

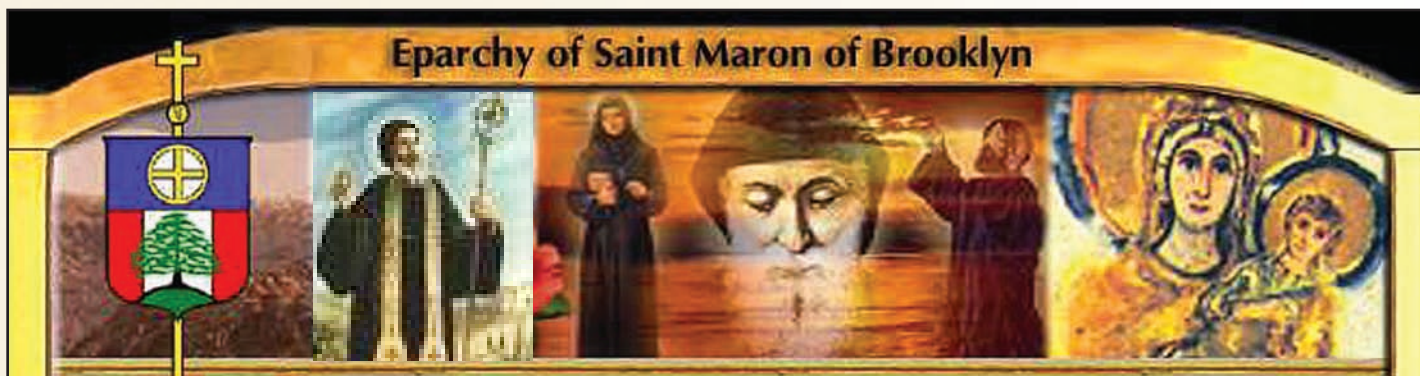
Our Lady of Lebanon



Preserve Our Past . . .

Cherish Our Present

BUILD OUR FUTURE!



As members of the Maronite Church . . .

We rejoice in our rich history.

Our legacy began in Antioch, where the Disciples were called Christians for the first time. Saint Maron (A.D. 350-410) became our spiritual father and we continued to prosper through the early development of our Church in the Middle East, the immigration of the first Maronite faithful to the United States in the late 1800's, the assignment of Archbishop Francis M. Zayek as the first Maronite Bishop of the United States by Pope Paul VI in 1966 and eventually, the formation of two Eparchies (Dioceses) in 1994: Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles and Saint Maron of Brooklyn.

We are blessed with a vibrant present.

Bishop Gregory John Mansour was appointed in 2004. We are blessed that our Cathedral is the Bishop's Church and Seat of the Eparchy, in addition to being our parish church. In 2007, Bishop Gregory assigned Father James Root as Rector, who is enthusiastically bringing new life and activity to our Cathedral Parish.



We are blessed with a bright future.

With our future dedicated in service to God and His people, our Eparchy continues to grow: new missions are being founded, men seek vocations to the priesthood, and our people are more committed than ever to serving God and each other in the United States, Lebanon and throughout the world as we join together to ensure the future of the Maronite Church. It is our privilege to call the Eparchy's Cathedral our home, where all are welcome to gather and celebrate our faith and heritage, as we confidently embrace our future.

Our Lady of Lebanon Cathedral

Current concerns . . . Needs . . . Issues . . . SOLUTIONS.

Assessing the problems

After two years of professional study, a detailed architectural plan was undertaken with Walter B. Melvin Architects, LLC, in order to identify, assess and quantify the specific condition of the Cathedral building and adjacent facilities and grounds. Problems – ranging from structural concerns to water infiltration – were examined: bell towers have serious structural damage; the bottom of the main floor of the Cathedral is not structurally sound; water is seeping inside Cathedral walls causing structural problems and ruining artwork; balconies and lofts must be reinforced. These major structural repairs are needed to preserve our Cathedral. Designed by famous architect Richard Upjohn and built in 1847, the Cathedral has been designated an historical landmark, and is a treasure entrusted to our care, to be maintained with dignity and reverence. The photos on this page provide a small glimpse of some of the problems that must be addressed.



Outlining the solutions

A comprehensive program of renovation, reconstruction and replacement has been prepared by our architects to address the many concerns. In addition to correcting the structural deficiencies, stopping the water infiltration and eliminating other ongoing problems, various systems and facilities will be upgraded to better serve our parishioners and the visitors who come to this beautiful Cathedral we call home. An elevator will be installed, heat and air conditioning systems upgraded, lighting, sound and security systems improved, our magnificent pipe organ restored, our parish hall and kitchen renovated and new bathrooms installed.



OUR CAMPAIGN

Our Lady of Lebanon Cathedral has been blessed with a dedicated team of volunteers who have already stepped forward and enthusiastically embraced the challenge of leading our Capital Campaign. Their common bond is a love of Our Lady of Lebanon and a desire to move this project forward to ensure an exciting future, while at the same time, preserving this treasure as part of our rich history and tradition. We will continue to add members as the campaign progresses.

Cathedral Capital Campaign Leadership Team *(in formation)*

Honorary Co-Chairs

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Mr. Kamil Salame

Mr. Paul Sayegh

Mrs. Salma Vahdat

Campaign Process

Every effort will be made by the Cathedral Capital Campaign Committee to contact each member of the Cathedral Parish in order to provide detailed information about this exciting project and all its components, so that each parishioner will be aware of the benefits that will occur as this historic facility is restored to its appropriate condition. Each parishioner, and the many friends and benefactors of Our Lady of Lebanon, will be provided an opportunity to make a pledge or gift to support this important project that honors Our Lord and His Blessed Mother. This is truly an unprecedented opportunity to say "Yes" to Our Lord. May each of us embrace it with great joy and generosity.



My dear people,

I feel blessed to serve you as your bishop, and to celebrate the Holy Eucharist with you in such a beautiful House of God – Our Lady of Lebanon Cathedral. Our Cathedral honoring the Mother of God has been provided to us as a legacy through the many sacrifices of our predecessors. It truly is a fitting tribute to Our Blessed Mother.



While we rejoice in the quiet beauty of our Cathedral, there are major problems beneath the surface: serious structural deficiencies, which if left uncorrected, threaten the integrity of our building. Parapets are dangerously loose or broken; water infiltration is causing deterioration in sections of the building; walls are bowing; structural components are weakening. We must address these problems as soon as possible.

The cost for undertaking the work that is necessary is substantial. Current estimates are \$7 million. In order to secure the required funding, our efforts must begin “at home” – here in the Cathedral Parish. While Our Lady of Lebanon Cathedral is part of the heritage of all Maronites, it is our parish church and the funding must begin here.

This brochure has been prepared to outline not only our needs, but also our plan to meet them. After reviewing the material, I ask that you make your decision to participate in this important work. Please make a generous gift (three-year pledge plans are available) so that we can complete the work Our Lord and His Blessed Mother are calling us to do.

May God bless you for your generous response to this request and bless all the Maronite faithful of yesterday, today and tomorrow who preserve and build upon our rich history and tradition.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *Gregory John Mansour*

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Ways of Giving . . .

While what you contribute is important; that you contribute is life-giving. Each gift we make enriches us more deeply. There are many ways of giving . . .

Cash Gifts and Campaign Pledges

These gifts are tax deductible and may be paid over a three-year pledge period. Payments are arranged to suit the convenience of the donor and to maximize the tax advantages. A pledge is a statement of intent. One-time gifts are certainly welcome; however, most people may be able to make a more significant gift when contributions are made on a regular basis over a period of time. Payments can be made on an annual, semi-annual, quarterly or monthly basis over the three-year period (2010-2012).

Gifts of Stocks and Other Securities

A gift of appreciated securities is one way to make a significant contribution at a reduced cost to you. Federal tax laws allow a charitable deduction for the full market value of the securities on the date of your gift with no capital gains tax on the appreciation. Please consult with your tax advisor or accountant.

Goods or Services in Kind

Trades persons or providers of building materials may wish to donate construction services or materials.

Matching Gifts

Contact your employer about a matching gift program sponsored by your company.

Bequests

In addition to a current gift, please consider a final legacy by remembering the Cathedral in your will.

Financial Needs

This campaign provides individuals and families an unprecedented opportunity to not only enhance the future, but also to preserve the rich tradition of faithful service that has been so generously given over the years. Your generosity will ensure that others can continue to worship God in this beautiful Cathedral dedicated to His Mother.

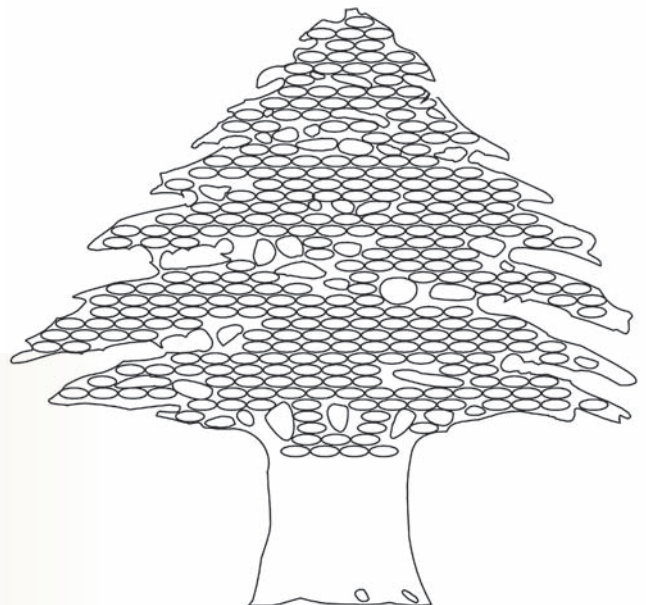
We are individually challenged to participate in this capital campaign in thanksgiving for the many blessings each of us has received from our generous and loving God. Gifts and pledges of every size are needed. Please prayerfully consider what is the appropriate size gift from you to God. Payment plans and schedules can be arranged to help you make the gift you would like to make, the gift that would make you feel good. Please do not miss this opportunity to be generous to your Faith and your Cathedral.

Commemorative Recognition

All gifts to the Cathedral Campaign will be appropriately recognized. Gifts may be given in your name or in memory of a deceased loved one. The following is a sampling of the type of recognition being planned:

- Gifts of \$500 to \$7,500 will be included on a Family Tree sculpture that will be located in the Cathedral vestibule.
- Gifts of \$10,000 to \$20,000 will be recognized in the Cathedral Chapel of St. Rafqua.
- Gifts of \$25,000 and above will be included on a special donor board in the Cathedral vestibule that indicates the specific item selected by the donor, e.g., the bell towers, Social Hall, elevator, sacristy, sound system, etc.

These gifts will be a lasting tribute to the faith of the donors and their loved ones.



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