



Manhattan Maronite Catholic Community

at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church

EPARCHY OF SAINT MARON OF BROOKLYN

BULLETIN NO. 005 • SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2026

يا يسوع اللي بتحبني كتير، 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 · SECOND ANNUAL FUNDRAISING EVENT

Our Second Annual Fundraising Event

Sunday, December 27, 2026, Our Lady of Good Counsel Church

The Manhattan Maronite Catholic Community cordially invites you to our Second Annual Fundraising Event, an afternoon of worship, music, and celebration in support of our community.



DIVINE LITURGY

4:00 PM



CHRISTMAS CONCERT

5:00 - 6:00 PM



EVENT

6:00 - 9:00 PM

OCTOBER

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THURSDAY



Eparchy of Saint Maron 60th Anniversary Gala

"Love in Action" - celebrating 60 years of the Eparchy · 6 PM Reception, 7 PM Dinner · The Metropolitan Club, NYC · stmaron.org/eparchial-benefit

OCTOBER

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SATURDAY



Jamhour Alumni US 22nd Annual Fundraiser Dinner

Honoring Karim Atiyeh, Co-Founder & Co-CEO of Ramp · The Harvard Club of New York · Tickets JamhourUS.com

NOVEMBER

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SUNDAY



Manale Nehme - With Love from Lebanon

Featuring Keltia Mitri-Meda & The MDA Group · Sunday Matinee, 3:00 PM · The Palace Danbury Presented by Eastern Star Services

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.



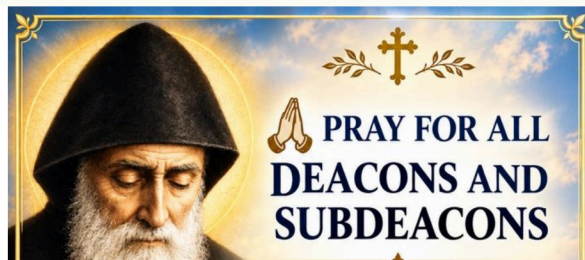
MARONITE YOUNG ADULTS

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.



ANNUAL RETREAT & GATHERING

Pray for All Deacons & Subdeacons

**OCTOBER 9-11, 2026
THE SEMINARY, WASHINGTON, DC**

Please keep Subdeacon Michel Rabbah in your prayers as he participates in the Annual Subdeacons' Retreat and Gathering at The Seminary, 7164 Alaska Avenue NW, Washington, DC — a time of prayer, renewal, fellowship, and spiritual growth.

O Lord, bless our Deacons and Subdeacons and strengthen them in their service to Your Church.

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



Sister Emily Mary

SAVE THE DATE

The 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, and pray for more vocations to our community. Thank you, and God bless you.

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

MATTHEW 9:37-38

MESSAGE FROM ABOUNA

Turn Your Heart to Mary

This coming Sunday, October 4, is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, a beautiful opportunity for us, as a community and as families, to turn our hearts to Mary, our Mother, and through her, to Jesus.

- When your heart is burdened, turn to Mary, pray the Rosary, and she will bring your heart to Jesus.
- When you are weary or discouraged, turn to Mary, pray the Rosary, and she will accompany you with a mother's tenderness.
- When your family is facing difficulties, turn to Mary, pray the Rosary, and place your family in her loving care.
- When you are blessed and joyful, turn to Mary, pray the Rosary, and together with her, give thanks to God.

On this Sunday, let us remember that we are not simply individuals who pray; we are one family of faith. Let us pray for one another, for our families and children, for those who are sick or suffering, for those who have grown distant from the Church, and for our young people as they seek God's path for their lives.

Let us pray especially for our Manhattan Maronite Catholic Community, that Mary may keep us united in faith, generous in love, and faithful to our Maronite heritage and Catholic faith.

Wherever we are, let us make room for the Rosary, in our homes, with our families, and as a community. Let us pray with Mary, and allow her to lead us ever closer to her Son, Jesus.

Our Lady of Lebanon, pray for us. Mary, Queen of the Holy Rosary, pray for us.

REV. FR. ELIAS ADWAN, ADMINISTRATOR

WITH GRATITUDE

Thank you for your service to our community

David Haddad
Website Design

Yves Abi Aad
Music / Choir

Rima Germanos

Carelle Bassil

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

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, wine, and conversation in the Banquet Hall. Enjoy ping pong, billiards, chess, and backgammon during our Sunday fellowship.

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 فُخْرُنَا

مَعَ اسْتِقَانَسٍ يَتَكَلَّمُ
وَالْحَوِيَّةُ يُوَزِّعُ الْأَنْدَاءَ!

وَالْحَرْدِينِيُّ هُوَ الْمُعَلِّمُ
مُبْهُورَانِ: الدُّوْبِيَّ عَالِمُ

بِصَلَاتِهِ تَأْتِي النِّعَمُ
يُبْنِئُهَا فِينَا، وَالْإِنْتِمَاءُ

وَشَرْبِلُ، الشُّفِيعُ الْأَعْظَمُ
لِنُنَائِنَا، الْأَزْرُ وَالْقِيَمُ

دَعْوَانَا 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 20, 2026

Our celebration continued on Sunday, September 20, when we were blessed to have His Excellency Bishop Gregory Mansour celebrate a special anniversary Divine Liturgy for our community. Afterward, we gathered for cake and fellowship, giving thanks for this first year together.



His Excellency Bishop Gregory Mansour celebrates our anniversary Divine Liturgy, followed by cake

ALSO THIS WEEK • OCTOBER 4

The Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi

Year of Saint Francis

Who Was Saint Francis of Assisi?

Saint Francis was born in Assisi, Italy, in 1181. He grew up in a wealthy family but chose to live a simple life, following Jesus. He cared for the poor, loved all of God's creation, and brought joy and peace everywhere he went. He founded the Franciscan Order and showed us that everything is a gift from God.

What Did Saint Francis Teach Us?

- Love God above all things.
- Care for the poor and those in need.
- Respect and protect all of creation.
- Be a peacemaker and bring joy to others.

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