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The Most Reverend Gregory J. Mansour, Eparchial Bishop
The Very Reverend Dominique Hanna, Rector
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**THIRD SUNDAY
AFTER THE HOLY CROSS**

*Third Sunday after the Holy Cross
October 5th, 2025*

Sun., Oct. 5	Third Sunday after the Holy Cross 9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners 11:30 am 40 Day for Aysar Safi for Sami Nassour	by Mr. & Mrs. Abdallah Safi by Mr. & Mrs. Tony Nassour
Mon., Oct. 6	NO LITURGY St. Thomas the Apostle	
Tues., Oct. 7	10 am Divine Liturgy Sts. Sarkis (Sergius) & Bacchus	
Wed., Oct. 8	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Pelagia of Antioch	
Thu., Oct. 9	10 am Divine Liturgy St. James, Brother of the Lord	
Fri., Oct. 10	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Eulampius, his Sister Eulampia & their Companions	
Sat., Oct. 11	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Philip the Deacon / Pope St. John XXIII / The First Council of Nicaea	
Sun., Oct. 12	Fourth Sunday after the Holy Cross 9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners 11:30 am 40 Day for Louis Said Diab	by the Diab Family

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 [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](#).

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29 September 2025

Prot. No. 462/1/25

Reverend Charles Van Heusen
113 Remsen Street
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Dear Father Chuck,

By virtue of this letter, I revoke your appointment as Parochial Vicar at Our Lady of Lebanon Cathedral, Brooklyn, New York (Prot. No. 706/1/22), and appoint you Pastor of Saint Joseph Church in Olean, NY. This appointment is effective January 1, 2026 and will remain in effect until my revocation or that of my successor.

You are asked to exercise your new assignment in accordance with all of the provisions of Ecclesiastical laws and Statutes, and in compliance with the applicable civil laws in force.

I welcome you to this new assignment, and thank you for your willingness to lay down your life for Christ's flock.

With prayerful best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Greg
+Gregory John Mansour

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.

Come & See Retreat Weekend for Young Adult Women, Dartmouth MA

Is Jesus calling you to *Come and See*? Are you seeking to grow in your love for Christ and to learn more about the gift of religious life? The Maronite Servants of Christ the Light located in Dartmouth MA, invite single young adult women (ages 18-39) to prayerfully consider joining them for a **Come & See Retreat Weekend, October 31 - November 2, 2025**. The weekend is designed to give young adult women a glimpse into their prayer and communal life and to enjoy fellowship with other young adult women seeking to go deeper in their relationship with Christ our Light. If you have any questions or are interested in exploring the gift of religious life, please contact Vocation Director, [Sister Therese Maria](#). Single young adult women interested in registering can sign up at this [link](#).

Sixth Pastoral Letter of Bishop Gregory Mansour

[The Man of God Is a Man for Others](#) 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 [here](#) to read the letter.

MYA Bible Study

The MYA will have a Bible Study tomorrow, Friday, at 7pm.

Maronite Catholic Formation

Maronite Catholic Formation (Sunday School) classes began on Sunday, September 21st, at 10 am. Please register your child [here](#).

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.

COVENANT of

Betrothal & Crowning

MARRIAGE

October 7th | 8pm EST
Meeting ID: 847 1365 0071
Passcode: 653500
Bishop Gregory Mansour





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.

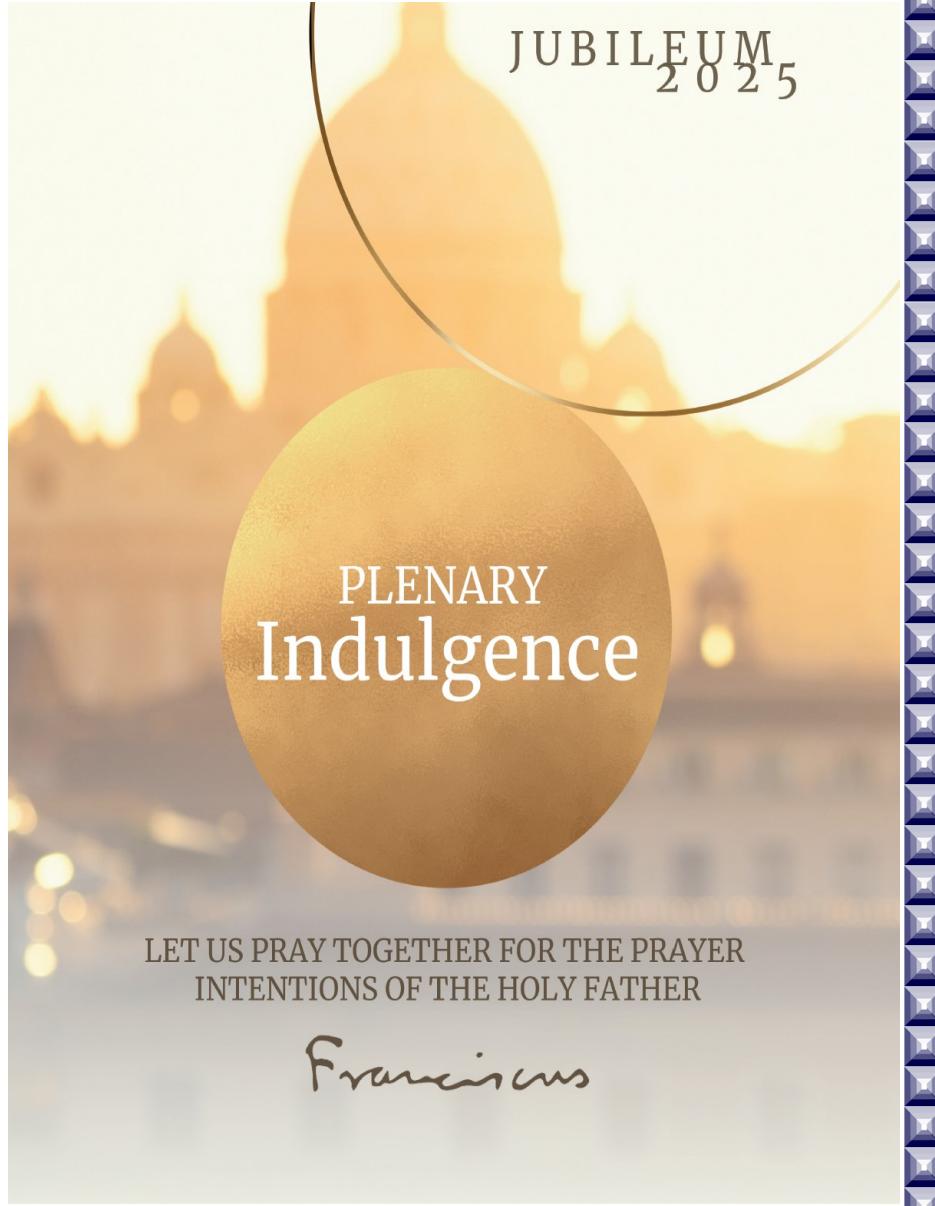
A plenary indulgence grants the complete remission of all temporal punishment due to sin, restoring the soul to the purity it had at baptism.

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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Dec. 3, 1961 on the occasion of the visit to the Seminary by Cardinal Amleto Cicognani, Papal Secretary of State and former Secretary of the Congregation for the Oriental Churches.

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.

OUR LADY OF LEBANON SEMINARY



REFRESH

The kitchen and bathrooms will be refreshed and modernized with new cabinetry, contemporary lighting and new appliances. The exterior will be revitalized with redesigned landscaping and the installation of a new sprinkler system.



WHAT DO YOU SEEK?

(JN 1:38)

THE MARONITE SEMINARY PRESENTS

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For more information, contact:
Dr. Anne Borik
aborik@saintsharbelcenter.org
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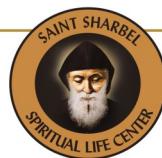
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(2) Fill out the form

(3) Mail completed form and payment to:
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820 Crane Ave
Pittsburgh, PA 15216



For a listing of our events and programs go to:

SaintSharbelCenter.org

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THE SYRIAC LANGUAGE SAVE THE DATES!

Online Workshops at 8pm:

October 30- History of the Syriac
Language (Subdeacon Vincent Michael)

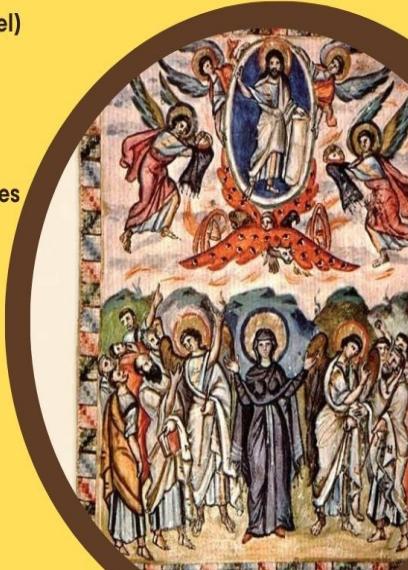
November 6- Syriac Prayers to Learn
(Fr. George Antaby)

November 13- Syriac Hymns & Melodies
(Fr. Neemtallah Oneissy)

VIA ZOOM

Hosted by the Maronite Servants of
Christ the Light in conjunction with the
St. Sharbel Spiritual Life Center.

To register and/or to learn more visit:
maroniteservants.org
saintsharbelcenter.org



Sunday Readings

قراءات الأحد

Third Sunday after Holy Cross

Letter to the Philippians 3: 17-4: 1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

The Gospel according to Saint Matthew 24: 23-31

If anyone says to you, "Look! Here is the Messiah!" or "There he is!" do not believe it.

For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and produce great signs and omens, to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. Take note, I have told you beforehand. So, if they say to you, "Look! He is in the wilderness", do not go out. If they say, "Look! He is in the inner rooms", do not believe it. For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather.

'Immediately after the suffering of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of heaven will be shaken.

Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see "the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven" with power and great glory.

And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

الأحد الثالث بعد عيد الصليب

رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل فيلبي 17:3-4:17
يا إخوتي، اقتدوا بي، وأنظروا إلى الذين يسلكون على مثالنا.

فكثر من أولئك الذين كنت أكلمكم عنهم مراراً، وأكلمكم عنهم الآن باكيًا، يسلكون كأعداء لصلب المسيح،

أولئك الذين عاقبتم الهلاك، أولئك الذين لهم بطنهم ومجددهم في عارهم، وفي أمور الأرض همهم. أما نحن فمدینتنا في السموات، ومنها نتظر رب يسوع المسيح مخلصاً.

وهو سيغير جسد هوانا، فيجعله على صورة جسد مجدده، وفقاً لعمل فدته، التي بها يُحيط نفسه كل شيء.

إذا، يا إخوتي، الذين أحبهم وأشواق إليهم، وأنتم فرجي وإنكلي، أتبوا هكذا في رب، أيها الأحباء.

إنجيل القديس متى 24: 23-31

قال رب يسوع: «إن قال لكم أحد: هوذا المسيح هنا أو هناك! فلا تصدقوا.

فسوف يقوم مسحاء كذبة وأنبياء كذبة، ويأثون بآيات عظيمة وخوارق، ليضلوا المختارين أنفسهم، لو قدروا. هما إنّي قد أبان لكم!

فإن قالوا لكم: ها هو في البرية! فلا تخرجوه، أو: ها هو في داخل البيت! فلا تصدقوا.

فكما أن البرق يومض من المشارق، ويسلط حثى المغارب، هكذا يكون مجيء ابن الإنسان.

حيث تكون الجنة هناك تجتمع النسور. وحالاً بعد ضيق تلك الأيام، الشمس تظلم، والقمر لا يعطي ضوءه، والنجوم تساقط من السماء، وقوافل السماءات تنزّع.

وحيث تظهر في السماء علامة ابن الإنسان، فتنتحب قبل الأرض كلها، وتترى ابن الإنسان آنذا على سحب السماء بقدرة ومجد عظيم.

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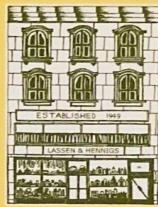
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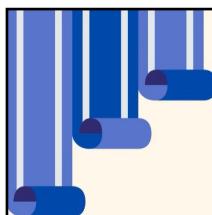
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