

SECONDS

SUNDAY

**Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Cathedral**  
**113 Remsen Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201**  
**(718) 624-7228 | [ololc.org](http://ololc.org) | [cathrectory@verizon.net](mailto:cathrectory@verizon.net)**

For emergency call: (202) 829-4779  
(910) 988-2421

**The Most Reverend Gregory J. Mansour, Eparchial Bishop**  
**The Very Reverend Dominique Hanna, Rector**  
**The Reverend Chuck VanHeusen, Assistant Rector**  
**Subdeacon Norbert Vogl**  
**Subdeacon Adonis El-Asmar**



AFTER  
EPIPHANY

## *Second Sunday after Epiphany* *January 14th, 2024*

<b>Sun., Jan. 14</b>	<b>Second Sunday after Epiphany / St. Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers</b> <b>9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners</b> <b>11:30 am for Michel Hitti</b>	<b>by a friend of the family</b>
Mon., Jan. 15	NO DIVINE LITURGY Our Lady of the Sowing / St. John Calybits	
Tues., Jan. 16	10 am Divine Liturgy for Teresa & Earle Layng & Family Memorial of the Chains of St. Peter	by Mr. & Mrs. Jorge Leon
Wed., Jan. 17	10 am Divine Liturgy for Marianne & Mike Wall & Family St. Anthony the Great	by Mr. & Mrs. Jorge Leon
Thurs., Jan. 18	10 am Divine Liturgy for the Hudson, Layng, Leon, Perun, Smith & Wall Families Establishment of the Chair of St. Peter in Rome / St. Athanasius of Alexandria	Mr. & Mrs. Jorge Leon
Fri., Jan. 19	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Macarius of Egypt	
Sat., Jan. 20	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Euthymius the Great	
<b>Sun., Jan. 21</b>	<b>Sunday of the Priests / St. Sebastian</b> <b>9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners</b> <b>11:30 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners</b>	

### December 2023 Financial Standing

#### Ordinary Income

- ◆ Collections on Sundays & Holy Days: **\$57,839.48**
- ◆ Cathedral Stipends from Marriages & Funerals, Hall Rent, Candles, Breakfast, Luncheon, Raffle, Dues, Religious Education, Flowers .... **\$70,350.82**

**Total Ordinary Income: \$128,190.30**

#### 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....**\$45,432.59**

**Total Ordinary Expenses: \$45,432.59**

**Total Ordinary Income vs Expenses: \$82,757.71**

\*\*\*\*\*  
\*\*\*\*\*

**Do you know? A couple of basic monthly expenses:**

**Cathedral monthly building insurance: \$3,844.00**

**The Monthly Eparchial Assessment & Bishop's Appeal has increased from \$2,125 to 2,670 a month starting January 2024.**

**The Cathedral's Building Insurance increased 14.3% in 2023. and we paid \$46,122 for the year. It has gone up another 11% in 2024, so we pay \$51,195.**

**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

### MYA / MYO Jesus Run

The MYA and MYO will have a Jesus Run on Saturday, January 13th. Everyone will meet at the Church at 5pm to prepare the sandwiches.

### MYO Breakfast

The MYO will serve breakfast on Sunday, January 21st, after the Divine Liturgy.

### Confraternity Meeting

The Confraternity will have a meeting in the Chapel on Sunday, January 14th, after the Divine Liturgy.

### St. Maron's Gala

Please join us for our 97th Annual St. Maron's Day Gala. The celebration will also recognize the Twentieth Anniversary of Bishop Gregory Mansour's Ordination to the Episcopacy. The event will be on Saturday, February 3rd, at Russo's on the Bay. Cocktail hour begins at 8 pm followed by dinner, dancing and an auction. Entertainment will be by Remon Mamari and band. Tickets are \$200 for adults and \$100 for children under 12. Please contact Darine Safi (347) 336-5265 or Georges Elhaje (646) 691-9925 to make your reservations and submit payment. A Commemorative Book to honor Bishop Gregory is also being put together. Please click [here](#) to fill out the form for the book. Contact Mike Naber (917) 612-4004 if you have any questions.

### 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.

### 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.

### Saint Sharbel Spiritual Center

It is with great joy that we announce the opening of the new Spiritual Life Center dedicated to St. Sharbel in Pittsburg, PA. The mission of the Center is to assist each person, whether in person or online to grow in holiness according to the teachings of Christ and the example of the great mystics of the Church. Please click [here](#) to see the website of the Center and learn more.

### Sixth Pastoral Letter of Bishop Gregory 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.

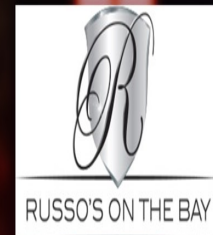
### Eparchial Vocation Video

A vocation is a gift and an opportunity to make a positive impact in the world. It is a calling, a unique path that God has designed for each one of us. It can manifest in various forms—as a priest, a religious sister, a monk, or as lay faithful. To listen to the whisper of one's heart which might be calling one towards a special life of service, love, and purpose. Bishop Gregory is inviting you to view and share [this video](#) produced by Nadim Khalid, one of our seminarians, with the help of our eparchy vocation team, and to discover and nurture the vocation that God has placed within you, and be faithful to his call no matter where it leads.

OUR LADY OF LEBANON CATHEDRAL PROUDLY PRESENTS



## ST. MARON'S DAY GALA



RUSSO'S ON THE BAY

162-45 CROSS BAY BOULEVARD  
HOWARD BEACH, NY 11414

### FOR RESERVATIONS:

DARINE SAFI (347) 336-5265  
GEORGE EL-HAGE (646) 691-9925

ENTERTAINMENT:

SUPERSTAR  
REMON MAMARI  
AND BAND

COMMEMORATIVE AD BOOK  
AND JOURNAL INFO  
CAN BE FOUND @ OLOLC.ORG

VIP TABLE  
\$3,000

INDIVIDUAL  
\$200

12 AND UNDER  
\$100





# MARCH FOR LIFE 2024

**JAN 18-21 WASHINGTON D.C.**

**Sign Up [Here](#)**

**Thursday January 18**

**5:00 PM** Evening vigil at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C.

**Friday January 19**

**11:00 AM** Meet at Starbucks for the March

**6:00 PM** Dinner at the Seminary Library  
Talk/Q&A with Father Rudolph

**TBD** Social Outing

**Saturday January 20**

**10:30 AM** Mass in the Byzantine Chapel at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C.

**TBD** Social Outing

**Sunday January 21**

**11:00 AM** Liturgy at Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Church and Seminary  
Reception to follow in church hall

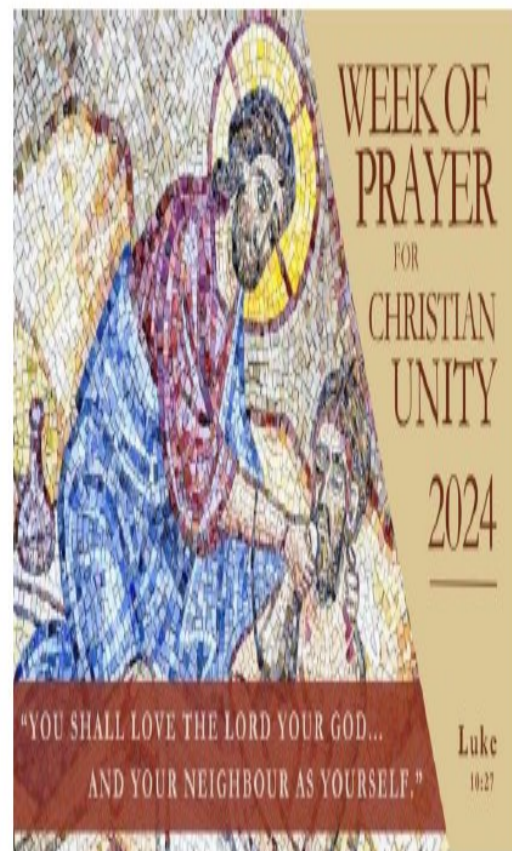
*\*Schedule is subject to change*

Questions? Contact [mya.eparchystmaron@gmail.com](mailto:mya.eparchystmaron@gmail.com)

Hotel block info can be found at [myaeparchystmaron.org/events](http://myaeparchystmaron.org/events)

**For Discounted Hotel of \$190 per night + tax**

**[Click Here](#) before December 22nd**



Join us for the 2024 Prayer for Christian Unity  
Saturday January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024

St Mary's Antiochian Orthodox Church  
192 81<sup>st</sup> Street, Brooklyn, NY 11209

5 p.m. Great Vespers

5:45 p.m. Prayer for Christian Unity

Followed by fellowship and pot luck dinner in the church hall.

Please RSVP to: Aline Farkouh (929) 568-7978 or Lin Ruiz (347) 526-5125

*\*Prayer is sponsored by the Focolare Movement*

## Sunday Readings

### قراءات الأحد

#### Second Sunday after the Epiphany

##### Second Letter to the Corinthians 4: 5-15.

For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake.

For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair;

persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you. But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture 'I believed, and so I spoke' we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

##### The Gospel according to Saint John 1: 35-42.

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.

When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

#### الأحد الثاني بعد الدنح

رسالة بولس الثانية إلى أهل كورنثس 4: 5-15  
يا إخواني، نحن لا نبشّر بأنفسنا، بل نبشّر بيسوع المسيح ربنا، وبأنفسنا عبيداً لكم من أجل يسوع؛ لأن الله الذي قال: «ليشرق من الظلمة نور!»، هو الذي أشرق في قلوبنا، لئلا نسئير فنعرف مجد الله المتجلي في وجه المسيح.

ولكننا نحمل هذا الكنز في أنية من خزف، ليظهر أن تلك القدرة الفائقة هي من الله لا منا. يضيق علينا من كل جهة ولكننا لا نسحق، نختار في أمرنا ولكننا لا نياس، نضطهد ولكننا لا نهمل، ننبذ ولكننا لا نهلك، ونحمل في جسدنا كل حين موت يسوع، لكي تظهر حياة يسوع أيضاً في جسدنا؛ فإننا نحن الأخفاء نسلم دوماً إلى الموت، من أجل يسوع، لكي تظهر حياة يسوع أيضاً في جسدنا المائت.

فالموت يعمل فينا، والحياة تعمل فيكم. ولكن بما أن لنا روح الإيمان عينه، كما هو مكتوب: «أمنت»، ولذلك تكلمت»، فنحن أيضاً نؤمن، ولذلك نتكلم. ونحن نعلم أن ذلك الذي أقام الرب يسوع، سيقيمنا نحن أيضاً مع يسوع، ويجعلنا وإياكم في حضرة. فكل شيء هو من أجلكم، لكي تكثر النعمة، فيفيض الشكر في قلوب الكثيرين لمجد الله.

##### إنجيل القديس يوحنا 1: 35-42

في الغد أيضاً كان يوحنا واقفاً هو واثنان من تلاميذه. ورأى يسوع ماراً فحدق إليه وقال: «ها هو حمل الله». وسمع التلميذان كلامه، فنبعا يسوع.

والتفت يسوع، فرأهما يتبعانه، فقال لهما: «ماذا تطلبان؟» قالا له: «رأبي، أي يا معلم، أين نقيم؟» قال لهما: «تعاليا وأنظرا». فذهبا ونظرا أين يقيم. وأقاما عنده ذلك اليوم، وكانت الساعة نحو الرابعة بعد الظهر.

وكان أندراؤس أخو سمعان بطرس أحد التلميذين، اللذين سمعا كلام يوحنا وتبع يسوع. ولقي أولاً أخاه سمعان، فقال له: «وجدنا مسيحاً، أي المسيح.»

وجاء به إلى يسوع، فحدق يسوع إليه وقال: «أنت هو سمعان بن يونا، أنت ستدعى كيفا، أي بطرس الصخرة.»



Kindly patronize the following with all your needs

**Commercial & Residential  
Construction and Renovations  
Insured and Licensed**

**Sam@cedarsconstruction.com**



**CEDARS  
CONSTRUCTION**

**347-537-8661**

**DMV  
License  
Renewal**  
**Wic Checks  
Flex Cards**



**Best Care Pharmacy**

8510 3rd Ave. • Brooklyn, NY 11209 • Free Delivery

**Tel: (718) 680-9855 Fax: (718) 680-9856**

Western Union Bill Payments Money Orders Copy Fax ATM Photo  
FLU PNEUMONIA SHINGLES VACCINES • Passport Pictures • Photo Processing

**PCR &  
Rapid  
Testing**  
**COVID-19  
Vaccination**

Comptech

The Best HD IPTV Subscription Service Provider



**Arabic IPTV**



**All USA Premium Channels**

English, Arabic, South Asian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish, Sports, Italian, French, International, Ukrainian, Greek, Turkish, Hindi, Indian Sport, Pakistani Russian.

24/7 Oldie TV Shows, Stand up comedy.

**Video on Demand**

Arabic TV Series, Ramadan 2019, New Releases, 3D, Afiam, French Movies, International Films, Drama, Comedy, Action, Romance, Horror, Family, Documentary, Western, Adventure, Classic, Thriller, SCI-Fi, Musical, Fantasy, Animation, TV Series

IPTV Box Including Setup and Activation for \$120.00

IPTV Monthly Subscription for all channels and Video on Demand for \$25.00 ONLY..

Sam 718-812-5947

**St. Charbel In Every Home**



**Plaster on Wood**  
Size: 12"x9" in



**Engraved Wood  
Frame**  
Size: 8 1/2"x5 1/2"



**Statue**  
Size: 24"x9"

Please call or email  
**Maurice Kinani**  
917-696-0027  
**Mauricekinani@aol.com**  
to place your order

*Prearrangement Simplifies a  
Difficult Time*

**Cobble Hill  
Chapels**

171 Court Street,  
Brooklyn, NY  
The Largest Facility in  
Downtown Brooklyn  
(718) 875-1640



**Online Language Hub**

*Going back to your roots*

**The World's Premier Online Arabic Courses**

Native speaking teachers residing in **Lebanon**

We offer: Private one on one lessons  
Small group lessons  
(by age groups)  
Spoken Lebanese lessons

(407) 212-2884

contact@onlinelanguagehub.com

https://www.onlinelanguagehub.com

**We make learning fun**

We also offer French and Spanish classes



FREE FIRST LESSON

Kindly patronize the following with all your needs

## Wood Finisher NY



Wood Finishing, Spraying,  
Staining, Glazing, Painting, Color  
Matching & Antique Restoration,  
Finishing Front Door

woodfinishernycorp@gmail.com

Call: (718) 614-2234

Free Estimate

## ELHILOW & ASSOCIATES P.C.

*Attorneys at Law*

Serving your legal needs in:

Personal Injury, Real Estate, Business and Estates

(718) 833-2100

(718) 833-0476 Fax

Serving New York and New Jersey

### TAXES ON POINT ASSOCIATES LLC

7011 3RD AVE  
BROOKLYN, NY 11209

ELIO CHEDRAWI  
ENROLLED AGENT

T 718-535-7655

C 718-490-4255

F 718-535-7969



GEORGES CHEDRAWI  
TAX PREPARER

T 718-535-7655

C 718-490-4237

F 718-535-7969

EMAIL  
TAXES@ELIOEA.NET

## Cedar Abstract & Settlement Services Inc.

259 - 86th Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11209  
718-745-1120

Joseph M. Elhilow, President

## BK ROYAL ONE

Auto Lease & Finance

William Abou-Chrouh

royaloneleasing@gmail.com

8321 3rd Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11209

(646) 284-2377

www.royalleasingny.com



# AMF

American Window Fashions

ROGER SHAMAS

C: (917) 682-1075

americanwf@att.net

www.americanshades.com

- Custom Window Treatments Center
- Decorative Fabrics • Blackout • Sunscreen
- We Measure, Fabricate & Install
- Visit Our Showroom • Free Decorator Advice
- Serving NYC Metro Area for Over 30 Years

T: (718) 745-6742

F: (718) 680-6858

8211 5th Avenue

Brooklyn NY 11209



#1 NYC WINDOW SHADES FABRICATOR

## The Custom House

139 Montague Street – Brooklyn Heights, N.Y.

Find us on Facebook — Phone: 718-643-6000

Find us on Seamless & Grubhub — **we deliver!**

Available for weddings, christenings, birthdays, showers and holiday parties