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The Most Reverend Gregory J. Mansour, Eparchial Bishop
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**SUNDAY OF
THE RIGHTEOUS & JUST**

Sunday of the Righteous and Just
February 1st, 2026

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| Sun., Feb. 1 | Sunday of the Righteous & Just / St. Pionius and his Companions 9 am for Julie & Edward Cuevas 11:30 am for Antoine Jure for Nicolas Machalani for Nalie, Jean & Michael Salem | by Julie Aguilera by the Jure Family by his wife, Therese Machalani, & Family by the Salem Family |
| Mon., Feb. 2 | NO LITURGY Presentation of the Lord in the Temple | |
| Tues., Feb. 3 | 10 am Divine Liturgy St. Simeon the Elder and St. Anna the Prophetess | |
| Wed., Feb. 4 | 10 am Divine Liturgy St. Isidore of Pelusium | |
| Thurs., Feb. 5 | 10 am Divine Liturgy St. Agatha | |
| Fri., Feb. 6 | 10 am Divine Liturgy St. Proclus, Bishop of Smyrna | |
| Sat., Feb. 7 | 10 am Divine Liturgy Pope St. Anterus | |
| Sun., Feb. 8 | Sunday of the Faithful Departed / Zechariah the Prophet 9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners 11:30 am 40 Days for Laura Merhej | by the Merhej Family |

Financial Standing December 2025

Ordinary Income

- ♦ Collections on Sundays & Holy Days: \$63,136.50
- ♦ Cathedral Stipends from Marriages & Funerals, Hall Rent, Candles, Breakfast, Luncheon, Raffle, Dues, Religious Education, Flowers\$34,824.54

Total Ordinary Income: \$97,961.04

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 \$44,611.93

Total Ordinary Expenses: \$44,611.93

- ♦ Total Ordinary Income vs Expenses: \$53,349.11

Do you know? A couple of basic monthly expenses:

The Monthly Eparchial Assessment & Bishop's Appeal has increased from \$2,670 to \$2,800 a month starting January 2026.

The Cathedral's Building Insurance increased 14.3% in 2023, 7% in 2024 and 9% in 2025. We are now paying \$55,184 which will amount to \$4,598.68 a month.

**Thank you for your contribution
in helping maintain the Church**



CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Maron Gala

Please join us for our 99th Annual St. Maron Day Gala. The event will be on Saturday, February 7th, at El Caribe. Cocktail hour begins at 7 pm followed by dinner, dancing and a raffle. Entertainment will be by Tony Mercho. Tickets are \$250 for adults and \$100 for children 4-12. Please contact Darine Safi (347) 336-5265 or George El-Hage (646) 691-9925 to make your reservations and submit payment. You can also place an ad in the 99th Commemorative Book with Mike Naber (917) 612-4004.

30th Memorial Anniversary

There will be a 30th Memorial Divine Liturgy for Michel Fallah requested by the Fallah Family on Sunday, February 22nd, at the 11:30 am Divine Liturgy followed by a mercy meal in the social hall.

MYA Northern Regional Retreat

MYA Northern Regional Retreat will be held February 28th at the St. John Paul II at the Immaculate Conception Maronite Church in Sleepy Hollow, NY. The theme will focus on "Stillness in the Noise: Meeting God This Lent". The retreat will include meals, adoration, confession, fellowship and more. Please click [here](#) for more information on how to register.

Letter for Annual Donations

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

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.



Palm Sunday Celebration

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

The 2026 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 \$8,500 to participate in this awesome mission of the Eparchy. Thank you for your generosity.

Young People Defending Life

Bishop Gregory is pleased to share [a short educational video](#) created in a collaboration between the Eparchial Office for Maronite Youth (MYO) and the Eparchial Office for Family & Sanctity of Life. [This video](#) is designed to help educate our young people on the Church's pro-life teachings, the dignity of every human person, and the ministry of love at the heart of the pro-life movement. Please click [here](#) for more information.

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.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes & Southern France

Join us on an 11-day/9-night pilgrimage to Southern Europe, including Lourdes, Carcassonne, Nimes, Avignon, Palace of the popes, Cannes, Antibes, Nice, Monaco & Monte Carlo from September 29 – October 09. \$4,998 per person/double occupancy, including airfare from New York. Register with \$750 by January 29, 2026, and save \$100. For more information, please call Marleine 1-917-608-2996 or Tony 1-646-207-3995.

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February 10

Bishop Gregory Mansour

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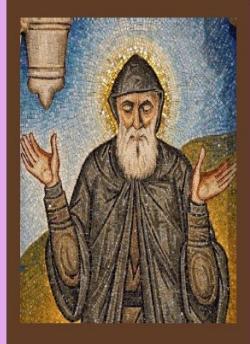


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GREAT LENT:

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Maronite Faith Formation Sessions at 8pm:

February 19- First Pillar: Prayer
(Bishop Gregory Mansour)

February 26- Second Pillar: Fasting
(Fr. Rabih Aoun)

March 5- Third Pillar: Almsgiving
(Fr. Vincent Farhat)



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Lent 2026

Prot. No. 011 S / 26

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we prepare for the joy of the Resurrection during Holy Lent, I invite you to reflect upon Saint Francis' prayer, sacrifice and love for the poor as Pope Leo XIV proclaimed 2026 a special Jubilee Year in remembrance of the 800th anniversary of his death. Although most of us will not live out radical poverty like Saint Francis, we can still participate in his profound accompaniment and charity towards others by making a sacrificial gift.

Your generosity assists the many people suffering here and around the world (especially in Lebanon, Syria and the Holy Land). I hope you will consider making the Eparchy a 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 youth, 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 <http://www.stmaron.org/lenten-appeal> 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

+ Gregory J. Mansour

PS: Please also consider remembering the Eparchy and your parish in your estate plan, or as the beneficiary of an insurance policy, retirement plan or charitable gift annuity. Thank you.



Eparchy of Saint
Maron of Brooklyn
Lent

Sunday Readings

قراءات الأحد

Sunday of the Righteous and the Just

The Letter to the Hebrews 12: 18-24.

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, ‘If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.’) Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, ‘I tremble with fear.’) But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

The Gospel according to Saint Matthew 25: 31-46.

‘When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, “Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.” Then the righteous will answer him, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?” And the king will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” Then he will say to those at his left hand, “You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.” Then they also will answer, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?” Then he will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.” And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.’

أحد الأبرار والصديقين

الرسالة إلى العبرانيين 24-18:12
 يا إخوتي، إنكم لم تترتبوا إلى جبل ملموس، ونارٍ مُتقدّة، وضبابٍ وظلمٍ وزوبعة، وهناك بُوق، وصوت كلمات طلب الذين سمعوها لأنّهم لم يطّيقوا تحمل هذا الأمر: «ولو أنّ بهيمةَ مسّت الجبل ترجم». «وكان المنظر رهيباً حتى إنّ موسى قال: «إني خائفٌ ومرتعنٌ». «إجل أفتر بئم إلى جبل صهيون، وإلى مدينة الله الحي، أورشليم السماوية، وإلى عشرات الآلوف من الملائكة، وإلى عيدٍ حافل، وإلى كنيسة الأنبار المكتوبين في السماوات، وإلى الله ديان الجميع، وإلى أرواح الأبرار الذين بلعوا الكمال، وإلى وسيط العهد الجديد، يسوع، وإلى دم رشٍ ينطّق بكلامٍ أفضلٍ من دم هابيل!»

إنجيل القديس متى 46-31:25
 قال رب يسوع: «متى جاء ابن الإنسان في مجده، وجميعب الملائكة معه، يجلس على عرش مجده. وتحجّم لديه جميع الأمم، فيميّز بعضهم من بعض، كما يميّز الراعي الخراف من الجدّاء.

ويُقيّم الخراف عن يمينه والجداء عن شماليه. حينئذ يقول الملك للذين عن يمينه: تعالوا، يا مباركي أبي، رثوا الملوك المعد لكم منذ إنشاء العالم؛ لأنّي جئت فأطعنتموني، وعرياناً فكسوتُّموني، ومربيساً فررتُّموني، ومحبوساً فاتّتم إلى. حينئذ يجيئ الأبرار فائلين: يا رب، متى زأيَاك جائعاً فأطعمْتاك، أو عطشانَ فسقيناك؟

ومتى زأيَاك عرياناً فاؤيَّنك، أو عرياناً فكسوتَّنك؟ ومتى زأيَاك مريضاً أو محبوساً فاتّينا إليك؟ فتحبِّب الملك ويقول لهم: الحق أقول لكم: كلّ ما عملتموه لأحد إخوتي هو لاء الصغار، فلي عملتموه! ثم يقول للذين عن شماليه: اذهبوا عنّي، يا ملاعين، إلى النار الأبديّة المعدة لإليس وجندوه؛ لأنّي جئت فما أطعنتموني، وعرياناً فما كسوتُّموني، ومربيساً ومحبوساً أوّيَّموني، وعرياناً فما كسوتُّموني، ومربيساً ومحبوساً فما ررْتُّموني! حينئذ يجيئ هو لاء أبغضنا فائلين: يا رب، متى زأيَاك جائعاً أو عطشان أو عرياناً أو مريضاً أو محبوساً وما حدمْتاك؟

حينئذ يجيئهم قائلاً: الحق أقول لكم: كلّ ما لم تعملوا لأحد هو لاء الصغار، فلي لم تعملوا. ويندب هو لاء إلى العذاب الأبدي، والأبرار إلى الحياة الأبديّة.»

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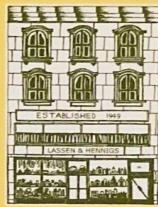
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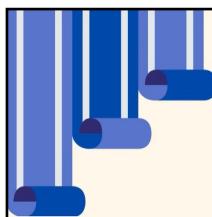
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