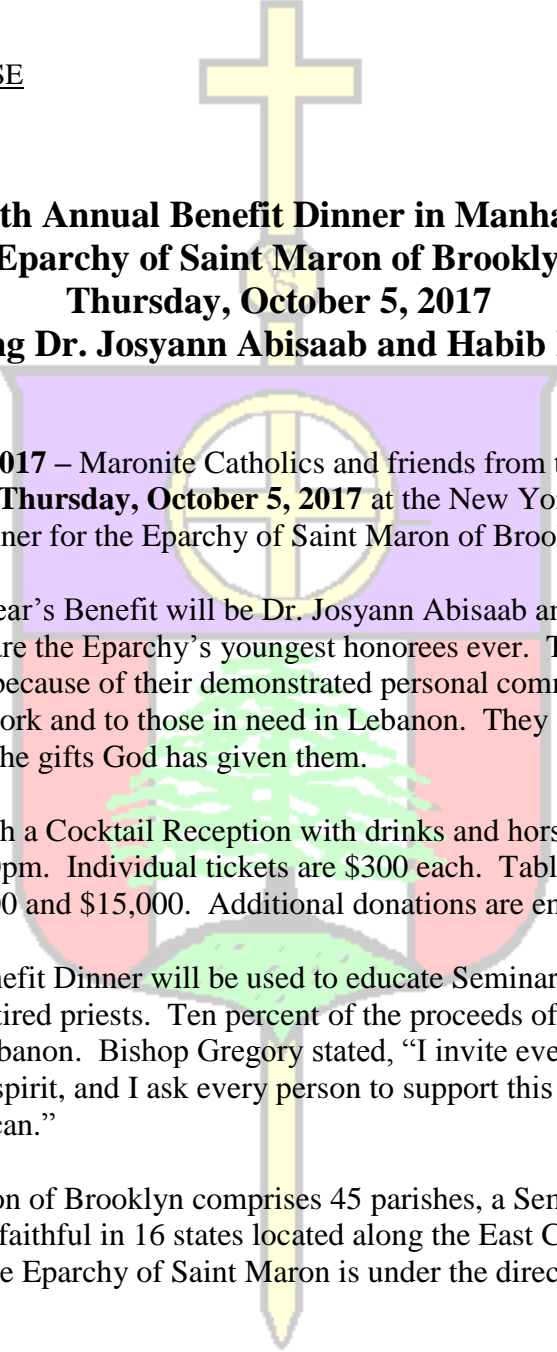


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**Eighth Annual Benefit Dinner in Manhattan  
For the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn set for  
Thursday, October 5, 2017  
Honoring Dr. Josyann Abisaab and Habib Kairouz**

**Brooklyn, NY, June 15, 2017** – Maronite Catholics and friends from the greater New York area and beyond will gather on **Thursday, October 5, 2017** at the New York Athletic Club for the Eighth Annual Benefit Dinner for the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn.

The two honorees at this year's Benefit will be Dr. Josyann Abisaab and Habib Kairouz. Dr. Abisaab and Mr. Kairouz are the Eparchy's youngest honorees ever. They were chosen by Bishop Gregory Mansour because of their demonstrated personal commitments to giving back to their community in New York and to those in need in Lebanon. They are good examples of being faithful stewards of the gifts God has given them.

The evening will begin with a Cocktail Reception with drinks and hors d'oeuvres at 6:00pm, followed by Dinner at 7:30pm. Individual tickets are \$300 each. Table sponsorships are available at \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$15,000. Additional donations are encouraged.

The proceeds from the Benefit Dinner will be used to educate Seminarians, support poor parishes and missions, and assist retired priests. Ten percent of the proceeds of the Dinner will be given to support Christians in Lebanon. Bishop Gregory stated, "I invite everybody to join with us on October 5, in person or in spirit, and I ask every person to support this year's Benefit Dinner to the maximum extent they can."

The Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn comprises 45 parishes, a Seminary, a Convent, and a Monastery, with Maronite faithful in 16 states located along the East Coast of the United States from Maine to Florida. The Eparchy of Saint Maron is under the direct jurisdiction of Pope Francis.

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