

SUNDAY OF THE RIGHTEOUS & JUST

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GLORIOUS EPIPHANY



Sunday of the Righteous & Just January 31st, 2021

Sun., January 31	Sunday of the Righteous & Just 11: 30 am for Tanios & Hanne Nghayoui & Eid Sakha for Nicolas Machaalany	St. John Bosco Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Charbel Nghayoui Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Wadih Saikali
Mon., February 1	NO DIVINE LITURGY St. Pionius & His Companions	
Tues., February 2	10 am Divine Liturgy Presentation of Christ in the Temple	
Wed., February 3	10 am Divine Liturgy Sts. Simeon the Venerable & Anna the Prophetess	
Thurs., February 4	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Isidore of Pelusium	
Fri., February 5	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Agatha	
Sat., February 6	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Proclus, Bishop of Smyrna	
Sun., February 7	Celebration of the Feast of St. Maron & Sunday of the Faithful Departed 11: 30 am 40 Day Liturgy for Antoine Toun	Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Antoine Saba

2020 Financial Standing

Ordinary Income

- ♦ Collections on Sundays & Holy Days : **\$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:

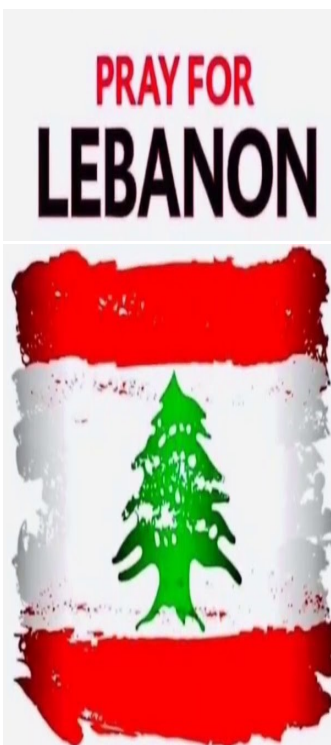
Cathedral monthly building insurance: \$3,484.00

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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Dear Parishioners & Friends,

On Sunday, the Maronite Church celebrates the Sunday of the Righteous and the Just. This is actually the traditional Maronite feast in honor of all the saints. Whereas the Latin Church celebrates the feast of All Saints on November 1st, the Maronite Church, following its ancient tradition, dedicates this Sunday to their memory at the end of the Season of the Glorious Epiphany after the Sunday of the Priests. Starting Sunday and during the week after that, we call to mind all the men and women, children of the Church, who have followed the path of justice and righteousness. We commemorate the prophets, apostles and martyrs, the hermits, ascetics, men and women religious, as well as all Christians who have led holy lives. The Divine Liturgy so often reminds us that the saints are just in the sight of God because they have patterned their lives on Jesus Christ who is the Lamb of God, but also the Lion of Judah.

Mirroring Christ, saints are also lambs and lions at the same time. I am thinking here of one particular saint, Maximilian Kolbe. Kolbe was a Polish Conventual Franciscan Friar. During the German occupation of Poland, he remained at the monastery there which published a number of anti-Nazi publications. In 1941, he was arrested and sent to Auschwitz, a Nazi concentration camp where 1.1 million people were killed in gas chambers. In terrible circumstances, Father Maximilian continued to work as a priest and offer solace to fellow inmates. In July 1941, three prisoners appeared to have escaped from the camp; as a result, the Deputy Commander of Auschwitz ordered ten men to be chosen to be starved to death in an underground bunker. When one of the selected men, Franciszek Gajowniczek, heard his name being called, he cried out "My wife! My children!" At this point, Kolbe volunteered to take his place. Father Kolbe pointed with his hand to the condemned Franciszek and said: "I am a Catholic priest from Poland; I would like to take his place because he has a wife and children." The Saint's wish surprisingly was granted. Mr. Gajowniczek later said, "I, the condemned, am to live and someone else willingly and voluntarily offers his life for me – a stranger." He would miraculously survive Auschwitz, and would later be present at Kolbe's canonization in 1971.

In his Second Letter to the Corinthians 6: 4-10, Paul wrote, "But as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything."

The saints are our models; their prayers and fasting have taught us to fight against sin and temptation and so gain the rewards of righteousness. Through their intercessions, the faithful may obtain the pardon of their sins and are strengthened in the Christian virtues. The saints are the salt of the earth and the light of the world, and call us to follow in their path.

Abouna Dominque

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 Friday, January 29th at 7:30 pm.

Ash Monday

The Liturgy of the Blessing and Imposition of Ashes on the foreheads will be held on Monday, February 15th at 7:30 pm.

Stations and Benediction of the Cross

Every Friday of Lent beginning Friday, February 19th at 7:30 pm, we will pray the Stations and Benediction of the Cross.

Traditional Fasting & Abstinence Observance

Those who wish to observe the traditional Maronite practice of fasting and abstinence are invited to follow this practice. According to the Synod of Mount Lebanon of 1736, every weekday of Lent (Monday through Friday) is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat and dairy products (eggs, butter, milk, etc.) Fasting involves eating and drinking nothing at all (except water and medicine) from midnight until noon. The rest of the day normal meals can be taken but without meat or dairy products. Saturdays and Sundays are exempt from fasting and abstaining as are the following feast days: St. Maron on Feb. 9th if it falls during Lent, the 40 Martyrs on March 9th, and St. Joseph on March 19th.

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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.

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- MAR. 4: OVERVIEW OF THE MARONITE LITURGICAL YEAR
FR. NAJI KIWAN
- MAR. 11: MARONITE RITUALS FOR GREAT LENT
MSGR. JIM ROOT
- MAR. 18: SYRIAC THEMES IN PASSION WEEK
FR. AARON SANDBOTHE
- MAR. 25: MARY IN OUR MARONITE TRADITION
FR. KEVIN BEATON

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Sunday Readings

قراءات الأحد

Sunday of the Righteous and the Just

The Letter to the Hebrews 12: 18-24.

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, 'If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.' Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, 'I tremble with fear.') But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

The Gospel according to Saint Matthew 25: 31-46.

'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

أحد الأبرار والصادقين

الرسالة إلى العبرانيين 12: 18-24

يا إخوتي، إنكم لم تقتربوا إلى جبلٍ مَلْمُوسٍ، ونارٍ مُتَقَدَّةٍ، وضبابٍ وظلامٍ وزوبعةٍ، وهتافٍ بُوقٍ، وصوتٍ كَلِمَاتٍ طَلَبَ الَّذِينَ سَمِعُوهَا أَلَّا يُزَادُوا مِنْهَا كَلِمَةً؛ لِأَنَّهُمْ لَمْ يُطِيعُوا تَحْمَلَ هَذَا الأَمْرَ: «وَلَوْ أَنَّ بَهِيمَةً مَسَّتِ الجَبَلَ تَزْجَمُ». «وَكَانَ المَنْظَرُ رَهيباً حَتَّى إِنَّ مُوسَى قَالَ: «إِنِّي خَائِفٌ وَمُرْتَعِدٌ». «إِبْلِ أَقْرَبْتُمْ إِلَى جَبَلِ صِهْيُونِ، وَإِلَى مَدِينَةِ اللَّهِ الْحَيِّ، أُورُشَلِيمَ السَّمَاوِيَّةِ، وَإِلَى عَشْرَاتِ الأَلُوفِ مِنَ المَلَائِكَةِ، وَإِلَى عِيدِ حَافِلٍ، وَإِلَى كَنِيْسَةِ الأَبْكَارِ المَكْتُوبِينَ فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ، وَإِلَى اللَّهِ دَيَّانِ الجَمِيعِ، وَإِلَى أَرْوَاحِ الأَبْرَارِ الَّذِينَ بَلَّغُوا الكَمَالَ، وَإِلَى وَسِيطِ العَهْدِ الجَدِيدِ، يَسُوعَ، وَإِلَى دَمِ رَشِّهِ يَنْطِقُ بِكَلَامٍ أَفْضَلَ مِنْ دَمِ هَابِيلَ!

إنجيل القديس متى 25: 31-46

قَالَ الرَّبُّ يَسُوعَ: «مَتَى جَاءَ ابْنُ الْإِنْسَانِ فِي مَجْدِهِ، وَجَمِيعُ المَلَائِكَةِ مَعَهُ، يَجْلِسُ عَلَى عَرْشِ مَجْدِهِ. وَتُجْمَعُ لَدَيْهِ جَمِيعُ الأُمَمِ، فَيَمَيِّزُ بَعْضَهُمْ مِنْ بَعْضٍ، كَمَا يُمَيِّزُ الرَّاعِي الخِرَافَ مِنَ الجِذَاءِ. وَيُقِيمُ الخِرَافَ عَنْ يَمِينِهِ وَالْجِذَاءَ عَنْ شِمَالِهِ. حِينَئِذٍ يَقُولُ الْمَلِكُ لِلَّذِينَ عَنْ يَمِينِهِ: تَعَالَوْا، يَا مُبَارَكِي أَبِي، رَثُوا الْمَلَكُوتَ المُعَدَّ لَكُمْ مُنْذُ انْشَاءِ الْعَالَمِ؛ لِأَنِّي جُعْتُ فَأَطْعَمْتُمُونِي، وَعَطِشْتُ فَسَقَيْتُمُونِي، وَكُنْتُ غَرِيباً فَأَوْيْتُمُونِي، وَغُرِيّاً فَأَكْسَوْتُمُونِي، وَمَرِيضاً فَرُثْتُمُونِي، وَمَحْبُوساً فَأَتَيْتُمُ الْي. حِينَئِذٍ يُجِيبُهُ الأَبْرَارُ قَائِلِينَ: يَا رَبِّ، مَتَى رَأَيْنَاكَ جَائِعاً فَأَطْعَمْنَاكَ، أَوْ عَطِشْتَنَا فَسَقَيْنَاكَ؟ وَمَتَى رَأَيْنَاكَ غَرِيباً فَأَوْيْنَاكَ، أَوْ غُرِيّاً فَأَكْسَوْنَاكَ؟ وَمَتَى رَأَيْنَاكَ مَرِيضاً أَوْ مَحْبُوساً فَأَتَيْنَا إِلَيْكَ؟ فَيُجِيبُ الْمَلِكُ وَيَقُولُ لَهُمْ: الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ: كُلُّ مَا عَمِلْتُمُوهُ لِأَحَدٍ إِخْوَتِي هَؤُلَاءِ الصِّغَارِ، فَلِي عَمِلْتُمُوهُ! ثُمَّ يَقُولُ لِلَّذِينَ عَنْ شِمَالِهِ: إِذْهَبُوا عَنِّي، يَا مَلَاعِينِ، إِلَى النَّارِ الأَبَدِيَّةِ المُعَدَّةِ لِإِبْلِيسَ وَجُنُودِهِ؛ لِأَنِّي جُعْتُ فَمَا أَطْعَمْتُمُونِي، وَعَطِشْتُ فَمَا سَقَيْتُمُونِي، وَكُنْتُ غَرِيباً فَمَا أَوْيْتُمُونِي، وَغُرِيّاً فَمَا كَسَوْتُمُونِي، وَمَرِيضاً وَمَحْبُوساً فَمَا رُثْتُمُونِي! حِينَئِذٍ يُجِيبُهُ هَؤُلَاءِ أَيْضاً قَائِلِينَ: يَا رَبِّ، مَتَى رَأَيْنَاكَ جَائِعاً أَوْ عَطِشْتَنَا أَوْ غَرِيباً أَوْ مَرِيضاً أَوْ مَحْبُوساً وَمَا خَدَمْنَاكَ؟ حِينَئِذٍ يُجِيبُهُمْ قَائِلاً: الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ: كُلُّ مَا لَمْ تَعْمَلُوهُ لِأَحَدٍ هَؤُلَاءِ الصِّغَارِ، فَلِي لَمْ تَعْمَلُوهُ. وَيَذْهَبُ هَؤُلَاءِ إِلَى الْعَذَابِ الأَبَدِيِّ، وَالأَبْرَارُ إِلَى الْحَيَاةِ الأَبَدِيَّةِ.»

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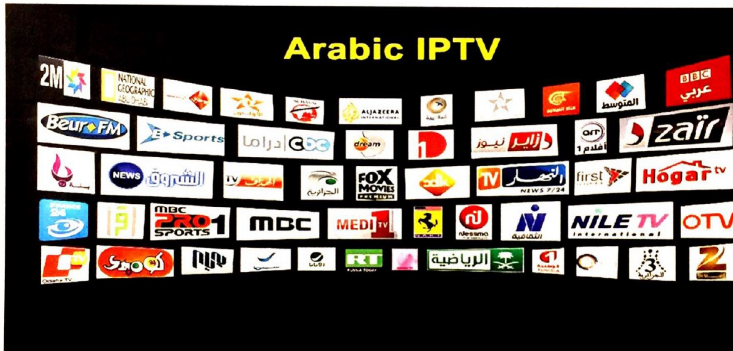
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