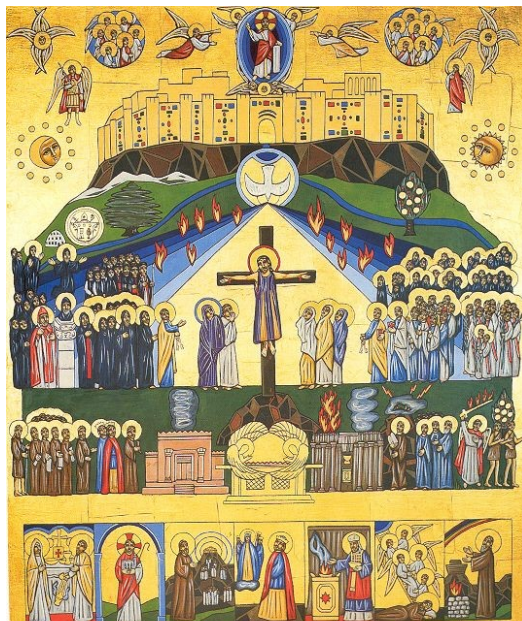


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Divine Liturgy Schedule

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.

Genealogy Sunday & The Glorious Birth of Our Lord

December 22, 2019

Sun. December 22	Genealogy Sunday 9:00 am Teresa & Earle Layng Families 11:30 am All the Children of the Cathedral	Req. by the Leon Family
Mon. December 23	NO LITURGY	
Tues. December 24	12 Midnight Christmas Eve Liturgy	
Wed. December 25	9:00 am Christmas Day Divine Liturgy 11:30 am Christmas Day Divine Liturgy	
Thurs. December 26	10 am Divine Liturgy Henry Hamid	Felicitations to the Virgin Mary Req. by Mrs. Carol Hamid
Fri. December 27	10 am Divine Liturgy Simon Besheer	St. Stephen, the First Martyr Req. by Mrs. Salam Vahdat
Sat. December 28	10 am Divine Liturgy	The Adoration of the Magi
Sun. December 29	Sunday after the Birth of Our Lord 9:00 am Rosemary Claire Perun 11:30 am Intentions of the Parishioners	Req. by the Leon Family

Marriage & Infertility

We often assume parenthood happens easily after "I do," but for many married couples, it does not. If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that you are not alone. God is with you, and his Church desires to walk with you." For more information about real solutions offered to couples going through this distress, please click [here](#).

For more information about our ministry
Check [here and watch the video](#).

Sunday Readings

Lectors and Ushers (age 16 and up) are needed.
Please [email](#) the church if you are interested

December 22, 2019	Genealogy Sunday
Reading: Romans 1: 1-12	
Gospel: Matthew 1: 1-17	
Lectors: 9:00 am	Raymond Gill
11:30 am	Marise Frangie - English
11:30 am	Mary Eladem - Arabic
December 24, 2019	Vigil of the Glorious Birth
Reading: Hebrews 1:1-12	
Gospel: Luke 2:1-20	
Lectors: 12 Midnight	Vivian Akel - English
12 Midnight	Darine Safi - Arabic
December 25, 2019	Glorious Birth of Our Lord
Reading: Hebrews 1:1-12	
Gospel: Luke 2:1-20	
Lectors: 9:00 am	Raymond Gill
11:30 am	Subdeacon Vogl - English
11:30 am	Leila Vogl - Arabic
December 29, 2019	Sun. after the Birth of Our Lord
Reading: Hebrews 11:23-31	
Gospel: Matthew 2:13-18	
Lectors: 9:00 am	Raymond Gill
11:30 am	Patrick Abou Chrouch - English
11:30 am	Zahia Abi Habib - Arabic

Dear Beloved Parishioners:

Let me start my reflection today by wishing a blessed, joyful and holy Christmas to all of you, your families, and all your loved ones. We might have been approaching Christmas burdened by conflicts, confusions, doubts, misunderstandings, economic uncertainties, health problems or worries about the future. We might have also been missing friends, family or loved ones or are being missed by those living abroad. All of these feelings are being combined with some joy and a little satisfaction with where we are and what we have accomplished so far. I am saying all this to assure you that what we are going through is not far from what so many biblical figures we have encountered throughout this Season of the Glorious Birth have also experienced.

Let us look back to see how our experience pretty much matches that of those persons we already met while we were moving from one Sunday to another during this Season of the Glorious Birth.

- Zechariah doubted the Archangel Gabriel, but Elizabeth conceived anyway. Here is what 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."
- Elizabeth went into seclusion and hid herself from people for five months, but at the end her neighbors and relatives knew and rejoiced at the birth of John.
- Mary was afraid and asked a couple of questions, but she conceived the Son of God. In her hymn of praise, she proclaimed, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant."
- Joseph felt deceived, but the angel in a dream assured him that the one to be born of Mary was from the Holy Spirit and was the Son of God.
- The shepherds, in the Gospel read on Christmas, were first terrified when the glory of the Lord shone around them, but they went anyway to see what they were told about by the angel. They found Mary and Joseph and saw the infant lying in the manger. After they visited them, the shepherds went back to their flock. Luke put it beautifully, "The shepherds returned glorifying and praising God for all they have heard and seen." Those who were terrified were now chanting, praising God like the host of angels who had appeared before the shepherds left for Bethlehem. And the shepherds had become like the angels.

Whether we reject, doubt, or refuse God's plan in our lives, his plan is going to be fulfilled, if not in us, in other people and through other means. God had spoken through various signs in the past and people did not believe him, but in due time he spoke through his only Son because he does not hold grudges and keep a tally.

In today's world, most people have problems accepting others who have pre-existing conditions they do not like. However, God operates differently; he accepts us with pre-existing conditions and with post-existing conditions. He knows our weaknesses, but he accepts us anyway. He knows our comings and goings and he is there on every corner in our life waiting for us to call on him.

As we are approaching the blessed holy night of Christmas, may our fears be transformed to praises, our confusions to certainties, our conflicts to peace, our divisions to unity. Christ is born! Alleluia.

Abouna Dominique

Christmas Novena December 15th to 23rd

Starting on Monday, December 16th until Monday, December 23rd, the parish will pray the Christmas Novena every evening at 7:30 pm except Sundays. The tradition of praying nine days before Christmas is a great way to be prepared to welcome God among us.

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. [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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“Life Empowers: Pro-Life is Pro-Woman”

Please RSVP no later than Monday January 17.
Contact the National MYA Board at 310-400-0212 or
nationalmya@gmail.com if you will be attending this young adult gathering.
For more information locally please contact:
Marise Frangie (914) 393-8907
Simona El-Hallal (540) 798-8450

March for Life 2020 on Friday January 24th



Schedule:

Thursday, January 23

5:30 - 7:30 PM - Pro-Life Vigil Liturgy at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, 400 Michigan Ave NE, Washington, DC

8:00 PM - Meet after the Liturgy with Bishop Gregory Mansour in the Maronite Chapel down stairs in the Crypt of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

Friday, January 24

11:00 AM - We will meet at the Starbucks on the corner of Indiana Avenue and Seventh Street to join for the March for life.

5:00 PM - Pro Life Gathering and Dinner with Bishop Gregory at the Maronite Seminary Library, 7164 Alaska Ave NW Washington DC.

Saturday, January 25

Open day to tour the Monuments or great museums such as the Bible, Holocaust, Native American, Art etc.

Sunday January 26

11:00 AM - Maronite Liturgy at Our Lady of Lebanon Church, Washington DC

Following the Liturgy there will be MYO/MYA Pro-life gathering with Bishop Gregory at the Maronite Seminary Library.

For more information or to access a copy of the flyer visit:

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Sunday Readings

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Genealogy Sunday

Letter to the Romans 1:1-12

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed throughout the world. For God, whom I serve with my spirit by announcing the gospel of his Son, is my witness that without ceasing I remember you always in my prayers, asking that by God's will I may somehow at last succeed in coming to you. For I am longing to see you so that I may share with you some spiritual gift to strengthen you or rather so that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine.

The Gospel according to Saint Matthew 1:1-17

An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerach by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, and Aram the father of Aminadab, and Aminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of King David. And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon. And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Salathiel, and Salathiel the father of Zerubbabel, and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called the Messiah. So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah, fourteen generations.

أحد النسبة

رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل رومة 1:1-12

يا إخوتي، من بولس عبد المسيح يسوع، الذي دعي ليكون رسولاً، وفرز لإنجيل الله، هذا الإنجيل الذي وعد به الله من قبل، بأنبيائه في الكتب المقدسة، في شأن ابنه الذي ولد بحسب الجسد من نسل داود، وجعل بحسب روح القداسة ابن الله بقوة أي بالقيامة من بين الأموات، وهو يسوع المسيح ربنا؛ به لنا النعمة والرسالة لكي نهدى إلى طاعة الإيمان جميع الأمم، لمجد اسمه؛ ومن بينهم أنتم أيضاً مدعوون لتكونوا ليسوع المسيح؛ إلى جميع الذين في روماء، إلى أحبباء الله، المدعوين ليكونوا قديسين: النعمة لكم والسلام من الله أبينا والرب يسوع المسيح! قبل كل شيء، أشكر إلهي بيسوع المسيح من أجلكم جميعاً، لأن إيمانكم يُنادى به في العالم كله. يشهد عليّ الله، الذي أعبدته بروحي، بحسب إنجيل ابنه، أنني أذكركم بغير انقطاع، ضارعاً في صلواتي على الدوام أن يتيسر لي يوماً، بمشيئة الله، أن آتي إليكم. فإني أتشوق أن أراكم، لأشرككم في موهبة روحية وأشددكم، أي لاتعزى معكم وبينكم بإيماني وإيمانكم المشترك.

إنجيل القديس متى 1:1-17

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