

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Bishop Annual Appeal Campaign 2023**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are blessed that our goal for the 2023 Bishop's Appeal has stayed the same as last year, \$4,500. We have always met and exceeded our goal every year. This is a testimony to your participation and financial sacrifice. As usual any amount we collect over our goal of \$4,500 remains with our parish.

It is my prayerful hope that we achieve 100% participation in this year's Appeal. It is not the amount of your gift that is as important as the fact you are participating in our Parish effort to carry this cross across the goal line.

This Lent we will have a second collection at each Mass for the Appeal offering. And we will update results each week on the social hall bulletin board.

Here is the breakdown on how Bishop Gregory will distribute our donated funds:

**\*40% (\$1,800)** goes directly to support the education of four seminarians at Our Lady of Lebanon Seminary.

**\*20% (\$900)** supports the Eparchy's outreach programs to the young, the elderly, people of need and the defense of life from conception to natural death.

**\*20% (\$900)** goes to support of our seventeen retired Eparchy priests. We are blessed to have Father Jack with us as one of those retirees.

**\*10% (\$450)** supports Christians in Lebanon and the Middle East.

**\*10% (\$450)** goes to the Eparchy's Endowment Fund which supports today's needs and assures funds for the future needs of the Eparchy.

Please, prayerfully consider your gift to this most Christian cause.

**PS:** Kindly make your check payable to St. Michael's Church. Write In the memo section: **Bishop's Appeal** and return this stub with your donation. You can mail it or drop it in the 2<sup>nd</sup> collection.

Name	Check No.	\$ Amount

May God reward you a hundred fold.

Sincerely yours in Christ

Father Paul Damien