

FIRST SUNDAY

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GLORIOUS EPIPHANY



First Sunday after the Feast of the Epiphany *January 10th, 2021*

Sun., January 10	First Sunday after Epiphany 11: 30 am for Cecile Michon for Najah Wardan Sassine, the mother of Simon Sassine, for Elias Damien (the father of Fr. Paul Damien)	Req. by James Haddad Req. by Simon Sassine Req. by Vivian Akl
Mon., January 11	NO DIVINE LITURGY	
Tues., January 12	10 am Divine Liturgy for Felipe & Lisa Leon on their 5th Wedding Anniversary & for Axx Leon on his 4th Birthday The Council of Trent	Req. by Jorge and Barbara Leon
Wed., January 13	10 am Divine Liturgy for Youssef Ojeil St. Jacob of Nisibis	Req. by Deacon & Mrs. Peter Frangie
Thurs., January 14	10 am Divine Liturgy for for Youssef Ojeil	Req. by Deacon & Mrs. Peter Frangie
Fri., January 15	10 am Divine Liturgy for Moses Maron Leon on his 24th Birthday Our Lady of the Sowing	Req. by Jorge and Barbara Leon
Sat., January 16	10 am Divine Liturgy for Mary, Tom, Thomas, and Rosemary Perun	Req. by Jorge and Barbara Leon
Sun., January 17	Second Sunday after Epiphany 11: 30 am for Patricia Batal Lee	Req. by Mrs. Lydia Gordon

2020 Financial Standing

Ordinary Income

- ♦ Sundays & Holy Days Collections: **\$188,013.75**
- ♦ Cathedral Stipends from Marriages & Funerals, Lower Hall Rent, Candles, Breakfast, Luncheon, Raffle, Dues, Religious Education, Flowers **\$75,472.09**
- Total Ordinary Income: \$263,485.84**

Ordinary Expenses

- ♦ 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 Expenses: \$258,897.83**

Total Ordinary Income vs Expenses: \$4,588.01

Do you know? A couple of basic monthly expenses:

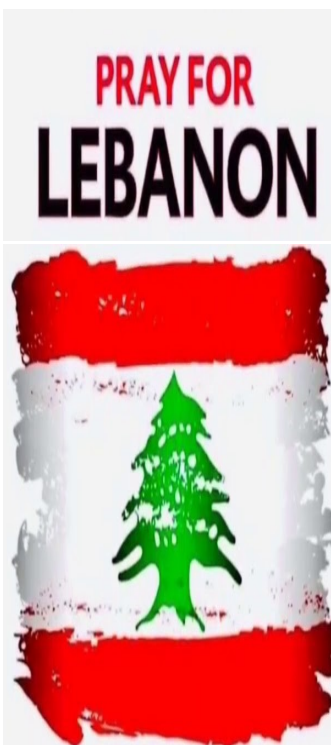
Cathedral monthly building insurance: \$3,484.00

Monthly Eparchial Assessment & Bishop's Appeal: \$2,125.00

\$168,886.68 were brought in as extraordinary income from the Library. However, 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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and in planning different activities**

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Dear Parishioners & Friends,

Please find below a statement on moral concerns about the Creation of a Vaccine for COVID-19 from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Chairmen of the Committee on Doctrine and the Committee on Pro-Life Activities

I. MORAL CONCERNS ABOUT THE CREATION OF VACCINES

As Pope Saint John Paul II never tired of proclaiming to the world, "the Church has always taught and continues to teach that the result of human procreation, from the first moment of its existence, must be guaranteed that unconditional respect which is morally due to the human being in his or her totality and unity as body and spirit." Recognizing that respect due each member of the human race, the Church does not now and has never accepted abortion: "Christian Tradition ... is clear and unanimous, from the beginning up to our own day, in describing abortion as a particularly grave moral disorder."

It is because of this respect for the human person that the USCCB, in collaboration with other organizations working to protect human life, has been engaged in a campaign advocating for the development of a vaccine for COVID-19 that has no link to abortion. For example, in April 2020, four USCCB bishops, the Chairman of the Committee on Doctrine, the Chairman of the Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development, the Chairman of the Committee on Pro-Life Activities, and the Chairman of the Subcommittee on Health Care Issues, along with representatives of twenty other organizations, wrote to the Commissioner of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration asking it to help ensure "that Americans will have access to vaccines that are free from any connection to abortion." The signatories pointed out that there is no need to use morally compromised cell lines to produce a COVID-19 vaccine, or any vaccine. Other cell lines or processes that do not involve cells from abortions are available and are regularly being used to produce other vaccines.

While some pharmaceutical companies have been working on a vaccine for COVID-19 without using morally compromised cell lines at all, others have been using such cell lines in either the design and development phase or the production phase or in both. Still others have been making use of a morally compromised cell line only for a confirmatory test of the vaccine's efficacy. This leads many people who are concerned for the sanctity of human life to ask if it is ethical to accept any of the vaccines that have some connection to abortion.

Please continue to read [here](#).

MYA Movie Night

The MYA of the Cathedral will have a movie night on Saturday January 9th at 7 pm. Refreshments & snacks will be offered.

Confraternity Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Confraternity on Sunday January 10th at 7 pm on Zoom.

Sloan Kettering Gift Card Drive

Instead of the usual toy drive for Christmas, a Christmas Gift Card Drive for the children (newborn and up) of Sloan Kettering Cancer Center will be in effect through January 10th. This is the best way to keep the children at Sloan safe during the pandemic. Please bring your Amazon \$25 gift card to Church and give it to Chris Safi. For more information please see Chris Safi.

The 48th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton*.

On the 48th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's 1973 *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* decisions, the Cathedral will hold a holy hour on Thursday, January 28th after the 10 am Divine Liturgy until 12 noon.

Altar Server Schedule

Subdeacon Norbert is 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 [here](#) 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 [here](#) for more details.

Finance Council Recommendation

The Finance Council has recommended that parishioners set up their Church donation 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 [here](#).

Lector Ministry

If you wish to be put on the next schedule of lectors, 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.

Project Roots

Bishop Gregory is asking that we redouble our 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.

The First Sunday after the Epiphany

Second Letter to the Corinthians 10:1-11.

I myself, Paul, appeal to you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ I who am humble when face to face with you, but bold towards you when I am away! I ask that when I am present I need not show boldness by daring to oppose those who think we are acting according to human standards. Indeed, we live as human beings, but we do not wage war according to human standards; for the weapons of our warfare are not merely human, but they have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every proud obstacle raised up against the knowledge of God, and we take every thought captive to obey Christ. We are ready to punish every disobedience when your obedience is complete. Look at what is before your eyes. If you are confident that you belong to Christ, remind yourself of this, that just as you belong to Christ, so also do we. Now, even if I boast a little too much of our authority, which the Lord gave for building you up and not for tearing you down, I will not be ashamed of it. I do not want to seem as though I am trying to frighten you with my letters. For they say, 'His letters are weighty and strong, but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech contemptible.' Let such people understand that what we say by letter when absent, we will also do when present.

The Gospel according to Saint John 1:29-34.

The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'

الأحد الأول بعد الدنح

رسالة القديس بولس الثانية إلى أهل كورنثس 11-

1:10

يا إخوتي، أنا بولس نفسي أناشدكم بوداعة المسيح وجليه، أنا المتواضع بينكم عندما أكون حاضراً، والجريء عليكم عندما أكون غائباً. وأرجو ألا أجبر عند حضورى أن أكون جريئاً، بالثقة التي لي بكم، والتي أنوي أن أجزو بها على الذين يحسبون أننا نسلك كإناس جسديين. أجل، إننا نحيا في الجسد، ولكننا لا نحارب كإناس جسديين؛ لأن أسلحة جهادنا ليست جسدية، بل هي قادرة بالله على هدم الحصون المنيعة؛ فأننا نهدم الأفكار الخاطئة، وكل شموخ يرتفع ضد معرفة الله، ونأسر كل فكر لطاعة المسيح. ونحن مستعدون أن نعاقب كل عصيان، متى كملت طاعتكم. إنكم تحكمون على المظاهر! إن كان أحد وثاقاً بنفسه أنه للمسيح، فلنفكر في نفسه أنه كما هو للمسيح كذلك نحن أيضاً. فأننا لا أخجل إن بالغت بعض المبالغة في الاختيار بالسُلطان الذي وهبه الرب لنا لبنيانكم لا لهدمكم. ولا أريد أن أظهر كأني أخوفكم برسائلي؛ لأن بعضاً منكم يقولون: «رسالة شديدة اللهجة وقوية، أما حضوره الشخصي فهزيل، وكلامه سخييف.»

فلنعلم مثل هذا القائل أننا كما نحن بالكلام في الرسائل، عندما نكون غائبين، كذلك نحن أيضاً بالفعل، عندما نكون حاضرين.

إنجيل القديس يوحنا 1:29-34

في الغد (بعد شهادة المعمدان) رأى يوحنا يسوع مقبلاً إليه فقال: «ها هو حمل الله الذي يرفع خطيئة العالم. هذا هو الذي قلت فيه: يأتي ورائي رجل قد صار قدامي، لأنه كان قبلي. وأنا ما كنت أعرفه، لكني جئت أعمد بالماء لكي يظهر هو لإسرائيل.» وشهد يوحنا قائلاً: «رأيت الروح نازلاً كحمامة من السماء، ثم استقر عليه. وأنا ما كنت أعرفه، لكن الذي أرسلني أعمد بالماء هو قال لي: من ترى الروح ينزل ويستقر عليه، هو الذي يعمد بالروح القدس. وأنا رأيت وشهدت أن هذا هو ابن الله.»

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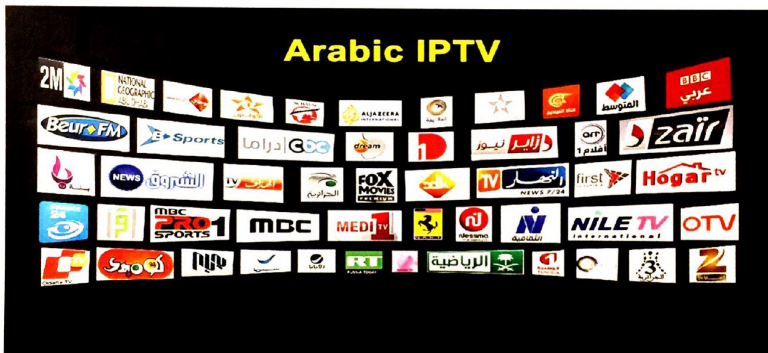
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