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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY CROSS



Second Sunday after the Holy Cross		
September 22nd, 2024		

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
Mon., Sept. 23	NO DIVINE LITURGY Jonah the Prophet	
Tue., Sept. 24	10 am Divine Liturgy for Onez Singleton for John Blum-Hansen St. Thecla, the first woman martyr	by the Leon Family by Mr. & Mrs. Scott Konop
Wed., Sept. 25	10 am Divine Liturgy for Ruth Perun St. Paphnutius the Confessor	by the Leon Family
Thu., Sept. 26	10 am Divine Liturgy for Albert Simon for Eva Azizi Fernandez St. John the Evangelist	by Phyllis Simon by Salma Vahdat
Fri., Sept. 27	10 am Divine Liturgy for Hasna Azizi St. Vincent de Paul	by Salma Vahdat
Sat., Sept. 28	10 am Divine Liturgy for Joseph John Perun St. Chariton	by the Leon Family
Sun., Sept. 29	Third Sunday after the Holy Cross 9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners 11:30 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners	

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.

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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

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.

MYA Welcoming Night

The MYA will have a welcoming night on Saturday, September 21st, at 7:30 pm.

Maronite Catholic Formation

Children Pre-K to High School are encouraged to participate in the Maronite Catholic Formation (Sunday School). Classes begin on Sunday, September 22nd, at 10 am and all information will be given then.

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

<u>The Man of God Is a Man for Others</u> 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 <u>here</u> or call the rectory at 718-624-7228.

Eparchial Vocation Video

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

MARONITE FAITH FORMATION ONLINE SERIES – FALL 2024

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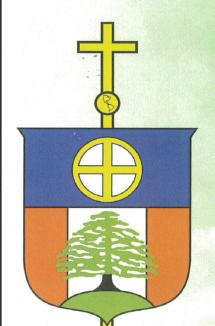


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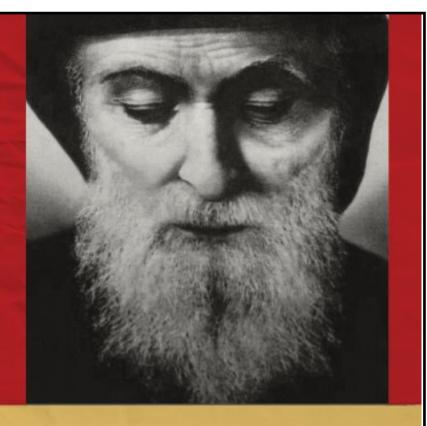


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If you are interested in becoming a Priest or Religious Sister, contact Father Dominique Hanna, Vocations Director at (718) 624-7228 or cathrectory@verizon.net

Sunday Readings قر اءات الأحد

Second Sunday after Holy Cross First Letter to the Corinthians 15: 19-34

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For 'God has put all things in subjection under his feet.' But when it says, 'All things are put in subjection', it is plain that this does not include the one who put all things in subjection under him. When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who put all things in subjection under him, so that God may be all in all.

Otherwise, what will those people do who receive baptism on behalf of the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, why are people baptized on their behalf? And why are we putting ourselves in danger every hour? I die every day! That is as certain, brothers and sisters, as my boasting of you a boast that I make in Christ Jesus our Lord.

If with merely human hopes I fought with wild animals at Ephesus, what would I have gained by it? If the dead are not raised, 'Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.' Do not be deceived: 'Bad company ruins good morals.' Come to a sober and right mind, and sin no more; for some

people have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew 24: 1-14 As Jesus came out of the temple and was going away, his

disciples came to point out to him the buildings of the tem-

Then he asked them, 'You see all these, do you not? Truly I tell you, not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.' When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, 'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?' Jesus answered them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. For many will come in my name, saying, "I am the Messiah!" and they will lead many astray. And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars; see that you are not alarmed; for this must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places: all this is but the beginning of the birth pangs. 'Then they will hand you over to be tortured and will put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of my name. Then many will fall away, and they will betray one another and hate one another.

And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. And because of the increase of lawlessness, the love of many will grow cold. But anyone who endures to the end will be saved. And this good news of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the world, as a testimony to all the nations; and then the end will come.

الأحد الثاني بعد عيد الصليب

رسالة القديس بولس الأولى إلى أهل قورنتس 19:15-34

يِا إِخْوَتِي، إِنْ كُنَّا نِنْرُجُو الْمَسِيحَ فَي هَذِهِ الْحَيَّاةِ وحَسْبُ، فَنَحْنُ أَشْقَى النَّاسِ أَجْمَعِين! وَالْحَالُ أَنَّ الْمَسِيحَ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَات، وهُوَ بَاكُورَةُ الرَّاقِدِين فَبِمَا أَنَّ الْمَوْتَ كَانَ بِوَ السِطَّةِ إِنْسَانٍ، فَبِوَ السِطَةِ إِنْسَانِ أَيْضًا تَكُونُ فِيَامَةُ الْأَمْوَاتِ. فَكَمَا أَنَّهُ فَي آدَمَ يَمُوتُ الجمِيعِ، كَذَلِكَ في المَسِيحِ سيَحْيَا الجَمِيعِ، كُلُكُ وَاحِدِ في رُتْبَتِه: المَسِيخُ أَوَّلاً، لأَنَّهُ البَاكُورَة، ثُمَّ الَّذِينَ هُمْ لِلمَسِيح، عِنْدَ

وَبَعْدَ ذَلِكَ تَكُونُ النِّهَايَة، حِيْنَ يُسَلِّمُ المَسِيحُ المُلْكَ إِلَى اللهِ الآب، بَعْدَ أَنْ يَكُونَ قَدْ أَبْطَلَ كُلَّ رِئَاسَةٍ وِكُلَّ سُلْطَانِ وَقَوَّه، لأَنَّهُ لا بُدَّ لِلمَسِيح أَنْ يَمْلِك، إِلَى أَنْ يَجْعَلَ اللهُ جَمِّيعَ أَعْدَائِهِ تَحْتَ قُلِّمَيْهِ. وآخِرُ عَدُوٍ يُبْطَلُ هُوَ الْمَوْت. لَقُد أَخْضِعَ لَهُ كُلُّ الْكِتَاب: »أَخْضِعَ لَهُ كُلُّ لَقَدْ أَخْضِعَ لَهُ كُلُّ

وبعني حَسَمَعَ عَبِّى يَكُونَ اللهُ الكُلَّ فَيَ اللَّكُلِّ. كُلُّ شَيْء، حَتَّى يَكُونَ اللهُ الكُلَّ فَي الكُلُّ. وإلاَّ فَمَاذَا يَفْعَلُ الَّذِينَ يَتَعَمَّدُونَ مِنْ أَجْلِ الأَمْوَات؟ إِنْ كَانَ الأَمْوَاتُ لا

رَبِّ يَقُومُونَ أَبَدًا، فَلِمَاذَا يَتَعَمَّدُونَ مِنْ أَجْلِهِم؟ ونَحْنُ، فَلِمَّاذَا نُعَرِّضُ أَنْفُسَنَا كُلَّ سَاعَةٍ لِلخَطِرِ؟ أَقْسِمُ، أَيُّهَا الإِخْوَة، بِمَا لي مِنْ فَخْرٍ بِكُم في المَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ

رَبِّنَا، ۚ أَنِّي أُوَاحِهُ الْمَوْتَ كُلَّ يَوْم. إِنْ كُنْتُ صَارَعْتُ الْوُحُوشَ في أَفَسُس، لِغَايَةٍ بَشَرِيَّة، فأَيُّ نَفْعٍ لي؟ وإِنْ كَانَ الإَمْوَاتُ لا يَقُومُون، فَلْنَأْكُلْ وَنَشْرَب، لأَنَّنَا غَدًا سَنَمُوت! لا تَضِلُّوا! إِنَّ المُعَاشَرَ اتِ السَّيِّئَةَ تُفْسِدُ الأَخْلاقَ السَّلِيمَةِ!

أَيْقِظُوا قُلُوبَكُم بِالتَّقُوي، وَلا تَخُطَأُوا، فَإِنَّ بَعْضًا مِنْكُم يَجْهَلُونَ الله! أَقُولُ هذَا

إنجيل القديس متى 1:24 عند المورد الله المورد المور الهَيْكُلُ. فَأَجَابَ وقَالَ لَهُمَ: »أَلا تَنْظُرونَ هذَا كُلَّهُ؟ ٱلْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكُم: لَنْ يُتْرَكَ هُنَا حَجَرٌ عَلى حَجَرٍ إِلاَّ وِيُنْقَض.«

ير - - بر حى بر أَوْ ويستس. وفيما هُوَ جَالِسٌ عَلَى جَبَلِ الزَّلِينَ اللهِ التَّلامِيذُ على ٱنْفِرَادٍ قَائِلين: » قُلْ لَنَا مَتَى يَكُونُ هَذَا، ومَا هِيَ عَلامَةُ مَجِيئِكَ ونِهَايَةِ العَالَم؟. «

فَأَجَابَ يَسُوعُ وقَالَ لَهُم: »إحْذَرُوا أَنْ يُضِلِّكُم أَحَد! فَكَثِيرُونَ سَيَأْتُونَ

بِٱسْمِى قَائِلين: »أَنَا هُوَ المَسِيح! ويُضِلُّونَ الكَثِيرين.

وَسَوْفَ تَسْمَعُونَ بِحُرُوبٍ وبِأَخْبَارٍ حُرُوب، أَنْظُرُوا، لا تَرْتَعِبُوا! فلا بُدَّ أَنْ يَحْدُثَ هذَا. ولكِنْ لَيْسَتِ أَلنِّهَايَةُ بَغُد! سَتَقُومُ أُمَّةٌ عَلى أُمَّة، ومَمْلَكَةٌ على مَمْلَكَة، وتَكُونَ مَجَاعَاتٌ وزَلْازِلُ في أَمَاكِنَ شَتَّى،

و هذَا كُلُّه أَوَّلُ الْمَخَاضِ.

حِينَئِذٍ يُسْلِمُونَكُم إلى الصِّيق، ويَقْتُلُونَكُم، ويُبْغِضُكُم جَمِيعُ الأُمَمِ مِنْ أَجْلِ ٱسْمِي. وَحِينَئِذٍ يَرْتَدُ الكَثِيْرُونَ عَن الإِيْمَان، ويُسْلِمُ بَعْضُهُم بَعْضًا، ويُبْغِضُ بَعْضُهُم بَعْضًا.

ويَقُومُ أَنْبِيَاءُ كَنَبَةٌ كَثِيرُونَ ويُضلُّونَ الكَثِيرين.

و لِكَثْرَ ٰهَ الْإِثْمِ تَفْتُرُ مَحَبَّةُ الكَثِيْرِ بَنِ.

َ مَنْ يَصْبِرُ إِلَى النِّهَايَةِ يَخْلُصْ. وَمُنْ يَصْبِرُ إِلَى النِّهَايَةِ يَخْلُصْ. ويُكْرَزُ بِإِنْجِيلِ المَلَكُوتِ هذا في المَسْكُونَةِ كُلِّهَا شَهَادَةً لِجَمِيعِ الأُمَم، وحينَئِذٍ تَأْتِي النِّهَايَة

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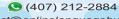
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