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SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY CROSS



MASSABKI BROTHERS CANONIZATION

**Sixth Sunday after the Holy Cross / Canonization of the Massabki Brothers
October 20th, 2024**

Sun., Oct. 20	Sixth Sunday after the Holy Cross / Canonization of the Massabki Brothers / St. Shallita 9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners 11:30 am for Elie Safi for Gaby Saikali	by Marleine Safi & Family by Mr. & Mrs. Wadih Saikali
Mon., Oct. 21	NO DIVINE LITURGY St. Hilarion of Tabatha	
Tue., Oct. 22	10 am Divine Liturgy for George Mansour Pope St. John Paul II 7:30 pm Divine Liturgy of St. Sharbel	by Mr. & Mrs. Tony Nassour
Wed., Oct. 23	10 am Divine Liturgy for George Mansour St. Ignatius, Patriarch of Constantinople	by Mr. & Mrs. Tony Nassour
Thu., Oct. 24	10 am Divine Liturgy for George Mansour St. Arethas and his companions	by Mr. & Mrs. Tony Nassour
Fri., Oct. 25	10 am Divine Liturgy for George Mansour St. Chrysanthus and his wife Daria	by Elena Diamontopolus
Sat., Oct. 26	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Demetrius	
Sun., Oct. 27	Seventh Sunday after the Holy Cross / Sunday of Christ the King / Sts. Capitolina & Eroteis 9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners 11:30 am for Lila Rizk Hayek	by the Hache Family

September 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



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.

Christmas Day of Recollection Our Lady of Lebanon Cathedral

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Saturday, November 16, 2024

9 AM — 3 PM

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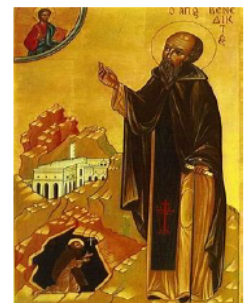
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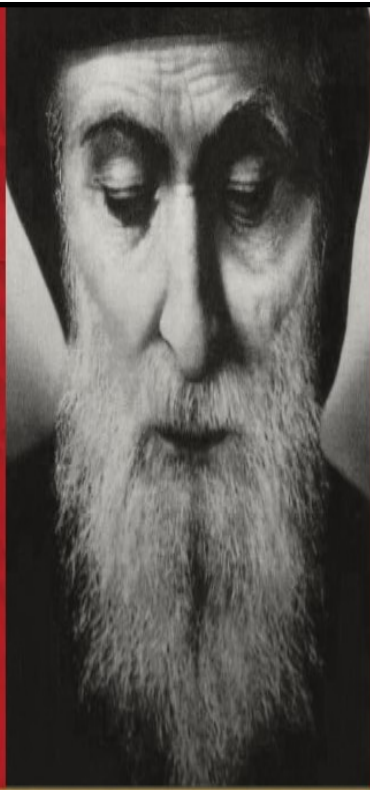
RSVP: No later than Sunday, November 10, 2024

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"I am the servant of
the Lord."
- Luke 1:38

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Sunday Readings

قراءات الأحد

Feast of Blessed Maronite Massabki Martyrs

Letter to the Hebrews 12: 1-9

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.

And you have forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as children 'My child, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, or lose heart when you are punished by him; for the Lord disciplines those whom he loves, and chastises every child whom he accepts.'

Endure trials for the sake of discipline. God is treating you as children; for what child is there whom a parent does not discipline? If you do not have that discipline in which all children share, then you are illegitimate and not his children. Moreover, we had human parents to discipline us, and we respected them. Should we not be even more willing to be subject to the Father of spirits and live?

The Gospel according to Saint Luke 12: 6-10

Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten in God's sight.

But even the hairs of your head are all counted. Do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

'And I tell you, everyone who acknowledges me before others, the Son of Man also will acknowledge before the angels of God; but whoever denies me before others will be denied before the angels of God.

And everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven.

عيد الطوابقيين الإخوة المسابكيين، الشهداء

الرسالة إلى العبرانيين 9-12

يا إخوتي، نحن أيضاً، الذين لنا مثل تلك السحابة من الشهود المحيطة بنا، فلنلق عنا كل عبء، والخطيئة التي تحاصرنا، ولنبادر ثابتين إلى الجهاد المعد لنا.

فلننظر إلى رائد إيماننا ومكمل يسوع، الذي احتمل الصليب بدل الفرح المعد له، واستخف

بالعار، وجلس عن يمين عرش الله. فتأملوا ملياً في ذلك الذي احتمل مثل تلك المقاومة لشخصه من قبل الخطاة، لئلا تضعفوا في نفوسكم وتنهأروا.

فإنكم لم تقاوموا بعد حتى الدم في جهادكم ضد الخطيئة. ونسيتم كلام التشجيع الذي يخاطبكم كما يخاطب الأبناء: «يا بني، لا تردل تأديب الرب، ولا تسأم توبيخه.

فإن الذي يحبه الرب يؤدبه، ويخلد كل ابن يرتضيه.»

إذا فاحتملوا تأديب الرب، فهو يعاملكم معاملة الأبناء: وأي ابن لا يؤدبه أبوه؟ ثم إن آباءنا في الجسد كانوا يؤدبوننا، فنحجل منهم. أفلا نخضع بالأحرى لأبي الأرواح فتحياً؟

أمأ إذا كنتم لا تقبلون التأديب، الذي يشترك فيه الجميع، فتكونون دخلاء لا أبناء.

إنجيل القديس لوقا 10-6:12

قال الرب يسوع: «ألا تباع خمسة عصافير بفلسين، وواحد منها لا ينسى أمام الله؟

إن شعر رأسكم كله معدود، فلا تخافوا! إنكم أفضل من عصافير كثيرة.

وأقول لكم: كل من اعترف بي أمام الناس، يعترف به ابن الإنسان أمام ملائكة الله.

ومن أنكرني أمام الناس، ينكر أمام ملائكة الله. وكل من يقول كلمة على ابن الإنسان يغفر له، أمأ من جدف على الروح القدس فلن يغفر له.

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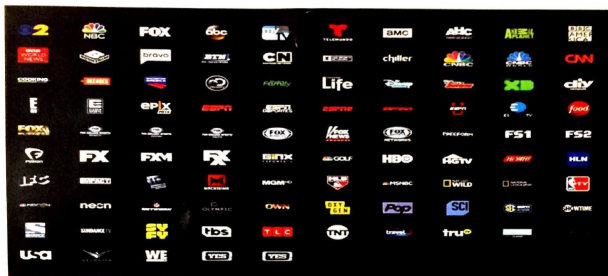
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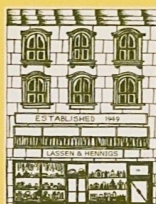
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