

Announcement to Mary - Second Sunday of Announcement *November 26, 2017*

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 1:00 pm Adoration for Vocations	Req. by: Peter Root and Family Req. by: Clergy
Monday	November 27	NO LITURGY	
Tuesday	November 28	10:00 am Philip and Lorraine Shaia	Req. by: Shaia Family
Wednesday	November 29	10:00 am Philip and Lorraine Shaia	Req. by: Shaia Family
Thursday	November 30	<i>Saint Andrew - Apostle</i> 10:00 am Philip and Lorraine Shaia	Req. by: Shaia Family
Friday	December 1	<i>First Friday - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> following Liturgy until 12:00 noon 10:00 am Poor Souls in Purgatory	Req. by: Daisy and Elana Diamontopolus
Saturday	December 2	10:00 am Said Besheer	Req. by: Salma Vahdat
Sunday	December 3	<i>Visitation of the Virgin to Elizabeth - Third Sunday of Announcement</i> 9:00 am For Vocations 11:30 am First Anniversary of Michel Bassil and Birthday Remembrance of Tamam Bassil	Req. by: Clergy Req. by: Family

Weekly Offering

Collection:	\$ 1,502.00
Candles:	\$ 119.00
Debt Reduction:	\$ 350.00
Total:	\$ <u>1,971.00</u>

Readings

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
December 3, 2017	<i>Visitation of the Virgin to Elizabeth Third Sunday of Announcement</i>
Reading:	Ephesians 1: 1 - 14
Gospel:	Luke 1: 39 - 45
Lectors:	9:00 am Raymond Gill 11:30 am TBA - English 11:30 am TBA - Arabic
December 10, 2017	<i>Birth of John the Baptist Fourth Sunday of Announcement</i>
Reading:	Galatians 4: 21 - 5:1
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:	\$ 124,025.00
Candles to Date:	\$ 7,640.00
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:	\$ 4,570.00
Easter /Christmas Flowers:	\$ 2,835.00
Bishop's Appeal to Date:	\$ 5,005.00
Total:	\$ 388,381.75 (+ 13,381.75)
Each Quarter we must generate \$93,750.00 in revenue to	

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

People ask me often times what we charge for things around the Cathedral; namely, Liturgies, Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals.

My usual response is we don't. However, people offer Stipends out of the goodness of their hearts.

What we need to address is sacrificial giving. Sacrificial giving is what we wish to offer for special prayers and services that we offer to the people. For instance it is our duty to bury the dead, especially if they are in the graces of the Church, meaning not having lived a scandalous life. Normal custom is to give something to the Church for the use of the building and something to the clergy for their services.

When offering Liturgies for the dead I noticed that many people do not do that here at the Cathedral. I found out why. Many believe that they have to attend those Liturgies and as we all know we can not offer all the intentions on a Sunday. By the way, it is normal to only offer one intention per Liturgy. We only have one intention mentioned per Liturgy. If the Bishop is with me then we can do two, or in the case of a 40 Day Liturgy, which takes precedent, we will offer two intentions.

It would be wonderful if those offering the Liturgy could be with us but it is humanly impossible and we understand that. However, do not let that be the reason you don't offer Liturgies for your loved ones. We all need prayer and there is always someone in the Cathedral to pray for your departed loved ones and friends each day. I hope this helps in understanding the meaning behind Liturgy Intentions.

Aboona James

Maronite Christian Formation

Classes will resume next 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 today following the 11:30 am Divine Liturgy.

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 \$27,750.00 as of November 19, 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 this 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.

Thought for the week

For when peaceful stillness encompassed everything and the night in its swift course was half spent, your all-powerful word from heaven's royal throne leapt into the doomed land, a fierce warrior bearing the sharp sword of your inexorable decree.

- Wisdom 18: 14 - 16

