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Sunday of Consecration of the Church November 1st, 2020

Sun., November 1	Sunday of the Consecration of the Church/ All Saints Day 11: 30 am Divine Liturgy for Henriette Safi Ashkar	Req. by her family
Mon., November 2	7:30 pm All Souls Day Divine Liturgy for Rose Jaber for Emma Sanche	Req. by Sheila Romano Req. by Ada Lux Torres
Tues., November 3	10 am Divine Liturgy for Deacon & Mrs. Peter Frangie St. Risha	
Wed., November 4	10 am Divine Liturgy for Deacon & Mrs. Peter Frangie	
Thurs., November 5	10 am Divine Liturgy for Deacon & Mrs. Peter Frangie St. Asia the Righteous	
Fri., November 6	10 am Divine Liturgy for Deacon & Mrs. Peter Frangie	
Sat., November 7	10 am Divine Liturgy for Deacon & Mrs. Peter Frangie	
Sun., November 8	Sunday of the Renewal of the Church 11: 30 am Forty Day Divine Liturgy for Odette Diab for Rose Jaber	Req. by her family Req. by the Confraternity

Financial Standing November 2020

Ordinary Income

- ♦ Sundays & Holy Days Collections: **\$10,918.81**
- ♦ Cathedral Stipends from Marriages & Funerals, Lower Hall Rent, Candles, Breakfast, Luncheon, Bake Sale, Dues, Religious Education, Flowers **\$6,489.00**

Total Ordinary Income: \$17,407.81

Ordinary Expense

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

Total Ordinary Expense: \$17,760.86

Total Ordinary Income vs Expense: -\$353.05

No income was brought in as extraordinary income. The Library did not pay the May, June, July, August, September and October rents. They vacated the Church Hall at the end of October.

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Dear Parishioners & Friends:

A chicken farmer while in the field found an eagle's egg. Not knowing what to do with what he found, he put the egg under a brooding hen that was already sitting on chicken eggs. Soon, the eagle's egg hatched along with the other eggs. The young eagle grew up with all the other chickens and whatever they did, the eagle did also. He thought he was a chicken, just like them. Since the chicken could only fly for a short distance, the eagle also learnt to fly a short distance and thought that was what he was supposed to do or could do. One day the eagle saw a bird flying high above him. He was very impressed. "Who is that?" he asked the chickens around him. "That's an eagle, the king of the birds," the hens told him. "He belongs to the sky. We belong to the earth. We are just chickens." So the eagle lived and died as a chicken, for that is what he thought he was.

My friends, God destined humanity for greatness, but, for many reasons, some people settle for mediocrity. In addition, what is worse some think of mediocrity as greatness. The world is full of confusion trying to mask what is right with what is only a semblance of truth. Nowadays many think that they are serving the common good, but in fact because of the misleading information out there, they might be sowing division instead of unity and love. Eagles are thinking of themselves as chickens and behaving like chickens and vice versa. The world is instructing people that freedom has no limit and everything is permissible as long as it is beneficial for them. On the other hand, many stand helpless not knowing where to turn, giving in to peer pressure or false media propaganda allowing it to determine how they should look, dress or behave. People's identity is being stolen from them and another one is being formed depending on who holds the power, has the loudest voice and criticizes the most.

In this atmosphere of turmoil and upheaval, we begin our liturgical year with the Sunday of the Consecration of the Church. In this Sunday's passage from Matthew 16: 13-20, when reporting about what other people thought of Jesus, the Twelve did not flinch, but quickly said: "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." Nonetheless, it was only Peter with the help of God the Father and not by his own effort, that he was able to confess who Jesus was. What others were saying of Jesus made the disciples even more confused about Christ's identity. This is the reason why they did not jump to answer quickly: "You are the Son of God, the Son of the living God."

Unfortunately, the disciples, very much like us today, relied on what they heard from other people about Jesus, the Church and its authority. Even though they might have had a different experience, the disciples were influenced by what people were saying about Jesus. They followed what the world was saying about him and might have believed that Jesus was John the Baptist or Elijah or Jeremiah. Although, they had lived with Jesus and were his companions, other people determined what their thinking was until his death and resurrection when they started to understand more his true identity. The disciples were eagles, but they did not realize it at first. Before the world they behaved like chickens because they were conditioned by what others thought.

During this week let us spend more time learning about Jesus who will help us to discover the eagle in us, so we do not only rely on thoughts of others who will lead us astray and make us believe that we are less than we are. Thus, today, if we want our identity to be determined by someone else, let that someone be the Lord and not other people because through the Lord, we know our true identity. My friends, God created us as eagles belonging to the high sky. Let us live up to that as we begin our liturgical year.

MYA Meeting and Friendsgiving Dinner

The MYA will meet on Zoom on Thursday, November 5th at 7 pm. They will also have a Friendsgiving Dinner on Saturday, November 14th at 6:30 pm. Please see the flyer on the next page for more information.

MYO Movie Night

All 13 to 18 year olds are invited for a movie night on Saturday, November 7th at 5 pm. Dinner will be served.

Presentation Sponsored by the Confraternity

On Sunday, November 15th at 7:30 pm, the Confraternity is sponsoring a Zoom presentation given by Sahimar Yammine RD, MPH, MS, a clinical dietitian, on how to eat healthy during the Covid pandemic. Please [click here](#) to access Zoom. Meeting ID: 814 2182 8178. Passcode: 369754

Christmas Basket Raffle

In lieu of the annual Christmas bake sale, the Confraternity are sponsoring a Christmas basket raffle. Tickets are available from Darine Safi, Lily Elhage, Yolla El Howayek, Mirna Abi Daher and Helen Zihenni. The drawing will take place on December 20th after the 11:30 Divine Liturgy.

Maronite Catholic Formation

In-person and Online

Registration for Sunday School has begun. It is of extreme importance to hand down the faith to our children (1st to 12th Grade) and our Sunday Formation is one small way to do so. Thus, everyone is encouraged to register their children. Classes began Sunday, October 4th at 10 am. There is one session in person at the Church and two on Zoom each month. Please help us by registering using our form. Please [print the form online](#) and email it to [Lily Elhage](#) or [the Church](#).

Abouna Dominique



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&

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Sunday Readings

قراءات الأحد

Sunday of the Consecration of the Church

Letter to the Hebrews 9,1-12

Even the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly sanctuary. For a tent was constructed, the first one, in which were the lampstand, the table, and the bread of the Presence; this is called the Holy Place.

Behind the second curtain was a tent called the Holy of Holies.

In it stood the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold, in which there were a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant; above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy-seat. Of these things we cannot speak now in detail.

Such preparations having been made, the priests go continually into the first tent to carry out their ritual duties; but only the high priest goes into the second, and he but once a year, and not without taking the blood that he offers for himself and for the sins committed unintentionally by the people.

By this the Holy Spirit indicates that the way into the sanctuary has not yet been disclosed as long as the first tent is still standing.

This is a symbol of the present time, during which gifts and sacrifices are offered that cannot perfect the conscience of the worshipper, but deal only with food and drink and various baptisms, regulations for the body imposed until the time comes to set things right.

But when Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption.

The Gospel of according to Saint Matthew 16,13-20

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?'

And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.'

He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?'

Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.'

And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven.

And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.

I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.'

Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

أحد تقديس البيعة

الرسالة إلى العبرانيين 12-1:9

بإِخْوَتِي، كَانَتْ لِلْعَهْدِ الْأَوَّلِ أَيْضًا شَعَائِرُ عِبَادَةٍ، وَبَيْتٌ قُدُسٌ أَرْضِيٌّ.

فَبَيْنِي الْمَسْكِنُ الْأَوَّلُ، وَهُوَ الَّذِي يُدْعَى «الْقُدُس»، وَكَانَ فِيهِ الْمَنَارَةُ، وَالْمَائِدَةُ، وَخُبْزُ التَّقْدِيمَةِ، وَوَرَاءَ الْحِجَابِ الثَّانِي بُنِيَ الْمَسْكِنُ الَّذِي يُدْعَى «قُدُسُ الْأَقْدَاس».

وَيَحْتَوِي مَجْمَرَةً ذَهَبِيَّةً لِلْبُخُورِ، وَتَابُوتَ الْعَهْدِ، مَغْشًى كُلَّهُ بِالذَّهَبِ، وَفِيهِ جَرَّةٌ مِنْ ذَهَبٍ تَحْتَوِي الْمَنَ، وَعَصَا هَارُونَ الَّتِي أَفْرَحْتَ، وَلَوْحَا الْعَهْدِ، وَفَوْقَ التَّابُوتِ كُرُوبَا الْمَجْدِ يُظِلِّلَانِ الْعِشَاءَ: أَشْيَاءٌ لَا مَجَالَ الْآنَ لِلْكَلامِ عَنْهَا بِالتَّفْصِيلِ.

وَإِذْ بُنِيََتْ تِلْكَ الْأَشْيَاءُ عَلَى هَذَا التَّرْتِيبِ، كَانَ الْكَهَنَةُ يَدْخُلُونَ إِلَى الْمَسْكِنِ الْأَوَّلِ فِي كُلِّ وَقْتٍ، لِيَتِمُّوا الْعِبَادَةَ، أَمَّا الْمَسْكِنُ الثَّانِي فَكَانَ عَظِيمُ الْأَخْبَارِ يَدْخُلُ إِلَيْهِ وَاحِدَةً مَرَّةً وَاحِدَةً فِي السَّنَةِ، وَلَا يَدْخُلُ إِلَيْهِ إِلَّا وَمَعَهُ دَمٌ يُقَرِّبُهُ عَنْ نَفْسِهِ وَعَنْ جَهَالَاتِ الشَّعْبِ.

وَبِهَذَا يُوضِحُ الرُّوحُ الْقُدُسُ أَنَّ الطَّرِيقَ إِلَى قُدُسِ الْأَقْدَاسِ لَمْ يَكُنْ بَعْدُ قَدْ كُتِفَ، مَا دَامَ الْمَسْكِنُ الْأَوَّلُ قَائِمًا.

وَهَذَا رَمَزٌ إِلَى الْوَقْتِ الْحَاضِرِ، وَفِيهِ تُقَرَّبُ تَقَارِئُ وَذَبَائِحَ، لَا يُمَكِّنُهَا أَنْ تَجْعَلَ مَنْ يُقَرِّبُهَا كَامِلًا مِنْ جِهَةِ الضَّمِيرِ.

إِنَّمَا شَعَائِرُ جَسَدِيَّةٍ تَقْتَصِرُ عَلَى أَطْعَمَةٍ وَأَشْرَبَةٍ، وَأَنْوَاعٍ شَتَّى مِنَ الْأَغْتِسَالِ، مَفْرُوضَةٌ إِلَى أَنْ يَأْتِيَ وَقْتُ الْإِصْلَاحِ. أَمَّا الْمَسِيحُ فَقَدْ ظَهَرَ عَظِيمُ أَخْبَارِ الْخَيْرَاتِ الْإِيتِيَّةِ، وَأَجْنَزَ الْمَسْكِنَ الْأَعْظَمَ وَالْأَكْمَلَ، غَيْرَ الْمَصْنُوعِ بِالْأَيْدِي، أَيْ لَيْسَ مِنْ هَذِهِ الْخَلِيقَةِ،

فَدَخَلَ إِلَى قُدُسِ الْأَقْدَاسِ مَرَّةً وَاحِدَةً، لَا بِدَمِ الثِّيُوسِ وَالْعُجُولِ، بَلْ بِدَمِهِ هُوَ، فَحَقَّقَ لَنَا فِدَاءً أَبَدِيًّا.

إنجيل القديس متى 20-13:16

جَاءَ يَسُوعُ إِلَى نَوَاحِي قَيْصَرِيَّةِ فِيلِئُسَ فَسَأَلَ تَلَامِيذَهُ قَائِلًا: «مَنْ يَقُولُ النَّاسُ إِنِّي أَنَا ابْنُ الْإِنْسَانِ؟»

فَقَالُوا: «بَعْضُهُمْ يَقُولُونَ: يُوَحْنَا الْمَعْمَدَانُ؛ وَآخَرُونَ: إِيْلِيَّا؛ وَغَيْرُهُمْ: إِرْمِيَا أَوْ أَحَدَ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ.»

قَالَ لَهُمْ: «وَأَنْتُمْ مَنْ تَقُولُونَ إِنِّي أَنَا؟»

فَأَجَابَ سَمْعَانُ بُطْرُسُ وَقَالَ: أَنْتَ هُوَ الْمَسِيحُ ابْنُ اللَّهِ الْحَيِّ.»

فَأَجَابَ يَسُوعُ وَقَالَ لَهُ: «طُوبَى لَكَ يَا سَمْعَانُ بَنِ يُونَا! لِأَنَّهُ لَا لَحْمَ وَلَا دَمَ أَظْهَرَ لَكَ ذَلِكَ، بَلْ أَبِي الَّذِي فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ. وَأَنَا أَيْضًا أَقُولُ لَكَ: أَنْتَ هُوَ بُطْرُسُ، أَيْ الصَّخْرَةَ، وَعَلَى هَذِهِ الصَّخْرَةِ سَأَبْنِي بَيْعَتِي، وَأَبْوَابُ الْجَحِيمِ لَنْ تَقْوَى عَلَيْهَا. سَأَعْطِيكَ مَفَاتِيحَ مَلَكُوتِ السَّمَاوَاتِ، فَكُلُّ مَا تَرْتِبُهُ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ يَكُونُ مَرْبُوطًا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ، وَمَا تَحُلُّهُ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ يَكُونُ مَحْلُولًا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ.»

حِينَئِذٍ أَوْصَى تَلَامِيذَهُ أَلَّا يَقُولُوا لِأَحَدٍ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْمَسِيحُ

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