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First Sunday after the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross September 17th, 2023

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| Sun., Sept. 17 | First Sunday after the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross / St. Sophia 9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners 11:30 am 40 Day for Jacqueline Shaia | by Mr & Mrs. Ghazi Shaia & Mr. & Mrs. Salim Shaia |
| Mon., Sept. 18 | NO LITURGY The Flight of the Lord into Egypt | |
| Tues., Sept. 19 | 10 am Divine Liturgy for Rose Besheer Cervasio St. Januarius | by Mrs. Salma Vahdat |
| Wed., Sept. 20 | 10 am Divine Liturgy for Josephine Circello St. Eustatius and his wife and children | by Mrs. Salma Vahdat |
| Thurs., Sept. 21 | 10 am Divine Liturgy for Boutros Yamin Azizi St. Quadratus, Bishop of Athens | by Mrs. Salma Vahdat |
| Fri., Sept. 22 | 10 am Divine Liturgy for Justin & Liz Leon & Family 7:30 pm Divine Liturgy of St. Sharbel St. Phocas and his companions | by Mr. & Mrs. Jorge Leon |
| Sat., Sept. 23 | 10 am Divine Liturgy Jonah the Prophet | |
| Sun., Sept. 24 | Second Sunday after the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross / St. Thecla 9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners 11:30 am the Intentions of the Parishioners | |

August 2023 Financial Standing

Ordinary Income

- ◆ Collections on Sundays & Holy Days: **\$11,156.22**
- ◆ Cathedral Stipends from Marriages & Funerals, Hall Rent, Candles, Breakfast, Luncheon, Raffle, Dues, Religious Education, Flowers **\$27,413.00**

Total Ordinary Income: \$38,569.22

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....**\$21,342.18**

Total Ordinary Expenses: \$21,342.18

Total Ordinary Income vs Expenses: \$17,227.04

Do you know? A couple of basic monthly expenses:

Cathedral monthly building insurance: \$3,844.00

Monthly Eparchial Assessment & Bishop's Appeal: \$2,125.00

The Cathedral's Building Insurance increased 14.3% this year. We paid \$46,122 for the year.

**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.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Maronite Catholic Formation

Maronite Catholic Formation (Sunday School) classes begin this Sunday at 10 am. Please register your children online [here](#) and see calendar [here](#).

Meeting of the Confraternity

The Confraternity will have a meeting on Sunday, September 17th, at 1:15 pm in the Chapel.

Arabic Class Registration

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

Maronite Sisters of Christ the Light

The Maronite Sisters of Christ the Light will be visiting the Cathedral the weekend of October 6th to 8th.

Order of St. Sharbel Sunday

This year, October 8 is designated as "Order of Saint Sharbel Sunday" in our Eparchy. On October 8, 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 three men preparing for the priesthood for our Eparchy. Please prayerfully consider joining the Order. You may enroll online [here](#) or ask Father for more information.

MYO Kanefeh Breakfast

The MYO will have a Kanefeh breakfast on October 15th to help fund their regional retreat at the end of October.

Save the Date

Please save the date for the St. Maron Gala on February 10th, 2024. This year is special because we are celebrating the Twentieth Anniversary of the Ordination of Bishop Gregory Mansour to the Episcopacy.

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. Members of the Choir meet on Zoom every Wednesday to plan for Sunday. Please make sure to see Christiane Merhej after the 11:30 Divine Liturgy if you would like to join.

Bring Healing to Women of Lebanon

Women in Lebanon struggling with infertility and different gynecological problems in addition to those wanting to plan their families according to Church teachings will now have access to the Creighton Model FertilityCare System and NaProTECHNOLOGY which provide hope and healing. The Cedar of Lebanon FertilityCare Center needs your support for this project. For more information, please email Marise Frangie [here](#). Please make your donation [here](#).

Leasing the Upper Hall

The Cathedral is leasing the upper hall for one year from August 1, 2023, to July 31, 2024, to a school of 1st to 4th grades. The school will occupy the hall from Monday to Friday. The Cathedral will continue to use the hall on weekends.

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 \$150.00 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.

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 [here](#) to schedule a visit.

Lector Ministry

If you wish to be put on the next schedule of lectors, please see Subdeacon Adonis El-Asmar or email the Church [here](#).



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

The Fourteenth Annual Benefit Dinner for the Eparchy of Saint Maron will take place in person on Thursday, October 5, 2023 at The Union League Club in Manhattan.

Each year, this annual fall event provides important financial support to educate seminarians, help small parishes and missions, assist retired priests, and foster a variety of ministries of the Eparchy. Also, each year, a portion of the event's proceeds have been dedicated to help the Church in Lebanon and the Middle East.

This year we will honor three very special individuals: Marian Sahadi Ciaccia, Edward Shiner, and Charbel Tagher. We especially honor them for their service to our communities here and abroad.

Your participation in this year's Benefit 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 by attending this gathering, bidding on an item in our silent auction, placing an ad in our program booklet, and/or making a donation in any amount.

Please visit www.stmaron.org/eparchial-benefit to make a gift and/or register for this important Benefit, or return the enclosed reply card in the envelope provided.

If you are not already a member, you might also consider joining the Order of Saint Sharbel, which is dedicated to supporting seminarians.

Thank you for helping to build and strengthen our Maronite Church both at home and abroad. I encourage your support of this fundraiser, and I hope to see you on October 5.

May God bless you for your generosity!

Gratefully yours in Christ,

+ Gregory

+ Gregory John Mansour

Bishop of the Eparchy of Saint Maron



Bishop Gregory John Mansour

and the

Eparchy of Saint Maron

Cordially invite you to

*The Fourteenth Annual Benefit
Dinner Celebrating
The Eparchy's Service to Our Communities
Here and in the Middle East*

Thursday, October 5, 2023

The Union League

38 East 37th St. (at Park Ave), New York City

Cocktail Reception 6:00 PM - Dinner 7:30

Silent Auction throughout the evening

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support Little Golden Light, checks are accepted

Sunday Readings

قراءات الأحد

First Sunday after Holy Cross

The Second Letter to 2 Timothy 2: 1-10

Be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus; and what you have heard from me through many witnesses entrust to faithful people who will be able to teach others as well.

Share in suffering like a good soldier of Christ Jesus.

No one serving in the army gets entangled in everyday affairs; the soldier's aim is to please the enlisting officer. And in the case of an athlete, no one is crowned without competing according to the rules.

It is the farmer who does the work who ought to have the first share of the crops.

Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in all things. Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained.

Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark 10: 35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.' And he said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?'

And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.'

But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?'

They replied, 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.' When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John.

So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that 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. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

الأحد الأول بعد عيد الصليب

رسالة القديس بولس الثانية إلى طيموثاوس 2: 1-10

يا إخوتي، وأنت، يا أبنائي، تشدد بالنعمة التي في المسيح يسوع. وما سمعته مني بحضور شهود كثيرين، استودعه أناساً أمناء، جديرين هم أيضاً بأن يعلموا غيرهم.

شاركني في احتمال المشقات كجندٍ صالح للمسيح يسوع. وما من جندٍ ينهمك في الأمور المعيشية، إذا أراد أن يرضي من جندة.

ومن يصارع لا ينال كليباً إلا إذا صارع بحسب الأصول. والحارث الذي يتعب له الحق بالنصيب الأول من الثمر.

تأمل في ما أقول: والرب سيعطيك فهماً في كل شيء! تذكر يسوع المسيح الذي قام من بين الأموات، وهو من نسل داود، بحسب إنجيلي،

الذي فيه احتمل المشقات حتى القيود كمجرم، لكن كلمة الله لا تقيد.

لذلك أصبر على كل شيء من أجل المختارين، ليحصلوا هم أيضاً على الخلاص في المسيح يسوع مع المجد الأبدي.

إنجيل القديس مرقس 10: 35-45

دنا من يسوع يعقوب ويوحنا، أبنائي، وقالوا له: «يا معلم، نريد أن تصنع لنا كل ما نسألك.»

فقال لهم: «ماذا تريدان أن أصنع لكما؟»

قالا له: «أعطينا أن نجلس في مجدك، واحد عن يمينك، وواحد عن يسارك.»

فقال لهم يسوع: «إنكما لا تعلمان ما تطلبان: هل تستطيعان أن تشربا الكأس التي أشربها أنا؟ أو أن تتعمدا بالمعمودية التي أتعمد بها أنا؟»

قالا له: «نستطيع.» فقال لهم يسوع: «الكأس التي أنا أشربها ستشربانها، والمعمودية التي أنا أتعمد بها ستتعمدان بها.

أما الجلوس عن يميني أو عن يساري، فليس لي أن أمنحه إلا للذين أعد لهم.»

ولما سمع العشرة الآخرون، بدأوا يغتاظون من يعقوب ويوحنا. فدعاهم يسوع إليهم وقال لهم: «تعلمون أن الذين يعتبرون رؤساء الأمم يسودونهم، وعظماءهم ينسلطون عليهم.

أما أنتم فليس الأمر بينكم هكذا، بل من أراد أن يكون فيكم عظيماً، فليكن لكم خادماً.

ومن أراد أن يكون الأول بينكم، فليكن عبداً للجميع؛ لأن ابن الإنسان أيضاً لم يات ليخدم، بل ليخدم، ويبدل نفسه فداءً عن كثيرين.»

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