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# CELEBRATING THE FEAST OF THE HOLY CROSS



| Celebration of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross |
|---|
| September 8th, 2024                             |

| Sun., Sept. 8  | Celebration of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross / Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary 9 am for Anthony Abraham by Al Santana 11:30 am 40 Day for Norbert Vogl, Jr. by Subdeacon & Mrs. Norbert Vogl |
|----------------|---|
| Mon., Sept. 9  | NO DIVINE LITURGY<br>Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Virgin Mary, / Blessed Frederick Ozanam  |
| Tue., Sept. 10 | 10 am Divine Liturgy<br>St. Pulcheria the Queen   |
| Wed., Sept. 11 | 10 am Divine Liturgy for Marie El Hajj Boutros by Marian Ciaccia<br>St. Theodora of Alexandria  |
| Thu., Sept. 12 | 10 am Divine Liturgy<br>St. Cornelius the Centurion   |
| Fri., Sept. 13 | 10 am Divine Liturgy<br>St. Christopher   |
| Sat., Sept. 14 | 10 am Divine Liturgy of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross for Josephine Circello by Salma Vahdat 5:30 pm Sunday School Opening Divine Liturgy followed by bonfires                      |
| Sun., Sept. 15 | First Sunday after the Holy Cross   |

11:30 am for Fr. Chuck & Marie VanHeusen on their 50th Wedding Anniversary

#### **August 2024 Financial Standing**

9 am for Norbert Vogl, Jr.

#### **Ordinary Income**

- ◆ Collections on Sundays & Holy Days: \$17,741
- ◆ Cathedral Stipends from Marriages & Funerals, Hall Rent, Candles, Breakfast, Luncheon, Raffle, Dues, Religious Education, Flowers ....\$12.019

**Total Ordinary Income: \$29,760** 

#### **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....\$30,534

**Total Ordinary Expenses: \$30,534** 

Total Ordinary Income vs Expenses: -\$774

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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!**

by Marian Ciaccia

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.

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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

#### 50 Years!

Please join Fr. Chuck and Marie in celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on September 15th. Everyone is invited to share a meal with them in the social hall after the 11:30 am Divine Liturgy.

#### **Confraternity Meeting**

The Confraternity will have a meeting on Sunday, September 15th, after the 11:30 am Divine Liturgy in the Chapel.

#### **MYA Meeting & Welcoming Night**

The MYA will have a meeting on Sunday, September 15th, after the 11:30 am Divine Liturgy in the Lower Hall and on Saturday, September 21st, the group will have a welcoming night.

#### **MYO** Welcome Game Night

The MYO will have a welcoming night on Friday, September 20th, at 7:30 pm.

#### **Maronite Catholic Formation**

Children Pre-K to High School are encouraged to participate in the Maronite Catholic Formation (Sunday School). On Saturday, September 14th, parents and children are invited to the Divine Liturgy at 5:30 pm followed by bonfires. Classes begin on Sunday, September 22nd, at 10 am. Registration, calendar and more information will be available soon.

#### **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

#### **Arabic Class Registration**

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

#### **Order of Saint Sharbel Sunday**

October 13 is designated as "Order of Saint Sharbel Sunday" in our Eparchy. All Maronite parishes that Sunday will be promoting the Order. The Order of Saint Sharbel is vitally important in providing financial and spiritual support for our seminarians, who are crucial for the future of our Maronite Church. This year we have three men preparing for the priesthood for our Eparchy. Please prayerfully consider joining the Order. You may enroll online <a href="here">here</a>.

#### Discernment Weekend for the Priesthood: "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few."

Hearing God's call in a world where there is so much noise is never easy. The Maronite Seminary in Washington DC will be holding a Discernment Weekend on Friday, November 1st, 2024, to Sunday, November 3rd, 2024 at the Seminary for men who show signs of a vocation to the priesthood and to promote the beauty of the priesthood. If you know of any man discerning a vocation to the priesthood, or who would like to know more about vocations, please give him Fr. Dominique Hanna's phone number (718-624-7228).

#### **Creating a Culture of Vocations**

Since last year, the Vocations Team has been meeting regularly and working diligently to create different resources that we have sent you; a vocation video, a poster for all the parishes promoting vocations; vocation prayer cards, and an icon of the Holy Family mailed from the Chancery to each parish to encourage individual families to pray for vocations in their own families and parishes. The Sundays of Consecration and Dedication of the Church on November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> are designated to focus on the call to serve that all of us share.

#### **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 26th, 2024, from 2:00 pm until 6:30 pm. 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.

#### **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 <a href="here">here</a>. It was determined that a minimum of \$150.00 per household a month will help meet the Church's budget.

# Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Christian Formation 2024-2025 Sunday School

#### **Upcoming September Events**

**Saturday**, September 14, 5:30 pm Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

 A season opener for the MCF. Join us for Saturday evening mass in a relaxed atmosphere followed by a program reminiscent of the bonfires across the mountaintops of Lebanon. Snacks will be provided.



**Sunday**, September 22, 10:00 am Class with parent meet-and-greet

 Join the MCF for the first official class of the 2024-2025 school year. It's a great opportunity to meet the catechists, fellow families, parents and friends MARONITE FAITH FORMATION ONLINE SERIES – FALL 2024

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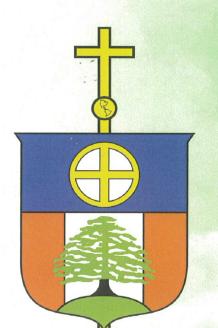


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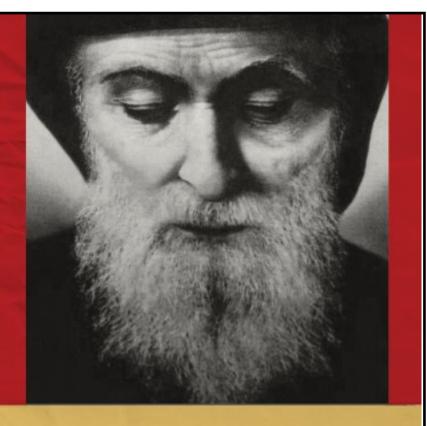


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#### **Sunday Readings** قر اءات الأحد

#### Feast of the Exaltation of the Glorious Cross The First Letter to the Corinthians 1:18-25

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.'

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

#### The Holy Gospel according to Saint John 12:20-32

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. 'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say "Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out.

And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.'

#### عيد ارتفاع الصليب المقدّس

رسالة القديس بولس الأولى إلى أهل قورنتس 18:1-25 يًا إِخِوَتِي، إِنَّ كَلِمَةَ الصَّلِيبِ عِنْدَ الهَالِّكِينَ حَمَاقَة، أَمَّا عِنْدَنَا نَحْنُ الْمُخَلُّصِينَ فَهِيَ قُوَّةُ الله؛

لْأِنَّهُ مَكَّنُوب: " يَسَأُبِيدُ حِكْمَةَ الحُكَمَاءِ، و أَرْذُلُ فَهْمَ الفُهَمَاء. «! فَّأَيْنَ الْحَكِيمِ؟ وَأَيْنَ عَالِمُ الشَّرِيعَة؟ وَأَيْنَ الْبَاحِثُ فِي أُمُورٍ هَذَا الدُّهْرِ؟ أَمَا جَعَلَ اللهُ حِكْمَةَ هَٰذَا العَالَمِ حَمَاقَة؟

الذهر؛ أما جعل الله حِكمه هذا العالم حماقه: فَيِمَا أَنَّ الْعَالَمَ بِحِكْمَتِهِ مَا عَرَفَ اللهَ بِحَسَبِ حِكْمَةِ الله، رَضِيَ اللهُ أَنَّ يُخَلِّصَ بِحَمَّاقَةِ الْبِشَارَةِ الَّذِينَ يُؤْمِنُونِ؟

َّنَّ اليَّهُودَ يَطْلُبُونَ الْآيَاتَ، واليُونَانَيِّينَ يَأْتَمِسُونَ الْحِكْمَة. أَمَّا نَحْنُ فَنُنَادِي بِمَسِيحٍ مَصْلُوب، هُوَ عِثَارٌ لِليَهُودِ وحَمَاقَةٌ لِلأَّمَم. وأَمَّا لِلْمَدْعُوِّينَ أَنْفُسِهِم، مِنَ اليَهُودِ واليُونَانِيِّين، فَهُوَ مَسِيحٌ، قُوَّةُ

مَّتِ وَصِّتُ مِنْ اللهِ هُوَ أَحْكُمُ مِنَ اللهِ هُوَ أَحْكُمُ مِنَ النَّاسِ، ومَا يَبْدُو أَنَّهُ ضُعْفُ مِنَ الله هُوَ أَقُوَى مِنَ النَّاسِ.

#### إنجيل القديس يوحنًا 20:12 32-32

إجبين الصَّاعِدِينَ لِيَسْجُدُوا في العِيد، بَعْضُ اليُونَانِيِّين. كَانَ بَينَ الصَّاعِدِينَ لِيَسْجُدُوا في العِيد، بَعْضُ اليُونَانِيِّين. فَدَنَا هؤُلاءِ مِنْ فِيلِبُسَ الَّذي مِنْ بَيْتَ صَيْدَا الجَلِيل، وسَأَلُوهُ قَائِلِين:

﴾يَا سَيِّد، نُرِيدُ أَنَّ نَرَى يَسُوعَ. ﴿ فَجَاءَ فِيلِبُّسُ وقَالَ لأَنْدرَاوُس، وجَاءَ أَنْدرَاوُسُ وفِيلِبُّسُ وقَالاً

بيسوع. فَأَجَابَهُمَا يَسُوعُ قَائِلاً: »لَقَدْ حَانَتِ السَّاعَةُ لِكَي يُمَجَّدَ ٱبْنُ الإِنْسَان. أَلحَقَّ ٱلْحَقَّ أَقُولُ لَكُم: إِنَّ حَبَّةَ الْجِنْطَة، إِنْ لَمْ تَقَعْ في الأرضِ وتَمُتْ، تَبْقَي وَاحِدَة. وإِنْ مَاتَتْ تَأْتِي بِثَمَرٍ كَثِير. مِنْ يُحِبُّ نَفْسَهُ يَفْقِدُهَا، ومَنْ يُبْغِضُهَا في هذَا الْعَالَمِ يَحْفَظُهَا لِحَيَاةٍ

اَبِيتَ. مَنْ يَخْدُمْنِي فَلْيَتْبَعْنِي. وحَيْثُ أَكُونُ أَنَا، فَهُنَاكَ يَكُونُ أَيْضًا

مَنْ يَخْدُمُنِي سَيِبَعِي. وَحَيَثَ النَّولَ اللَّهِ لَهُ النَّكِ مَنْ يَخْدُمُنِي يُكَرِّمُهُ الآب. نَفْسِي الآنَ مُضْطَرَبَة، فَمَاذَا أَقُول؟ يَا أَبَتِ، نَجِّنِي مِنْ هِذِهِ السَّاعَة! السَّاعَة! ولكِنْ مِنْ أَجْلِ هِذَا بَلَغْتُ إلى هِذِهِ السَّاعَة! يَا أَبِتٍ، مَجِّدِ ٱسْمَكَ . «فَجَاءَ صَوْتٌ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ يَقُول: »قَدْ مَجَّدْتُ، يَا أَبِتٍ، مَجِّدِ ٱسْمَكَ . «فَجَاءَ صَوْتٌ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ يَقُول: »قَدْ مَجَّدْتُ،

وَسَأُمَجِد.﴿
وَسَمِعَ الْجَمْعُ الْحَاضِرُ فَقَالُوا: »إِنَّهُ رَعد . ﴿ وَقَالَ آخَرُون: »إِنَّ مَلاكًا خَاطَبَهُ. ﴿
مَلاكًا خَاطَبَهُ. ﴿
إِجَابَ يَسُوعُ وقَال: ﴾ مَا كَانَ هذَا الصَّوْتُ مِنْ أَجْلِي، بَلْ مِنْ

هِيَ الْأَنَ دَيْنُونَةُ هذَا العَالَم. أَلاَنَ يُطْرَدُ سُلْطَانُ هذَا العَالَمِ خَارِجًا. وأَنَا إذَا رُفِعْتُ عَن الأَرض، جَذَبْتُ إليَّ الجَمِيع. «

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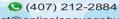
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