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FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross September 14th, 2025		
Sun., Sept. 14	Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross 9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners 11:30 am for President Bachir Gemayel & Companions for Mannelia Caram Zayek	by Lebanon Forces of NY by Mr. &Mrs. Tony Saba
Mon., Sept. 15	NO LITURGY St. Shaina / St. Sassine	
Tues., Sept. 16	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage	
Wed., Sept. 17	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Sophia & her three daughters	
Thu., Sept. 18	10 am Divine Liturgy The Flight of the Lord Jesus into Egypt	
Fri., Sept. 19	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Januarius	
Sat., Sept. 20	10 am Divine Liturgy for Alexandra Malouta St. Eustatius and his wife and children	by Dean & Rose Malouta
Sun., Sept. 21	1st Sunday after the Holy Cross 9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners 11:30 am for Peace in Lebanon and the Middle East	
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Financial Standing August 2025

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

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 <a href="https://example.com/here/beauto-pastoral-refuges-humanitarian-networks-here/beauto-pastoral-refuges-humanitarian-networks-humanitarian-networks-here/beauto-pastoral-refuges-humanitarian-networks-humanitarian-net

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

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.

MYA & MYO Meeting

The MYA and MYO will have their first meeting of the year this Sunday after the 11:30 am Divine Liturgy.

MYA Welcome Barbecue

The MYA will have a welcome barbecue on Friday, September 19th, at 7:30 pm.

Pope Leo XIV Appreciation Day Postponed

The blessing of the statue of the Pope which was supposed to take place this Sunday has been postponed. The statue, made by Artist Yasar Makhoul, will still 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.

Confraternity Meeting

The Confraternity will meet on Sunday, September 21st, after the 11:30 am Divine Liturgy in the Chapel.

Arabic Class Registration

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

Order of St. Sharbel Sunday

This year, October 12 is designated as "Order of Saint Sharbel Sunday" in our Eparchy. On October 12, all Maronite parishes 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.

Save the Date

The Knights will have a Sajj breakfast on Sunday, October 26th, after the Divine Liturgy.

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.



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.

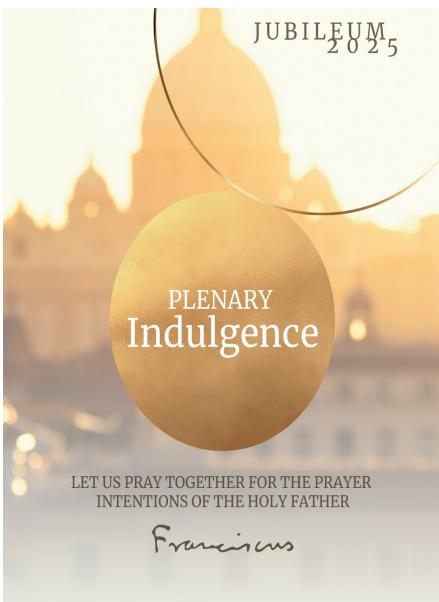
A plenary indulgence grants the complete remission of all temporal punishment due to sin, restoring the soul to the purity it had at baptism.

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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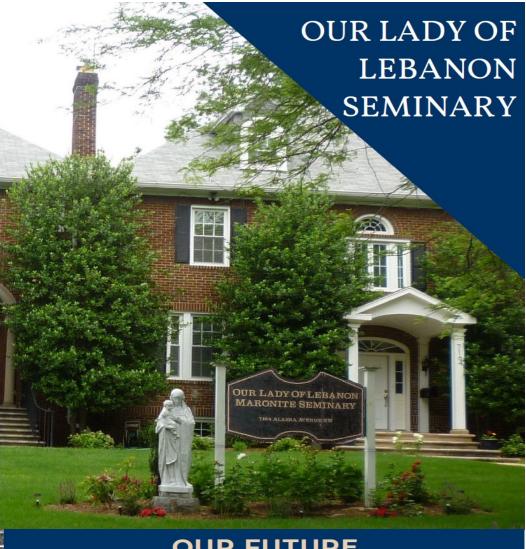
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OUR FUTURE

Our seminarians are answering a sacred call — dedicating their lives to faith, formation, and service. As they prepare for the priesthood, they rely on prayer and grace as well as your support to thrive in their spiritual journey.

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.

Today it continues to train and ordain seminarians to serve the Maronite faithful throughout the United States.





RENEW

The heart of the seminarians spiritual life is Christ ever present in the Eucharist, in the chapel. Help them to strengthen their prayer life with updated spiritual reading material and chapel enhancements to improve their sacred space while supporting worship and reflection.

REFRESH

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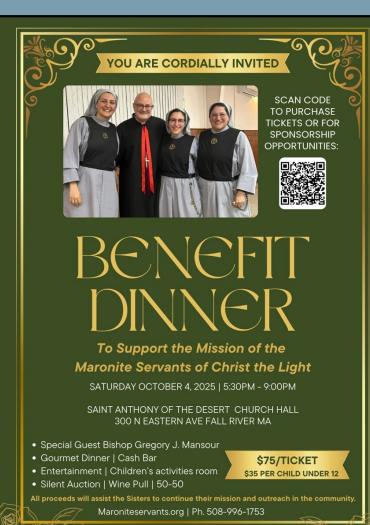
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Sunday Readings قر اءات الأحد

Feast of the Exaltation of the Glorious Cross The First Letter to the Corinthians 1:18-25

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.'

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John 12:20-32

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. 'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say "Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out.

And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.'

عيد ارتفاع الصليب المقدّس

رسالة القديس بولس الأولى إلى أهل قورنتس 18:1-25 يا إِخِوَتِي، إِنَّ كَلِمَةَ الصَّلِيبِ عِنْدَ الهَالِكِينَ حَمَاقَة، أَمَّا عِنْدَنَا نَحْنُ

المُخَلَّصِينَ فَهِيَ قُوَّةُ الله؛ المُخَلَّصِينَ فَهِيَ قُوَّةُ الله؛ لأَنَّهُ مَكْثُوب: »سَأْبِيدُ حِكْمَةَ الحُكَمَاء، وأَرْذُلُ فَهْمَ الفُهَمَاء. «! فَأَيْنَ الحَكِيم؟ وأَيْنَ عَالِمُ الشَّربِيعَة؟ وِأَيْنَ الْبَاحِثُ في أَمُورِ هذَا - مِن مَا مَا جَعَلَ اللهُ حِكْمَةَ هَذَا العَالَمِ حَمَاقَة؟ الدَّهْرِ ؟ أَمَا جَعَلَ اللهُ حِكْمَةَ هَذَا العَالَمِ حَمَاقَة؟

الذهر! أما جعل الله حِكمه هذا العالم حمافه! فَيِمَا أَنَّ الْعَالَمَ بِحِكْمَتِهِ مَا عَرَفَ اللهَ بِحَسَبِ حِكْمَةِ الله، رَضِيَ اللهُ أَنْ يُخَلِّصَ بِحَمَّاقَةِ الْبِشَارَةِ الَّذِينَ يُؤْمِنُونِ ۗ أَ

ر يحبس بحمد البساره الدين يؤمنون؛ لأنَّ اليَهُودَ يَطْلُبُونَ الآيَات، واليُونَانِيّينَ يَلْتَمِسُونَ الحِكْمَة. أَمَّا نَحْنُ قَنْنَادِي بِمَسِيحٍ مَصْلُوب، هُوَّ عِثَارٌ لِليَهُودِ وحَمَاقَةٌ لِلأَّمَم. وأمَّا لِلمَدْعُوِّينَ أَنْفُسِهِم، مِنَ اليَهُودِ واليُونَانِيِّين، فَهُوَ مَسِيحٌ، قُوَّةُ الله وَحَكْمَةُ الله

فَمَا يَبْدُو أَنَّهُ حَمَاقَةٌ مِنَ اللهِ هُوَ أَحْكُمُ مِنَ النَّاس، ومَا يَبْدُو أَنَّهُ ضُعْفتٌ مِنَ اللهِ هُوَ أَقُوَى مِنَ النَّاس.

إنجيل القديس يوحنًا 20:12 32-32

إَ بِينَ الصَّاعِدِينَ لِيَسْجُدُوا في العِيد، بَعْضُ اليُونَانِيِّين. كَانَ بَينَ الصَّاعِدِينَ لِيَسْجُدُوا في العِيد، بَعْضُ اليُونَانِيِّين. فَدَنَا هؤُلاءِ مِنْ فِيلِسُ الَّذي مِنْ بَيْتَ صَيْدَا الجَلِيل، وسَأَلُوهُ قَائِلين: »يَا سَيِّد، نُرِيدُ أَنْ نَرَى يَسُوع. « فَجَاءَ فِيلِبُّسُ وقَالَ لأَنْدرَاوُس، وجَاءَ أَنْدرَاوُسُ وفِيلِبُّسُ وقَالا

بيسوع. فَأَجَابَهُمَا يَسُوعُ قَائِلاً: »لَقَدْ حَانَتِ السَّاعَةُ لِكَي يُمَجَّدَ ٱبْنُ الإِنْسَان. أَلحَقَّ ٱلحَقَّ أَقُولُ لَكُم: إِنَّ حَبَّةَ الحِنْطَة، إِنْ لَمْ تَقَعْ في الأَرضِ وتَمُتْ، تَبْقَى وَاحِدَة. وإِنْ مَاتَتْ تَأْتِي بِثَمَرٍ كَثِير. مِنْ يُحِبُّ نَفْسَهُ يَفْقِدُهَا، ومَنْ يُبْغِضُهَا في هذا العَالَمِ يَحْفَظُهَا لِحَيَاةٍ

· . مَنْ يَخْدُمْنِي فَلْيَتْبَعْنِي. وحَيْثُ أَكُونُ أَنَا، فَهُنَاكَ يَكُونُ أَيْصًا

مَلْ يَحْدَمْنِي فَسِبِعْنِي. وَحَيِّتَ أَدُولُ أَنَّ فَهَاتَ يَدُولُ أَيْصُنَّا خَدْمُنِي فَكَرِّمْهُ الآب. نَفْسِي الآنَ مُضْطَرِيَة، فَمَاذَا أَقُولُ؟ يَا أَبَتِ، نَجِّنِي مِنْ هَذِهِ السَّاعَة! السَّاعَة! وَلَكِنْ مِنْ أَجْلِ هَذَا بَلَغْتُ إِلَى هَذِهِ السَّاعَة! يَا أَيْتٍ، مَجِّدِ ٱسْمَكَ . «فَجَاءَ صَوْتٌ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ يَقُولَ: »قَدْ مَجَّدْتُ، يَا أَيْتٍ، مَجِّدِ ٱسْمَكَ . «فَجَاءَ صَوْتٌ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ يَقُولَ: »قَدْ مَجَّدْتُ،

يا ابتِ، مَجِدِ السمد . (ربب و سرد مِن دوسَاً مَجِد. « وسَأُمَجِّد. « وسَمِعَ الجَمْعُ الحَاضِرُ فَقَالُوا: »إِنَّهُ رَعد . «وقَالَ آخَرُون: »إِنَّ مَلاكًا خَاطَبَهُ. « إَجَابَ يَسُوعُ وقَال: »مَا كَانَ هذَا الصَّوْتُ مِنْ أَجْلِي، بَلْ مِنْ

بَبَهِ ﴾ . هِيَ الآنَ دَيْنُونَةُ هذَا العَالَم. أَلآنَ يُطْرَدُ سُلْطَانُ هذَا العَالَمِ خَارِجًا. وأَنَا إِذَا رُفِعْتُ عَنِ الأَرض، جَذَبْتُ إِليَّ الجَمِيعِ. «

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