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Sunday of the Entrance into Lent / Miracle at Cana in Galilee February 19th, 2023

Sun., February 19	Sunday of the Entrance into Lent / Miracle at Cana in 9 am for Sami Nassour 11:30 am for Armita Fucci on her 75th Birthday	Galilee / The 500 Martyrs of Tyre by Mr. & Mrs. Adib El Houayek by Marilyn Nader
Mon., February 20	7:30 pm Liturgy of the Blessing and Imposition of Ashes St. James, the Hermit of Cyrrhus	
Tues., February 21	10 am Divine Liturgy for Sami Nassour for Damon Smith St. Eustathius, Patriach of Antioch	by Mr. & Mrs. Adib El Houayek by Mr. & Mrs. Jorge & Barbara Leon
Wed., February 22	10 am Divine Liturgy for Sami Nassour 7:30 pm Divine Liturgy of St. Sharbel Establishment of the Chair of St. Peter in Antioch	by Mr. & Mrs. Adib El Houayek
Thurs., February 23	10 am Divine Liturgy for Sami Nassour for Mary, Thomas, Tommy &	by Mr. & Mrs. Adib El Houayek
	Rosemary Perun St. Polycarp of Smyrna	by Mr. & Mrs. Jorge & Barbara Leon
Fri., February 24	10 am Divine Liturgy for Sami Nassour St. Margaret the Penitent	by Mr. & Mrs. Adib El Houayek
Sat., February 25	10 am Divine Liturgy for Sami Nassour Pope St. Felix II	by Mr. & Mrs. Adib El Houayek
Sun., February 26	Sunday of the Healing of the Leper / St. Alexander, Patriach of Alexandria	
	9 am for Sami Nassour 11:30 am for Marilyn Nader &	by Mr. & Mrs. Adib El Houayek
	Lorraine Ingrilli & Families	by Marilyn Nader

January 2023 Financial Standing Ordinary Income

- Collections on Sundays & Holy Days: \$30,164.00
- Cathedral Stipends from Marriages & Funerals, Hall Rent, Candles, Breakfast, Luncheon, Raffle, Dues, Religious Education, Flowers \$25,957.57

Total Ordinary Income: \$56,121.57

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....\$29,430.97 Total Ordinary Expenses: \$29,430.97

Total Ordinary Income vs Expenses: \$26,690.60

Do you know? A couple of basic monthly expenses: Cathedral monthly building insurance: \$4,084.00 Monthly Eparchial Assessment & Bishop's Appeal: \$2,125.00

The Cathedral's Building Insurance will increase 19% this year. We will be paying \$49,000 a year.

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

HELP LEBANON!



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.

BY CHECK:

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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.

Dear Parishioners & Friends:

By Fr. Church VanHeusen

Do Whatever He Tells You

Do Whatever He Tells You is a beautiful, simple statement, and a wonderful command for us to always follow. And this statement, made by the Blessed Mother at Cana, is also a statement that comes from love: love for others to help them, save them, guide them.

So, do we comply? When we talk of transformation, repentance, doing whatever Christ tells us, we are talking about us aligning our lives with the Church, doing God's will as our top priority. To help and guide us we have the Ten Commandments, the Precepts of the Church, our teachings. Do we know and understand what Christ, through the Church, is asking us to do? We should always strive to know and follow the teachings of the Church, and during Lent we are called to focus on how we live our lives, examine our souls and make an effort to transform ourselves.

We often try, fail, and then give up trying. Or we allow ourselves to become so absorbed in the things of this world that we not only do the right thing, we forget what it is that Christ is telling us to do!

Keep in mind that successfully transforming our lives must include God; you cannot do it alone. As with all things in life, living as God wants us to live, to truly do what Christ is telling us to do, we must turn to God and ask his help. Turn to God in prayer and contemplation.

Christ is not only there to tell us what to do, he is also there to help us. Keep trying, and if you fail, go back to Christ through the Church, through confession, acts of contrition and penance, prayer—strengthen your faith through God's graces, and then keep trying! That is really one of the first things that Christ is telling us to do: repent! Seek forgiveness, stay reconciled to the Church, look to God for everything.

So during Lent, we make promises to God to change, we fast, we make sacrifices. It is a time to focus on transforming our lives. Examining our faith and focusing on a particular area that will build our faith, will increase our faith, will move us closer to God. For some it may be coming back to the Church, for others it may be making our worship more of a priority in our lives, for some it may mean battling an addiction or a controlling habit that draws us away from God. All of us have some weaknesses in our lives that we need to address, through either simple change or profound change. Know what Christ is asking us to do and strive to do whatever he tells you.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS Stations and Benediction of the Cross

Every Friday of Lent beginning Friday, February 24th, at 7:30 pm, we will pray the Stations and Benediction of the Cross. The service will be followed by a Lenten supper.

Palm Sunday Celebration

Children ages 3 to 12 are encouraged to participate in the Palm Sunday celebration in reading, processing with the gifts and other activities during the 11:30 am Divine Liturgy. Please see Leila Vogl to register.

Knights Easter Raffle

The Knights are sponsoring an Easter Raffle. Tickets are available from Samer Hadchiti, Edgard Abi Daher, Roger Shammas and Georges El Hage. The drawing will take place on Sunday, April 16th, after the 11:30 Divine Liturgy.

Traditional Fasting & Abstinence Observance

Those who wish to observe the traditional Maronite practice of fasting and abstinence are invited to follow this practice. According to the Synod of Mount Lebanon of 1736, every weekday of Lent (Monday through Friday) is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat and dairy products (eggs, butter, milk, etc.) Fasting involves eating and drinking nothing at all (except water and medicine) from midnight until noon. The rest of the day, normal meals can be taken but without meat or dairy products. Saturdays and Sundays are exempt from fasting and abstaining as are the following feast days: St. Maron on Feb. 9th if it falls during Lent, the 40 Martyrs on March 9th, and St. Joseph on March 19th.

Catholic Relief Services Lenten Rice Bowl

Join our faith community and more than 12,000 Catholic communities across the United States in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's Rice Bowl in the vestibule of the Cathedral. During the 40 days of Lent, let us reflect on how hunger and malnutrition affect our human family, and on the need to take action to end this global injustice. Click <u>here</u> to learn more.

The 2021 Eparchial Lenten Appeal

A second collection for the Eparchial Charities Appeal will be taken up every Sunday during the Season of Great Lent. We are asked to raise \$5,500 to participate in this awesome mission of the Eparchy.

Consecration of the Chrism and Holy Oils Liturgy

The Divine Liturgy for the Consecration of the Chrism and Holy Oils will be celebrated on Tuesday, March 28th, at 12 noon at the Cathedral. A Lenten luncheon will follow in the hall.

St. Joseph Breakfast

The Knights will be sponsoring a breakfast in honor of St. Joseph on March 19th after the 11:30 am Divine Liturgy. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$30 a person.

Blessing Homes of Parishioners

The Knights of St. Maron are organizing home visits to parishioners of the Cathedral. The idea is for Abouna to have a quick visit to bless each home with holy water. Please email the church <u>here</u> to schedule a visit.

Vocation Awareness Poster Essay

Students grades K to 12 are encouraged to participate in the <u>Voca-</u> tion Awareness Poster Essay Multimedia Contest through NAM. Click <u>here</u> 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.





High School Graduate Scholarships

MYO – John A. Solomon Two for High School Seniors \$2000 Massabki Brothers One for High School Seniors \$2000

Naomi & Paul Kassouf Two for High School Seniors \$2000 Abouna Sharbel Three for High School Seniors \$1000

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Study Abroad in Lebanon Opportunities

Notre Dame University-Louaize Up to 10 scholarships total for Fall 2022 or Spring 2023

The Holy Spirit University of Kaslik Up to 12 students for Summer 2023 Semester

or more information and applications visit www.namnews.org, namscholarships@gmail.com, or call NAM at 330-212-9207 <u>Application Deadline: May 31, 2023</u>

"TASTE AND SEE THE GOODNES OF THE LORD." -- PSALM 34:9

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Friday March 10 2023 *4:00pm to 8:00pm* Saturday March 11 2023 *12:00pm to 7:00pm* Sunday March 12 2023 *10:00am to 4:00pm*



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2023 ANNUAL LENTEN APPEAL

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The world needs our help! Please support this year's Annual Lenten Appeal for the Eparchy of Saint Maron. There are so many challenges here and around the world (especially in Lebanon). This Lent we can offer our prayers, fasting and almsgiving for those suffering more than us. The Eparchy can be a part of your Lenten sacrifice, as we rely upon your generosity to serve the faithful throughout the Eparchy and in the Middle East.



Please consider making a gift to this year's Annual Lenten Appeal. Your gift will support:

Seminarians: We currently have four excellent men preparing for the priesthood. Our seminarians are our future; we need to educate them well so that they can minister effectively in the future. The costs of Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Seminary are about \$450,000 per year. 40% of your contribution to this year's Annual Appeal will go for Seminarians.

Ministries: Our outreach to young people, the elderly, families, and in defense of life from conception to natural death, helps people at the most crucial times in their lives. You can ensure that the Eparchy continues this important work. 20% of your contribution will go to support Ministries.

Retired Priests: The Eparchy's 17 retired priests served the faithful with generosity. We help them with a modest pension that is helpful to them each month. **20% of your contribution will support Retired Priests.**

Help for Lebanon and the Middle East: The Eparchy has provided an unprecedented amount of support to help in Lebanon and the Middle East over the past few years. We can never forget the homeland of our Maronite Church. 10% of your contribution will support Christians in Lebanon and the Middle East.

Endowment: The Eparchy's Endowment Fund supports today's needs and ensures the Eparchy will have resources in the future. 10% of your contribution will be deposited into the Eparchy's Endowment.

Please open your heart once again and make a gift. Your participation in this Appeal impacts the lives of many people, both inside the Eparchy, and in the Middle East. Any gift will be appreciated. Please visit <u>http://www.stmaron.org/lenten-appeal</u> for more information.

Thank you, and may God bless you for your generosity! I wish you a blessed Lent and Easter.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

+ Gregory J. Mansour

PS: Please also consider remembering the Eparchy and your parish in your estate plan, or as the beneficiary of an insurance policy, retirement plan or charitable gift annuity. Thank you.

Sunday Readings قراءات الأحد

First Sunday of Great Lent: Cana Sunday

The Letter to the Romans 14: 14-23.

I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself; but it is unclean for anyone who thinks it unclean. If your brother or sister is being injured by what you eat, you are no longer walking in love. Do not let what you eat cause the ruin of one for whom Christ died. So do not let your good be spoken of as evil. For the kingdom of God is not food and drink but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. The one who thus serves Christ is acceptable to God and has human approval. Let us then pursue what makes for peace and for mutual edification. Do not, for the sake of food, destroy the work of God. Everything is indeed clean, but it is wrong for you to make others fall by what you eat; it is good not to eat meat or drink wine or do anything that makes your brother or sister stumble. The faith that you have, have as your own conviction before God. Blessed are those who have no reason to condemn themselves because of what they approve. But those who have doubts are condemned if they eat, because they do not act from faith; for whatever does not proceed from faith is sin.

The Gospel according to Saint John 2: 1-11. On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

احد مدخل الصوم الكبير: أحد آية عرس قانا

رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل رومة 14:14-23 رسالة العديس بولس إلى أهل رومة 14:44-22 يا إخوني، إنِّي عَالِمٌ ووَاثِقٌ، في الرَّبّ يَسُوع، أَنْ لا شَيءَ نَجِسٌ في ذَاتِه، إلاَ لِمَنْ يَحْسَبُهُ نَجِسًا، فَلَهُ يَكُونُ نَجِسًا. فأَنْ كُنْتَ مِنْ أَجْلِ الطَّعَامِ تُحْزِنُ أَخَاكَ، فَلا تَكُونُ سَالِكًا في الْمَحَبَّة. فَلا تُهْلِكُ بِطَعَامِكَ ذَاكَ الَّذي مَاتَ المَسِيحُ مِنْ أَجْلِهِ! فَلَيْسَ مَلَكُوتُ اللهِ أَكْلاً وَشُرْبًا، بَلْ بِرٌ وَسَلامٌ وفَرَحٌ في الرُّوحِ فَمَنْ يَخْدُمُ المَسِيحَ هِكَذَا فِهِوَ مَرْضِيٌّ لَدَى الله، ومَقْبُولٌ لَدَى النَّاسِ. فَلْنَسْعَ إِذًا إِلَى مَا هوَ لِلسَّلَام، ومَا هُوَ لِبُنْيَانٍ بَعْضِنَا بَعْضًا. فَلا تَنْقُضْ عَمَلَ اللهِ مِنْ أَجْلِ الطَّعَام؛ لأَنْ كُلَّ شَيءٍ طَاهِرٍ، ولكِنَّهُ يَنْقَلِبُ شَرَّا عَلَى الإَنْسَانِ الْذَي يَأْكُلُ وَيَكُونُ سَبَبَ عَثْرَةَ لَأَخِبَهُ. فَجَيْرٌ لَكَ أَنْ لا تَأْكُلُ لَحْمًا، ولا تَشْرَبَ خَمْرًا، ولا تَتَنَاوًلَ شَيئًا يَكُونُ سَبَبَ عَنْرَةٍ لأَخِيك. وٱحْتَفِظْ بِر أَيْكَ لِنَفْسِكَ أَمَامَ الله. وطُوبَى لِمَنْ لا يَدِينُ نَفْسَهُ في مَا يُقَرّرُهُ! يَحْرُرُبُ أَمَّا الْمُرْ تَابُ في قَرَارِهِ، فَإِنْ أَكَلَ يُدَان، لأَنَّ عَمَلَهُ غَبْرُ صَادِرٍ عَنْ يَقِينِ وإِيْمَانِ وكُلُّ عَمَلٍ لا يَصْدُرُ عَنْ يَقِينٍ وإِيْمَانٍ فَهُوَ خَطِيئَة. إنجيل القدّيس يوحنّا 1:2-11 فِي الْيَوْمِ الثَّالِث، كَانَ عُرْسٌ في قَانَا الْجَلِيل، وكَانَتْ أُمُّ يَسُوعَ وَحَعِيَ أَيْضًا يَسُوعُ وتَلامِيذُهُ إلى العُرْسِ. ونَفَدَ الْخَمْر، فَقَالَتْ لِيَسُوعَ أَمُّهُ: »الَيْسَ لَدَيْهِم خَمْر. « فَقَالَ لَهَا بَسُهُوع: »مَا لِي ولَكِ، بَا آمْرَ أَهْ؟ لَمْ تَأْتِ سَاعَتِي بَعْد. «! فَقَالَتْ أَمَّهُ لِلْخَدَمِ: »،مَهُمَا يَقُلُ لَكُم فَٱفْعَلُوه. «! وكَانَ هُنَاكَ سِتَّةُ أَجْرَانٍ مِنْ حَجَرٍ، مُعَدَّةٌ لِتَطْهِيرِ الْيَهُود، يَسَعُ كُلُّ مِنْهَا مِنْ ثَمَانِينَ إلى مِئَةٍ وَعِشْرِينَ لِيترًا، فَقَالَ بَسُوعُ لِلْخَدَمِ: »إِملَأُوا الأَجْرَانَ مَاءً. ﴿ فَمَلأُوهَا إِلَى قَوْق. قَالَ لَهُم: »إِسْتَقُوا الآنَ، وقَدِّمُوا لِرَئِيسِ الوَلِيمَةِ.﴿ فَقَدَّمُوا ـ وذَاقِ الْرَبِيسَ الْمَاءَ، الَّذِي صَارَ خَمْرًا - وَكَانَ لَا يَعْلَمُ مِنْ أَيْنَ هُوَ، والخَدَمُ الَّذَينَ ٱسْتَقَوا يَعْلَمُون - فَدَعَا إَلَيْهِ الْعَرِيسَ وقَالَ لَهُ: »كُلُّ إِنْسَانٍ يُقَدِّمُ الْخَمْرَ الْجَيُّدَ أَوَّ لاً، حَتَّى إِذَا سَكِرَ المَدعُوُون، قَدَّمَ الأَقَلَّ جُودَة، أَمَّا أَنْتَ فَقَدْ أَبْقَيْتَ الْخَمْرَ الْجَيّدَ إلى الان.«! تِلْكَ كَانَتْ أُولَى آيَاتِ بَسُوع، صَنَعَهَا في قَانَا الجَلِيل، فَأَظْهَرَ مَجْدَهُ، وآمَنَ بِهِ تَلامِيذُهُ.



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