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Subdeacon Norbert Vogl

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY CROSS



**First Sunday after the Holy Cross
September 15th, 2024**

Sun., Sept. 15	First Sunday after the Holy Cross / Sts. Shaina & Sassine 9 am for Norbert Vogl, Jr. 11:30 am for Fr. Chuck & Marie VanHeusen on their 50th Wedding Anniversary for George Mansour, the father of Bishop Gregory Mansour	by Marian Ciaccia
Mon., Sept. 16	NO DIVINE LITURGY St. Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage	
Tue., Sept. 17	10 am Divine Liturgy for Boutros Yamin Aziz St. Sophia and her three daughters	by Salma Vahdat
Wed., Sept. 18	10 am Divine Liturgy The Flight of the Lord Jesus into Egypt	
Thu., Sept. 19	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Januarius	
Fri., Sept. 20	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Eustatius, his wife and children	
Sat., Sept. 21	10 am Divine Liturgy for Hope and Trust in God's Mercy and Forgiveness St. Quadratus, Bishop of Athens	
Sun., Sept. 22	Second Sunday after the Holy Cross 9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners 11:30 am for President Bachir Gemayel & his companions	by the Lebanese Forces of NY

August 2024 Financial Standing

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

**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 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

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 at 7:30 pm.

MYO Welcome Game Night

The MYO will have a welcoming night on Friday, September 20th, at 6:30 pm. If anyone grades 6 to 12 is interested in joining the MYO, please see either Lily Elhaje, Tiana Eladem, or Isabel Elhaje.

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 [here](#).

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 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 3rd and 10th 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 [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.

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

September/October Events

Saturday, September 14, 5:30 pm
Cancelled

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.

Sunday, October 6, 10:00 am
Class

Sunday, October 20, 10:00 am
Class

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ONLINE SERIES – FALL 2024

MARONITE HISTORY



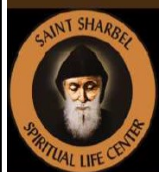
3 VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS

SEPTEMBER 26 -- MARONITE PATRIARCHS
(FR. DOMINQUE HANNA)

OCTOBER 3-- MARONITE HISTORY
(CHORBISHOP SEELY BEGGIANI)

OCTOBER 10 -- MARONITE MARTYRS
(FR. CLAUDE FRANKLIN)

Via Zoom on Thursdays
8:00-9:30PM EST



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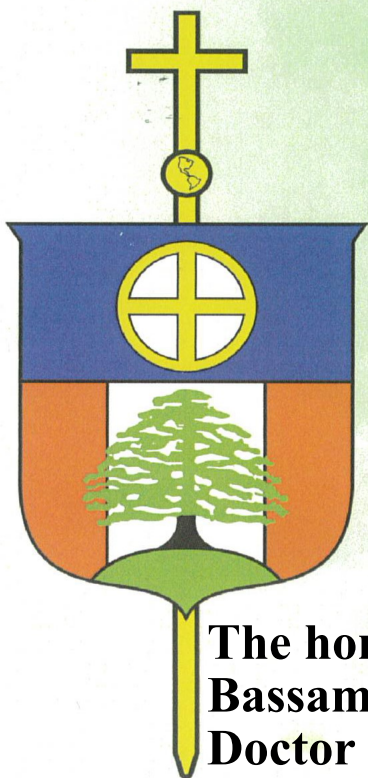


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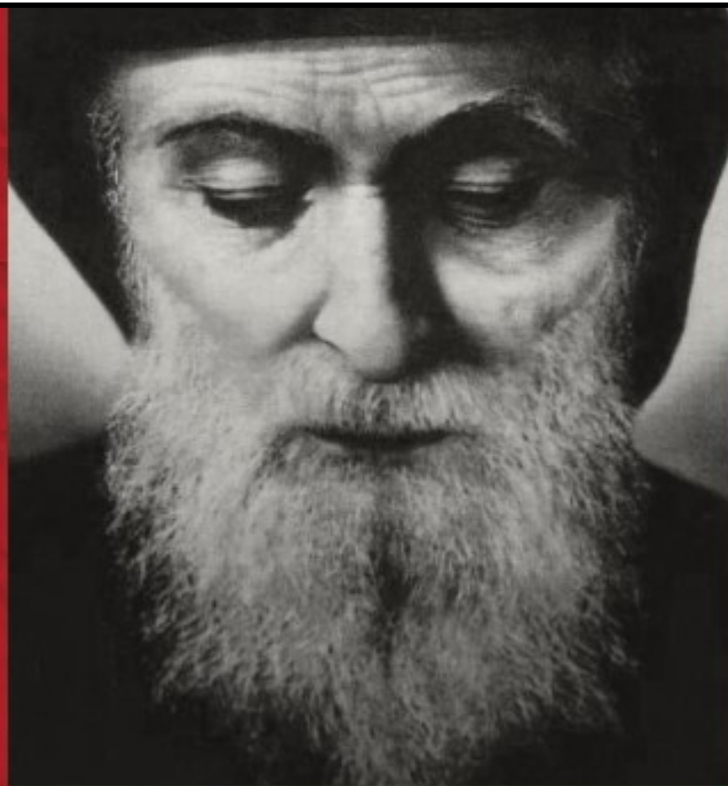
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For more information, contact the Order of Saint Sharbel President, Charlene Hiffa
at info@orderstsharbel.org or call 718-237-9913 or consult your Parish Priest.
If you are interested in becoming a Priest or Religious Sister, contact Father Dominique Hanna,
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Sunday Readings

قراءات الأحد

First Sunday after Holy Cross

The Second Letter to 2 Timothy 2: 1-10

Be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus; and what you have heard from me through many witnesses entrust to faithful people who will be able to teach others as well.

Share in suffering like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No one serving in the army gets entangled in everyday affairs; the soldier's aim is to please the enlisting officer. And in the case of an athlete, no one is crowned without competing according to the rules.

It is the farmer who does the work who ought to have the first share of the crops.

Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in all things. Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained.

Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark 10: 35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.' And he said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?'

And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.'

But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?'

They replied, 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.'

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John.

So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

الأحد الأول بعد عيد الصليب

رسالة القديس بولس الثانية إلى تيموثاوس 2: 1-10

يا إخواني، وأنت، يا أبنائي، تسدّد بالنعمة التي في المسيح يسوع. وما سمعته مني بحضور شهود كثيرين، استودعه أناساً أمناء، جديرين هم أيضاً بأن يعلموا غيرهم.

شاركني في احتمال المشقات كجندِّي صالح للمسيح يسوع. وما من جندِّي ينهمك في الأمور المعيشية، إذا أراد أن يرضي من جندّه.

ومن يصارع لا ينال كليلاً إلا إذا صارع بحسب الأصول. والحارث الذي يتعب له الحق بالتصيب الأول من الثمر.

تأمل في ما أقول: والرب سيعطيك فهماً في كل شيء!

تذكر يسوع المسيح الذي قام من بين الأموات، وهو من نسل داود، بحسب انجيلي،

الذي فيه أحتمل المشقات حتى القيود كمجرم، لكن كلمة الله لا تقيد.

لذلك أصبر على كل شيء من أجل المختارين، ليحصلوا هم أيضاً على الخلاص في المسيح يسوع مع المجد الأبدي.

إنجيل القديس مرقس 10: 35-45

دنا من يسوع يعقوب ويوحنا، أبنائنا زبدي، وقالوا له: «يا معلم، نريد أن تصنع لنا كل ما نسألك.»

فقال لهم: «ماذا تريدان أن أصنع لكما؟»

قالا له: «أعطينا أن نجلس في مجدك، واحد عن يمينك، وواحد عن يسارك.»

فقال لهم يسوع: «إنكما لا تعلمان ما تطلبان: هل تستطيعان أن تشربا الكأس التي أشربها أنا؟ أو أن تتعمدا بالمعمودية التي أنعمد بها أنا؟»

قالا له: «نستطيع.» فقال لهم يسوع: «الكأس التي أنا أشربها ستشربانها، والمعمودية التي أنا أنعمد بها ستعمدان بها.

أما الجلوس عن يميني أو عن يساري، فليس لي أن أمنحه إلا للذين أعد لهم.»

ولما سمع العشرة الآخرون، بدأوا يغتاظون من يعقوب ويوحنا. فدعاهم يسوع إليه وقال لهم: «تعلمون أن الذين يُعْتَبَرُونَ رؤساء الأمم يسودونهم، وعظماؤهم ينسلطون عليهم.

أما أنتم فليس الأمر بينكم هكذا، بل من أراد أن يكون فيكم عظيماً، فليكن لكم خادماً.

ومن أراد أن يكون الأول بينكم، فليكن عبداً للجميع؛

لأن ابن الإنسان أيضاً لم يات ليخدم، بل ليخدم، ويبدل نفسه فداءً عن كثيرين.»

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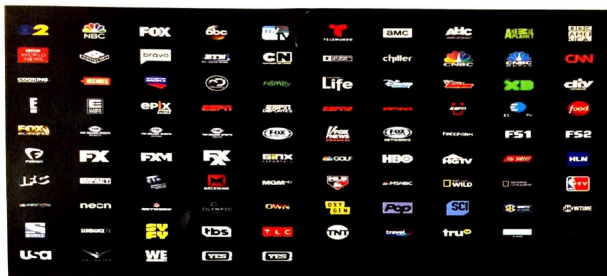
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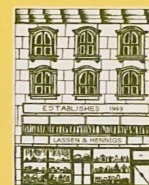
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