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# **Exaltation of the Holy Cross** September 11th, 2022

Sun., September 11 Celebration of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross / St. Theodora of Alexandria 9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners 11:30 am (AT THE PICNIC) for Bechara Abi Daher by Mr. & Mrs. Edgard Abi Daher Mon., September 12 NO LITURGY St. Cornelius the Centurion Tues., September 13 10 am Divine Liturgy St. Christopher Wed., September 14 10 am Divine Liturgy of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Actual Feast) for Josephine Cervasio Cirello by Mrs. Salma Vahdat 7:30 pm Divine Liturgy of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Actual Feast) for President Bachir Gemayel by Robert Perillo Thurs., September 15 10 am Divine Liturgy St. Shaina / St. Sassine Fri., September 16 10 am Divine Liturgy St. Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage Sat., September 17 10 am Divine Liturgy St. Sophia and her Three Daughters Sun., September 18 First Sunday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross / The Flight of the Lord Jesus into Egypt

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### **August 2022 Financial Standing**

### **Ordinary Income**

- Collections on Sundays & Holy Days: \$11,307.81
- Cathedral Stipends from Marriages & Funerals, Hall Rent, Candles, Breakfast, Luncheon, Raffle, Dues, Religious Education, Flowers .... \$14,818.00 Total Ordinary Income: \$26,125.81

### **Ordinary Expenses**

 Payroll, Gas, Electricity, Building Insurance and Medical Insurance, Leasing Equipment, TV, Phone, Internet, Supplies for Church, Hall & Office, Postage, Regular Maintenance, Charity, Eparchial Appeal, Insurance.... \$16,147.66 Total Ordinary Expenses: \$16,147.66

**Total Ordinary Income vs Expenses: \$9,978.15** 

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:**



**PRAY FOR** 

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 <u>here</u> to sponsor a family and for additional information.

#### CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### The Fortieth Anniversary of the Ordination of Bishop Gregory to the Priesthood

Bishop Gregory will celebrate the 40th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on Sunday, September 18th. Our gathering begins with the Divine Liturgy at 11:30 am followed by a reception in the hall. In honor of Bishop Gregory, a fund has been set up in his name for the Maronite Seminary in DC to help with the education of the seminarians. You are welcome to make a donation in his honor to this fund.

#### **Eparchial Benefit 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. 25% of the net proceeds of this year's event will be directed to help in Lebanon and the Middle East, as they continue to need assistance now more than ever. The Thirteenth Annual Benefit Dinner will take place on Thursday evening, October 6th, at The Water Club. Please register <u>here</u> and make a donation. The Church relies on you and is always so grateful for your generosity. For more information, please click <u>here</u> or call 718-237-9913.

#### New MYA (Maronite Young Adults) Board

The MYA elected a new board: Isabel Hazar, President; Peter Nehmeh, Vice President; Matthew Nehmeh, Secretary; and Dany Aoun, Treasurer. We would like to thank the previous board for their hard work and wish the new board success and dedication.

#### New MYO (Maronite Youth Organization) Board

The MYO elected a new board: Loriana El Ádem, President; Andrea Safi, Vice President; and Chrystelle Diab, Secretary. We would like to thank the previous board for their hard work and wish the new board success and dedication.

#### **Maronite Catholic Formation**

Maronite Catholic Formation (Sunday School) classes begin on September 25th at 10 am. Please register your children as soon as possible by filling out this <u>form</u> and bringing it to Church. Any parishioner who would like to help with Maronite Catholic Formation (Sunday School) as a teacher or substitute, please contact Norma Haddad on her <u>email</u>.

#### **Arabic Class Registration**

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

#### Bishop Hanna Rahme of Baalbek - Deir El Ahmar's Visit to the Cathedral

The Bishop of Baalbek - Deir El Ahmar, Hanna Rahme, will be visiting the Cathedral on Sunday, October 2nd. He is coming to the United States to help fundraise for Al Mahabba Hospital in his diocese. We will have a breakfast sponsored by the Knights of St. Maron to assist with his cause. \$25 per person.

#### Save the Date

The Cathedral will hold its annual fundraising luncheon on Sunday, November 6th.

#### A Maronite Chapel at Ave Maria University

Ave Maria University is building a Maronite Chapel that truly will be a home away from home for Eastern Catholic students. Please click <u>here</u> to learn more.

#### **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 <u>here</u>. It was determined that a minimum of \$125.00 per household a month will help meet the Church's budget.

#### **Bulletin Advertisements**

Business owners, you may advertise your businesses in the Church bulletin that reaches over 600 households via email. For more information click <u>here</u> or call the rectory at 718-624-7228.

#### **Cathedral Cedar Remembrance Tree**

Parishioners and friends can now remember their deceased and honor their living with their names on the commemorative tree located in our Cathedral Chapel vestibule. Please click <u>here</u> for more details.

#### **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.



### 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 المقدّس

رسالة القديس بولس الأولى إلى أهل قورنتس 18:1-25 يا إخوَتِي، إنَّ كَلِمَةَ الصَّلِيبِ عِنْدَ الهَالِكِينَ حَمَاقَة، أَمَّا عِنْدَنَا نَحْنُ المُخَلِّصِينَ فَهِي قُوَّةُ الله؛ لأَنَّهُ مَكَثُوب: »سَأَبِيدُ حِكْمَةَ الحُكَمَاء، وأَرْذُلُ فَهْمَ الفُهَمَاء.«! فَأَيْنَ الحَكِيم؟ وأَيْنَ عَلِمُ الشَّرِيعَة؟ وأَيْنَ البَاحِثُ في أُمُورِ هذَا الدَّهْرِ ؟ أَمَا جَعَلَ اللهُ حِكْمَةَ هَذَا العَالَمِ حَمَاقَة؟ أَنَّ يُخَلِصَ بِحَمْتَةِ مَا عَرَفَ اللهَ بِحَسَبِ حِكْمَةِ اللهُ، رَضِيَ اللهُ فَمَا أَنَّ الْعَلَمَ بِحَمْتَةِ مَا عَرَفَ اللهُ بِحَسَبِ حِكْمَةِ اللهُ، رَضِيَ اللهُ أَنَّ يُخَلِصَ بِحَمَاقَة السَّارَةِ الْذِينَ يُؤْمِنُون؟ أَنَّ يُخَلِصَ بِحَمَاقَة السَّارَةِ الْذِينَ يُؤْمِنُون؟ اللهُ وَحِكْمَةُ الله، رَضِيَ اللهُ و أَمَّا لِلمَدْ عُوِّينَ أَنْفُسِهِم، مِنَ اليَهُودِ واليُونَانِيِين، فَهُوَ مَسَيحٌ، قُوَّةُ و أَمَّا لِلمَدْ عُوِّينَ أَنْفُسِهِم، مِنَ اليَهُودِ واليُونَانِيِين، وَعَارً لِليَهُودِ وحَمَاقَة لِلْأُمَ اللهُ وَحِكْمَةُ اللهُ عَمَا الله هُوَ أَمَّا لِلمَدْعُوِينَ الْعَلْمِ فَرُي اللهُ فَوْنَهُ اللهُ عَرَفَ الله و أَمَّا لِلمَدْ عُوِّينَ أَنْفُسِهِم، مِنَ اللَهُ هُوَ وَاليُونَانِيِينَ مِنْ المَاهُ وَحَمْمَةً للمُعَه. و أَمَّا لِلمَدْعُوِّينَ أَنْفُلَبِهِ مَعْمَالَة مُوَى الأَيْوَانَ المَهُ مَنَ اللهُ فَعُوْمَة مَسَابَعُهُ لِلْأَمَ

إنجيل القديس يوحنا 20:12-32



