

## EPARCHY OF SAINT MARON OF BROOKLYN

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Each year during Lent, I ask you to reflect on God's blessings and to support the Eparchy of Saint Maron with a donation to our Annual Lenten Appeal. Much has happened in the past year – the pandemic and lockdowns, civil unrest, economic and political instability, and unprecedented troubles here and around the world. And yet, God always watches over his children throughout the most challenging times, and our Eparchy is here to serve you. We rely upon your help to give us the resources to serve you and the faithful throughout the Eparchy.

Please consider making a sacrificial gift to this year's Annual Lenten Appeal. Your gift will support:

- **Seminarians:** We currently have five men preparing for the priesthood. Our seminarians are our future priests, and we need to educate and form them well so that they can minister effectively to our faithful in the future. The costs of Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Seminary are about \$400,000 per year. **40% of your contribution to this year's Annual Appeal will go for Seminarians.**
- **Ministries:** Our outreach and services to young people, the elderly, families, and in defense of life from conception to natural death, can help people at the most crucial times in their lives. You can help ensure that the Eparchy can continue this important work. **20% of your contribution will go to support Ministries.**
- **Retired Priests:** The Eparchy's 15 retired priests served the faithful for over 500 years in total. We help them with a modest pension of \$2,000 per month. **20% of your contribution will support Retired Priests.**
- **Helping in Lebanon and the Middle East:** The Eparchy provided an unprecedented amount of support to help in Lebanon and the Middle East last year. Our primary focus is on the needs of our own Eparchy, but 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 needs today 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 can impact the lives of many people, both inside the Eparchy, and outside of it in the Middle East. Any gift will help.

Thank you, and may God bless you for your generosity! I wish you a blessed Lent and Easter.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

+ Gregory

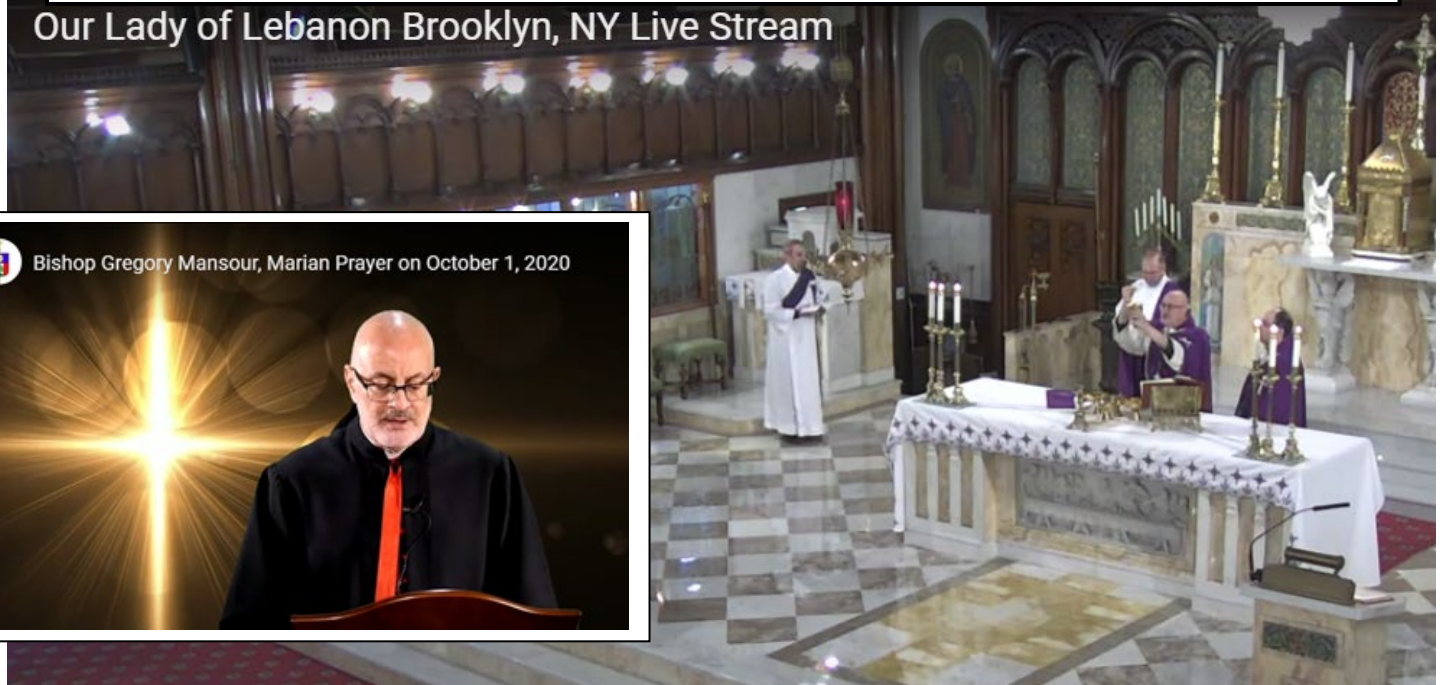
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PS: Please also consider remembering the Eparchy and your parish in your estate plan, or as the beneficiary of an insurance policy, retirement plan or charitable gift annuity. Thank you.



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Bishop Gregory Mansour, Marian Prayer on October 1, 2020



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