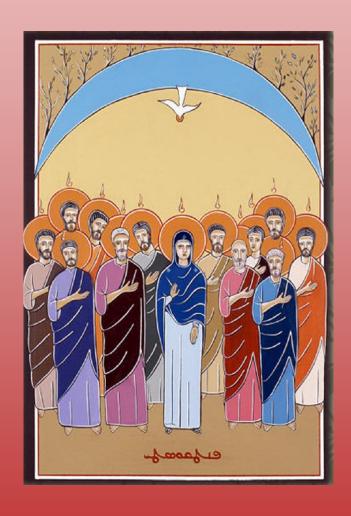
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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost September 7th, 2025 Sun., Sept. 7 Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost / St. Sozon 9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners 11:30 am 40 Day Ninette Halim El Beggani by the Family for George Mansour (the father of Bishop Gregory) by Bishop Gregory Mansour Mon., Sept. 8 NO LITURGY Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Tues., Sept. 9 10 am Divine Liturgy Sts. Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Virgin Mary Wed., Sept. 10 10 am Divine Liturgy St. Pulcheria the Queen Thu., Sept. 11 10 am Divine Liturgy St. Theodora of Alexandria Fri., Sept. 12 10 am Divine Liturgy St. Cornelius the Centurion Sat., Sept. 13 10 am Divine Liturgy St. Christopher Sun., Sept. 14 Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross

Financial Standing August 2025

9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners

for Mannelia Caram Zayek

11:30 am for President Bachir Gemayel & Companions

Ordinary Income

- Collections on Sundays & Holy Days: \$10,138.15
- Cathedral Stipends from Marriages & Funerals, Hall Rent, Candles, Breakfast, Luncheon, Raffle, Dues, Religious Education, Flowers\$11,433.00

Total Ordinary Income: \$21,571.15

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 \$36,797.69

Total Ordinary Expenses: \$36,797.69

Total Ordinary Income vs Expenses: -\$15,226.54

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, 7% in 2024 and 9% in 2025. We are now paying \$53,716 which will amount to \$4,476.33 a month.

Thank you for your contribution in helping maintain the Church and in planning different activities

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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

Knights Meeting

The knights will meet this Sunday after the 11:30 am Divine Liturgy in the rectory.

Second Collection for the Middle East

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has reached out to request our support in providing much-needed aid for the Middle East. There will be a second collection on September 14th to assist in their efforts. The funds will go to Catholic Relief Services and the Catholic Near East Welfare Association.

Pope Leo XIV Appreciation Day

Sunday, September 14th, falls on the birthday of Pope Leo XIV, the first American Pope. For this occasion, a blessing of the statue of the Pope will take place at the end of the 11:30 am Divine Liturgy. The statue was made by Artist Yasar Makhoul and will be on display for a couple of weeks.

Maronite Catholic Formation

Maronite Catholic Formation (Sunday School) classes will begin on Sunday, September 21st, at 10 am. More information to follow.

Arabic Class Registration

Adult Arabic Class registration has begun. Please see Leila Vogl if you are interested.

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.

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.

The 2025 Père Paul Symposium

Please join in-person or online on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Zoom</u> the <u>2025 Père Paul Symposium</u> which began as the Père Paul Lecture and was inaugurated by Fr. Joseph Amar. The symposium will take place at The Catholic University of America on Friday, September 19, 2025. Jack Tannous will deliver the Père Paul Lecture. There will also be a lineup of distinguished speakers: Elizabeth Anderson, Alex Lopez, Andrew Litke, and Leb Weitz.

Vocation Team Initiatives

The Vocation Team is starting a new initiative to foster and promote a culture of vocations in our parishes with a vocation form that Bishop Gregory would like everyone to consider completing. Please click on the link and consider submitting a name of one or two young people, whom the Vocation Team can pray for, and possibly accompany on their vocation journey. The Vocation Team and Bishop Gregory will intentionally pray for those whose names are submitted, and, if given permission, we will follow up with them to see how we can support them in their ongoing discernment. Please click here for our vocation prayer card and icon to aid our young people, families, and parishes to come together as the Body of Christ to pray for vocations.

Maronite Servants of Christ the Light Monthly Discernment

The Maronite Servants of Christ the Light are now hosting monthly discernment calls via Zoom for single young adult women (ages 18-39) discerning their vocation and open to learning more about the call to religious life. If any young adult women are interested or have questions, they are welcome to reach out to Sr. Therese Maria, Vocation Director, by email or by calling 508-996-1753. More information can also be found on the website here.

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 <u>here</u> 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.

Cedar Remembrance Tree

Parishioners and friends can now remember their deceased and honor their living with their names on the commemorative tree located in our Cathedral Chapel vestibule. Please click here for more details.

Eparchial Vocation Video

To listen to the whisper of one's heart which might be calling one towards a special life of service, love, and purpose, Bishop Gregory is inviting you to view and share this video produced by Nadim Khalid, one of our seminarians, to discover and nurture the vocation that God has placed within you, and be faithful to his call no matter where it leads.



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.

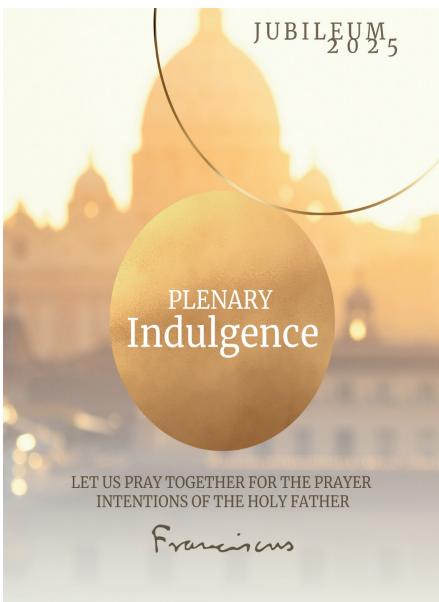
A plenary indulgence grants the complete remission of all temporal punishment due to sin, restoring the soul to the purity it had at baptism.

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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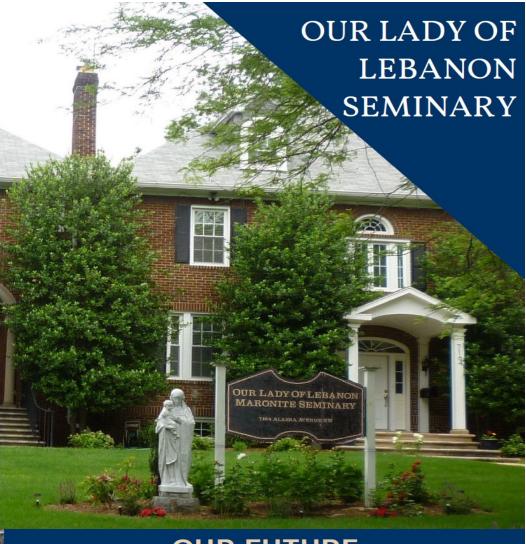
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RESTORE

Much of the building's infrastructure dates back to before the seminary's founding in 1961. Planned renovations include replacing the aging roof, remediating basement mold, and upgrading the electrical, plumbing, and HVAC systems to meet current building codes.



OUR HISTORY



Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Seminary, located in Washington, D.C. opened in 1961.

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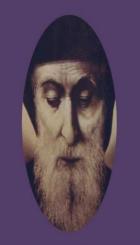


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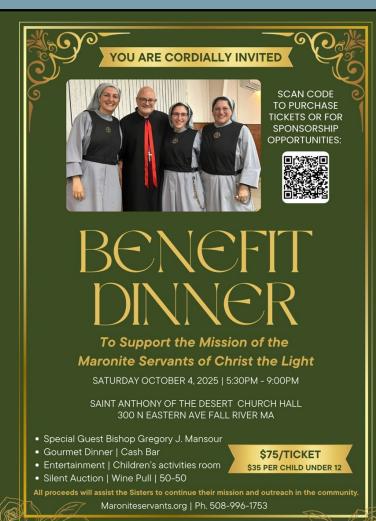
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Sunday Readings قراءات الأحد

Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost

First Letter to the Thessalonians 2:1-13

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully maltreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts.

As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us. You remember our labor and toil, brothers and sisters; we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. You are witnesses, and God also, how pure, upright, and blameless our conduct was towards you believers. As you know, we dealt with each one of you like a father with his children, urging and encouraging you and pleading that you should lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

We also constantly give thanks to God for this, that when you received the word of God that you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word but as what it really is, God's word, which is also at work in you believers.

The Gospel to Saint Luke 10: 38-42

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home.

She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.'

But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.

الأحد الرابع عشر من زمن العنصرة

رسالة القديس بولس الأولى إلى أهل تسالونيقي-13

___ يا إِخْوَتِي، أَنْتُم أَنْفُسُكُم تَعْلَمُونَ، أَيُّهَا الإِخْوَة، أَنَّ دُخُولَنَا إِلَيْكُم لَمْ يَكُنْ بِاطِلاً.

إِيهِم مَم يَسَ بَحِرِ. ولكِنْ، كَمَا تَعلَمُون، بَعْدَ أَنْ تَأَلَّمْنَا وشُتِمْنَا في فِيلِيِّي، تَجَرَّ أَنَا بِالهِنَا أَنْ نُكَلِّمَكُم بِإِنْجِيلِ الله، في جهادٍ كَثِيرِ.

ولُمُّ يَكُنُّ وَعُظُنَا عَنْ ضَلال، ولا عَنْ نَجَاسَة، ولا بِمَكْر، بَلْ كَمَا ٱخْتَبَرَنَا اللهُ فَأَمَّنَنَا على الإنْجِيل، هكذا نَتَكَلَّم، لا إِنْ ضَاءً للنَّاس بَلْ لله الَّذي بَخْتِيرُ قُلُوبَنَا. إِنْ ضَاءً للنَّاس بَلْ لله الَّذي بَخْتِيرُ قُلُوبَنَا.

فَاتَنَا وَلاَ مَرَّةً أَتَيْنَاكُم بِكَلِمَة تَمَلَّق، كَمَا تَعْلَمُون، ولا بِدَافِع طُمَع، واللهُ شَاهِد، ولا طَلَبْنَا مَجْدًا مِنْ بَشَر، لا مِنْكُم ولا طَمَع، واللهُ شَاهِد، ولا طَلَبْنَا مَجْدًا مِنْ بَشَر، لا مِنْكُم ولا مِنْ غَيرِكُم، معَ أَنَّنَا قادِرُونَ أَنْ نَكُونَ ذَوي وَقَار، كَرُسُلُ لِلْمَسِيحِ، لكِنَّنَا صِرْنَا بَيْنَكُم ذَوي لُطْف، كَمُرْضِعٍ تَحْتَضِنَ أَوْ لادَها.

لقوه وبر وبعير موم. حدي - - أَوَ مُنَا لَأُو لَادِهِ. وَكُنَّا نُنَاشِدُكُم، ونُشَجِّعُكُم، ونَحُثُّكُم على أَنْ تَسْلُكُوا مَسْلَكًا وكُنَّا نُنَاشِدُكُم، ونُشَجِّعُكُم، ونَحُثُّكُم على أَنْ تَسْلُكُوا مَسْلَكًا يَلِيقُ بِالله، الَّذِي يَدْعُوكُم إلى مَلَكُوتِهِ ومَجْدِهِ. لِذَلِكَ نَحْنُ أَيْضًا نَشْكُرُ الله بَعْيرِ ٱنْقِطَاع، لأَنَّكُم لَمَّا تَلَقَيْتُم كَلِمَةَ الله الَّتي سَمِعْتُمُوهَا مِنَّا، قَبِلْتُمُوهَا لا بِأَنَّهَا كَلِمَةُ بَشَر، بَلْ بِأَنَّهَا حَقًا كَلِمَةُ الله، وإنَّهَا لَقَاعِلَةً فيكُم، أَيُّهَا المُؤْمِثُون.

إنجيل القديس لوقا 38:10

فيماً (كَانَ يَسوعُ وتلاميدُهُ) سَائِرين، دَخَلَ يَسُوعُ إِحْدَى الْقُرَى، فَخَلَ يَسُوعُ إِحْدَى الْقُرَى، فأستَقْبَلَتْهُ في بَيتِهَا آمْرَأَةُ ٱسْمُها مَرْتا. وَكَانَ لِمَرْتَا أُخْتُ تُدْعَى مَرْيَم. فَجَلَسَتُ عِنْدَ قَدَمَي ٱلرَّبِ

تُسْمَعُ كَلَّامَهُ. أَمَّا مَرْتَا فَكَانَتْ مُنْهَمِكَةً بِكَثْرَةِ ٱلخِدْمَة، فَجَاءَتْ وَقَالَتْ: »يَا رَبّ، أَمَا تُبَالِي بِأَنَّ أُخْتِي تَرَكَتْنِي أَخْدُمُ وَحْدِي؟ فَقُلْ لَهَا أَنْ

سَنَاعِدَنِي. ﴿! فَأَجَابَ ٱلرَّبُّ وَقَالَ لَهَا: ››مَرْتَا، مَرْتَا، إِنَّكِ تَهْتَمِّينَ بِأُمُورِ كَثِيرَة، وَتَضْطُرِبِين! إِنَّمَا ٱلمَطْلُوبُ وَاحِد! فَمَرْيَمُ ٱخْتَارَٰتِ ٱلنَّصِيبَ ٱلأَفْضَل، وَلَنْ يُنْزَعَ مِنْهَا ﴿

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