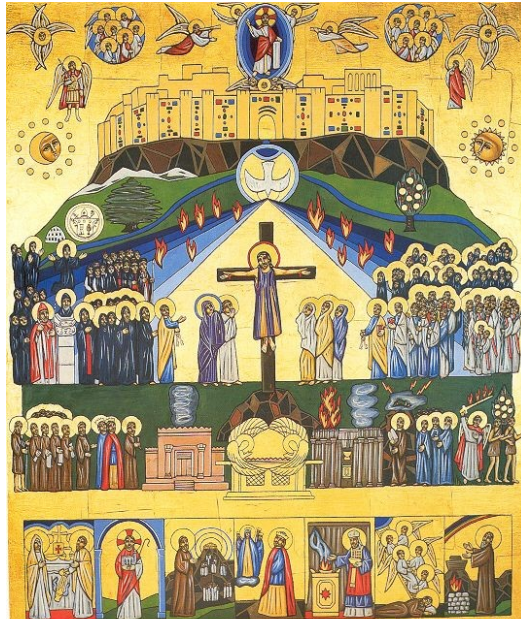


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**Divine Liturgy Schedule**

**Tuesday through Saturday at 10:00 AM**  
**Sunday at 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM**  
**Holy Day at 10 am & 7:30pm**  
**St. Sharbel the 22nd of each month**  
**at 7:30 PM except on Saturday or Sunday**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

**First Friday of the month at 10:40 until noon**

**Reconciliation**

**10:15 AM to 10:45 AM Sunday**  
**11:00 AM to 11:45 AM First Friday**  
**and upon request.**

**Initiation Rites (Baptism—Chrismation)**

**Parents and Godparents must meet**  
**with the Rector for instruction and**  
**then a time will be set for the Baptism**  
**and Chrismation.**

**Mystery of Crowning (Marriage)**

**The Rector must be notified at least six**  
**months in advance to set up instruction.**

**Hospital and Sick Calls**

**Notify the Rector as soon as possible.**

**New Parishioners**

**All are welcome at Our Lady of**  
**Lebanon Cathedral. Please notify the Office**  
**of the Rector to become a member.**

## *Sunday of Annunciation to Zechariah* *November 17, 2019*

Sun. November 17	Sunday of Annunciation to Zachariah	St. Gregory the Wonderworker
	9:00 am Salma Dahdat	By Mrs. Salma Vahdat
	11:30 am 40 Day Hannah El Helo & Ibrahim Rizik	By Subdeacon & Mrs. Norbert Vogl
Mon. November 18	NO LITURGY	St. Romanos, St. Rose Philippine Duchesne
Tues. November 19	10 am Divine Liturgy	
Wed. November 20	10 am Divine Liturgy	
Thurs. November 21	10 am Divine Liturgy	Presentation of the Virgin Mary in the Temple
Fri. November 22	10 am Divine Liturgy	
Sat. November 23	10 am Divine Liturgy	
Sun. November 24	Sunday of Annunciation to Mary	
	9:00 am Intentions of the Parishioners	
	11:30 am Intentions of the Parishioners	

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For more information about our ministry  
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### Sunday Readings

**Lectors and Ushers (age 16 and up) are needed.**  
**Please [email](#) the church to become one**

November 17, 2019	Annunciation to Zechariah
Reading: Romans 4: 13-25	
Gospel: Luke 1: 1-25	
Lectors: 9:00 am	Raymond Gill
11:30 am	John Eladem - English
11:30 am	Darine Safi - Arabic
November 24, 2019	Annunciation to the Virgin
Reading: Galatians 3: 15-22	
Gospel: Luke 1: 26-38	
Lectors: 9:00 am	Raymond Gill
11:30 am	Vivian Akel - English
11:30 am	Edward Antonios - Arabic
December 1, 2019	Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth
Reading: Galatians 3: 15-22	
Gospel: Luke 1: 26-38	
Lectors: 9:00 am	Raymond Gill
11:30 am	Marleine Safi - English
11:30 am	Joseph Kallasy - Arabic
December 8, 2019	Birth of John
Reading: Galatians 4: 21-5:1	
Gospel: Luke 1: 57-66	
Lectors: 9:00 am	Raymond Gill
11:30 am	Marleine Safi - English
11:30 am	Hweida Chawki - Arabic

## Dear Beloved Parishioners:

Less than a year after my arrival at the Cathedral at the end of April 2019, Bishop Gregory told me that in November 2019 we would be celebrating the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the first Divine Liturgy in the current location on the corner of Henry and Remsen. After that conversation, I kept saying to myself, "I have not been here a year and I am already celebrating 75 years."

I find in this statement a model of the Church that is usually ignored in ecclesiastical spheres. While the faithful play a major role in keeping the Church alive, it is God who gives the growth. I am reminded of a verse that St. Paul wrote to the Corinthians talking about the establishment of the Church there. He said, "*I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth*" (1 Corinthians 3: 6-7). Paul was a bit harsh in not giving any credit to himself who planted and to Apollos who watered. As we are celebrating the Cathedral's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, I have to respectfully disagree with Paul by giving thanks and appreciation to all those who planted and are still planting and those who watered and are still watering, priests and laity.

The theme that was chosen for our celebration is *On God's Holy Mountain: The Maronite People on Pilgrimage*. Our ancestors from the time of St. John Maron, the first Patriarch, until today have encountered God on mountains that were transformed into holy places where churches were built on them. On plains too our Lord revealed himself as the Maronites moved around the world willingly or unwillingly. This process of moving to new places became for them a pilgrimage as they used the circumstances of their lives no matter what they were to evangelize and pass the torch of faith from generation to generation.

The growth that God gives takes different forms in the life of the Church. Increasing numbers and expanding facilities to accommodate the faithful might be signs of development, but maturing in solidarity between parishioners based on the partaking and sharing of the Body and Blood of Christ is the true growth that God grants his community.

We thank you for your continued support which we hope to build on for future fundraising. We encourage your participation and with your help we will create and preserve great memories of our



**75th Anniversary of the First Divine Liturgy at the Cathedral**  
The celebration begins with the Divine Liturgy at 11:30am followed by a Gala at the Dyker Beach Golf Course Catering Hall in Brooklyn, NY from 2 to 7pm. It includes a cocktail hour, an open bar and a full course meal with entertainment provided by Eddy Ousama and ensemble. Tickets are \$150 per person and \$75 per child between 4 & 12 years old. Four sponsor tables of ten people are available for \$3000 each. Please be sure to make your reservation by November 20, 2019, with William Abou Chrouh at [allnewelectronic@aol.com](mailto:allnewelectronic@aol.com) or 646-284-2377, Bassam Ayoub at [ayoubbassam@gmail.com](mailto:ayoubbassam@gmail.com) or 347-267-1002 or Darine Safi at [darinesafi@hotmail.com](mailto:darinesafi@hotmail.com) or 347-336-5265. There will also be a raffle during the gala. Please see Jihane Ayoub if you would like to donate to the raffle. [A Commemorative Book](#) in which pages may be purchased to honor beloved living and deceased members of the Cathedral Community is also being put together. Those who have old pictures from the time the Cathedral was dedicated onward, please make sure to [email](#) them to us, so we can create a nice slide show.

### Annual Bake Sale Sponsored by the Confraternity

The Annual Winter Bake Sale sponsored by the Confraternity will take place on December 14 & 15. Please see Rafca Abou Chrouh or Yolla Howayek if you would like to help in baking goods or donating toward the Bake Sale.

### Family Christmas Party December 22

The Cathedral invites all parishioners to a luncheon to celebrate Christmas on December 22 in the Church Hall. Families are welcome especially the kids for a fun afternoon with Santa and other surprises. During the Liturgy that day, the kids of the Sunday School will enact the Christmas Story.

### Sloan Kettering Toy Drive

A Christmas Toy Drive for the children (newborn and up) of Sloan Kettering Cancer Center will be in effect until December 22nd. All toys must be brand new and unwrapped, not used, no stuffed animals, no clothes. A big box is placed in the Cathedral to the far right of the Altar for your convenience.

### Youth Choir

All interested in youth choir ages 7 and up are invited to sign up with [Paula Achkar](#) or [Fidelle El-Asmar](#). If you already have an instrument that you would like to play, you are welcome to bring it with you to add to the experience. There will be a Sunday practice in the next few weeks.

### Pilgrimage: [In The Footsteps of Paul](#)

A 10-day/8-night trip to **Greece** including a **3-day cruise** to the **Greek Islands** and **Turkey**, visiting Athens, Corinth, Mykonos, Ephesus, Patmos, Crete, Santorini, Meteora, Veria, Vergina, Salonica, and Philippi. Departing **April 29, 2020 - \$3,498** per person/double occupancy from New York, including fuel surcharge and port taxes. We already have 17 people who have signed up for the trip. Deadline for registrations is no later than October 29, 2019. [For more information](#) please call Marleine Aflak at 1-917-608-2996 or Tony Tannousis at 1-718-987-3900

### Vocations Awareness Poster-Essay

Students grades K to 12 are encouraged to participate in the [Vocations Awareness Poster-Essay](#) Multimedia Contest through NAM. [Click here for guidelines](#) and [here for applications](#). Also you can see Adonis El-Asmar or Marian Ciaccia for more information. This year let us have more students take part of the contest.



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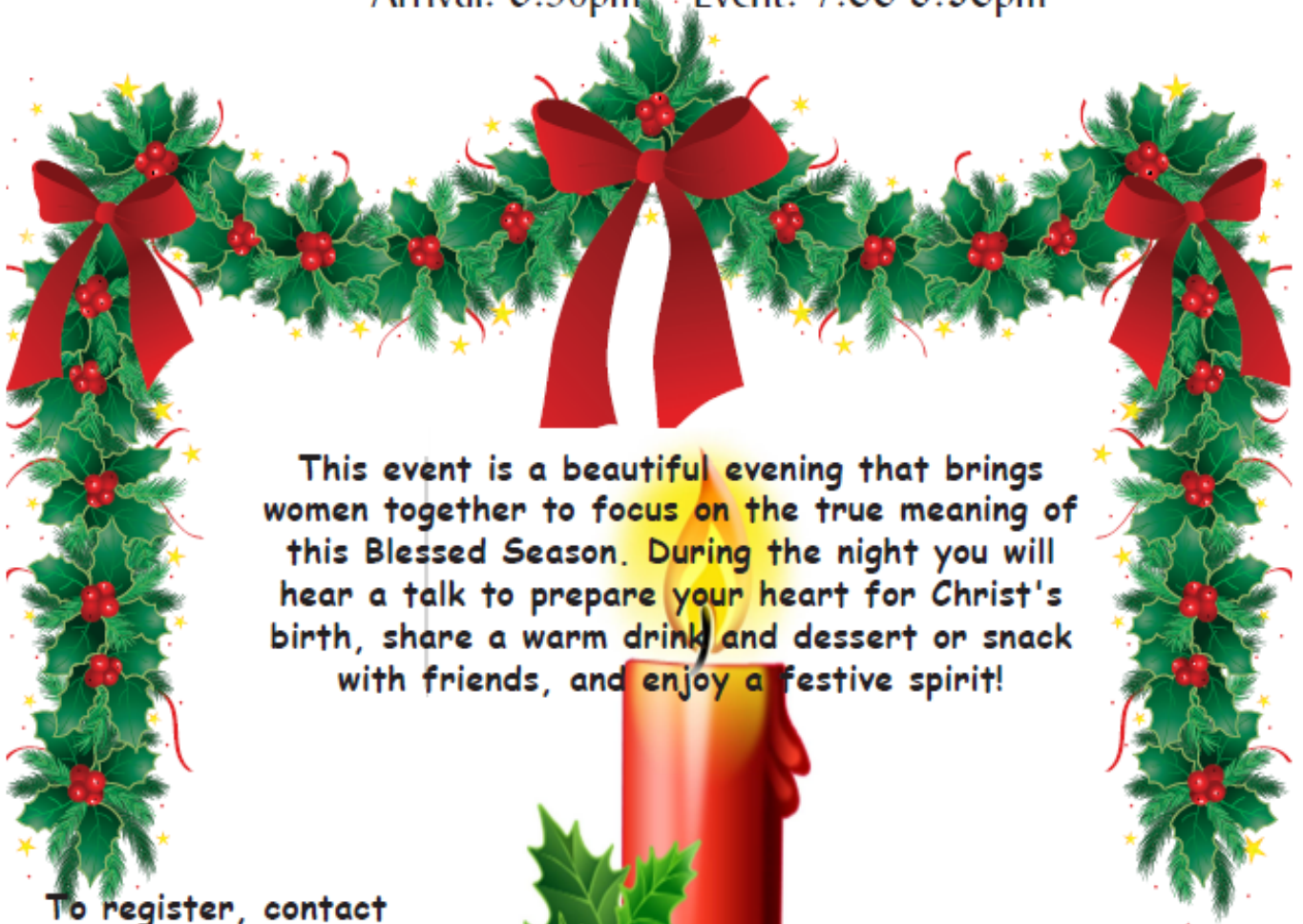
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## Sunday Readings

### قراءات الأحد

#### Sunday of the Announcement to Zechariah

##### Letter to the Romans 4: 13-25

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason, it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations') in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore, his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

#### The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke 1:1-25

Since many have undertaken to set down an orderly account of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as they were handed on to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, I too decided, after investigating everything carefully from the very first, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may know the truth concerning the things about which you have been instructed. In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly order of Abijah. His wife was a descendant of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. Both of them were righteous before God, living blamelessly according to all the commandments and regulations of the Lord. But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were getting on in years. Once when he was serving as priest before God and his section was on duty, he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the sanctuary of the Lord and offer incense. Now at the time of the incense-offering, the whole assembly of the people was praying outside. Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified; and fear overwhelmed him. But the angel said to him, 'Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John. You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He must never drink wine or strong drink; even before his birth he will be filled with the Holy Spirit. He will turn many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. With the spirit and power of Elijah he will go before him, to turn the hearts of parents to their children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.' Zechariah said to the angel, 'How will I know that this is so? For I am an old man, and my wife is getting on in years.' The angel replied, 'I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. But now, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time, you will become mute, unable to speak, until the day these things occur.' Meanwhile, the people were waiting for Zechariah, and wondered at his delay in the sanctuary. When he did come out, he could not speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the sanctuary. He kept motioning to them and remained unable to speak. When his time of service was ended, he went to his home. After those days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she remained in seclusion. She said, 'This is what the Lord has done for me when he looked favorably on me and took away the disgrace I have endured among my people.'

#### أحد بشارة زكريا

رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل رومة 4: 13-25  
يا إخوتي، الوعد لإبراهيم أو لنسله بأن يكون وارثاً للعالم، لم يكن بواسطة الشريعة، بل بالبر الذي ناله بالإيمان. فلو كان أهل الشريعة هم الوارثين، لأبطل الإيمان، والغني الوعد؛ لأن الشريعة تسبب غضب الله؛ وحيث لا شريعة، فلا تعدي للشريعة. لذلك فأهل الإيمان هم الوارثون، لكي تكون الورثة هبة من الله. وهكذا تحقق الوعد لكل نسل إبراهيم، لا للنسل الذي هو من أهل الشريعة فحسب، بل أيضاً للنسل الذي هو من أهل الإيمان، إيمان إبراهيم، الذي هو أب لنا أجمعين؛ كما هو مكتوب: «إني جعلتك أباً لأمة كثيرة». «فإبراهيم الذي آمن بالله هو أب لنا أمام الله، الذي يحيي الأموات، ويدعو غير الموجود إلى الوجود. وقد آمن إبراهيم رجاءاً على غير رجاء، بأنه سيصير أباً لأمة كثيرة، كما قيل له: «هكذا يكون نسلك». ولم يضعف بإيمانه، برغم أنه رأى، وهو ابن نحو مئة سنة، أن جسده مات، وأن حشا سارة قد مات. وبناءً على وعد الله، ما شك ولا تردد، بل تقوى بالإيمان، ومجد الله، وأيقن من يقين أن الله قادر أن ينجح ما وعد به. فلذلك حسب له إيمانه برآء. ولم يكتب من أجله وحده أنه «حسب له برآء»، بل كتب أيضاً من أجلنا نحن الذين سيحسب لنا برآء، لأننا نؤمن بالذي أقام من بين الأموات يسوع ربنا، الذي أسلم من أجل زلاتنا، وأقيم من أجل تبريرنا.

#### إنجيل القديس لوقا 1: 1-25

بما أن كثيرين أخذوا يترتبون رواية للأحداث التي تمت عندنا، كما سلمها الربنا من كانوا منذ البدء شهود عيان للكلمة، ثم صاروا خداماً لها، رأيت أنا أيضاً، أيها الشريف تيوفيل، أن أكتب لك بحسب ترتيبها، بعدما تبتتها كلها، منذ بدايتها، تتبعاً دقيقاً، لكي تتيقن صحة الكلام الذي وعظت به. كان في أيام هيرودس، ملك اليهودية، كاهن اسمه زكريا، من فرقة آبيا، له امرأة من بنات هارون اسمها اليسانبات. وكانا كلاهما بارين أمام الله، سالكين في جميع وصايا الرب وأحكامه بلا لوم. وما كان لهما ولد، لأن اليسانبات كانت عاقراً، وكانا كلاهما قد طعنا في أيامهما. وفيما كان زكريا يقوم بالخدمة الكهنوتية أمام الله، في أثناء توبة فرقة، أصابته الفرعة، بحسب عادة الكهنوت، ليُدخل مقدس هيكل الرب ويحرق البخور. وكان كل جمهور الشعب يصلي في الخارج، في أثناء إحراق البخور. وترأى ملك الرب لزكريا واقفاً من عن يمين مذبح البخور، فأضطرب زكريا حين رآه، واستولى عليه الخوف. فقال له الملك: «لا تخف، يا زكريا، فقد استجيبت طلبتك، وأمرتك اليسانبات سبتك لك ابناً، فسمه يوحنا. ويكون لك فرح وأنتهاج، ويفرح بمولده كثيرون، لأنه سيكون عظيماً في نظر الرب، لا يشرب خمراً ولا مسكراً، ويمتلئ من الروح القدس وهو بعد في حشا أمه. ويرد كثيرين من بني إسرائيل إلى الرب الههم. ويسير أمام الرب بروح ولباً ووقته، ليزيد قلوب الأبناء إلى الأبناء، والعصاة إلى حكمة الأبرار، فيهبني للرب شعباً معداً خير إعداد». فقال زكريا للملاك: «بماذا أعرف هذا؟ فإني أنا شيخ، وأمراتي قد طعنت في أيامها». «فأجاب الملك وقال له: «أنا هو جبرائيل الواقف في حضرة الله، وقد أرسلت لأكلمك وأبشرك بهذا. وهما أنت تكون صامتاً، لا تقدر أن تتكلم، حتى اليوم الذي يحدث فيه ذلك، لأنك لم تؤمن بكلامي الذي سيمم في أوانه». وكان الشعب ينتظر زكريا، ويتعجب من إبطائه في مقدس الهيكل. ولما خرج زكريا، لم يكن قادراً أن يكلمهم، فأدركوا أنه رأى رؤياً في المقدس، وكان يشير إليهم بالإشارة، وبقي أنكم. ولما تمت أيام خدمته، مضى إلى بيته. وبعد تلك الأيام، حملت امرأته اليسانبات، وولدت له خمسة أشهر، وهي تقول: هكذا صنع الرب إليّ، في الأيام التي نظر إليّ فيها، ليزيل العار عني من بين الناس!