



Manhattan Maronite Catholic Community

at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church

EPARCHY OF SAINT MARON OF BROOKLYN

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يا يسوع اللي بتحبني كثير، علّمني كيف متلك حب!

O Jesus, you who loves me so much, teach me to love as you do.

EVERY SUNDAY • RAIN OR SHINE

4:00 PM Confessions until 4:45 PM
Or any time by appointment

5:00 PM Divine Liturgy
Upper Church

6:00 PM Fellowship & Refreshments
Banquet Hall

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church
230 East 90th Street, between 2nd & 3rd Avenue
All are welcome.

SACRAMENTS & PASTORAL CARE

- ◆ Baptism & Confirmation
- ◆ First Communion
- ◆ Marriage
- ◆ Memorial Divine Liturgy
- ◆ Anointing of the Sick

To schedule, please call **(646) 286-2778** or speak with Abouna after the Liturgy.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Sundays, 4:00 to 4:45 p.m., and any other time by appointment

OUR MISSION

To be a welcoming, caring, Christ-centered Maronite community.

We desire to experience and share God's unconditional love. Inspired by the example of Jesus, we strive to lead all people to wholeness and fullness of life.

CLERGY & COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

Rev. Fr. Elias Adwan
ADMINISTRATOR

Hani Francis
FINANCE

Subdeacon Michel Rabbah
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR

Barbar Akle & Michel Abou Obeid
TRUSTEES



SAVE THE DATE • SOLEMN DIVINE LITURGY

First Anniversary Liturgy with His Excellency Bishop Gregory Mansour

Sunday, September 20, 2026 at 3:30 PM, Our Lady of Good Counsel Church

The Manhattan Maronite Catholic Community cordially invites you to join us in celebrating the first anniversary of our community with the celebration of the Solemn Divine Liturgy by His Excellency Bishop Gregory Mansour. Following the Divine Liturgy we will gather in the Banquet Hall for refreshments, fellowship, and a joyful celebration of this blessed milestone in the life of our community.

Those who wish to serve as **hospitality, lectors, ushers, or altar servers** during this special Divine Liturgy are kindly invited to send their information and confirm their commitment by calling (646) 286-2778 or emailing nycmaronitemission@gmail.com.

DIVINE LITURGY

3:30 PM

FOLLOWING

Refreshments & Fellowship

TO SERVE, CONTACT

(646) 286-2778

SEPTEMBER

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FRIDAY



USEK Annual Fundraising Gala 2026

Honoring Jeanine Ferris Pirro & Congressman Darin LaHood • Keynote: Dr. Joseph G. Jabbara • Reception 7 PM, Dinner 8 PM • New York Athletic Club, NYC • RSVP by Sept 20: outreach@usek.edu.lb

OCTOBER

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FRIDAY



2nd Annual Benefit Dinner for the Sisters

Maronite Servants of Christ the Light — fellowship, fine dining & entertainment, with guest of honor Bishop Gregory J. Mansour • 6:30–9:00 PM EDT • 300 N Eastern Ave, Fall River, MA • \$75 general admission

OCTOBER

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THURSDAY



Eparchy of Saint Maron 60th Anniversary Gala

"Love in Action" — celebrating 60 years of the Eparchy of Saint Maron • 6:00 PM Reception, 7:00 PM Dinner • The Metropolitan Club, New York City • stmaron.org/eparchial-benefit

PARKING NOTICE

If you are parked in front of the church during the Divine Liturgy, please ask one of our ushers for a **Church Parking Decal** to place on your dashboard. The decal helps you avoid receiving a parking violation ticket during the service. Thank you for your cooperation.



MARONITE YOUNG ADULTS Known & Called: Created to Love Strongly

**MYA CONFERENCE • OCTOBER
16-18, 2026
MIAMI, FLORIDA**

The MYA is a group of Maronite Catholic disciples, ages 18 (out of high school) to 35, who intentionally live the teaching of the Catholic Church and embrace Jesus in their daily lives. Through service, social, and spiritual activities, they seek to live the Gospel of mercy and compassion and grow in their relationship with Jesus and one another.

Our identity. Our gifts. Our friendships.
Our community.
Young adults of our community are warmly encouraged to attend.



FALL 2026 FAITH FORMATION SERIES The Season of the Glorious Cross

**CHORBISHOP SEELY BEGGIANI
SEPTEMBER 10, 17 & 24 • 8:00 PM
EST, VIA ZOOM**

Three presentations across the series:

- ◆ Stages of Faith
- ◆ Transformation in the Spirit
- ◆ Maturity in Christ

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

Registration required. Visit
SaintSharbelCenter.org to register.



SAINT SHARBEL SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER The Order of Saint Sharbel Retreat

**"DRAW CLOSER TO GOD"
SEPTEMBER 25 TO 27, 2026 •
REGISTRATION \$165**

A weekend for the members and guests of The Order. Registration includes meals and all materials.

- ◆ Retreat Master: Chorbishop Michael Thomas
- ◆ Daily Divine Liturgy
- ◆ Eucharistic Adoration and Confession
- ◆ Time for silent prayer and spiritual reading

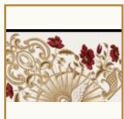
For hotel accommodations, contact the Doubletree Greentree at 412-922-8400 for the retreat room block.

Register under "Programs" at
SaintSharbelCenter.org
820 Crane Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15216

These gatherings are open to our parishioners. Please speak with Abouna or the parish office if you would like to attend.

Vocations

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS



SAVE THE DATE

The Ordination of Deacon Nadim Khaled

By the imposition of hands of Bishop Gregory J. Mansour.
Saturday, September 26, 2026
10:00 AM EST (5:00 PM Beirut)
St. Stephen the First Martyr Maronite Church
Lehfed, Lebanon
Liturgy of Thanksgiving: Sun, Sept 27, 11:00 AM Beirut



SAVE THE DATE

Final Profession of Vows of Sister Emily Mary

Monday, December 7, 2026 at 7:00 PM
Our Lady of Purgatory, New Bedford, Massachusetts
A formal invitation will follow. Please keep Sister Emily Mary in your prayers as she prepares for her Final Profession of Vows. Pray for more vocations too.

"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore beg the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."

MATTHEW 9:37-38

FROM THE DESK OF SUBDEACON MICHEL RABBAH

Imitate and learn from Saint Monica

If you love someone, a family member, a friend, or anyone who has become distant from the Church, never stop loving, never stop hoping, and never stop praying for them. Jesus is listening, even when the answer seems delayed. Trust in His timing and never give up.

Saint Monica prayed continuously for her son, Augustine, with faith, patience, and perseverance. Her prayers were eventually answered, and her son became Saint Augustine, one of the great saints of the Church.

May Saint Monica teach us to pray with faith and never lose hope for the people we love. May Saint Monica and Saint Augustine intercede for our families and loved ones and bring them closer to Christ. Happy Feast of Saint Monica and Saint Augustine.

Saint Monica, pray for us. Saint Augustine, pray for us.

SUBDEACON MICHEL RABBAH, ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR

WITH GRATITUDE

Thank you for your service to our community

David Haddad

Website Design

Yves Abi Aad

Music / Choir

Toni Nassour

T Bites

Randa Elters

Cakes by Randa

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Community Life

STAY CONNECTED

BECOME A REGISTERED MEMBER

Join our community family.

We encourage everyone to become a registered member of the Manhattan Maronite Catholic Community. Scan the QR code to sign up or update your information so we can keep you informed about community life, events, and opportunities to participate.

Questions? (646) 286-2778 · nycmaronitemission@gmail.com



SCAN TO REGISTER

FELLOWSHIP

Faith brings us together. Fellowship keeps us together.

Join us after the Liturgy for coffee, refreshments, and conversation in the Banquet Hall. New additions are on the way for our Sunday gatherings:

WINE

PING PONG

BILLIARDS

CHESS

BACKGAMMON

OPERATING BUDGET

\$21,800

Our commitment for the year

COLLECTED TO DATE

\$10,830

Thanks to your generosity

PLEDGED (RECURRING)

\$3,640

\$10/week, 7 households

REMAINING GOAL

\$7,330

Still to be raised

50% of our annual goal collected

\$21,800 goal

Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, our mission continues to grow. We prayerfully ask every individual and family to consider making a weekly or monthly stewardship commitment to help sustain the mission of our community. Every gift, regardless of its amount, helps us continue celebrating the Divine Liturgy and serving the Maronite faithful throughout Manhattan. **No donation is too small.**

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THANK YOU

Thank you for your prayers, your generosity, and your faithful support.

OUR COMMUNITY ANTHEM

“From Qannoubine, Our Journey”

Lyrics and music by Morel Kiwan, September 8, 2026

With heartfelt thanks to Morel Kiwan, who composed this anthem and generously donated it to our mission.

مِنْ قَنُوبِينَ رَحَلْنَا

تأليف وتلحين الأستاذ موريل كيوان 2026/9/8

عَلَى دَرْبِ مَارُونِ ارْتَقَيْنَا
شِعَارَنَا: الْإِحْلَاصُ وَالْوَفَاءُ

مِنْ جَبَلِ الْأُمَجَادِ أَتَيْنَا
فِي مَهَاتَيْنِ، وَغَدًا وَفَيْنَا

بِرُوحِ مَارِينَا نَحْنُ انْطَلَقْنَا
وَذِي رَفَقَةٍ تُقَدِّسُ الْأَجْوَاءَ

مِنْ وَادِي قَنُوبِينَ ارْتَحَلْنَا
نُبْتُ نُرَانًا دَامَ فَخْرُنَا

مَعَ اسْتِقَانَسٍ يَتَكَلَّمُ
وَالْحَوِيَّةُ يُوَزِّعُ الْأَنْدَاءَ!

وَالْحَرْدِينِيُّ هُوَ الْمُعَلِّمُ
مُبْهُورَانِ: الدُّوْبِيَّ عَالِمُ

بِصَلَاتِهِ تَأْتِي النِّعَمُ
يُبْنِئُهَا فِينَا، وَالْإِنْتِمَاءُ

وَشَرْبِلُ، الشُّفِيعُ الْأَعْظَمُ
لِنُنَائِنَا، الْأَزْرُ وَالْقِيَمُ

دَعُونَا بِقُلُوبِ جَارِحَةٍ
اجْعَلِينَا لَكَ أَفْضَلَ الْأَبْنَاءِ

مَرْيَمُ، أُمُّ الْمَشُورَةِ الصَّالِحَةِ
أَنْطَارِنَا، أَمَامَكَ خَاشِعَةً

*From the Mountain of Glory we came,
On Saint Maron's path we proclaim;
To Manhattan, we answered the call,
With faith and devotion, giving our all.*

*From Qannoubine's valley we came,
With Marina's spirit, a living flame;
We spread our tradition, our faith and our ways,
With Rafqa's blessing, through all of our days.*

*Al-Hardini, our teacher and guide,
With Estephan's wisdom at our side;
Douwaihy, the scholar, enlightened and wise,
While Howayek spread goodness beneath skies.*

*And Sharbel, our greatest patron and guide,
Through his prayers, God's blessings abide;
From Lebanon, our values we hold,
They keep us attached to our roots strong and bold.*

*Mary, Mother of Good Counsel, we pray,
With wounded hearts, we call on you today;
Before you, our humble eyes we bow,
Make us your faithful children now.*

First Anniversary Celebration

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

On Sunday, September 13, our community celebrated its first anniversary with a special Divine Liturgy of thanksgiving, followed by fellowship, mezza, cake, and a joyful Anniversary Karaoke Night. Thank you to everyone who joined us, served, and helped make it all so memorable.



Our Divine Liturgy of Thanksgiving, reception, and Anniversary Karaoke Night

WITH GRATITUDE

Thank You for Our Karaoke Night Food & Desserts

DONORS

T Bites — Toni Nassour
Layla's Falafel — JP Skakini
Cakes by Randa

SUPPORTERS

Tim and Carol White
Mona and Sary Habibi
Souheil and Lina Azzam

Our community is built by the time and talent that each of you so generously give.

A WORD FROM SUBDEACON MICHEL RABBAH

Remarks at our First Anniversary Celebration

On behalf of our Bishop Gregory, Father Elias and our entire community, I warmly welcome each and every one of you.

Thank you for being here tonight and, most importantly, for your continued love, support, generosity, and donations. Your presence and commitment mean so much to us.

One year ago, around this same time, we began our new mission with a vision: to lay the foundation and build the pillars of a strong Maronite community—one that works together as a family and looks toward a bright future for our youth, adults, and families.

Our goal has always been to reconnect our community with our beautiful traditions and to strengthen our faith and identity as Maronites.

Through the love, dedication, and hard work of so many people, we are growing on a strong foundation, guided spiritually by Father Elias. I am truly proud of every single person who has shown commitment, perseverance, and faith in this community.

As we celebrate our first official anniversary, we also remember the many difficulties and challenges we faced during the past twelve years as we searched for a place and a solution where our Maronite community could have a home and a solid foundation. Today, we can proudly say that we are on the right path.

This would not have been possible without our trustees, our Finance team, our Outreach and Hospitality Teams, our choir, our volunteers, and every single donor and supporter who believed in this mission and helped move us forward. Each one of you has played an important part in bringing us to where we are today.

Our dream is clear: to continue growing, to become a parish, and ultimately to establish a permanent home for our Maronite community in the heart of New York City. This is only the beginning, and with God's blessing, our unity, and your continued support, I truly believe that the best is yet to come.

Thank you once again for coming tonight, for showing your love, and for standing with us. May God bless our Bishop Gregory, Father Elias, our community, our families, our youth, and every one of you.

We Gratefully Acknowledge Our Sponsors

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