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# ***Sixth Sunday after the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross October 22nd, 2023***

<b>Sun., Oct. 22</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross / Pope St. John Paul II</b> <b>9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners</b> <b>11:30 am for Elie Safi</b>	<b>by Mr. &amp; Mrs. Raymond Safi</b>
Mon., Oct. 23	NO LITURGY St. Ignatius, Patriarch of Constantinople	
Tues., Oct. 24	10 am Divine Liturgy for Albert Simon St. Arethas and his companions	by Mrs. Salma Vahdat
Wed., Oct. 25	10 am Divine Liturgy for Albert Simon St. Chrysanthus and his wife Daria	by Mrs. Salma Vahdat
Thurs., Oct. 26	10 am Divine Liturgy for Albert Simon St. Demetrius	by Mrs. Salma Vahdat
Fri., Oct. 27	10 am Divine Liturgy for Albert Simon Sts. Capitolina and Erotheis of Cappadocia	by Mrs. Salma Vahdat
Sat., Oct. 28	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Terence and his companions	
<b>Sun., Oct. 29</b>	<b>Seventh Sunday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross / St. Anastasia of Rome</b> <b>9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners</b> <b>11:30 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners</b>	

## **September 2023 Financial Standing**

### **Ordinary Income**

- ◆ Collections on Sundays & Holy Days: **\$7,935.00**
- ◆ Cathedral Stipends from Marriages & Funerals, Hall Rent, Candles, Breakfast, Luncheon, Raffle, Dues, Religious Education, Flowers .... **\$16,901.00**

**Total Ordinary Income: \$24,836.00**

### **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....**\$23,109.31**

**Total Ordinary Expenses: \$23,109.31**

**Total Ordinary Income vs Expenses: \$1,726.69**

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**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!**

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### **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

### MYO Pumpkin Carving

The MYO will gather for pumpkin carving on Saturday, October 21st, after the 10 am Divine Liturgy.

### Welcoming the Deputy Mayor for Strategic Initiatives

Please join me in welcoming Deputy Mayor for Strategic Initiatives of New York City, Ana Almanzar. She along with Pastor Monrose, Executive Director of the Center of Faith and Community Partnerships will be attending the 11:30 am Divine Liturgy this Sunday.

### Doctor's Presentation

The Confraternity is sponsoring a presentation on strokes given by Dr. Kareem Makhoul this Sunday after the 11:30 am Divine Liturgy.

### Maronite Catholic Formation

Maronite Catholic Formation (Sunday School) classes began on Sunday, September 17th, at 10 am. Please register your children online [here](#) and see calendar [here](#).

### Caritas Lebanon Upcoming Telethon

Caritas Lebanon is holding a telethon on Sunday, October 22nd, from 10 am to 11 pm Lebanese Time on MTV. This is a very important fundraiser for Caritas. Please click [here](#) for the different ways to donate.

### Sixth Pastoral Letter of Bishop Gregory John Mansour

[\*The Man of God Is a Man for Others\*](#) is the most recent pastoral letter of Bishop Gregory. The Bishop said, "The words were born in my heart out of love from one man to another. But I hope my words will also be helpful to women as well." Please click [here](#) to read the letter.

### Online Workshop Series

The Maronite Servants of Christ the Light are hosting an online workshop series which began on Thursday, October 12th, on the Seven Mysteries: October 12—Baptism & Chrismation—Chorbishop Seely Beggiani; October 19—Confession & Anointing of the Sick—Fr. Claude Franklin; October 26—The Holy Eucharist—Fr. Gary George; November 2—Marriage & Ordination—Chorbishop Michael Thomas. Please register by completing this [form](#).

### Saint Sharbel Spiritual Life Center in Pittsburgh, PA

Through God's goodness, the Eparchy has a wonderful opportunity to better serve the faithful through the creation of the Saint Sharbel Spiritual Life Center in Pittsburgh, PA. This initiative can be a source of spiritual renewal for the people of the Eparchy. Please see more information and how you may donate [here](#). Prayerfully consider how you can help promote this initiative and, God willing, participate in making this dream come true.

### Save the Date

Please save the date for the St. Maron Gala on February 3rd, 2024. This year is special because we are celebrating the Twentieth Anniversary of the Ordination of Bishop Gregory Mansour to the Episcopacy. A Commemorative Book in which pages may be purchased to honor Bishop Gregory is also being put together. Please click [here](#) to fill out the form for the book.

### 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](#).

### 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.





THE MARONITE SEMINARY PRESENTS

# A WEEKEND OF DISCERNMENT

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Saturday, December 9, 2023

Spending Time  
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- ♦ 9:00-9:50 Confession
- ♦ 10:00-11:00 Divine Liturgy
- ♦ 11:15-12:15pm 1st Talk
- ♦ 12:30pm-1:30pm Lunch
- ♦ 1:45pm-2:45pm 2nd Talk



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**RSVP: No later than Saturday, December 9, 2023**

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## Sunday Readings

### 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

يَا إِخْوَتِي، إِنْ أَخَذَ إِنْسَانٌ بِزَلَّةٍ، فَأُصْلَحُوهُ أَنْتُمْ الرُّوحِيِّينَ بِرُوحِ الْوَدَاعَةِ، وَأَحْذَرُوا أَنْتُمْ لِنَفْسِكَ لئَلَّا تُجَرَّبَ أَيْضًا.

إَحْمِلُوا بَعْضُكُمْ أَنْقَالَ بَعْضٍ، وَهَكَذَا اتِّمُوا شَرِيعَةَ الْمَسِيحِ.

إِنْ ظَنَّ أَحَدٌ أَنَّهُ شَيْءٌ، وَهُوَ لَا شَيْءٌ، فَقَدْ خَدَعَ نَفْسَهُ. فَلْيَمْتَحِنْ كُلُّ وَاحِدٍ عَمَلَهُ، وَجَيِّدٌ يَكُونُ افْتِحَارُهُ فِي نَفْسِهِ فَقَطْ لَا فِي غَيْرِهِ.

فَإِنْ كُلُّ وَاحِدٍ سَيَحْمِلُ حِمْلَهُ الْخَاصَّ.

مَنْ يَتَعَلَّمُ كَلِمَةَ الْإِيمَانِ، فَلْيُسَارِكْ مُعَلِّمَهُ فِي جَمِيعِ الْخَيْرَاتِ.

لَا تَضِلُّوا! فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُسْتَهْزَأُ بِهِ. فَكُلُّ مَا يَزْرَعُهُ الْإِنْسَانُ، فَإِيَّاهُ يَحْصُدُ أَيْضًا.

فَالَّذِي يَزْرَعُ فِي جَسَدِهِ، يَحْصُدُ مِنَ الْجَسَدِ فَسَادًا؛ وَالَّذِي يَزْرَعُ فِي الرُّوحِ، يَحْصُدُ مِنَ الرُّوحِ حَيَاةً أَبَدِيَّةً.

فَلَا نَمَلْ عَمَلِ الْخَيْرِ، وَلَا نَكُلْ، لِأَنَّا سَنَحْصُدُهُ فِي أَوَانِهِ.

إِذَا فَمَا دَامَ لَنَا مَتَسَعٌ مِنَ الْوَقْتِ، فَلْنَصْنَعِ الْخَيْرَ إِلَى جَمِيعِ النَّاسِ، وَخُصُوصًا إِلَى أَهْلِ الْإِيمَانِ.

#### إنجيل القديس متى 30-14:25

قَالَ الرَّبُّ يَسُوعُ: «يُسَبِّحُهُ مَلَكُوتُ السَّمَاوَاتِ رَجُلًا أَرَادَ السَّفَرَ، فَدَعَا غَبِيْدَهُ، وَسَلَّمَهُمْ أَمْوَالَهُ. فَأَعْطَى وَاحِدًا خَمْسَ وَزَنَاتٍ، وَآخَرَ وَزَنْتَيْنِ، وَآخَرَ وَزَنَةً وَاحِدَةً، كُلًّا عَلَى قَدْرِ طَاقَتِهِ، وَسَافِرَ. وَفِي الْحَالِ مَضَى الَّذِي أَخَذَ الْوَزَنَاتِ الْخَمْسَ، وَتَاجَرَ بِهَا فَرَبِحَ خَمْسَ وَزَنَاتٍ أُخْرَى.

وكَذَلِكَ الَّذِي أَخَذَ الْوَزَنْتَيْنِ رَبِحَ وَزَنْتَيْنِ أُخْرَيْنِ.

أَمَّا الَّذِي أَخَذَ الْوَزَنَةَ الْوَاحِدَةَ فَمَضَى وَحَفَرَ فِي الْأَرْضِ، وَأَخْفَى فِضَّةَ سَيِّدِهِ.

وَبَعْدَ زَمَانٍ طَوِيلٍ، عَادَ سَيِّدُ أُولَئِكَ الْعَبِيدِ، وَحَاسَبَهُمْ.

وَدَنَا الَّذِي أَخَذَ الْوَزَنَاتِ الْخَمْسَ، فَقَدَّمَ خَمْسَ وَزَنَاتٍ أُخْرَى قَائِلًا: يَا سَيِّدِي، سَلِّمْتَنِي خَمْسَ وَزَنَاتٍ، وَهَذِهِ خَمْسُ وَزَنَاتٍ أُخْرَى قَدْ رَبَحْتُهَا إِقَالَ لَهُ سَيِّدُهُ: يَا لَكَ عَبْدًا صَالِحًا وَأَمِينًا! كُنْتُ أَمِينًا عَلَى الْقَلِيلِ، سَأُقِيمُكَ عَلَى الْكَثِيرِ: ادْخُلْ إِلَى فَرْحِ سَيِّدِكَ!

وَدَنَا الَّذِي أَخَذَ الْوَزَنْتَيْنِ فَقَالَ: يَا سَيِّدِي، سَلِّمْتَنِي وَزَنْتَيْنِ، وَهَاتَانِ وَزَنْتَانِ أُخْرَيَانِ قَدْ رَبَحْتُهُمَا. قَالَ لَهُ سَيِّدُهُ: يَا لَكَ عَبْدًا صَالِحًا وَأَمِينًا! كُنْتُ أَمِينًا عَلَى الْقَلِيلِ، سَأُقِيمُكَ عَلَى الْكَثِيرِ: ادْخُلْ إِلَى فَرْحِ سَيِّدِكَ!

ثُمَّ دَنَا الَّذِي أَخَذَ الْوَزَنَةَ الْوَاحِدَةَ وَقَالَ: يَا سَيِّدِي، عَرَفْتُكَ رَجُلًا قَاسِيًا، تَحْصُدُ مِنْ حَيْثُ لَمْ تَزْرَعْ، وَتَجْمَعُ مِنْ حَيْثُ لَمْ تَبْذُرْ.

فَخَفْتُ وَذَهَبْتُ وَأَخْفَيْتُ وَزَنَتَكَ فِي الْأَرْضِ، فَهَا هُوَ مَا لَكَ!

فَأَجَابَ سَيِّدُهُ وَقَالَ لَهُ: «يَا عَبْدًا شَرِيرًا كَسْلَانًا، عَرَفْتُ أَنِّي أَحْصُدُ مِنْ حَيْثُ لَمْ أَزْرَعْ، وَأَجْمَعُ مِنْ حَيْثُ لَمْ أَبْذُرْ،

فَكَانَ عَلَيْكَ أَنْ تَضَعَ فِضَّتِي عَلَى طَاوِلَةِ الصَّيَّارِفَةِ، حَتَّى إِذَا عُذْتُ، أَسْتَرْجِعْتُ مَا لِي مَعَ قَائِدِيهِ.

فَخَذُوا مِنْهُ الْوَزَنَةَ وَأَعْطَوْهَا لِمَنْ لَهُ الْوَزَنَاتُ الْعَشْرُ.

فَكُلُّ مَنْ لَهُ يُعْطَى وَيُزَادُ، وَمَنْ لَيْسَ لَهُ يُؤْخَذُ مِنْهُ حَتَّى مَا هُوَ لَهُ.

وَهَذَا الْعَبْدُ الَّذِي لَا نَفْعَ مِنْهُ أُخْرِجُوهُ وَالْقُوَّةُ فِي الظُّلْمَةِ الْبَرَّانِيَّةِ.

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