchy. Please prayerfully consider joining the Order. You may enroll online at www.orderstsharbel.org or ask Father Dominique for more information.

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, October 3rd, 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](#).

Interested in Joining the Choir?

The choir of the Cathedral would like to welcome anyone interested in joining them to praise the Lord in a more dedicated way. We are also looking for someone who knows the Maronite music to play the organ. Please make sure to see Christiane Merhej after the 11:30 Divine Liturgy.

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 click [here](#) 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](#) us or call 718-237-9913. Thank you.

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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 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

+ Gregory John Mansour
Bishop of the Eparchy of Saint Maron



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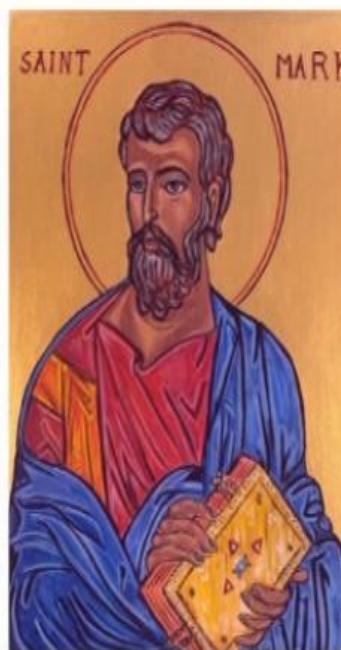
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Father Dominique Hanna at (718) 624-7228 or cathrectory@verizon.net.



SUBDEACON MICHEL RABBAH'S ICON EXHIBITION

SATURDAY

October 9, 2021
1pm-7pm

SUNDAY

October 10, 2021
10am-7pm

St. John Paul II
Maronite Catholic Church
199 North Broadway
Sleepy Hollow, NY 10591

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 according 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، اقْتَدُوا بِي، وَأَنْظُرُوا إِلَى الَّذِينَ يَسْلُكُونَ عَلَى مِثَالِنَا. فَكَثِيرٌ مِنْ أَوْلِيكَ الَّذِينَ كُنْتُ أَكَلِّمُكُمْ عَنْهُمْ مِرَارًا، وَأَكَلِّمُكُمْ عَنْهُمْ الْآنَ بَاكِيًا، يَسْلُكُونَ كَأَعْدَاءٍ لِصَلِيبِ الْمَسِيحِ، أَوْلِيكَ الَّذِينَ عَاقَبْتُهُمْ الْهَلَاكِ، أَوْلِيكَ الَّذِينَ إِلَهُهُمْ بَطْنُهُمْ، وَمَجْدُهُمْ فِي عَارِهِمْ، وَفِي أُمُورِ الْأَرْضِ هُمُومُهُمْ.

أَمَّا نَحْنُ فَمَدِينَتُنَا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ، وَمِنْهَا نَنْتَظِرُ الرَّبَّ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحَ مُخْلِصًا. وَهُوَ سَيُغَيِّرُ جَسَدَ هَوَانِنَا، فَيَجْعَلُهُ عَلَى صُورَةِ جَسَدِ مَجْدِهِ، وَفَقًا لِعَمَلِ قُدْرَتِهِ، الَّتِي بِهَا يُخْضِعُ لِنَفْسِهِ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ. إِذَا، يَا إِخْوَتِي، الَّذِينَ أَحْبَبْتُمْ وَأَشْتَقُ إِلَيْهِمْ، وَأَنْتُمْ فَرَحِي وَإِكْلِيلِي، أَتَبْنُوا هكَذَا 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 يَقُومُ مُسَحَاءٌ كَذِبَةٌ وَأَنْبِيَاءُ كَذِبَةٌ، وَيَأْتُونَ بِآيَاتٍ عَظِيمَةٍ وَخَوَارِقَ، لِيُضِلُّوا الْمُخْتَارِينَ أَنْفُسَهُمْ، لَوْ قَدَرُوا.

هَآ إِنِّي قَدْ أَنْبَأْتُكُمْ!

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

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

حَيْثُ تَكُونُ الْجَنَّةُ هُنَاكَ تَجْتَمِعُ النَّسُورُ.

وَحَالًا بَعْدَ ضِيقِ تِلْكَ الْأَيَّامِ، الشَّمْسُ تُظْلِمُ، وَالْقَمَرُ لَا يُعْطِي ضَوْءَهُ، وَالنُّجُومُ تَتَسَاقَطُ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ، وَقَوَاتِ السَّمَاوَاتِ تَتَزَعَّرُ.

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

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

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