

The Finding of Our Lord in the Temple

December 31, 2017

Sunday	December 31	<i>The Finding of Our Lord in the Temple</i> 9:00 am For the Parishioners 11:30 am For the Parishioners	Req. by: Clergy Req. by: Clergy
Monday	January 1	<i>The Circumcision of Jesus (Holy Day of Obligation)</i> 10:00 am For the Parishioners	Req. by: Clergy
Tuesday	January 2	10:00 am In thanksgiving For Marie and Peter Root	Req. by: Aboona James
Wednesday	January 3	10:00 am For Peter Root	Req. by: Michelle Thomas
Thursday	January 4	<i>Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton (USA) - Confessor</i> 10:00 am For Peter Root	Req. by: Michelle Thomas
Friday	January 5	<i>First Friday - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> <i>Saint Paul, the First Hermit - Confessor</i> <i>Saint John Neumann (USA) - Confessor</i> 10:00 am For the Poor Souls in Purgatory <i>Vigil of the Glorious Feast of the Epiphany (Holy Day of Obligation)</i> 7:30 pm For the Parishioners	Req. by: Daisy and Elana Diamontopolus Req. by: Clergy
Saturday	January 6	<i>Glorious Feast of the Epiphany (Holy Day of Obligation)</i> 10:00 am For Peter Root	Req. by: Michelle Thomas
Sunday	January 7	<i>First Sunday after the Glorious Feast of the Epiphany</i> 9:00 am For the Unborn 11:30 am 40 Day For Eva Boumoussa	Req. by: Clergy Req. by: Husband and Family

Weekly Offering

Collection: (Sunday December 24)	\$ 825.00
Christmas: (December 25)	\$12,830.00
Christmas Flowers:	\$ 100.00
Candles:	\$ 218.00
Dividends:	\$ 99.14
Total:	<u>\$14,072.14</u>

Total Christmas: (\$22,480.00)
Total Christmas Flowers: (\$ 4,135.00)

Yearly Budget – 2017

Annual Operating Budget:	\$ 375,000.00
Collections to Date:	\$ 156,108.00
Candles to Date:	\$ 8,472.00
Donations to Date:	\$ 13,285.00
Cathedral Stipends to Date:	\$ 10,500.00
Memorials to Date:	\$ 3,280.00
Dividends to Date:	\$ 1,504.68
Rentals to Date:	\$ 241,484.99
Fund Raising/Advertising:	\$ 285.00
Debt Reduction to Date:	\$ 5,040.00
Easter /Christmas Flowers:	\$ 6,970.00
Bishop's Appeal to Date:	\$ 5,005.00
Altar Bread/Wine/Sanctuary Lamps	\$ 700.00
Total:	\$ 452,634.67 (+ 77,634.67)

Each Quarter we must generate \$93,750.00 in revenue to stay on budget.

Readings

December 31, 2017	<i>The Finding of Our Lord in the Temple</i>
Reading:	Hebrews 7: 11 - 19
Gospel:	Luke 2: 41 - 52
Lectors:	9:00 am Raymond Gill 11:30 am Lydia Gordon - English 11:30 am Adonis El Asmar - Arabic
January 1, 2018	<i>The Circumcision of Jesus</i>
Reading:	Ephesians 2: 11 - 22
Gospel:	Luke 2: 21
Lector:	10:00 am Raymond Gill
January 5-6, 2018	<i>Glorious Feast of the Epiphany</i>
Reading:	Titus 2: 11 - 3: 7
Gospel:	Luke 3: 1 - 6
Vigil Liturgy	January 5, 2018
Lector:	7:30 pm Adonis ElAsmar - Arabic 7:30 pm Vivian Akel - English
Feast Day Liturgy	January 6, 2018
	10:00 am Raymond Gill

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

On behalf of His Excellency Sayedna Gregory and myself, we wish to extend our sincerest thanks for all your hard work and support, both spiritual and financial, over the past year. We pray that the New Year bring much happiness and joy to each and every one of you and your loved ones.

While pondering on what to do in regard to resolutions, I personally pray, that everyone will make a greater effort in becoming true "intentional disciples". Let us work together for the true meaning of "Church" the Mystical Body of our Lord and Savior. May 2018 bring about spiritual renewal especially through prayer and labor. Our labor should be that of building up our families, marriages and relationships with our fellow parishioners. Let us put aside our ambitions, prejudices and ego's in order to allow Jesus Christ in our lives, families and Community.

May our Lord, through the intercession of His Mother, grant you many blessings.

Sincerely,

Aboona James

Coffee Hour

There will not be Coffee Hour today, Sunday, December 31st. The next Coffee Hour will be on January 7, 2018.

Maronite Christian Formation

MCF will not meet until January 7, 2018. See you all then.

Congratulations

I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate Adonis El Asmar on his acceptance into the Subdiaconate/ Diaconate Program of our Eparchy. At the same time I wish to congratulate his wife Jeanette and their children Jupiter and Fidelle. This is a great gift to his family and a great responsibility as well. Please be assured of our continued prayers.

Pilgrimage

We are still accepting reservations for our trip to the Holy Land April 23, 2018 to May 2, 2018.

The absolute deadline for registering is January 23, 2018.

Capital Campaign

We have collected \$47,390.00 If you have not made a pledge I encourage you to do so before the end of the year. Thank you.

Saint Maron Day Celebration

The Feast of Saint Maron will take place on Sunday, February 4, 2018 immediately following the 11:30 am Divine Liturgy. It will be held at the Hotel One at the Brooklyn Bridge adjacent to Brooklyn Bridge Park. There will be more details within the next two weeks.

Tables of 8 (only) for entire tables. This is how their facility is set up. There are no exceptions. I think everyone will love the venue and the beautiful view of the East River and lower Manhattan.

Mark your calendars from now.

Maronite 2018 Calendars

The 2018 Maronite Calendars are available free of charge at the doors of the Cathedral.

We wish to thank McLaughlin and Sons Funeral Home for sponsoring the calendars this year. We ask that each family take no more than 2 Calendars. Thank you.

Lectors

Lector or reader, is a ministry. We are asking that if you wish to become a Lector at the divine Liturgy to please contact the Cathedral Office. We will go through a training session for anyone who may be new at this. Thank you for your services.

Altar Servers

We encourage the young boys, ages 8 to 18, to assist us at the Altar. What better way to serve the Lord than at His table. If interested please contact either Deacon Peter or Subdeacon Norbert.

New Organ

We received the organ from the National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon in North Jackson, Ohio a few days before Christmas. In order to install it in the loft we need to make some necessary changes. I am asking all the men who have time to meet with me immediately following the Divine Liturgy next Sunday, January 7th, in order to plan it out. Thank you.



O Holy Family, Guide us and watch over us! Amen.