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FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY CROSS



***Fifth Sunday after the Holy Cross
October 13th, 2024***

Sun., Oct. 13	Fifth Sunday after the Holy Cross / Sts. Carpus & Papyrus & their companions 9 am for Paul J. Kelly 11:30 am 40 Day for General Maron Mouawad for Caroline Abbas & her son Joshua	by the Pasqualis by Mrs. Norma Bato
Mon., Oct. 14	NO DIVINE LITURGY St. Isaiah the Monk	
Tue., Oct. 15	10 am Divine Liturgy for Wayin & David Levenson & Family St. Teresa of Avila	by the Leon Family
Wed., Oct. 16	10 am Divine Liturgy for Diane Adams St. Longinus the Centurion	by the Perun & Leon Families
Thu., Oct. 17	10 am Divine Liturgy for Maria DiPaolo & Family Sts. Cosmas and Damian	by the Leon Family
Fri., Oct. 18	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Luke the Evangelist	
Sat., Oct. 19	10 am Divine Liturgy for Richard Mallouk St. Aaron of Antioch / Sts. John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues & companions	by Philip Mallouk
Sun., Oct. 20	Sixth Sunday after the Holy Cross / St. Shallita 9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners 11:30 am for Elie Safi for Gany Saikali	by Marleine Safi & Family by Mr. & Mrs. Wadih Saikali

August 2024 Financial Standing

Ordinary Income

- ◆ Collections on Sundays & Holy Days: **\$12,516.24**
 - ◆ Cathedral Stipends from Marriages & Funerals, Hall Rent, Candles, Breakfast, Luncheon, Raffle, Dues, Religious Education, Flowers**\$2,071.00**
- Total Ordinary Income: \$14,587.24**

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....**\$24,835.43**
- Total Ordinary Expenses: \$24,835.43**

Total Ordinary Income vs Expenses: -\$10,248.19

**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

Urgent Appeal for Lebanon

To meet the growing demands of the healthcare system in Lebanon, people can kindly help in two ways: Financially, by supporting a fundraising campaign that the Consulate is launching through the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) USA. With your contributions, UNICEF and partners will procure and deliver medications and medical supplies to Lebanon. Your tax-deductible donation can be made on the following link: [UNICEF Support for Lebanon](#).

Donations in kind, by sending [medications](#), and [medical supplies](#) to 3 Empire Blvd., South Hackensack, NJ 07696, in preparation for shipping them to Lebanon. The items can be dropped off at the location on weekdays anytime between 9am and 6pm and can also be shipped to the location at any time. For any needed assistance you can reach out to Mr. Imad Hassan on (917)754-8666.

Proposal One on the New York State Ballot

Click [here](#) to find an excellent letter by Bishop John O. Barres on Proposal One that is on the New York State ballot. His careful analysis on Proposal One is an excellent reason for New Yorkers to vote NO on this proposal.

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



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.

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.



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Sunday, October 13, 2024
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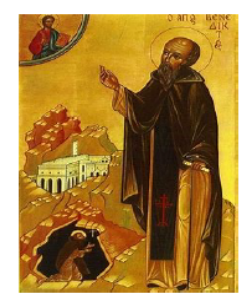
Christmas Day of Recollection
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Saturday, November 16, 2024
9 AM — 3 PM

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- Q & A
- Lunch
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Parishioners and friends — All are Welcome!

RSVP: No later than Sunday, November 10, 2024

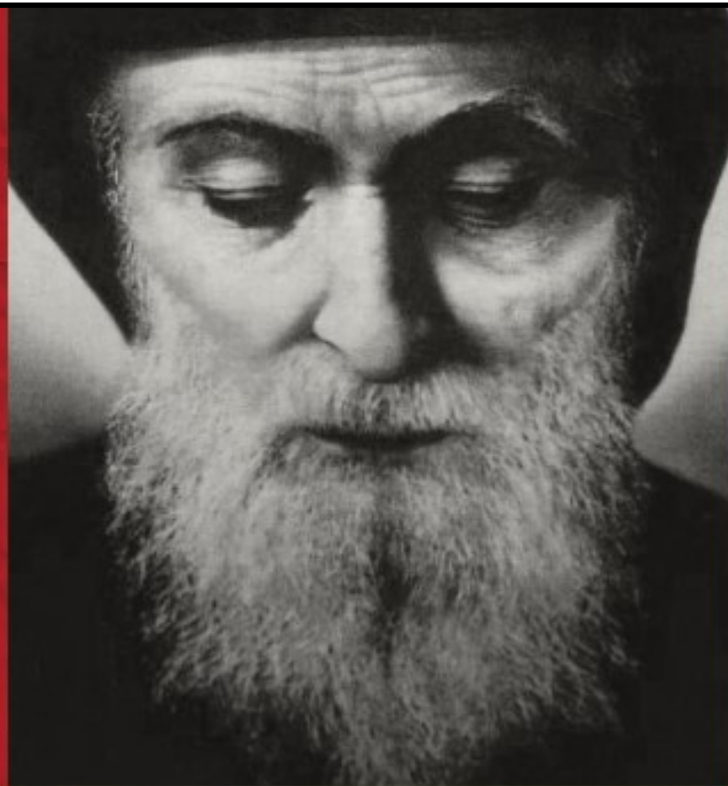
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For more information, contact the Order of Saint Sharbel President, Charlene Hiffa
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If you are interested in becoming a Priest or Religious Sister, contact Father Dominique Hanna,
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Sunday Readings

قراءات الأحد

The Fifth Sunday of The Cross Letter to the Philippians 2:12-18

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;

for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Do all things without murmuring and arguing, so that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, in which you shine like stars in the world. It is by your holding fast to the word of life that I can boast on the day of Christ that I did not run in vain or labor in vain.

But even if I am being poured out as a libation over the sacrifice and the offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you and in the same way you also must be glad and rejoice with me.

The Gospel according to Saint Matthew 25:1-13

'Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom.

Five of them were foolish, and five were wise.

When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps.

As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out."

But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves."

And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

الأحد الخامس بعد عيد الصليب

رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل فيلبّي 2:12-18
يا إخوتي، إعملوا لخلّصكم بحُوفٍ ورعدة، كما أطعتم دائماً، لا في حضورِي فحسب، بل بالأحرى وبالأكثر الآن في غيابي.

فإنّ الله هو الذي يجعلكم تُريدون وتعملون بحسبِ مرضاته.

افعلوا كلّ شيءٍ بغير تذرُّمٍ وجدالٍ، لكي تصبروا بسطاءً لا لومٍ عليكم، وأبناءً لله لا عيبٍ فيكم، وسط جيلٍ مُعوجٍ ومُنحرفٍ، تُضيئون فيه كالنُّيراتِ في العالم،

مُتمسكين بكلمة الحياة، لأفخاري في يوم المسيح، بأيّ ما سعيتُ ولا تعبُتُ باطلاً.

لو أنّ دمي يراق على دُبحةِ إيمانكم وخدمته، لكنتُ أفرحُ وأبتهج معكم جميعاً.

فأفرحوا أنتم أيضاً وأبتهجوا معي.

إنجيل القديس متى 13-1:25

قال الربُّ يسوع: «بِسببِهِ مَلَكُوثُ السَّمَاوَاتِ عَشْرَ عَذَارَى

أخذن مصابيحهنّ وخرجن إلى لقاء العريس،

خمسٌ منهنّ جاهلات، وخمسٌ حكيّمات.

فالجاهلات أخذن مصابيحهنّ ولم يأخذن معهنّ زيتاً.

أمّا الحكيمات فأخذن زيتاً في آنيةٍ مع مصابيحهنّ.

وأبطأ العريسُ فنعسَ جميعهنّ، وراقدن.

وفي مُنتصفِ الليل، صارت الصيحة: هوذا العريس!

أخرجوا إلى لقاءه!

حينئذٍ قامت أولئك العذارى كلهنّ، وزين مصابيحهنّ.

فقالَت الجاهلات للحكيّمات: أعطينا من زيتك، لأنّ

مصابيحنا تنطفئ.

فأجابَت الحكيماتُ وقلن: قد لا يكفينا ويكفيكنّ. إذهبن

بالأحرى إلى الباعةِ وابتعن لكنّ.

ولمّا ذهبن ليبتعن، جاء العريس، ودخلت المُستعدّات إلى

العرس، وأغلق الباب.

وأخيراً جاءت العذارى الباقياتُ وقلن: يا ربُّ، يا ربُّ، افتح

لنا!

فأجاب وقال: الحقّ أقول لكنّ، إني لا أعرفكنّ!

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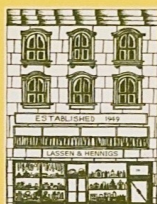
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