

FOURTH
SUNDAY

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AFTER
HOLY
CROSS



Fourth Sunday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross October 10th, 2021

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	Sts. Eulampius, Eulampia & Companions Req. by Phillip, Raymonda & Marie Antoinette Diab Req. by the Family
Mon., October 11	NO LITURGY St. Philip the Deacon / Pope St. John XXIII / The First Council of Nicaea (325)	
Tues., October 12	10 am Divine Liturgy for Peter Edward Vairo St. Edno	Req. by Mr. James Haddad
Wed., October 13	10 am Divine Liturgy for Nancy Colgan Sts. Carpus, Papyrus & Companions	Req. by Mr. James Haddad
Thurs., October 14	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Isaiah the Monk	
Fri., October 15	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Teresa of Avila, Doctor of the Church	
Sat., October 16	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Longinus, Commander of the Legion	
Sun., October 17	5th Sunday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross 9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners 11:30 am for Elie Safi for Eddy & Martha Manasseh on their 50th wedding anniversary	Sts. Cosmas & Damian Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Safi

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**

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.

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

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

For a lot of people, Monday felt as if it was the end of the world. From 12 noon and for the next six hours Facebook, WhatsApp and Instagram went dark because of a glitch in the system. When these social media platforms, which are the WORLD for some, went off the grid, the end times were happening. The ripple effects of Facebook's massive outage reverberated across the world. A news outlet reported, "From Mumbai to Mexico City, billions of people were abruptly cast adrift when Facebook vanished from the internet and its family of platforms, Instagram and WhatsApp, stopped loading new content. Facebook alone has almost 3 billion users -- more than a third of the world's population."

At least 3 billion who made their lives dependent on social media must have suffered emotionally. For them it was the end of the world: "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" (Matthew 24: 29). This verse is from last Sunday's Gospel. People have been relying on the sun, the moon and the stars from the beginning of creation. For the past twenty years Facebook, WhatsApp, Instagram and other online channels have taken over the world's social interaction and have become the sun, moon and stars for their users.

In Genesis 1: 14-19, God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good." It is obvious that the two great lights the author of Genesis is talking about are the sun and the moon, and also the stars were clearly mentioned. By predicting the darkening of the sun, the extinguishing of the light of the moon, and the falling of the stars from the sky at the end times, it seems the Creator is undoing the beautiful creation of his own hand in the beginning.

People throughout the ages were fascinated by the endless heat of the sun, by the light of the moon and by the stars adorning the firmament to say the least. Generation after generation started adoring the sun, the moon and the stars instead of the one who created them, God. People were awed by the creation and ignored the creator to the point where many even denied God's existence. I think it is very wise on God's part to darken the sun, to turn off the moon, and to make the stars fall from the sky at the end of the world so that no one would be distracted from HIM. God wants us to worship him. Anything that takes his place he is willing to diminish and reduce.

In modern days, Facebook, WhatsApp, Instagram and the rest of their online family have distracted the world by sometimes becoming false messiahs and false prophets to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. Let what happened last Monday be a lesson for all of us to bring God to the center of our lives, so if a bug puts a stop to an online system or program, so we know that God's high speed connection with us is never at risk.

Abouna Dominique

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)

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 began 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

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

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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PUMPKIN CARVING NIGHT

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Oct. 23 | 6:30 pm | Church Hall

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VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS

OCT. 21: THE DIVINE OFFICE:
STRUCTURE & SIGNIFICANCE

FR. AARON SANDBOTHE

OCT. 28: EASTERN CANON LAW
CHORBISHOP JOHN FARIS

NOV. 4: SUNDAYS OF THE
GLORIOUS BIRTH

FR. BOUTROS EL HACHEM

NOV. 11: THE CHRISTMAS
NOVENA

MSGR. JIM ROOT

Via Zoom on Thursdays 8:00-9:15PM

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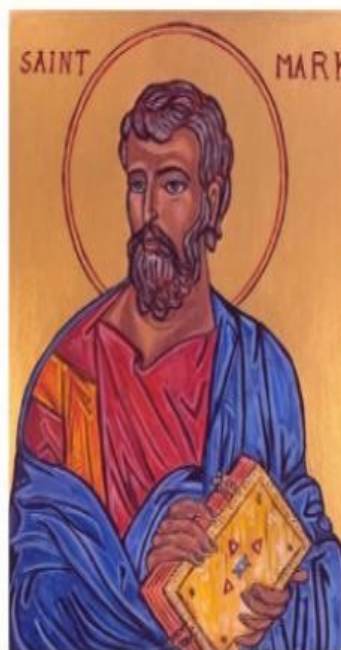
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If you are interested in becoming a Priest, Religious Sister, or Deacon, contact Vocations Director
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SUBDEACON MICHEL RABBAH'S ICON EXHIBITION

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

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 according to 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 5: 1-11

يَا إِخْوَتِي، أَمَّا الْأَزْمِنَةُ وَالْأَوْقَاتُ، أَيُّهَا الْإِخْوَةُ، فَلَا حَاجَةَ بِكُمْ أَنْ يُكْتَبَ إِلَيْكُمْ فِي شَأْنِهَا؛

لَأَنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ جَيِّدًا أَنَّ يَوْمَ الرَّبِّ يَأْتِي كَالسَّارِقِ لَيْلًا. فَجَئِينَ يَقُولُونَ: سَلَامٌ وَأَمْنٌ! حِينَئِذٍ يَدْهَمُهُمُ الْهَلَاكُ دَهُمَ الْمَخَاضِ لِلْحَبْلِ، وَلَا يُفْلِتُونَ.

أَمَّا أَنْتُمْ، أَيُّهَا الْإِخْوَةُ، فَلَسْتُمْ فِي ظُلْمَةٍ لِيُفَاجِئَكُمْ ذَلِكَ الْيَوْمُ كَالسَّارِقِ.

فَأَنْتُمْ كُلُّكُمْ أَبْنَاءُ النُّورِ، وَأَبْنَاءُ النَّهَارِ؛ وَلَسْنَا أَبْنَاءَ اللَّيْلِ وَلَا أَبْنَاءَ الظُّلْمَةِ.

إِذَا فَلَا نَنُمُ كَسَائِرِ النَّاسِ، بَلْ لِنَسْهَرُ وَنَصْحُ؛

لِأَنَّ الَّذِينَ يَنَامُونَ فِي اللَّيْلِ يَنَامُونَ، وَالَّذِينَ يَسْكُرُونَ فِي اللَّيْلِ يَسْكُرُونَ.

أَمَّا نَحْنُ أَبْنَاءُ النَّهَارِ، فَلْنَصْحُ لِنَسِيرَ دِرْعَ الْإِيمَانِ وَالْمَحَبَّةِ، وَوَأَضْعِبِينَ خُوْدَةَ رَجَاءِ الْخَلَاصِ.

فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ لَمْ يَجْعَلْنَا لِلْغَضَبِ، بَلْ لِإِحْرَازِ الْخَلَاصِ بِرَبِّنَا يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ،

الَّذِي مَاتَ مِنْ أَجْلِنَا، لِنَحْيَا مَعَهُ سَاهِرِينَ كُنَّا أَمْ نَائِمِينَ.

فَلِذَلِكَ شَجِّعُوا بَعْضُكُمْ بَعْضًا، وَلْيُبَيِّنِ الْوَاحِدُ الْآخَرَ، كَمَا أَنْتُمْ فَاعِلُونَ.

إنجيل القديس متى 24: 45-51

قَالَ الرَّبُّ يَسُوعُ: «مَنْ هُوَ الْعَبْدُ الْأَمِينُ الْحَكِيمُ الَّذِي أَقَامَهُ سَيِّدُهُ عَلَى أَهْلِ بَيْتِهِ، لِيُعْطِيَهُمُ الطَّعَامَ فِي جَبِينِهِ؟

طُوبَى لِذَلِكَ الْعَبْدِ الَّذِي يَجِيءُ سَيِّدُهُ فَيَجِدُهُ فَاعِلًا 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 يَعْرفُهَا،

فَيَفْصِلُهُ، وَيَجْعَلُ نَصِيبَهُ مَعَ الْمُرَائِينَ. هُنَاكَ يَكُونُ الْبُكَاءُ

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