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Sunday of the Renewal of the Church November 8th, 2020		
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
Mon., November 9	NO DIVINE LITURGY	
Tues., November 10	10 am Divine Liturgy for Naaman Abou Sleiman St. Moura	Req. by Deacon & Mrs. Peter Frangie
Wed., November 11	10 am Divine Liturgy for David Edwards St. Mennas, St. Martin	Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Jorge Leon
Thurs., November 12	10 am Divine Liturgy for David Edwards	Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Jorge Leon
Fri., November 13	10 am Divine Liturgy St. John Chrysostom, Doctor of the Church, St. Frances Carbini	
Sat., November 14	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Philip	
Sun., November 15	Sunday of the Announcement to Zechariah 11: 30 am Forty Day Divine Liturgy for Paul Al Asmar	Req. by the Ache Family
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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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Paul.

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Dear Parishioners & Friends:

Last Sunday's celebration of the Dedication of the Church, the first Sunday of the liturgical year, reaffirmed a new beginning and renewed path to the Lord. A clean slate is being offered for us to revive and rejuvenate our relationship with the Lord. It is never too late to start to become closer to God. He welcomes his people at any time and will hold them like a father holds his son.

This coming Sunday of the Renewal of the Church links the Sunday of the Dedication of the Church to the entire Season of the Glorious Birth of Our Lord, also known as the Season of Announcements. How is this so? There is an important word that connects the Sunday of the Dedication of the Church to the Sunday of the Renewal of the Church. It is the word stone. My first impression was that the word rock that was used last week in "You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church" of Matthew 16: 18 is the same word in Greek as the word used in this Sunday's Gospel, "They took up stones again to stone him." I was wrong. When I consulted the Greek text, I found out that those two words are not the same. Rock is *petra* and stone is *lithos*. They are much alike in English, but in Greek they are different. One is solid and can be built upon and the other is a fragment that can be thrown. My friends, we are meant to be solid rocks for the Church to be built upon, and rocks for one another. We are not meant to be stones thrown at one another or used by some to destroy the reputation of others.

The Sunday of the Renewal of the Church also introduces us to the Season of the Glorious Birth of Our Lord starting next week. In this season, we read and reflect on the announcements first to Zachariah, then to Mary and Joseph, and then to the shepherds before their visit to the newborn Jesus in Bethlehem. Furthermore, God is announcing good news to us as well. What is the key to hearing what God is announcing to us? John 10: 27 of this Sunday reads, "My sheep hear my voice. I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life and they will never perish." The best way to delve deeply into this season is to be a good and active listener and to heed the special message that God has for each one of us.

My friends, rocks may break up and become stones and eventually turn into sand and wash away. However, God, the Wise Builder, built the Church to be an invincible and secure fortress and a tower of salvation, so people can take refuge in it and be sheltered from the world's erosive forces.

May God's Word help cement each of us to one another to form a strong solid rock of faith and a magnificent edifice for God.

MYO Movie Night

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

MYA Meeting and Friendsgiving Dinner

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

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 <u>click here</u> 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.

Salaam Club Scholarship

The Salaam Club of New York has extended the deadline to apply for its scholarships to December 31st. High school graduates and college freshmen are welcome to apply. Please <u>click here</u> for the application.

Altar Server Schedule

Subdeacon Norbert will be putting together a schedule for the altar servers. We will only have two servers each Sunday helping on the Altar. Please register your children with Subdeacon Norbert.

Bulletin Advertisement

Business owners, you may advertise your businesses in the Church bulletin that reaches over 600 households via email. For more information click <u>here</u> or call the rectory at 718-624-7228.

Cathedral Cedar Remembrance Tree

Parishioners and friends can now remember their deceased and honor the living with their names on the commemorative tree located in our Cathedral Chapel vestibule. Please click <u>here</u> for more details.

Finance Council Recommendation

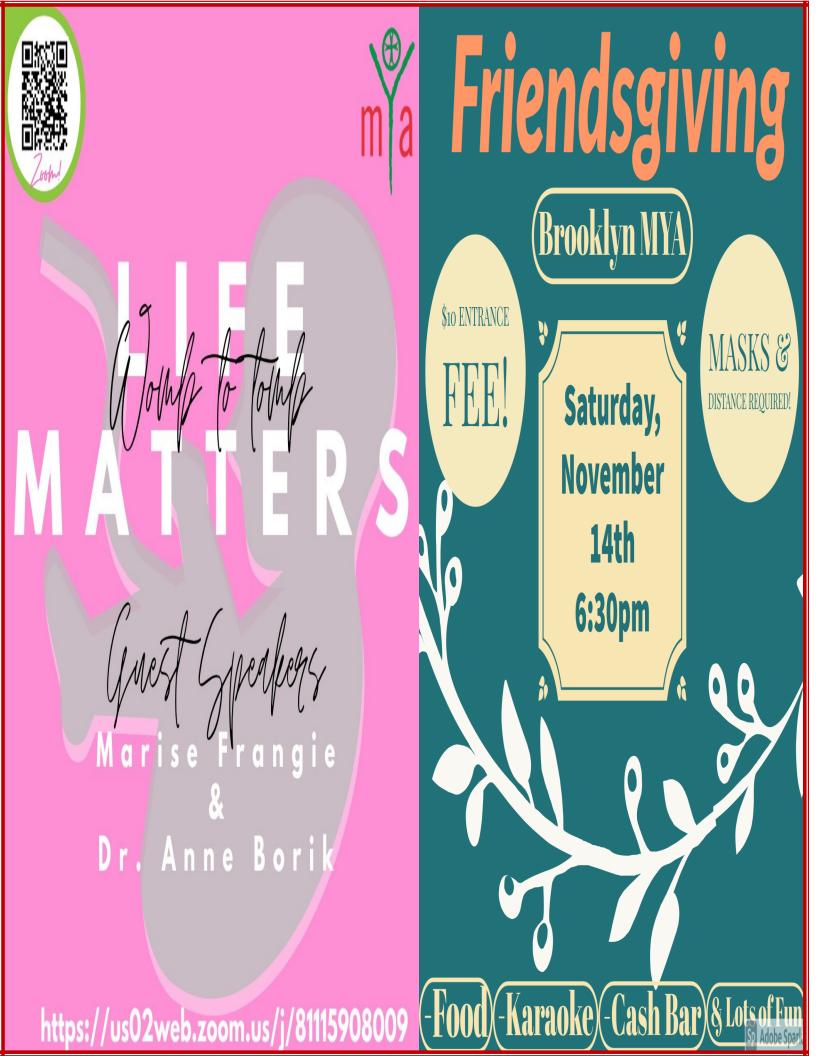
The Finance Council has recommended that parishioners set their Church donation up as an automatic payment. This is the best way to keep supporting your spiritual home while on vacation or out of town. You may also make your contribution online by clicking <u>here</u>.

Lector Ministry

If you wish to be put on the next lector's schedule, please see Subdeacon Adonis El-Asmar or email the Church at cathrectory@verizon.net.

Postponement of the Greece Pilgrimage

Due to the coronavirus, the planned Greece Pilgrimage in the Footsteps of St. Paul was postponed to October 10-19, 2021. It will be the same itinerary as before, but we plan to be joining another group.



Sunday Readings قراءات الأحد

Sunday of the Renewal of the Church Letter to the Hebrews 9:11-15.

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. For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God! For this reason he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, because a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions under the first covenant.

The Gospel according to Saint John 10:22-42.

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me;

but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand.

What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.' The Jews took up stones again to stone him. Jesus replied, 'I have shown you many good works from the Father. For which of these are you going to stone me?' The Jews answered, 'It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you, but for blasphemy, because you, though only a human being, are making yourself God.' Jesus answered, 'Is it not written in your law, "I said, you are gods"? If those to whom the word of God came were called "gods" and the scripture cannot be annulled, can you say that the one whom the Father has sanctified and sent into the world is blaspheming because I said, "I am God's Son"? If I am not doing the works of my Father, then do not believe me. But if I do them, even though you do not believe me, believe the works, so that you may know and understand that the Father is in me and I am in the Father.'

Then they tried to arrest him again, but he escaped from their hands. He went away again across the Jordan to the place where John had been baptizing earlier, and he remained there. Many came to him, and they were saying, 'John performed no sign, but everything that John said about this man was true.' And many believed in him there. يا إخوَتِي، أَمَّا المَسِيحُ فَقَدْ ظَهَرَ عَظِيمَ أَحْبَارِ الْخَيْرَاتِ الآتِيَة، وِ الْجُتَازَ المَسْكِنَ الأَعْظَمَ والأَكْمَل، غَيرَ المَصْئُوعِ بِالأَيْدِي، أَيْ لَيْسَ مِن هذه الخَليقة، فَذَخَلَ إلى قُدُس الأَقْدَاسِ مَرَّةً واحِدَة، لا بِدَم التَّيُّوسِ والعُجُول، بَلْ فَذَخَلَ إلى قُدُس الأَقْدَاسِ مَرَّةً واحِدَة، لا بِدَم التَّيُوسِ والعُجُول، بَلْ فَذَكَلَ إلى قُدُس الأَقْدَاسِ مَرَّةً واحِدَة، لا بِدَم التَّيُوسِ والعُجُول، بَلْ فَذَا كَانَ رَشُ دَم التَيْبُوسِ والثَيْرَانِ ورَمَادِ العِجْلَةِ على المُنَجَّسِين، فَذَا كَانَ رَشُ دَم النَّيُوسِ والثَيْرَانِ ورَمَادِ العِجْلَةِ على المُنَجَّسِين، فَقَدَا كَانَ رَشُ دَم النَّيْوِسِ والثَيْرَانِ ورَمَادِ العَجْلَةِ على المُنَجَّسِين، فَقَدَ المَعْبَادَ هُمَ فَيُطَعِّرُ هُم، وذلكَ فَيْعَ نَيْدَ فَيه، يُطْعَرُ ضَمِيرِنَا منَ الأَعْمَالِ المَيْثَة، لِنَعْبُدَ اللَّهَ الْحَيْ واذلكَ فَهُو الوسِيطْ لِعَهْدِ جَدِيد، وقَدْ صَارَ مَوْتُهُ فَدَاءَ لِتَخْبَيَاتِ العَهْدِ واذلكَ فَهُو الوسيطْ لِعَهْدِ جَدِيد، وقَدْ صَارَ مَوْتُهُ فَا الْأَبَدِي واذلكَ فَهُو الوسيطْ لِعَهْدِ جَدِيد، وقَدْ صَارَ مَوْتُهُ فَاءَ الْبَيْتِيَا وولذاكَ فَنْ المَسْعَمْ الْعَمَالِ العَمَّالِ المَعْمَالِ المَيْتَة، لِنَعْبَدَ اللَّهَ الْحَيْ وولَذاكَ فَهُو الوَسِيطْ لِعَهْدِ حَوْونَ وَعْدَ الْمِيْرَاثِ اللَّيْنِي. ووكَانَ يَسُوعُ يَتَمَسَّى فَي الْعَبْدَى ومَانَ الْتَعْنَا المَسِيح، فَقُلُونَ لَهُ: »إلى مَتَى نَبْقِي نُقْرَة وكَانَ اللَّي الذي يَنْمَعُ أَنْ المَسِيح، فَقُلُكُمُ لا نُوُمِنُون. أَلَّكَان وكَنْ عُبْلَة الْحَيْرِي الْحَدَى الْحَدَى الْعَمَانِ اللَّي الْمَعْمَانِ اللَّيْعَانِ وَلَنَ عَمَانُ الْمُولَ الْحَدَى ولَنَا بُسَمْ أَبِي هِي تَسْبَعُ لِي أَنْ الْنَا لَيْ الْحَدَى الْحَدَ الْمَعْمَانِ الْحَدَى الْحَدَى فَقُولُ الْحَدَى الْحَدَى الْحَمَانِ الْمَالَي الْحَدَ الْمَنْ أَنْ فَعُهُ لَنَ الْنَا لَيْ الْحَدَى الْحَدَى مَنْ الْحَمَانُ اللَّذِي أَعْمَانِ الْحَدَ مِنْ عَنْ أَنْ الْعُمَانُ اللَّذِي أَعْرَا فَي أَنْ أَنْ عُمَانَ الْعُولَ فَا أَعْرَبُ فَيْ الْعَمَانِ الْحَدَى فَوْنَ أَعْرَا الْحَدَي فَنْ الْحَدَى أَنْ أَعْرَا الْعَمَانِ الْتَتَ فَيْتَ أَنْ مَنْ الْعُرَسُ الْنَ الْحَدَ

يَخْطَفَهَا مِنْ يَدِ الآبَ. أَنَا وِالأَبُ وَاحِد.« فَأَخَذَ اليَهُودُ، مِنْ جَدِيدٍ، حِجَارَةً لِيَرْجُمُوه. قَالَ لَهُم يَسُوعَ: »أَعْمَالاً حَسَنَةً كَثِيرَةً أَرَيْتُكُم مِنْ عِنْدِ الآب، فَلأَيِّ عَمَلٍ مِنْهَا تَرْجُمُونِي؟.« أَجَابَهُ اليَهُود: »لا لِعَمَلٍ حَسَنٍ نَرْجُمُكَ، بَلْ لِتَجْدِيف. لأَنَّكَ، وَأَنْتَ انْسَان، تَجْعلُ نَفْسَكَ إِلَهًا.« أُجَابَهُم يَسُوع: »أَمَا كُتِبَ في تَوْرَاتِكُم: أَنَا قُلْتُ إِنَّجُدِيف. لأَنَّكَ، وَأَنْتَ فَكَانتِ التَوْرَاةُ تَدْعُو آلِهَةً أُولَئِكَ الَّذِينَ صَارَتُ إِلَيْهِم كَلِمَةُ الله، فَكَيْفَ تَقُولُونَ لِي، أَنَا الَّذِي قَدَّسَهُ الأَبُ وأَرْسَلَهُ إِلَى العَالَم: أَمَّا إِنَّ كُنْتُ لا أَعْمَلُ أَعْمَالاً أَنِي اللهُ؟ فَكَيْفَ تَقُولُونَ لِي، أَنَا الَذِي قَدَّسَهُ الأَبُ وأَرْسَلَهُ إِلَى العَالَم: أَمَّا إِذَا كُنْتُ أَعْمَلُ أَعْمَالاً إِنَى أَمًا إِذَا كُنْتُ أَعْمَالُ أَعْمَالاً إِنَّ اللَّذِي فَكَيْفَ تَعُولُونَ لِي أَعْمَالَ أَبِي فَلا تُصَدَقُونِي، وَلا يُمُكِنُ أَنْ يُنْقَصَ الكَالَهِ اللَهُ؟ وَلا يُمُولُونَ لِي أَعْمَالُ أَعْمَالاً إِنَا اللَذِي فَا اللَّذِينَ مَارَتُ إِلَيْهُم كَلِمَةُ الله، وَلا يُمُكَنُ أَنْ يُنْقَصَ الكَالَه، وَلا يُمُنِي يَعْمَلُ أَعْمَالاً الذي وَلا يُمُنَعُ مَنْ وَاللَهُ اللَهُ اللَّهُ وَا أَنْ يُنَا الَهُ وَا وَلا يُمُنَا لا أَعْمَالُ أَعْمَالُ أَي اللَّهُ إِنَّكَنُ اللَه وَا وَلَا يَكْنُتُ مِنْعَالاً وَا مَنْ عَنْعَمَا وَانَ أَعْمَالاً أَعْمَالَ أَي اللَه وَا وَحَتَى تَعْرَفُوا ويُؤْمِنُوا أَنْ الآبَ فِي عَنْ اللَهِ عَلَى وَالَنَ المَا وَ وَالَعَامَة مِنْ يَدِهِ وَا عَلْكَ مَنْ يَوْمَا وَالَنَ الْأَنْ الْمَا وَ وَالَنُ مَنْ يَنْعَوْنُ إِنَ يَقْتَا مَنْ يَو وَالَنُهُ اللَا وَالَنَا مَنْ يَا لَعَامَ وَالَنَا وَا مَنْ عَنْ وَاللَهُ أَنْ الْأَنْ عَلَى مَا عَلَى مَنْ يَوْمَ أَنْ مَا عَنْ عَنْ يَنْ أَنْ الْمَا وَا مَنْ يَوْ عَنْ فَا أَعْمَا أَعْمَالُ مَا إِنَ عَقَرَامُ وَالَنَ مَا يَنْ يَعْمَ وَ وَنُ يَعْمَلُ مُ عَالًا مَا إِنَا عَلَى مُنْتَلُهُ أَنْسَانُ مُنْ يَنْ عَنْ وَا مَنْ عَلَى أَعْمَا أَعْمَا أَعْمَا مُ مَا عَلَنُ مَنْ عَالَهُ مَا لَعْمَالُ أَنْ مَا الْحَامِ وَا مَنْ عَنْ الْمَا مُنْ الْمَا مُوا وَنُو مَا عَلَى أَعْمَ

و عاد يشوع إلى عِبْرَ الأرك، إلى حيب كان يوكنا يعمد مِن قبل فَأَقَامَ هُنَاك. وأَتَى إلَيْهِ كَثِيرُونَ وكَانُوا يَقُولُون: »لَمْ يَصْنَعْ يُوحَنَّا أَيَّ آيَة، ولكِنْ، كُلُّ مَا قَالَهُ في هذا الرَّجُلِ كَانَ حَقًّا. « فآمَنَ بِهِ هُنَاكَ كَثِيرُون.

أحد تجديد البيعة الرسالة إلى العبرانيّين 11:9-15.







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