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The Very Reverend Dominique Hanna, Rector
The Reverend Chuck VanHeusen, Assistant Rector
Deacon Adonis El-Asmar
Subdeacon Norbert Vogl

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST



*The 16th Sunday of Pentecost
September 1st, 2024*

Sun., Sep. 1 **16th Sunday of Pentecost / St. Simeon the Stylite**
9 am for Norbert Vogl, Jr. **by Elena Diamontopulos**
for the Healing of Laura Gambale
11:30 am (AT THE PICNIC) for the Intentions of the Parishioners

Mon., Sept. 2 NO DIVINE LITURGY
St. Mammias the Great

Tue., Sept. 3 10 am Divine Liturgy
St. Theodore the Great

Wed., Sept. 4 10 am Divine Liturgy
St. Babylas, Patriarch of Antioch

Thu., Sept. 5 10 am Divine Liturgy
St. Sharbel of Edessa / St. Teresa of Calcutta

Fri., Sept. 6 10 am Divine Liturgy
St. Michael the Archangel

Sat., Sept. 7 10 am Divine Liturgy
St. Sozon

Sun., Sep. 8 **Celebration of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**
9 am for Anthony Abraham **by Al Santana**
11:30 am 40 Day for Norbert Vogl, Jr. **by Subdeacon & Mrs. Norbert Vogl**

July 2024 Financial Standing

Ordinary Income

- ◆ Collections on Sundays & Holy Days: **\$14,740.81**
- ◆ Cathedral Stipends from Marriages & Funerals, Hall Rent, Candles, Breakfast, Luncheon, Raffle, Dues, Religious Education, Flowers**\$14,468.73**

Total Ordinary Income: \$29,209.54

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....**\$28,482.59**

Total Ordinary Expenses: \$28,482.59

Total Ordinary Income vs Expenses: \$726.95

**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
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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 the 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

Parish Picnic

Our Parish Picnic is scheduled for September 1, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm at Miller Field Park. The 9:00 am Divine Liturgy will be in the Cathedral and the 11:30 am Divine Liturgy at the park. Details on page 5 in the bulletin.

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.

Arabic Class Registration

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

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.

New MYA Board

Join please in congratulating the new board of the MYA: John Eladem, President; Christopher Safi, Vice President; Mary Ghaleb, Secretary; Lorianana Eladem, 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.

Symposium

You are invited to attend the upcoming Symposium and Lecture in honor of Father Paul (Boulos) Feghali taking place in person at Catholic University in Washington, DC, and online on Thursday, September 26, 2024, from 2:00pm until 6:30pm. The symposium is sponsored by The Hidden Pearl Institute and Press, and the Institute for the Study of Eastern Christianity. It is organized by Rev. Dr. Armando Elkhoury, and Professor Robin Darling Young. Please register [here](#).

Promoting Vocations

The Eparchy is trying to bring more awareness to the different vocations in 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.

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



Interested in Joining the Choir?

The choir of the Cathedral would like to welcome anyone interested in joining them to see Christiane Merhej after the 11:30 Divine Liturgy. We are also looking for someone who knows the Maronite music to play the organ.

Finance Council Recommendation

The Finance Council has recommended that parishioners set up their Church donation as an automatic payment. 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.

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.

Eparchial Vocation Video

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, to discover and nurture the vocation that God has placed within you, and be faithful to his call no matter where it leads.

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.

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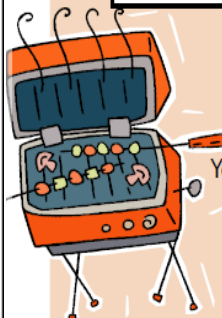
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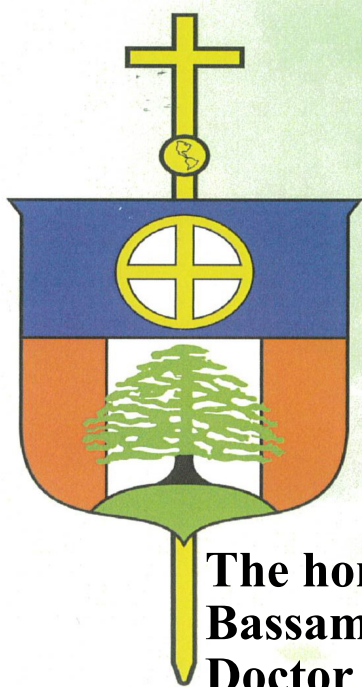
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Sunday Readings

قراءات الأحد

Sixteenth Sunday of Pentecost

Letter to the Romans 8: 18-27

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us.

For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God;

for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now;

and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen?

But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.

And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

The Gospel according to Saint Luke 18:9-14

Jesus also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt:

‘Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector.

The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector.

I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income."

But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!"

I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted

الأحد السادس عشر من زمن العنصرة

رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل رومة 8: 18-27.

يا إخوتي : إني أحسب أن آلام الوقت الحاضر لا تُوَازي المجد الذي سوف يتجلى فينا.

فإن الخليقة تنتظر بفارغ الصبر تجلي أبناء الله؛ لأن الخليقة أخضعت للباطل، لا طوعاً، بل «بسُلطان الله الذي أخضعها»، ولكن على رجاء

أن الخليقة نفسها ستحرر هي أيضاً من عبودية الفساد إلى حرية مجد أولاد الله.

ونحن نعلم أن الخليقة كلها معاً تئن وتتمخض إلى الآن. ولكن لا هي فحسب، بل نحن أيضاً الذين لنا باكورة

الروح، نحن أيضاً نئن في أنفسنا، منتظرين التنبؤ أي فداء جسدينا. فإننا بالرجاء خلصنا. والرجاء الذي يرى ليس رجاء. فهل نرجو أحد ما يراه؟

أما إذا كنا نرجو ما لا نراه، فبالصبر نتظره.

وهكذا فالروح نفسه يعضدنا في ضعفنا، لأننا لا نعرف أن نصلي كما ينبغي، لكن الروح نفسه يسفح لنا باناتٍ لا توصف.

والذي يفحص القلوب يعرف رغبة الروح، وهي أنه يسفح للقديسين بما يوافق مشيئة الله.

إنجيل القديس لوقا 18: 9-14.

قال الرب يسوع هذا المثل لأتاس يثقون في أنفسهم أنهم أبرار، ويحتقرون الآخرين:

«رجلان صعدا إلى الهيكل ليصليا، أحدهما فريسي والآخر عشار.

فوقف الفريسي يصلي في نفسه ويقول: اللهم، أشكرك لأني لست كباقي الناس الظالمين الزناة، ولا كهذا العشار. إني أصوم مرتين في الأسبوع، وأؤدي العشر عن كل ما أفنتي.

أما العشار فوقف بعيداً وهو لا يريد حتى أن يرفع عينيه إلى السماء، بل كان يفرغ صدره قائلاً: اللهم، اصفح عني أنا الخاطيء!

أقول لكم إن هذا نزل إلى بيته مبرراً، أما ذلك فلا! لأن كل من يرفع نفسه يواضع، ومن يواضع نفسه يرفع.»

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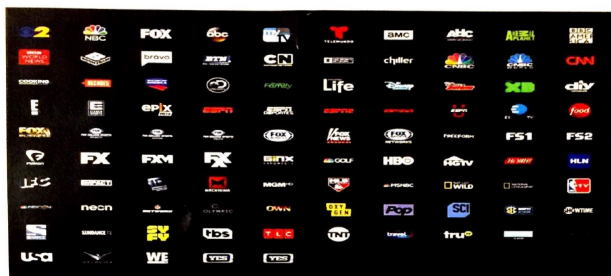
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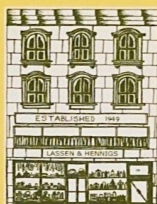
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