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The Most Reverend Gregory J. Mansour, Eparchial Bishop
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Seventh Sunday after the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross Sunday of Christ the King October 29th, 2023

Sun., Oct. 29	Seventh Sunday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross / Christ the King / St. Anastasia of Rome 9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners 11:30 am for Khalil & Hanne Mansour & Louisette Mansour	by Mr. & Mrs. William Abou Chrouch
Mon., Oct. 30	NO LITURGY St. Macarius, Bishop of Jerusalem	
Tues., Oct. 31	10 am Divine Liturgy for Khalil Hoyek St. Epimachus	by Mr. & Mrs. Adib El Houwayek
Wed., Nov. 1	10 am Divine Liturgy of the Feast of All Saints for Khalil Hoyek 7:30 pm Divine Liturgy of the Feast of All Saints Sts. Cosmas and Damian	by Mr. & Mrs. Adib El Houwayek
Thurs., Nov. 2	10 am Divine Liturgy of the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed for Khalil Hoyek	by Mr. & Mrs. Adib El Houwayek
Fri., Nov. 3	10 am Divine Liturgy Sts. Akepsimas, Joseph & Aithalas	
Sat., Nov. 4	10 am Divine Liturgy Sts. Vitalis & Agricola	
Sun., Nov. 5	Sunday of the Consecration of the Church / St. Asya the Righteous 9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners 11:30 am for Daniel Revuelta for Maurice Makhoul	by Mr. & Mrs. Ed Revuelta by the Makhoul Family

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

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

The Knights Christmas Party

The Knights will have their annual Christmas Party on December 16th in the Church Hall. More information will follow.

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](#).

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.

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.

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](#).



THE MARONITE SEMINARY PRESENTS

A WEEKEND OF DISCERNMENT

ADULT MEN ARE ENCOURAGED TO
ATTEND TO DISCERN GOD'S CALL
TO THE PRIESTHOOD

NOVEMBER 3-5, 2023

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Christmas Retreat
Our Lady of Lebanon Cathedral
Sponsored by the Knights of St. Maron
(113 Remsen Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201)

Saturday, December 9, 2023

Spending Time
in Bethlehem, the House of Bread!
+ The Eucharist +

- ♦ 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



Donation \$30

Parishioners and friends — All are Welcome!

RSVP: No later than Saturday, December 9, 2023

Subdeacon Adonis El-Asmar

Mobile call or text: (917) 855-3075

email: adoniselasmar@gmail.com

Sunday Readings

قراءات الأحد

The Seventh Sunday after The Cross

The Letter to the Romans 12: 9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The Gospel according to Saint Matthew 25: 31-46

'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

الأحد السابع بعد عيد الصليب

رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل رومة 12: 9-21

يا إخوتي، لتكن محبتكم بلا رياء: تحببوا الشر، ولازموا الخير. أحبوا بعضكم بعضاً محبة أخوية، وبأدبروا بعضكم بعضاً بالإكرام. كونوا في الاجتهاد غير متكاسلين، وبالروح حارين، وللرب عابدين، وبالرجاء فرجين، وفي الضيق ثابتين، وعلى الصلاة مواظبين، وفي حاجات القديسين مشاركين، وإلى ضيافة الغرباء ساعين. باركوا الذين يضطهدونكم، باركوا ولا تلعنوا. افرحوا مع الفرحين، وابكوا مع الباكين. كونوا متيقنين بعضكم مع بعض، متواضعين لا متكبرين. لا تكونوا حكماء في عيون أنفسكم. ولا تبدلوا أحداً شراً بشراً، واعتنوا بعمل الخير أمام جميع الناس. سالموا جميع الناس، إن أمكن، على قدر طاقتكم. لا تنتقموا لأنفسكم، أيها الأجباء، بل اتركوا مكاناً لعصب الله، لأنه مكتوب: «لي الانتقام، يقول الرب، وأنا أجازي.» ولكن «إن جاع عدوك فأطعمه، وإن عطش فأسقِهِ، فإنك بفعلك هذا تتركهم على رأسهم جمر نار.» لا تدع الشر يغلبك، بل أغلب الشر بالخير.

إنجيل القديس متى 25: 31-46

قال الرب يسوع: «متى جاء ابن الإنسان في مجده، وجميع الملائكة معه، يجلس على عرش مجده. وتجمع لديه جميع الأمم، فيميز بعضهم من بعض، كما يميز الراعي الخراف من الجداء. ويقسم الخراف عن يمينه والجداء عن شماله. حينئذ يقول الملك للذين عن يمينه: تعالوا، يا مباركي أبي، رثوا الملكوت المعد لكم منذ إنشاء العالم؛ لأنني جعت فأطعمتموني، وعطشت فسقيتموني، وكنت غريباً فأوليتموني، وغريباً فكسوتموني، ومريضاً فرزتموني، ومحبوساً فأتيتم إلي. حينئذ يجيبه الأبرار قائلين: يا رب، متى رأيناك جائعاً فأطعمناك، أو عطشاناً فسقيناك؟ ومتى رأيناك غريباً فأوليناك، أو غريباً فكسوناك؟ ومتى رأيناك مريضاً أو محبوساً فأتينا إليك؟ فيجيب الملك ويقول لهم: الحق أقول لكم: كل ما عملتموه لأحد إخوتي هؤلاء الصغار، فلي عملتموه! ثم يقول للذين عن شماله: اذهبوا عني، يا ملاعين، إلى النار الأبدية المعدة لإبليس وجنوده؛ لأنني جعت فما أطعمتموني، وعطشت فما سقيتموني، وكنت غريباً فما أوليتموني، وغريباً فما كسوتموني، ومريضاً ومحبوساً فما رزتموني! حينئذ يجيبه هؤلاء أيضاً قائلين: يا رب، متى رأيناك جائعاً أو عطشاناً أو غريباً أو مريضاً أو محبوساً وما خدمناك؟ حينئذ يجيبهم قائلاً: الحق أقول لكم: كل ما لم تعملوه لأحد هؤلاء الصغار، فلي لم تعملوه. ويذهب هؤلاء إلى العذاب الأبدي، والأبرار إلى الحياة الأبدية.»

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