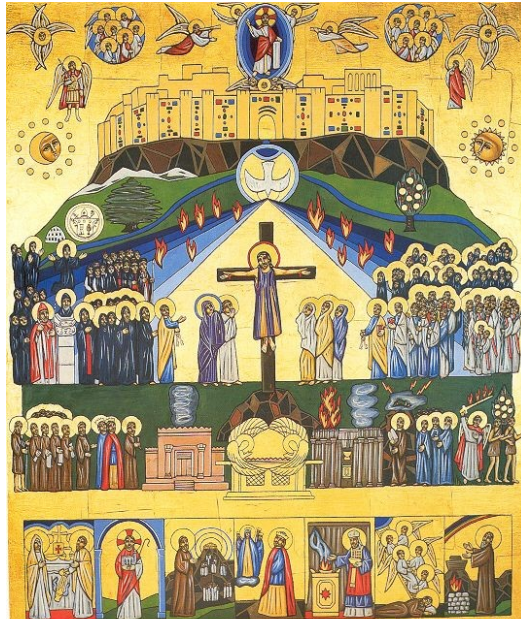


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The Very Reverend Dominique Hanna, Rector
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Divine Liturgy Schedule

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 Announcment to The Virgin Mary

November 24, 2019

Sun. November 24	Sunday of Announcment to Mary	
	9:00 am	Intentions of the Parishioners
	11:30 am	Intentions of the Parishioners
Mon. November 25	NO LITURGY	St. Romanos, St. Rose Philippine Duchesne
Tues. November 26	10 am Divine Liturgy	
Wed. November 27	10 am Divine Liturgy	St. James Intercisus
Thurs. November 28	10 am Divine Liturgy	
Fri. November 29	10 am Divine Liturgy	
Sat. November 30	10 am Divine Liturgy	St. Andrew, the Apostle
Sun. December 1	Visitation of the Virgin to Elizabeth	
	9:00 am	Intentions of the Parishioners
	11:30 am	George & Margarit Allaham Hanah Eladem
		Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Chawki Eladem

Financial Standing October 2019

Ordinary Income

Sundays & Holy Days Collections: **\$7,388.00**

Cathedral Stipends from Marriages & Funerals, Lower Hall Rent, Candles, Breakfast, Luncheon, Bake Sale, Dues, Religious Education, flowers,: **\$9,401.80**

Total Ordinary Income: \$16,789.80

Ordinary Expense

Payroll, Gas, Electricity, Building and Medical Insurances, Leasing Equipments, TV, Phone, Internet, Church, Hall & Office Supplies, Postage, Regular Maintenance, Charity, Eparchial Appeal, Insurance,...

Total Ordinary Expense: \$17,640.06

Total Ordinary Income vs Expense: -\$850.26

We also brought in some extraordinary income in the amount of: \$30,539.67 (which included Library Rent, Donations for specific projects, and the Capital Campaign)

**Thank you for your contribution
in helping maintain the Church
and in planning different activities**

Sunday Readings

**Lectors and Ushers (age 16 and up) are needed.
Please [email](mailto:church@stjohns.org) the church to become one**

November 24, 2019	Announcment 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
December 15, 2019	Revelation to Joseph
Reading: Ephesians 3: 1-13	
Gospel: Matthew 1: 18-25	
Lectors: 9:00 am	Raymond Gill
11:30 am	George Abi Zeid - English
11:30 am	Marise Frangie - Arabic

Dear Beloved Parishioners:

At the start of the Season of the Glorious Birth of the Savior, the Angel Gabriel announced to Zechariah, "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." The Angel did not stop at this exciting news of a newborn child to a barren wife and an old man, but added a lot more. Their son John will:

- bring joy and gladness to his family
- be great in the sight of the Lord
- never drink wine or strong drink
- be filled with the Holy Spirit even before his birth
- turn many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God
- go before the Lord with the spirit and power of Elijah
- turn the hearts of parents to their children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous
- make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

Any couple who hears that they will have a baby has, of course, received enough news to make them exuberantly happy. Now added to this news a list of predictions on how wonderful the child will be should make the parents jump for joy for they do not have to worry about raising him knowing his bright future as announced by an Angel.

Nonetheless, Zechariah's answer was shocking: "How will I know that this is so? For I am an old man, and my wife is getting on in years." The priest Zechariah, who was burning incense in the temple when the Angel appeared, would not believe that God could grant him his request. He and his wife must have been praying to have a child since their marriage as a young couple, but it did not happen according to their calculation. Now, when God decided to grant them the answer to their prayer, Zechariah questioned it. Technically, he had been praying for something while deep down believing that God might not grant it to him, or he may even have stopped praying for this intention. His trust in the Lord might have been long gone at the time of this wonderful announcement, but as a priest chosen by lot to enter the sanctuary, he was continuing to serve in the temple. Zechariah, for years, had been trying too hard to convince the Lord that he was worthy of having a child. The Lord taught him that it was not only in trying, but in trusting, that God answered his prayers, and much more. Zechariah asked for a son, and was granted the forerunner of the Savior.

Let us stop trying and start trusting.



The Knights Annual Christmas Dinner

The Knights & the Confraternity will hold their Annual Christmas Dinner at Le Sajj Restaurant on Wednesday December 11th at 8:00pm. \$55 per person. There will be a 50/50 raffle for this event. Please see Subdeacon Adonis, Edgard Abi Daher or George Elhajj for your reservation. You may bring guests also.

Annual Bake Sale Sponsored by the Confraternity

The Annual Winter Bake Sale sponsored by the Confraternity will take place on December 14 & 15. If you would like to help in baking goods or donating toward the Bake Sale, please see one of the members of the Confraternity

Nabiha Yazbek Christmas Concert

On Friday December 20, Nabiha Yazbek will perform a Christmas Concert at the Cathedral after the 7:30pm Novena. All are welcome to attend.

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.

Project Roots

Bishop Gregory is asking to redouble the efforts to register American citizens of Lebanese descent who would like to regain their Lebanese citizenship. Parishioners are encouraged to register their births and marriages in Lebanon. Please check Project Root's [new website](#) and contact [Zahia Abi Habib](#) for more information

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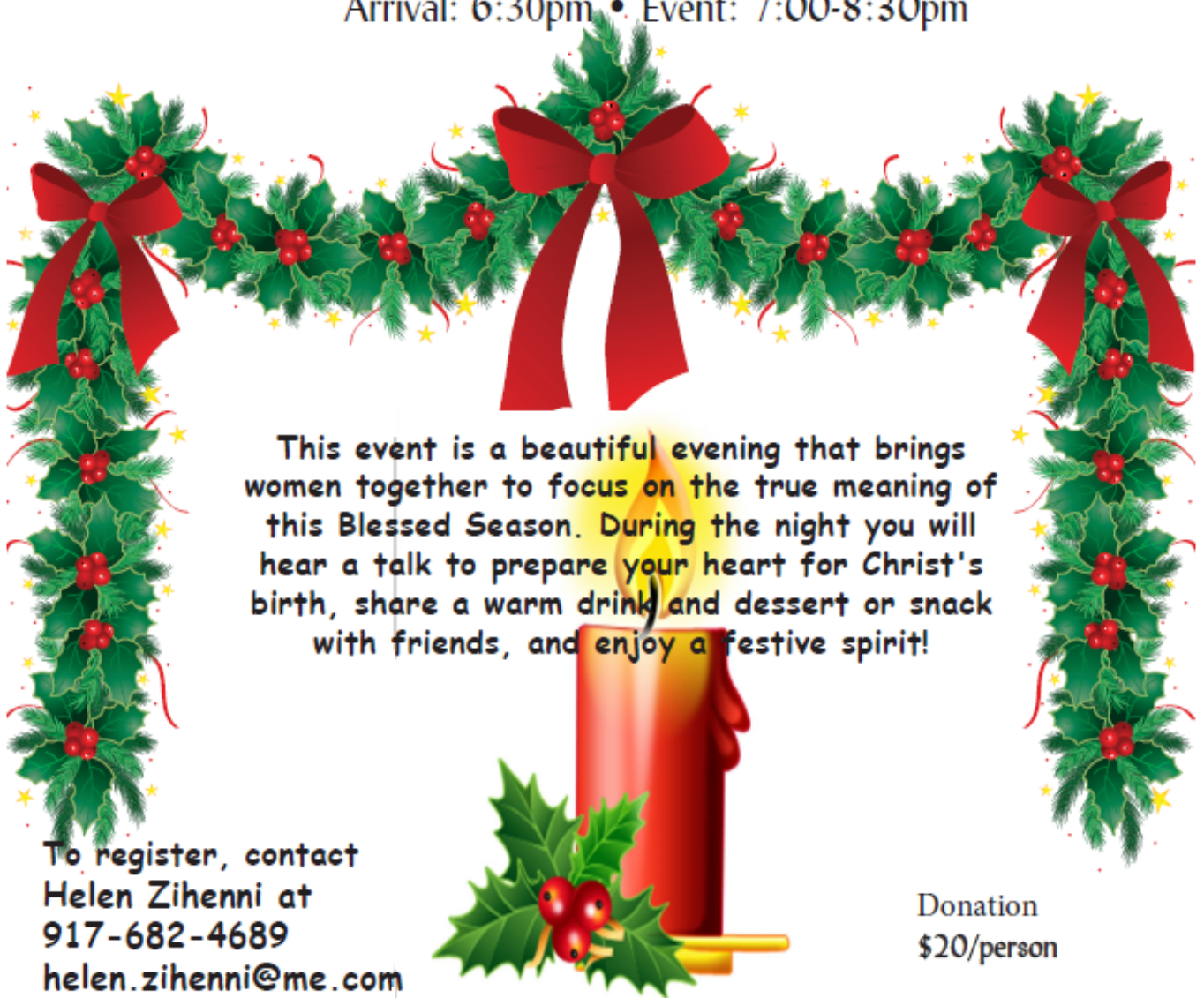
In Preparation for the Glorious Birth of Our Lord

A Women's Evening of Reflection

Friday December 6th, 2019

Social Hall of Our Lady of Lebanon Cathedral

Arrival: 6:30pm • Event: 7:00-8:30pm



This event is a beautiful evening that brings women together to focus on the true meaning of this Blessed Season. During the night you will hear a talk to prepare your heart for Christ's birth, share a warm drink and dessert or snack with friends, and enjoy a festive spirit!

To register, contact
Helen Zihenni at
917-682-4689
helen.zihenni@me.com

Donation
\$20/person

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December 11, 2019

7:30 to 12:00

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Appetizers, full course meal, desserts, wine and soda are included

Cover charge: \$55.00/person

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Sunday Readings

قراءات الأحد

Sunday of the Annunciation to the Virgin Mary

Letter to the Galatians 3,15-22.

I give an example from daily life: once a person's will has been ratified, no one adds to it or annuls it. Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring; it does not say, 'And to offsprings', as of many; but it says, 'And to your offspring', that is, to one person, who is Christ. My point is this: the law, which came four hundred and thirty years later, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to nullify the promise.

For if the inheritance comes from the law, it no longer comes from the promise; but God granted it to Abraham through the promise. Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, until the offspring would come to whom the promise had been made; and it was ordained through angels by a mediator. Now a mediator involves more than one party; but God is one. Is the law then opposed to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could make alive, then righteousness would indeed come through the law. But the scripture has imprisoned all things under the power of sin, so that what was promised through faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke 1,26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.

The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore, the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

أحد بشارة العذراء

رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل غلاطية 3:15-22
يا إخوتي، كَبَشِّرُ أَقُولُ: إِنَّ الْوَصِيَّةَ، وَإِنْ كَانَتْ مِنْ إِنْسَانٍ، إِذَا أَقْرَبْتَ، لَا أَحَدٌ يُبْطِلُهَا أَوْ يَزِيدُ عَلَيْهَا. فَالْوَعْدُ قِيلَتْ لِإِبْرَاهِيمَ وَلِئَسْلِهِ. وَمَا قِيلَتْ: «وَلِأَنْسَالِهِ»، كَأَنَّهُ لِكَثِيرِينَ، بَلْ «وَلِئَسْلِكَ»، كَأَنَّهُ لَوَاحِدٍ، وَهُوَ الْمَسِيحُ! فَاقُولُ هَذَا: إِنَّ وَصِيَّةَ سَبَقَ اللَّهُ فَأَقْرَبَهَا، لَا تُلْغِيهَا شَرِيعةٌ جَاءَتْ بَعْدَ أَرْبَعِ مِئَةٍ وَثَلَاثِينَ سَنَةً، فَتُبْطَلُ الْوَعْدُ. وَإِذَا كَانَ الْمِيرَاثُ مِنَ الشَّرِيعةِ، فَهُوَ لَمْ يَعْذُ مِنَ الْوَعْدِ؛ وَالْحَالُ أَنَّ اللَّهَ بَوَّعَدَ أَنْعَمَ بِالْمِيرَاثِ عَلَى إِبْرَاهِيمَ. إِذَا فَلِمَاذَا الشَّرِيعةُ؟ إِنَّهَا أُضِيغَتْ بِسَبَبِ الْمَعَاصِي، حَتَّى مَجِيءِ النَّسْلِ الَّذِي جَعَلَ الْوَعْدَ لَهُ. وَقَدْ أَعْلَنَاهَا مَلَائِكَةً عَلَى يَدِ وَسِيطٍ، هُوَ مُوسَى.

غَيْرَ أَنَّ الْوَاحِدَ لَا وَسِيطَ لَهُ، وَاللَّهُ وَاحِدٌ! إِذَا فَهَلْ تَكُونُ الشَّرِيعةُ صَدًّا وَعُودًا لِلَّهِ؟ حَاشَا! فَلَوْ أُعْطِيَتْ شَرِيعةٌ قَادِرَةٌ أَنْ تُحْيِيَ، لَكَانَ التَّبَرِيرُ حَقًّا بِالشَّرِيعةِ. وَلَكِنَّ الْكِتَابَ حَسَبَ الْكَلِّ تَحْتَ الْخَطِيئَةِ، لِكَيْمَا بِالْإِيمَانِ بِيَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ يُعْطَى الْوَعْدُ لِلَّذِينَ يُؤْمِنُونَ.

إنجيل القديس لوقا 1:26-38

وفي الشهر السادس (بعد بشارة زكريا)، أُرْسِلَ الْمَلَائِكَةُ جِبْرَائِيلُ مِنْ عِنْدِ اللَّهِ إِلَى مَدِينَةٍ فِي الْجَلِيلِ أَسْمُهَا النَّاصِرَة، إِلَى عَذْرَاءٍ مَخْطُوبَةٍ لِرَجُلٍ مِنْ بَيْتِ دَاوُدَ أَسْمُهُ يُوسُفُ، وَأَسْمُ الْعَذْرَاءِ مَرْيَمَ. وَلَمَّا دَخَلَ الْمَلَائِكَةُ إِلَيْهَا قَالَتْ: «السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكِ، يَا مَمْلُوءَةٌ نِعْمَةً، أَلَرُبُّ مَعَكَ!» فَأَضْطَرَبَتْ مَرْيَمُ لِكَلَامِهِ، وَأَخَذَتْ تُفَكِّرُ مَا عَسَى أَنْ يَكُونَ هَذَا السَّلَامُ! فَقَالَ لَهَا الْمَلَائِكَةُ: «لَا تَخَافِي، يَا مَرْيَمَ، لِأَنَّكِ وَجَدْتِ نِعْمَةً عِنْدَ اللَّهِ. وَهَا أَنْتِ تَحْمَلِينَ، وَتَلِدِينَ ابْنًا، وَتُسَمِّيْنَهُ يَسُوعَ. وَهُوَ يَكُونُ عَظِيمًا، وَأَبْنُ الْعَلِيِّ يُدْعَى، وَيُعْطِيهِ الرَّبُّ الْإِلَهَ عَرْشَ دَاوُدَ أَبِيهِ، فَيَمْلِكُ عَلَى بَيْتِ يَعْقُوبَ إِلَى الْأَبَدِ، وَلَا يَكُونُ لِمُلْكِهِ نِهَايةٌ.» فَقَالَتْ مَرْيَمُ لِلْمَلَائِكَةِ: «كَيْفَ يَكُونُ هَذَا، وَأَنَا لَا أَعْرِفُ رَجُلًا؟»

فَأَجَابَ الْمَلَائِكَةُ وَقَالَ لَهَا: «الرُّوحُ الْقُدُسُ يَجِلُّ عَلَيْكِ، وَقُدْرَةُ الْعَلِيِّ تَطَّلِكُ، وَلِذَلِكَ فَالْقُدُوسُ الْمَوْلُودُ مِنْكَ يُدْعَى ابْنُ اللَّهِ! وَهَا إِنَّ الْبِصَابَاتِ نَسَبِيَّتَكَ، قَدْ حَمَلَتْ هِيَ أَيْضًا بَابْنٍ فِي شَيْخُوخَتِهَا. وَهَذَا هُوَ الشَّهْرُ السَّادِسُ لِتِلْكَ الَّتِي نُدْعَى عَاقِرًا،

لَأَنَّهُ لَيْسَ عَلَى اللَّهِ أَمْرٌ مُسْتَحِيلٌ.» فَقَالَتْ مَرْيَمَ: «هَا أَنَا أَمَةٌ الرَّبِّ، فَلْيَكُنْ لِي بِحَسَبِ قَوْلِكَ!» وَأَنْصَرَفَ مِنْ عِنْدِهَا الْمَلَائِكَةُ.