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THE THREE BLESSED
MASSABKI MARONITE MARTYRS
&
THE 9th SUNDAY OF PENTECOST



***Celebration of The Three Blessed Massabki Maronite Martyrs & The 9th Sunday of Pentecost
July 14, 2024***

Sun., July 14	Celebration of the Three Blessed Massabki Maronite Martyrs / Ninth Sunday of Pentecost / St. Bonaventure / St. Kateri Tekawhitha 9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners 11:30 am for the Intentions of Dr. & Mrs. Peter & Lina Warinner & their Children	
Mon., July 15	NO DIVINE LITURGY Sts. Cyriacus & Julitta, his Mother	
Tues., July 16	10 am Divine Liturgy for Lisa & Aden Leon The Scapular of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel	by Mr. & Mrs. Jorge Leon
Wed., July 17	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Marina, Nun of Qannoubine	
Thurs., July 18	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Symphorosa and her Seven Sons	
Fri., July 19	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Margaret of Antioch	
Sat., July 20	10 am Divine Liturgy Elias the Prophet	
Sun., July 21	Celebration of St. Sharbel / 10th Sunday of Pentecost / St. Simeon Salus & his Friend St. John 9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners 11:30 am 40 Day for Karime Matar	by Mr. & Mrs. Issam Matar

June 2024 Financial Standing

Ordinary Income

- ◆ Collections on Sundays & Holy Days: **\$8,374.00**
- ◆ Cathedral Stipends from Marriages & Funerals, Hall Rent, Candles, Breakfast, Luncheon, Raffle, Dues, Religious Education, Flowers**\$22,717.37**

Total Ordinary Income: \$31,091.37

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....**\$24,235.73**

Total Ordinary Expenses: \$24,235.73

Total Ordinary Income vs Expenses: \$6,855.64

**Do you know? A couple of basic monthly expenses:
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 7% in 2024, so we pay \$49,313.00. The Cathedral monthly building insurance is now \$4,109.41.

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

HELP LEBANON!

Caritas Lebanon: Founded in 1972, *Caritas Lebanon* is the official socio-pastoral arm of the Catholic Church and is under the authority of the Assembly of Catholic Patriarchs and Bishops of Lebanon. *Caritas Lebanon* assists both individuals and communities through direct assistance to the poor, sick, refugees, victims of sex abuse and trafficking, and others in need. *Caritas Lebanon* is a member of *Caritas International*, one of the largest humanitarian networks in the world. Donate [here](#).

Tele-Lumiere/Noursat: Tele-Lumiere/Noursat, the "Television of Light", is the first Christian Television network in Lebanon and the Middle East. It was founded in 1991 by a group of committed lay people. Tele-Lumiere/Noursat has become a daily bread and hope for the Christian minorities in the Middle East, as well as a source of peace for many viewers from different denominations. Donate [here](#).

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul: Founded in 1833 by a group of young laymen, the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is a lay Catholic organization of women and men who put their faith into action. The Society is very close to the people. Most parishes and villages have a Society that is active. From the start, the Society has been under the patronage of Saint Vincent de Paul, a great saint, well-known for his works of charity. Donate [here](#).

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Maronite Catholic Formation

Children Pre-K to High School are encouraged to participate in the Maronite Catholic Formation (Sunday School) classes beginning in September. Registration, calendar and more information will be available soon.

Upper Hall Lease Ending

The school that was leasing the upper hall for one year left the space at the end of June.

New Officers for the Confraternity of Our Lady of Lebanon

Join please in congratulating the new board of the Confraternity of Our Lady of Lebanon: Mireille Saikaly, President; Mary El Adem, Vice President; Helen Zihenni, Secretary; Lily El Haje, Treasurer. The new officers will take up their positions at the September meeting. We would like to thank the current officers for their dedication and to congratulate the new board.

New MYO Board

Join please in congratulating the new board of the MYO: Vanessa Nassour, President; Rita Hosri, Vice President; Rita Ghaleb, Secretary; Christy El Kallassy, Social Media. The new officers will take up their positions at the September meeting. We would like to thank the current officers for their dedication and to congratulate the new board.

Promoting Vocations

The Eparchy is trying to bring more awareness to the different vocations in life: priesthood, consecrated life, diaconate, married life and generous single life. For this reason, an icon of the Holy Family along with a prayer will be given to a different family each week for prayer every night so God may guide us to discern and promote the various vocations.

To register, please click [here](#) or scan here  See Fr. Chuck for more information.

Saturday Speaker Series at St. Sharbel Spiritual Life Center

Please click [here](#) to watch a lecture by Michael Aquilina at the Saint Sharbel Spiritual Life Center. The talk is a superb analysis of the influence of the early Christians on society with respect to the dignity of women and children. We hope everyone will listen to this to help us understand not only the value of Christianity 2000 years ago, but the great value today of the presence of Christians who truly believe in Christ, his way of life, and what this means for children, families and especially women.

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.

Beatification of Estephan El Douaihy

His Holiness Pope Francis has authorized the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints to promulgate the decree regarding the miracle attributed to the intercession of the Venerable Servant of God Estephan El Douaihy, Patriarch of Antioch of the Maronite Church (1670-1704). This decree will pave the way for his beatification which will be held in Lebanon on August 2nd.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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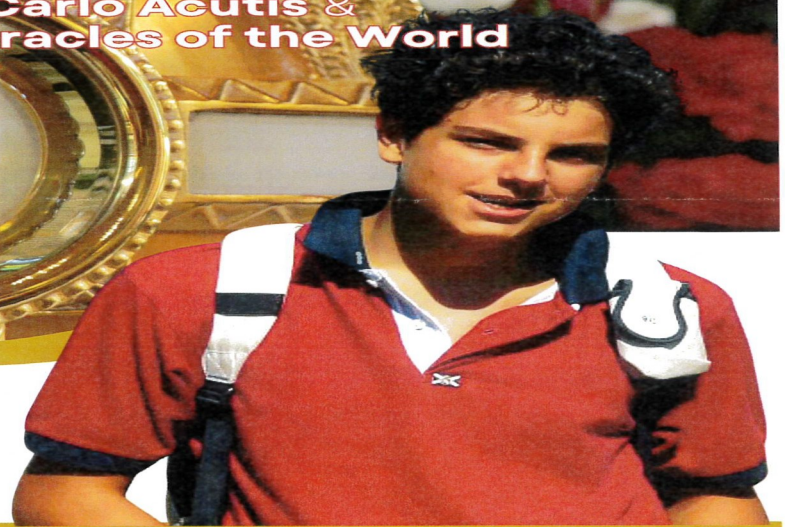
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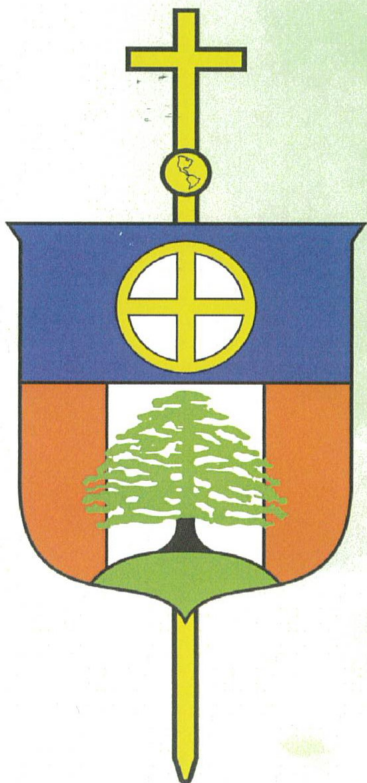
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Sunday Readings

قراءات الأحد

Feast of three Blessed Maronite Massabki Martyrs

Letter to the Hebrews 12: 1-9

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.

And you have forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as children 'My child, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, or lose heart when you are punished by him; for the Lord disciplines those whom he loves, and chastises every child whom he accepts.'

Endure trials for the sake of discipline. God is treating you as children; for what child is there whom a parent does not discipline? If you do not have that discipline in which all children share, then you are illegitimate and not his children. Moreover, we had human parents to discipline us, and we respected them. Should we not be even more willing to be subject to the Father of spirits and live?

The Gospel according to Saint Luke 12: 6-10

Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten in God's sight.

But even the hairs of your head are all counted. Do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

'And I tell you, everyone who acknowledges me before others, the Son of Man also will acknowledge before the angels of God;

but whoever denies me before others will be denied before the angels of God.

And everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven.

عيد الطوابقيين الإخوة المسابكيين، الشهداء

الرسالة إلى العبرانيين 9-1:12

يا إخوتي، نحن أيضاً، الذين لنا مثل تلك السحابة من الشهود المحيطة بنا، فلنلق عنا كل عبء، والخطيئة التي نحاصرنها، ولنبادر ثابتين إلى الجهاد المعد لنا. فلننظر إلى رايدي إيماننا ومكمل يسوع، الذي احتمل الصليب بدل الفرح المعد له، واستخف بالعار، وجلس عن يمين عرش الله.

فتأملوا ملياً في ذلك الذي احتمل مثل تلك المقاومة لشخصه من قبل الخطاة، لئلا تضعفوا في نفوسكم وتنهأوا.

فإنكم لم تقاوموا بعد حتى الدم في جهادكم ضد الخطيئة. ونسيتم كلام التشجيع الذي يخاطبكم كما يخاطب الأبناء: «يا بني، لا تردل تأديب الرب، ولا تسأم توبيخه.

فإن الذي يحب الرب يؤدبه، ويجلد كل ابن يرضيه.»

إذا فاحتملوا تأديب الرب، فهو يعاملكم معاملة الأبناء: وأي ابن لا يؤدبه أبوه؟ ثم إن آباءنا في الجسد كانوا يؤدبوننا، فنحجل منهم. أفلا نخضع بالأحرى لأبي الأرواح فنجازها؟

أما إذا كنتم لا تقبلون التأديب، الذي يشترك فيه الجميع، فتكونون دخلاء لا أبناء.

إنجيل القديس لوقا 10-6:12

قال الرب يسوع: «ألا تباع خمسة عصافير بفلسين، وواحد منها لا ينسى أمام الله؟

إن شعرت رأسكم كله معدود، فلا تخافوا! إنكم أفضل من عصافير كثيرة.

وأقول لكم: كل من اعترف بي أمام الناس، يعترف به ابن الإنسان أمام ملائكة الله.

ومن أنكرني أمام الناس، ينكر أمام ملائكة الله. وكل من يقول كلمة على ابن الإنسان يعفر له، أما من جدف على الروح القدس فلن يعفر له.

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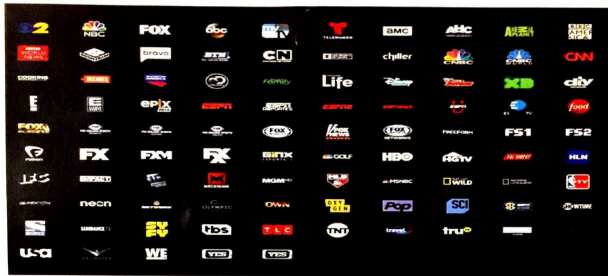
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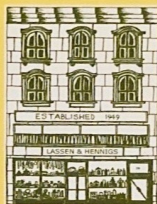
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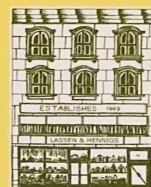
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