

Renewal of the Church Sunday *November 12, 2017*

Sunday	November 12	<i>Renewal of the Church Sunday</i> 9:00 am For Vocations 11:30 am For the Confraternity and for the Knights of Saint Maron and their Renewal	Req. by: Clergy Req. by: Clergy
Monday	November 13	NO LITURGY	
Tuesday	November 14	<i>Saint Philip the Apostle - Apostle</i> 10:00 am Marcelo Magallanes	Req. by: Stella Gaston
Wednesday	November 15	10:00 am Teresita Soberano	Req. by: Stella Gaston
Thursday	November 16	<i>Saint Matthew the Evangelist - Apostle</i> 10:00 am NO LITURGY	
Friday	November 17	<i>Saint Gregory the Wonderworker - Confessor</i> 10:00 am Salma Dahdah Azizi	Req. by: Salma Vahdat
Saturday	November 18	<i>Saint Romanos (Raymond) - Martyr</i> <i>Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne (USA) - Confessor</i> 10:00 am Norma Halpin	Req. by: William Halpin
Sunday	November 19	<i>Announcement to Zechariah - First Sunday of Announcement</i> 9:00 am Mr. and Mrs. John and Helen Kraidich 11:30 am For the MYA and MYO	Req. by: Root Family Req. by: Clergy

Weekly Offering

Collection:	\$ 1,684.00
All Saints:	\$ 250.00
Candles:	\$ 249.00
Rent:	\$ 5,500.00
Debt Reduction:	\$ 250.00
Total:	<u>\$7,933.00</u>

Readings

November 12, 2017	<i>Renewal of the Church</i>
Reading:	Hebrews 9: 11 - 15
Gospel:	John 10: 22 - 42
Lectors:	9:00 am Raymond Gill 11:30 am TBA - English 11:30 am TBA - Arabic
November 19, 2017	<i>Announcement to Zechariah First Sunday of Announcement</i>
Reading:	Romans 4: 13 - 25
Gospel:	Luke 1: 1 - 25
Lectors:	9:00 am Raymond Gill 11:30 am TBA - English 11:30 am TBA - Arabic
November 26, 2017	<i>Announcement to the Virgin Mary Second Sunday of Announcement</i>
Reading:	Galatians 3: 15 - 22
Gospel:	Luke 1: 26 - 38
Lectors:	9:00 am Raymond Gill 11:30 am TBA - English 11:30 am TBA - Arabic

Yearly Budget – 2017

<i>Annual Operating Budget:</i>	\$ 375,000.00
Collections to Date:	\$ 121,255.00
Candles to Date:	\$ 7,404.00
Donations to Date:	\$ 13,285.00
Cathedral Stipends to Date:	\$ 9,900.00
Memorials to Date:	\$ 2,780.00
Dividends to Date:	\$ 1,234.04
Rentals to Date:	\$ 216,181.66
Fund Raising/Advertising:	\$ 285.00
Debt Reduction to Date:	\$ 4,155.00
Easter /Christmas Flowers:	\$ 2,835.00
Bishop's Appeal to Date:	\$ 5,005.00
Total:	\$ 384,322.70 (+ 9,322.70)
Each Quarter we must generate \$93,750.00 in revenue to	

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

This weekend we celebrate the Renewal of the Church. When speaking about Renewal we are referencing personal renewal as compared to the community at large as we experienced last week.

One way of looking at this 'renewal' is too see ourselves as the 'Domestic Church'. In order to understand the 'Domestic Church' we must focus in on our personal relationship with Jesus Christ. The Domestic Church is how we profess our beliefs in Jesus Christ through our personal prayer, our devotions, our language, our way of acting; including the way we dress, and the like. So we see how it is a very personal relationship, one to one, with Christ. Lets face it our first reaction when seeing one is how we perceive them; morally, financially, ethically, etc.. Even though we should never 'label' others, we do; right or wrong.

I hope all will take their time to truly ponder what our personal relationship is truly like with Christ. Are we being examples of living out His Gospel.

Aboona James

Pilgrimage

We are still accepting reservations for our trip to the Holy Land April 23, 2018 to May 2, 2018. We have close to 30 people signed up. We are able to take up to 40 people. There will be a meeting for the group in the near future. If you have any questions please call either Tony Tannoussis, Marleine Aflak or the Rectorry.

Adoration for Priests and Vocations

Our November Adoration will be held on November 26th due to the NAM Regional Convention in Sleepy Hollow, New York.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

The Immaculate Conception Liturgy will be celebrated on Thursday, December 7th at 7:30 pm and then on Friday, December 8th at 10:00 am. This is a Holy Day of Obligation and the Feast of our Confraternity. There will be a reception following the evening Liturgy in the Lower Hall.

Capital Campaign

We have collected \$22,750.00 as of November 8, 2017. If you have not made a pledge I encourage you to do so before the end of the year. Thank you.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee will meet on Wednesday, November 15th at 7:00 pm in the Rectorry.

Pastoral Council

The Liturgical Committee of the Pastoral Committee will meet on Wednesday, November 29, 2017 at 7:30 pm in the Rectorry.

Choir

We will begin Choir Rehearsals after Thanksgiving for Christmas. If anyone is interested in joining the Choir they are encouraged to do so. Christiane Merhej and Paula Achkar are in charge of the Choir. Paula is working with the youth section and we are encouraging the youth to join us. We need members. Christians will concentrate on the Adult section.

The way the Choir sounded for the celebration at Saint Patrick's, as well as our Divine Liturgy with the Patriarch, was outstanding. We need to keep that momentum up. The date and time of the first rehearsal will be announced next week.

Lebanese Registration

Today immediately following the 11:30 am Liturgy, all Lebanese citizens will be able to vote in the Lebanese General Elections of 2018 without having to travel to Lebanon.

The Lebanese parliament passed a new electoral law recently, and a mechanism was established to register to vote from the USA with the deadline of November 20, 2017.

Tony Faddoul, along with Christiane Merhej and Norma Haddad, will be on hand to answer all your questions on Sunday, November 12th. Tony represents the Elections Central Committee at the Lebanese American Council for Democracy - LACD, and they are working on getting as many to register and practice their right to vote from the USA.

What you need to register is the following:

A copy of the Lebanese Passport OR Lebanese ID OR Civil Register as well as an American Passport or Drivers License.

You can register online at <https://diasporavote.mfa.gov.lb>.

If you need assistance Tony or Christiane or Norma will be on hand to help you to register.

Thought for the week

If your desire and aim is to reach the destination of the path and home of true happiness, of grace and glory, by a straight and safe way, then earnestly apply your mind to seek constant purity of heart, clarity of mind, and calm of the senses. Gather up your heart's desire and fix it continually on the Lord God above.

- Saint Albert the Great



