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SUNDAY OF THE FATHFUL DEPARTED



Sunday of the Faithful Departed February 23rd, 2025

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Sun., Feb. 23Sunday of the Faithful Departed / St. Polycarp of Smyrna 9 am for Tom, Mary, Thomas & Rosemary Perun 11:30 am 40 Day for Miriam Skaffby her sister, Najat Achkar & her children Najat, Victoria & Georges Skaff		
Mon., Feb. 24	No Divine Liturgy St. Margaret the Penitent	
Tues., Feb. 25	10 am Divine Liturgy for Isabelle Grace Layng Pope St. Felix III	by Mr. & Mrs. Jorge Leon
Wed., Feb. 26	10 am Divine Liturgy for Conversion, Reconversion, & Baptism of Family Members St. Alexander, Patriarch of Alexandria	
Thurs., Feb. 27	10 am Divine Liturgy for Damon Smith St. Thalaleus, Disciple of St. Maron / St. Gregor	by Mr. & Mrs. Jorge Leon y of Narek
Fri., Feb. 28	10 am Divine Liturgy for Lilia Jesus Leon Sts. Koura & Marana, Disciples of St. Maron	by Mr. & Mrs. Jorge Leon
Sat., Mar. 1	10 am Divine Liturgy for Apollo Leon by Mr. & Mrs. Jorge Leon St. Domnina, Disciple of St. Maron / St. Eudokia of Baalbek	
Sun., Mar. 2Sunday of the Entrance into Lent / Miracle at Cana / St. John Maron, 1st Maronite Patriarch 9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners 11:30 am 40 Day for Nalie Salemby the Family		
2	024 Financial Standing	HELP LEBANON!
 Ordinary Income Collections on Sundays & Holy Days: \$210,909.97 Cathedral Stipends from Marriages & Funerals, Hall Rent, Candles, Breakfast, Luncheon, Raffle, Dues, Religious Education, Flowers\$440,136.23 Total Ordinary Income: \$651,046.20 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 \$461,066.80 Total Ordinary Expenses: \$461,066.80 Total Ordinary Income vs Expenses: \$189,979.40 ************************************		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 com- mitted 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 denomi- nations. Donate <u>here</u> .
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CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ash Monday

The Liturgy of the Blessing and Imposition of Ashes on the forehead will be held on Monday, March 3rd, at 7:30 pm.

Stations and Benediction of the Cross

Every Friday of Lent beginning Friday, March 7th, at 7:30 pm, we will pray the Stations and Benediction of the Cross. The service will be followed by a Lenten supper.

The 2025 Eparchial Lenten Appeal

A second collection for the Eparchial Charities Appeal will be taken up every Sunday during the Season of Great Lent. We are asked to raise \$8,000 to participate in this awesome mission of the Eparchy. See more details on page 6.

NAM Awareness Sunday on March 9

This initiative aims to bring greater awareness and engagement with the National Apostolate of Maronites (NAM), helping to introduce the organization to those who may not be familiar with it. To support this effort, representatives from NAM will be reaching out to you soon to request your assistance.

St. Joseph Breakfast

The Knights will be sponsoring a breakfast in honor of St. Joseph on March 23rd after the 11:30 am Divine Liturgy. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$25 a person.

Palm Sunday Celebration

Children ages 5 to 12 are encouraged to participate in the Palm Sunday celebration by reading, processing with the gifts and other activities during the 11:30 am Divine Liturgy. Please see Leila Vogl to register.

Knights Easter Raffle

The Knights of St. Maron are selling raffle tickets for a drawing on Sunday, April 27th.

Catholic Relief Services Lenten Rice Bowl

Join our faith community and more than 12,000 Catholic communities across the United States in a life-changing Lenten journey with the CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's Rice Bowl in the vestibule of the Cathedral. During the 40 days of Lent, let us reflect on how hunger and malnutrition affect our human family, and on the need to take action to end this global injustice. Click here to learn more.

Maronite Odyssey

Twenty-three panels meticulously curated are featured in the exhibition at Our Lady of Lebanon Cathedral starting from Sunday, February 1st. These panels illustrate the Maronites' enduring contributions to global heritage. We warmly invite you to explore this remarkable narrative, which promises to be an educational journey through a

legacy that spans centuries and continents.

Pilgrimage in the Footsteps of St. John Paul II

Join us on an 11-day/9-night pilgrimage to Eastern Europe In The Footsteps of St. John Paul II from October 06–16, 2025, including Prague, Wroclaw, Krakow, Wieliczka Salt Mines, Auschwitz, Wadowice, Brno & Vienna. \$4,298 per person/double occupancy, including airfare from New York. Please call Marleine 1-917-608-2996 or Tony 1-917-206-3995.

Letter for Annual Donations

Parishioners who for tax purposes would like a letter stating their annual contribution, please email cathrectory@verizon.net or call the rectory at 718-624-7228.



16th Annual Benefit Dinner for The Eparchy of Saint Maron **Wednesday, October 22, 2025** The Metropolitan Club New York



Our Lady of Lebanon Cathedral has been designated as a holy site for the 2025 Jubilee Year. Catholics who visit the Cathedral with a sincere heart free from attachment to sin, and who fulfill the following conditions, can obtain a plenary indulgence:

1. Receive Holy Communion.

2. Participate in the Sacrament of Penance (Confession).

3. Pray for the intentions of the Holy Father.

A plenary indulgence grants the complete remission of all temporal punishment due to sin, restoring the soul to the purity it had at baptism.

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen

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Join the sisters for Maronite Evening Prayer (Ramsho) and Supper at our Mother of the Light Convent, 856 Tucker Rd Dartmouth from 4 to 7pm: Sunday February 23

• Sunday May 18

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Monthly Discernment Group

If you are seeking to learn more about prayer and exploring God's call for your life and fellowship with the sisters and other women discerning their call please contact Vocation Director, Sr. Therese Maria Touma

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Discernment Retreat Weekend

Join us for a "Come & See" Discernment Retreat Weekend at our Convent: • June 6-8, 2025

• September 5-7, 2025

The retreats offer an opportunity to listen to the Lord, rest in His Love, and spend time with Sisters on the journey of discernment of a call to religious life.

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Lent 2025 Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we enter Holy Lent, the season of penance and sacrifice, we remember that we are pilgrims of hope, and although we suffer with our Lord, we also know the joy of His Resurrection.

We can reflect His love to others by making a sacrificial gift. I hope you will consider once again the needs of the Eparchy of Saint Maron this Lent. There are so many people suffering here and around the world (especially in Lebanon, Syria and the Holy Land) who can be helped by our prayers, fasting and almsgiving. The Eparchy can be part of your Lenten sacrifice, as we rely upon your generosity to serve the faithful in the Eparchy and the Middle East.

Your gift to this year's Annual Lenten Appeal will support:



Seminarians: We currently have three excellent men preparing for the priesthood. Our seminarians are our future; we need to educate them well so that they can minister effectively as priests someday. The costs of Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Seminary are about \$450,000 per year. 40% of your contribution to this year's Annual Appeal will go for Seminarians.

Ministries: Our outreach to young people, the elderly, families, and in defense of life from conception to natural death, helps people at the most crucial times in their lives. You can ensure that the Eparchy continues this important work. 20% of your contribution will go to support Ministries.

Retired Priests: The Eparchy's 14 retired priests served the faithful well. We help them with a modest pension each month. **20% of your contribution will support Retired Priests**.

Help for Lebanon and the Middle East: The Eparchy has provided an unprecedented amount of support to help in Lebanon and the Middle East over the past few years. We can never forget the homeland of our Maronite Church. 10% of your contribution will support Christians in Lebanon and the Middle East.

Endowment: The Eparchy's Endowment Fund supports today's needs and ensures the Eparchy will have resources in the future. **10% of your contribution will be deposited into the Eparchy's Endowment.**

Please open your heart once again and make a gift. Your participation in this Appeal impacts the lives of many people, both inside the Eparchy, and in the Middle East. Any gift will be appreciated. Please visit <u>http://www.stmaron.org/lenten-appeal</u> for more information.

Thank you, and may God bless you for your generosity! I wish you a blessed Lent and Easter.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

+ Gregory J. Mansour

Sunday of the Faithful Departed

The First Letter to the Thessalonians 5: 1-11

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore, encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

The Gospel according to Saint Luke 16:.31-19

'There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames." But Abraham said, "Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us." He said, "Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house for I have five brothers that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment." Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them." He said, "No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." He said to him, "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead."

أحد الموتى المؤمنين

الرسالة الأولى إلى أهل تسالونيقي 5: 1-11 يا إخوَتِي، أَمَّا الأَزْمِنَةُ والأَوقَات، أَيُّهَا الإِخْوَة، فلا حَاجَةَ بِكُم أَنْ يُكْتَبَ إلَيْكُم في شَأْنِهَا؛ لأَنَّكُم تَعْلَمُونَ جَيِّدًا أَنَّ يَوْمَ الرَّبِّ بِأْتي كَالسَّارِق لَيْلاً. فحِينَ يَقُولُون: سَلامٌ وأَمْنٌ! حِينَئِذِ يَدْهَمُهُمُ الهَلاكُ دَهْمَ الْمَحَاضِ لِلحُبْلي، ولا يُفْلَتُون. أَمَّا أَنْتُم، أَيُّها الإِخْوَة، فَلَسْتُم في ظُلْمَة لِيُفَاجِئَكُم ذلِكَ اليَومُ أَمَّا أَنْتُم، أَيُّها الإخْوَة، فَلَسْتُم في ظُلْمَة لِيفَاجِئَكُم ذلِكَ اليَومُ المَّا أَنْتُم، أَيُّها الإِخْوَة، فَلَسْتُم في ظُلْمَة لِيفَاجِئَكُم ذلِكَ اليَومُ كالسَّارِق. فأَنتُم كُلُّكُم أَبْنَاء النُور، وأَبْنَاء النَّهَار؛ ولَسْنَا والَّذِينَ يَسْكَرُونَ فَفي اللَّيلِ يَسْكَرُون. أَمَّا نَحْنَ النَّوس، لِكَانَ والَّذِينَ يَسْكَرُونَ فَفي اللَيلِ يَسْكَرُون. أَمَّا نَحْنُ أَبْنَاء النَّهَار، فَلَنصْحُرُونَ فَفي اللَيلِ يَسْكَرُون. أَمَّا نَحْنُ أَبْنَاء والَّذِينَ يَسْكَرُونَ فَفي اللَيلِ يَسْكَرُون. أَمَّا نَحْنَ النَّيلِ يَعْمَون والَّذِينَ يَسْكَرُونَ فَعْ اللَيلِ عَنْ يَاعَانِ والمَحَبَّة، ووَاضِعِين والَّذِينَ يَسْكَرُونَ فَعْ اللَيلِ يَسْكَرُون. أَمَّا نَحْنَ أَبْنَاء النَّهَار، النَّام المَا لا لا يَعْمَنُ والمَعَتَلَا العَنْ مَنْ والَّذِينَ يَسْكَرُونَ أَبْنَاء والَّذِينَ يَعْعَرُونَ أَنْهُ عُلَيْ اللَيْنَ عَنَائُونَ وَالْمَهُ مَعْرُونَ الْمَا أَنْ الْذِينَ يَعَامُونَ عَنْ اللَيلُونِ والْمَا أَبْنَاء والَّذِينَ يَسْتَمُ والْنُينَ وَالْعَانِ والمَنَيْ والا أَبْنَاء والنَّهَار، والْحَمَانَ اللَيلُونَ عَلَيْ والْنَا اللَيلُونِ والْعُنَا اللْعَامِينِ والمَا مُنْ عَنْ واللَي مَنْ وَالْعُولَ الْمُولِي الْعَامِ وا المَ

إنجيل القدّيس لوقا 16: 19-31

قالَ الربُّ يَسوع: »كَانَ رَجُلٌ غَنِيٌّ يَلْبَسُ الأُرْجُوانَ وَالْكَتَّانَ النَّاعِم، وَيَتَنَعَّمُ كُلَّ يَوْمِ بِأَفْخَرِ الوَلائِمِ. وكانَ رَجُلٌ مِسْكِينٌ ٱسْمُهُ لَعَازَرُ مَظْرُوحًا عِنْدَ بَابِهِ، تَكْسُوهُ القُرُوح. وكانَ يَشْتَهي أَنْ يَشْبَعَ مِنَ الفُتَاتِ المُتَسَاقِطِ مِنْ مَائِدَةِ الْغَنِيِّ، غَيْرَ أَنَّ الكِلابَ كَإِنَتْ تَأْتِي فَتَلْحَسُ قُرُوحَهُ. وَ مَاتَ المِسْكِينُ فَحَمَلَتُهُ ٱلْمَلائِكَةُ إلى حِضْنِ إِبْرَ اهِيمٍ. ثُمَّ مَاتَ الْغَنِيُّ وَدُفِنٍ. وَرَفَعَ الْغَنِيُّ عِيْنَيْه، وَهُوَ في الْجَحِيم يُقَاسِي العَذَاب، فَرَأَى إبْرَاهِيمَ مِنْ بَعِيد، وَلَعَازَرَ في حِصْنِهِ. فَنَادَى وِقَال: يَا أَبَتِ إِبْرَ إِهِيم، إِرْ حَمْنِي وَأَرْسِلْ لَعَازَرَ لِيَبُلَّ طَرَفَ إِصْبَعِهِ بِمَاءٍ وَيُبَرِّدُ لِسَانِي، لأَنِّي مُتَوَجِّعٌ في هذا اللَّهيب. فَقَالَ إَبْرَاهِيم: يا ٱبْنِي، تَذَكُّرْ أَنَّكَ نِلْتَ خَيْرِ آتِكَ في حَيَاتِكَ، وَلَعَازَرُ نَالُ البَلايَا. والآنَ هُوَ يَتَعَزَّى هُنَا، وأَنْتَ تَتَوَجَّع. وَمَعَ هذَا كُلِّهِ، فَإِنَّ بَيْنَنا وَبَيْنَكُمْ هُوَّةً عَظِيمَةً ثَابِتَة، حَتَّى إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يُرِيدُونَ أَنْ يَجْتَازُوا مِنْ هُنَا إِلَيْكُمُ لا يَسْتَطْيعُون، ولا مِنْ هُناكَ أَنْ يَعْبُرُوا إِلَيْنا. فَقَالَ الْغَنِيّ: أَسْأَلْكَ إِذًا، يا أَبَتِ، أَنْ تُرْسِلَ لَعَازَرَ إِلَى بَيْتِ أَبِي، فَإِنَّ لِي خَمْسَةَ إِخُوهَ، لِيَشْهَدَ لَهُمَ، كَى لا يَأْتُوا هُمْ أَيْضًا إلى مَكَان العَذَابِ هذا. فقالَ إِبْرَ اهِبِهِ: عِنْدَهُم مُوسَى وَ الأَنْبِياء، فَلْبَسْمَعُوا لَهُم. فَقَال: لاً، يَا أَبْتِ إِبْرَاهِيم، ولكِنْ إِذَا مَضَى إِلَيْهِم وَاحِدٌ مِنَ الأَمْوَاتِ يَتُوبُون. فقالَ لَهُ إبْرَاهِيم: إنْ كانُوا لا يَسْمَعُونَ لِمُوسَى وَالْأَنْبِيَاء، فَإِنَّهُم، وَلَّو قَامَ وَاجَدٌ مِنَ الأَمْوَات، لَنْ يَقْتَنِعُو ا.«!



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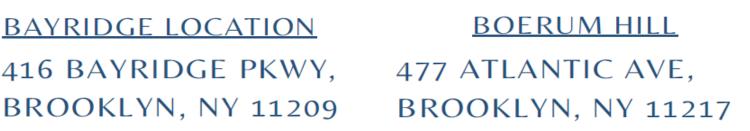


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