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**Subdeacon Norbert Vogl**

# THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY CROSS



**Third Sunday after the Holy Cross  
September 29th, 2024**

<b>Sun., Sept. 29</b>	<b>Third Sunday after the Holy Cross 9 am for Norbert Vogl Jr. 11:30 am for George Mansour</b>	<b>by Mr. &amp; Mrs. Tony Tannousis by Mr. &amp; Mrs. Tony Nassour</b>
Mon., Sept. 30	NO DIVINE LITURGY Jonah the Prophet	
Tue., Oct. 1	10 am Divine Liturgy 40 Day for Luke Nighswander for the Perun, Layng, Hudson, Smith & Leon Families St. Therese of the Child Jesus	by the Family by the Leon Family
Wed., Oct. 2	10 am Divine Liturgy for Dumit Azizi Sts. Cyprian & Justina	by Salma Vahdat
Thu., Oct. 3	10 am Divine Liturgy for Rhodes Leon St. Dionysius the Areopagite / St. Mother Theodore Guerin	by the Leon Family
Fri., Oct. 4	10 am Divine Liturgy for George Mansour St. Francis of Assisi	by Marian Ciaccia
Sat., Oct. 5	10 am Divine Liturgy for George Mansour St. Paul the Simple / Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos	by Salma Vahdat
<b>Sun., Oct. 6</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday after the Holy Cross / St. Thomas the Apostle 9 am for George Mansour 11:30 am for Sami Nassour</b>	<b>by the Struble Family by Mr. &amp; Mrs. Tony Nassour</b>

**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**

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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!**

**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](#).

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## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Urgent Appeal

In view of the ongoing war and the unfolding humanitarian crisis, the Ministry of Public Health of Lebanon has identified two lists of medications and medical supplies that are urgently needed to meet the growing demands on the healthcare system in the country. The lists are available on the following links: [Medications](#), [Medical Supplies](#). Kindly reach out to us at [info@nylebcons.org](mailto:info@nylebcons.org) to arrange for the shipping of any of the listed medications and medical supplies to Lebanon.

### Thank You SYMA Club

Our Lady of Lebanon Cathedral would like to thank the SYMA Club for donating \$10,000 to help with the Church operation & activities.

### MYO Bible Study

The MYO will have a Bible Study on Saturday, October 5th, at 5:30 pm. And on Sunday, October 6th, they are organizing a bake sale after the Divine Liturgy to fundraise for the upcoming retreat. Anyone grades 6 to 12 who is interested in joining the MYO, please see either Lily Elhaje, Tiana Eladem, or Isabel Elhaje.

### MYA Bible Study

The MYA will have a Bible Study on Saturday, October 5th, 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 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> are designated to focus on the call to serve that all of us share.

### 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.





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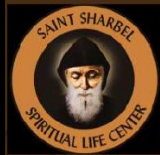
## 3 VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS

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

OCTOBER 3-- MARONITE HISTORY  
(CHORBISHOP SEELY BEGGIANI)

OCTOBER 10 -- MARONITE MARTYRS  
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Via Zoom on Thursdays  
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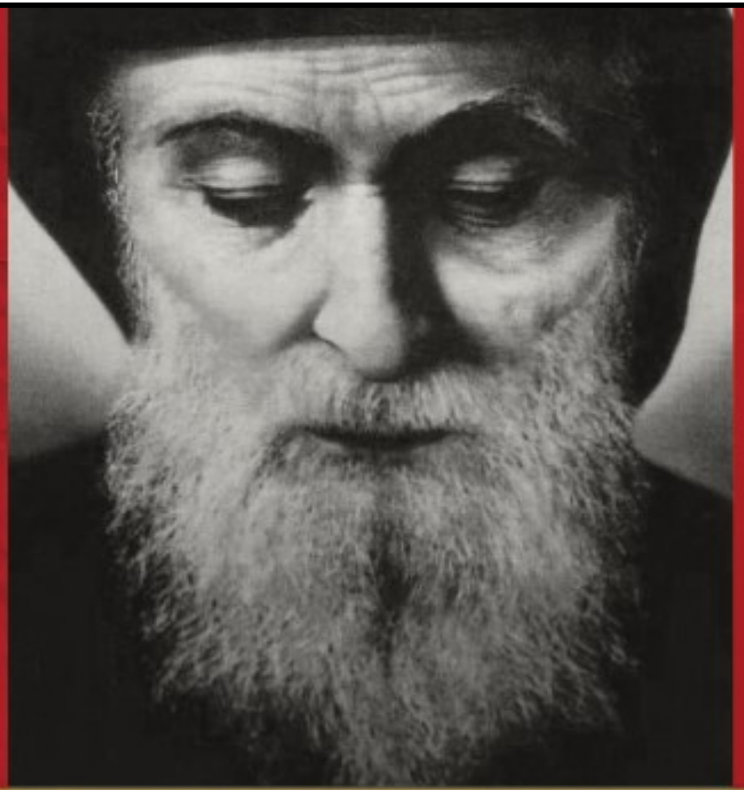
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## Sunday Readings

### قراءات الأحد

#### Third Sunday after Holy Cross

#### Letter to the Philippians 3: 17-4: 1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things.

But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

#### The Gospel according to Saint Matthew 24: 23-31

If anyone says to you, "Look! Here is the Messiah!" or "There he is!" do not believe it.

For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and produce great signs and omens, to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. Take note, I have told you beforehand. So, if they say to you, "Look! He is in the wilderness", do not go out. If they say, "Look! He is in the inner rooms", do not believe it. For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather.

‘Immediately after the suffering of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of heaven will be shaken.

Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see "the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven" with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

#### الأحد الثالث بعد عيد الصليب

#### رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل فيلبّي 3: 17-4: 1

يَا إِخْوَتِي، إِفْتَدُوا بِي، وَأَنْظُرُوا إِلَى الَّذِينَ يَسْلُكُونَ عَلَى مِثَالِنَا.

فَكثِيرٌ مِنْ أَوْلِيكَ الَّذِينَ كُنْتُ أَكَلِمُكُمْ عَنْهُمْ مَرَارًا، وَأَكَلِمُكُمْ عَنْهُمْ الْآنَ بِأَكْيَا، يَسْلُكُونَ كَأَعْدَاءٍ لِصَلِيبِ الْمَسِيحِ، أَوْلِيكَ الَّذِينَ عَاقَبْتَهُمُ الْهَلَاكُ، أَوْلِيكَ الَّذِينَ إِلَهُهُمُ بَطْنُهُمْ، وَمَجْدُهُمْ فِي عَارِهِمْ، وَفِي أُمُورِ الْأَرْضِ هُمُهُمْ.

أَمَّا نَحْنُ فَمَدِينَتُنَا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ، وَمِنْهَا نَنْتَظِرُ الرَّبَّ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحَ مُخْلِصًا.

وَهُوَ سَيُعَيِّرُ جَسَدَ هَوَانِنَا، فَيَجْعَلُهُ عَلَى صُورَةِ جَسَدِ مَجْدِهِ، وَفَقًا لِعَمَلِ قُدْرَتِهِ، الَّتِي بِهَا يُخْضِعُ لِنَفْسِهِ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ.

إِذَا، يَا إِخْوَتِي، الَّذِينَ أُحِبُّهُمْ وَأَسْتَأْجِقُ إِلَيْهِمْ، وَأَنْتُمْ فَرِحِي وَإِكْلِيلِي، أَنْبَتُوا هَكَذَا فِي الرَّبِّ، أَيُّهَا الْإِحْبَاءُ.

#### إنجيل القديس متى 24: 23-31

قَالَ الرَّبُّ يَسُوعُ: «إِنْ قَالَ لَكُمْ أَحَدٌ: هُوَذَا الْمَسِيحُ هُنَا أَوْ هُنَاكَ! فَلَا تُصَدِّقُوا.

فَسَوْفَ يَوْمٌ مَسْحَاءٌ كَذِبَةٌ وَأَنْبِيَاءُ كَذِبَةٌ، وَيَأْتُونَ بِآيَاتٍ عَظِيمَةٍ وَخَوَارِقَ، لِيُضِلُّوا الْمُخْتَارِينَ أَنْفُسَهُمْ، لَوْ قَدَرُوا. هَا أَنِّي قَدْ أَنْبَأْتُكُمْ!

فَإِنْ قَالُوا لَكُمْ: هَا هُوَ فِي الْبَرِّيَّةِ! فَلَا تَخْرُجُوا، أَوْ: هَا هُوَ فِي دَاخِلِ الْبَيْتِ! فَلَا تُصَدِّقُوا.

فَكَمَا أَنَّ الْبَرْقَ يُومِضُ مِنَ الْمَشَارِقِ، وَيَسْطَعُ حَتَّى الْمَغَارِبِ، هَكَذَا يَكُونُ مَجِيءُ ابْنِ الْإِنْسَانِ.

حَيْثُ تَكُونُ الْجِنَّةُ هُنَاكَ تَجْتَمِعُ النَّسُورُ. وَحَالًا بَعْدَ ضَيْقِ تِلْكَ الْأَيَّامِ، السَّمَسُ تَظْلَمُ، وَالْقَمَرُ لَا يُعْطِي ضَوْءَهُ، وَالنُّجُومُ تَنْسَاقُ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ، وَقَوَاتُ السَّمَاوَاتِ تَنْزَعُ عُرْعُ.

وَحِينَئِذٍ تَظْهَرُ فِي السَّمَاءِ عَلَامَةٌ ابْنِ الْإِنْسَانِ، فَتَنْتَجِبُ قَبَائِلُ الْأَرْضِ كُلِّهَا، وَتَرَى ابْنَ الْإِنْسَانِ آتِيًا عَلَى سَحَابِ السَّمَاءِ بِقُدْرَةٍ وَمَجْدٍ عَظِيمٍ.

وَيُرْسِلُ مَلَائِكَتَهُ يَنْفُخُونَ فِي بُوقٍ عَظِيمٍ، فَيَجْمَعُونَ مُخْتَارِيهِ مِنَ الرِّيَّاحِ الْأَرْبَعِ، مِنْ أَقَاصِي السَّمَاوَاتِ إِلَى أَقَاصِيهَا



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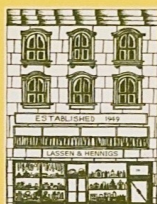
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