

Announcement to Zechariah - First Sunday of Announcement *November 19, 2017*

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
Monday	November 20	NO LITURGY	
Tuesday	November 21	<i>Presentation of the Virgin Mary in the Temple</i> NO LITURGY	
Wednesday	November 22	NO LITURGY	
Thursday	November 23	<i>Happy Thanksgiving</i> NO LITURGY	
Friday	November 24	NO LITURGY	
Saturday	November 25	NO LITURGY	
Sunday	November 26	<i>Announcement to Mary - Second Sunday of Announcement</i> 9:00 am For the Deceased of the Ferris Family 11:30 am For Vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life	Req. by: Peter Root and Family Req. by: Clergy

Weekly Offering

Collection:	\$ 1,268.00
Candles:	\$ 117.00
Rent:	\$ 250.00
Debt Reduction:	\$ 65.00
Cathedral Stipends:	\$ 300.00
Dividends:	\$ 88.05
Total:	<u>\$ 2,088.05</u>

Readings

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Reading:	Romans 4: 13 - 25
Gospel:	Luke 1: 1 - 25
Lectors:	9:00 am Raymond Gill 11:30 am Denise Abou Chrouh - English 11:30 am Norma Haddad - 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 Isabelle Hazar - English 11:30 am Zahia Abi Habib - Arabic

Yearly Budget – 2017

Annual Operating Budget:	\$ 375,000.00
Collections to Date:	\$ 122,523.00
Candles to Date:	\$ 7,521.00
Donations to Date:	\$ 13,285.00
Cathedral Stipends to Date:	\$ 10,200.00
Memorials to Date:	\$ 2,780.00
Dividends to Date:	\$ 1,322.09
Rentals to Date:	\$ 216,431.66
Fund Raising/Advertising:	\$ 285.00
Debt Reduction to Date:	\$ 4,220.00
Easter /Christmas Flowers:	\$ 2,835.00
Bishop's Appeal to Date:	\$ 5,005.00
Total:	\$ 386,410.75
	(+ 11,410.75)
Each Quarter we must generate \$93,750.00 in revenue to	

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

Today we begin our journey toward the Incarnation of Jesus Christ. These Sundays of Sooborey, Happy Announcement, help us to put into perspective, the real meaning of the Announcement of the Angels. Even though we have romanticized the Birth of Jesus, it is much deeper than a day to eat, drink and be merry...as well as being poor from spending way too much on things people do not need.

The Incarnation is useless without the Life, Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Listen to the prophetic message of the Angel when he appeared to Zechariah. Pay attention to Zechariah's perplexed response. Wait and 'see' in the silence, just as Zechariah had to do. Make this time of preparation even more special this year. Happy announcement!

Aboona James

Maronite Christian Formation

Classes will be cancelled for MCF next Sunday, November 26, 2017, for the Thanksgiving weekend. Classes will resume on Sunday, December 3, 2017 at the regular time.

Because of the Confraternity Bake sale Adult formation will be in the chapel and all the other classes will be either in the Library or the Rectory.

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 on Sunday, December 10, 2017 immediately following the Divine Liturgy in the Library.

If you are interested in going please see Tony Tannousis or Marleine Aflak. Brochures are in the back of the Cathedral.

The absolute deadline for registering is January 23, 2018.

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 \$25,750.00 as of November 15, 2017. If you have not made a pledge I encourage you to do so before the end of the year. Thank you.

Members of the Capital Campaign Committee will be making calls in a few days. Please be open to and courteous to them.

Pastoral Council

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

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. Christiane will concentrate on the Adult section.

Deepest Sympathies

It is with great sorrow that we announce the passing away of Youssef Sarkis, brother of Marwan Sarkis who passed away one week ago. To the Sarkis family we extend our deepest sympathies.

We also extend our sympathies to the Mourani Family on the death of Yazid Mourani. To his wife and family we extend our condolences. Yazid will be buried from the Maronite Church of Saint John Paul II in Sleepy Hollow this Monday the 20th.

Thought for the week

One act of thanksgiving, when things go wrong with us, is worth a thousand thanks when things are agreeable to our inclinations.

+ Saint John of the Cross



