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SIXTH
SUNDAY

AFTER
HOLY
CROSS



Sixth Sunday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross October 23rd, 2022

Sun., October 23	Sixth Sunday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross / St. Ignatius, Patriarch of Constantinople 9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners 11:30 am for Michel Merhej	by the Merhej Family
Mon., October 24	NO LITURGY St. Arethas (Hares) & his Companions	
Tues., October 25	10 am Divine Liturgy for Sami Nassour St. Chrysanthus and his wife Daria	by Mr. & Mrs. Tony Nassour
Wed., October 26	10 am Divine Liturgy for Sami Nassour St. Demetrius	by Mr. & Mrs. Tony Nassour
Thurs., October 27	10 am Divine Liturgy for Sami Nassour Sts. Capitolina & Eroteis of Cappadocia	by Mr. & Mrs. Tony Nassour
Fri., October 28	10 am Divine Liturgy for Sami Nassour St. Terence & his Companions	by Mr. & Mrs. Tony Nassour
Sat., October 29	10 am Divine Liturgy for Sami Nassour St. Anastasia of Rome	by Mr. & Mrs. Tony Nassour
Sun., October 30	Seventh Sunday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross / Sunday of Christ the King 9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners 11:30 am the Intentions of the Parishioners	

September 2022 Financial Standing

Ordinary Income

- ◆ Collections on Sundays & Holy Days: **\$12,219.00**
- ◆ Cathedral Stipends from Marriages & Funerals, Hall Rent, Candles, Breakfast, Luncheon, Raffle, Dues, Religious Education, Flowers **\$11,648.00**

Total Ordinary Income: \$23,867.00

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.... **\$26,917.63**

Total Ordinary Expenses: \$26,917.63

Total Ordinary Income vs Expenses: -\$3,050.63

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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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,

We will be concluding the Season of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross in two weeks. Let us now look back at the season in its entirety and draw a few good spiritual lessons. The Season of the Exaltation of the Cross might look different from other liturgical seasons in the Maronite Church. Usually, a particular season commemorates an event that either happened in Christ's life on earth, such as his glorious birth – Christ's incarnation and all the preceding announcements, or an event in the life of the early Church such as Pentecost – the descent of the Holy Spirit. Although it is not clear to what specific event this season points, it is pretty obvious that it refers to the cross, yet the readings and Gospels of every Sunday from the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross to the last Sunday in October talk mostly about the Second Coming of Christ.

During Passion Week, the focus is on Jesus' suffering and resurrection and it seems that the meaning of the cross in people's lives is lost among the various ceremonies and celebrations of Easter. In my opinion, this season of seven weeks – in most years – is about exploring how to carry our cross while waiting for the Second Coming of Christ. The first Sunday after the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross emphasizes a servant-leader model. Jesus explained in Mark 10: 35-45, "Among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all." In general, the cross implies suffering, and when in pain people have a tendency to forget about the world around them and focus on themselves and getting better and recovering. In principle that is fine and logical, but this season admonishes us to keep on serving while going through painful times. It takes a lot of effort to call friends and check on them when you yourself are suffering in bed and cannot take the pain anymore.

At least three Sunday Gospels of this season talk about the events that precede the Second Coming of Christ. These passages taken from Matthew 24 start with the disciples while in Jerusalem asking Jesus to tell them when the destruction of the Temple will be and what the sign of his coming at the end of the age will be. Jesus warned them about false messiahs and false prophets who would produce great signs and omens and lead many astray. In various place in Matthew 24, Jesus continued his warning: "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. Then they will hand you over to be tortured and will put you to death, and you will be hated [and betrayed] by all nations because of my name." "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." (These verses are taken from different sections of Matthew 24 and do not appear in sequence in this quote). Reading about these events at the end of the world terrifies people and makes them fearful. Like suffering, fear makes people think about themselves, forgetting others and their surroundings. All their energy will be devoted to getting out of these terrifying situations and this may consume them with fear. Again, the best remedy to drive away all fear is to serve. The Gospel of the fourth Sunday after the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross asks, "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?"

IS IT ME? IS IT YOU?

Abgana Dominique

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

MYO Gathering

The MYO will gather on Saturday, October 22nd, at the Cathedral at 7 pm.

Annual Fundraising Luncheon

The Cathedral will hold its annual fundraising luncheon on Sunday, November 6th, at 4 pm at Baalbek Restaurant (2600 Tonnelles Ave., North Bergen, NJ 07047). Please join us for a great afternoon where you can enjoy a full Lebanese meal and entertainment provided by Tony Mercho and Band. \$75 per person ages 3 to 12 and \$125 per person ages 12 years old and up.

Family Rosary

Join the Eparchy to pray the Rosary as a family "To Build A Culture of Life & To Overcome Evil in the World" on October 10th, November 14th, and December 12th at 8 pm. Please use the following zoom link: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86930399981?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86930399981?pwd=SnJXSU9kRnprdEs1NnBWdTBPWTFXdz09)
[pwd=SnJXSU9kRnprdEs1NnBWdTBPWTFXdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86930399981?pwd=SnJXSU9kRnprdEs1NnBWdTBPWTFXdz09) Meeting ID: 869 3039 9981
Passcode: 962607

Vocations Awareness Poster-Essay

Students grades K to 12 are encouraged to participate in the Vocations Awareness Poster-Essay Multimedia Contest through NAM. Click [here](#) for guidelines and information. Also, you can see Subdeacon Adonis El-Asmar or Marian Ciaccia for more information. This year let us have more students take part in the contest.

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](#). 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 [here](#) or call the rectory at 718-624-7228.

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 [here](#) for more details.

St. Michael Maronite Church and the VanHeusen Family
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THE ORDINATION OF
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Sunday Readings

قراءات الأحد

The Sixth Sunday after The Cross

The Letter to the Galatians 6:1-10

My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ. For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves.

All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. For all must carry their own loads. Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher. Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

The Gospel according to Saint Matthew 25:14-30

'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time, the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter?"

Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.

As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

الأحد السادس بعد عيد الصليب

رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل غلاطية 6:1-10

يا إخوتي، إن أخذ إنسان برّلة، فأصلحوه أنتم الرّوجيين بروح الوداعة، وأخذز أنت لنفسك لئلا تُجرب أيضاً. إحملوا بغضكم أنقال بعض، وهكذا أتموا شريعة المسيح. إن ظن أحد أنه شيء، وهو لا شيء، فقد خدع نفسه. فليمتحن كل واحد عمله، وجيند يكون افتخاره في نفسه فقط لا في غيره. فإن كل واحد سيحمل جملته الخاص.

من يتعلم كلمة الإيمان، فليشارك معلمه في جميع الخيرات. لا تصلوا! فإن الله لا يستهزأ به. فكل ما يزرعه الإنسان، فإياه يحصد أيضاً. فالذي يزرع في جسده، يحصد من الجسد فساداً؛ والذي يزرع في الروح، يحصد من الروح حياة أبدية. فلا نمل عمل الخير، ولا نكل، لأننا سنحصده في أوانه.

إذا فما دام لنا متسع من الوقت، فلنصنع الخير إلى جميع الناس، وخصوصاً إلى أهل الإيمان.

إنجيل القديس متى 30-14:25

قال الرب يسوع: «يشبه ملكوت السماوات رجلاً أراد السفر، فدعا عبده، وسلمهم أمواله. فأعطى واحداً خمس ورنات، وآخر ورتين، وآخر وزنة واحدة، كلاً على قدر طاقته، وسافر. وفي الحال مضى الذي أخذ الورتات الخمس، وتاجر بها فربح خمس ورنات أخرى.

وكذلك الذي أخذ الورتين ربح ورتين أخريين.

أما الذي أخذ الوزنة الواحدة فمضى وحفر في الأرض، وأخفى فضة سيده.

وبعد زمان طويل، عاد سيد أولئك العبيد، وحاسبهم.

ودنا الذي أخذ الورتات الخمس، فقدم خمس ورنات أخرى قائلاً: يا سيدي، سلمتني خمس ورنات، وهذه خمس ورنات أخرى قد ربحتها! قال له سيده: يا لك عبداً صالحاً وأميناً! كنت أميناً على القليل، سأقيمك على الكثير: أدخل إلى فرح سيدي!

ودنا الذي أخذ الورتين فقال: يا سيدي، سلمتني ورتين، وهاتان ورتان أخريان قد ربحتهما. قال له سيده: يا لك عبداً صالحاً وأميناً! كنت أميناً على القليل، سأقيمك على الكثير: أدخل إلى فرح سيدي!

ثم دنا الذي أخذ الوزنة الواحدة وقال: يا سيدي، عرفتك رجلاً قاسياً، تحصد من حيث لم تزرع، وتجمع من حيث لم تبذر.

فخفت وذهبت وأخفيت ورنتك في الأرض، فهذا هو ما لك!

فاجاب سيده وقال له: «يا عبداً شريراً كسلاً، عرفت أنني أحصد من حيث لم أزرع، وأجمع من حيث لم أبذر، فكان عليك أن تضع فضتي على طاولة الصيارفة، حتى إذا عُدْتُ، استرجعت ما لي مع فائدته.

فخذوا منه الوزنة وأعطوها لمن له الورتات العشر.

فكل من له يعطى ويزداد، ومن ليس له يؤخذ منه حتى ما هو له.

وهذا العبد الذي لا نفع منه أخرجوه والقوه في الظلمة البرانية. هناك يكون البكاء وصريف الأسنان

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