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SEASON OF THE

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Sunday of the Announcement to the Virgin Mary

November 21st, 2021

Sun., November 21	Sunday of the Announcement to the Virgin Mary 9 am for Pierre Amine Gemayel 11:30 am for the souls in purgatory	Presentation of Mary in the Temple Req. by Robert Perillo
Mon., November 22	7:30 pm Divine Liturgy for St. Sharbel Sts. Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Virgin Mary	
Tues., November 23	10 am Divine Liturgy for Hani Marji & Afaf Shkhori for the souls in purgatory St. Sassine, Bishop of Cyzicus	Req. by Fr. & Mrs. Peter Frangie
Wed., November 24	10 am Divine Liturgy for Hani Marji & Afaf Shkhori for the souls in purgatory St. Catherine of Alexandria	Req. by Fr. & Mrs. Peter Frangie
Thurs., November 25	10 am Divine Liturgy for Hani Marji & Afaf Shkhori for the souls in purgatory Pope St. Clement	Req. by Fr. & Mrs. Peter Frangie
Fri., November 26	10 am Divine Liturgy for Hani Marji & Afaf Shkhori St. Peter, Patriarch of Alexandria	Req. by Fr. & Mrs. Peter Frangie
Sat., November 27	10 am Divine Liturgy for Hani Marji & Afaf Shkhori St. James Intercisus	Req. by Fr. & Mrs. Peter Frangie
Sun., November 28	Sunday of the Visitation of the Virgin to Elizabeth 9 am for the souls in purgatory 11:30 am for the souls in purgatory	St. Stephen the Younger

October 2021 Financial Standing

Ordinary Income

- ♦ Collections on Sundays & Holy Days: **\$11,550.59**
- ♦ Cathedral Stipends from Marriages & Funerals, Hall Rent, Candles, Breakfast, Luncheon, Raffle, Dues, Religious Education, Flowers **\$14,777.00**

Total Ordinary Income: \$26,327.59

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: \$15,711.96

Total Ordinary Income vs Expenses: \$10,615.63

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

The Library is no longer renting the hall. The space was vacated at the end of October 2020.

**Thank you for your contribution
in helping maintain the Church
and in planning different activities**

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BY CHECK:

Make your donation to Lebanon by sending a check to the Eparchy of St. Maron of Brooklyn and in the memo designate your charity either to Caritas, Lebanon, Saint Vincent de Paul or The Franciscan Sisters of the Holy Cross.

ONLINE:

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FAMILY-TO-FAMILY HELP THROUGH CARITAS LEBANON

In coordination with Caritas Lebanon, a family in the United States is now able to sponsor a family in Lebanon. The sponsorship varies from \$50 to \$100 per month depending on the size and the need of the family.

Please click [here](#) to sponsor a family and for additional information.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Estate Planning Presentation

Sponsored by the Confraternity, Attorney Joe Elhilow will give a presentation on estate planning on November 21st in the hall after the 11:30 Divine Liturgy. All are welcome.

We Have a Winner

On November 9th, 2021, a representative from Our Lady of Lebanon Cathedral joined the Regional Director of Royal Jordanian Airlines to draw a winner from the list of participants in the raffle campaign. We are happy to announce that Ms. Liana Shaya won the two economy class tickets for travel to Amman and Beirut. Congratulation to Liana Shaya!

Christmas Basket Raffle

The Confraternity is sponsoring a Christmas basket raffle (each basket is worth between \$100 and \$125). Tickets are available from Darine Safi, Lily Elhage, Mirna Abi Daher and Nicole Safi. The drawing will take place on December 26th after the 11:30 Divine Liturgy in the hall.

Family Christmas Party

The Cathedral invites all parishioners to a luncheon to celebrate Christmas on December 12th in the Church Hall. Families are welcome, especially the kids, for a fun afternoon with Santa and other surprises. During the 11:30 Liturgy that day, the children of the Sunday School will enact the Christmas story.

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 information. Also you can see Adonis El-Asmar or Marian Ciaccia for more information. This year let us have more students take part in the contest.

Christmas Novena December 15th to 23rd

Starting on Tuesday, December 15th until Wednesday, December 23rd, the parish will pray the Christmas Novena every evening at 7:30 pm except Sunday. The tradition of praying nine days before Christmas is a great way to be prepared to welcome God among us.

MYO Virtual Christmas Event

The National Maronite Youth Organization will be hosting an hour-long evening prayer virtually for the Christmas season. Theme: Behold! / Date: Sunday, December 5th, 2021 at 8 pm / Open to all youth ages 12-18 / Where: Live on Instagram @maroniteyouth

Interested in Joining the Choir?

The choir of the Cathedral would like to welcome anyone interested in joining them to praise the Lord in a more dedicated way. We are also looking for someone who knows the Maronite music to play the organ. Please make sure to see Christiane Merhej after the 11:30 Divine Liturgy.

New Year's Gathering

A few families from the Cathedral will be gathering to celebrate New Year's Eve in the Church hall. If you would like to join them, please see Charly & Jihane Ayoub. More information to follow.

Salaam Club of NY 75th Anniversary Celebration

Please join the Salaam Club of New York to celebrate their 75th Anniversary on Saturday, December 4th, 2021 at the Legacy Castle, Wayne, NJ. Hope to see you there. Remember all Journal advertisements are FULLY deductible.

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 17th. All toys must be brand new and unwrapped, not used, no stuffed animals, no clothes. A big box has been placed in the Cathedral to the far right of the Altar for your convenience.

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 **September 25th, 2022 - \$3,498** per person/double occupancy from New York, including fuel surcharge and port taxes. if they register with \$500 by July 29th and save \$100. [For more information](#) please call Marleine Aflak at 1-917-608-2996 or Tony Tannousis at 1-718-987-3900.

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](#). During the last meeting, it was determined that \$125.00 per household a month will help meet the Church's budget.

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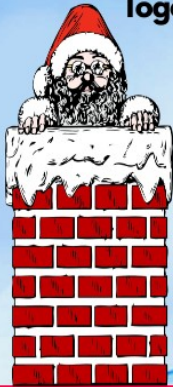


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(Mt. 4:19)

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Sunday Readings

قراءات الأحد

Sunday of the Announcement to the Virgin Mary

The Letter Paul to the Galatians 3: 15-22

I give an example from daily life: once a person's will has been ratified, no one adds to it or annuls it. Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring; it does not say, 'And to offsprings', as of many; but it says, 'And to your offspring', that is, to one person, who is Christ. My point is this: the law, which came four hundred and thirty years later, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to nullify the promise. For if the inheritance comes from the law, it no longer comes from the promise; but God granted it to Abraham through the promise. Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, until the offspring would come to whom the promise had been made; and it was ordained through angels by a mediator. Now a mediator involves more than one party; but God is one. Is the law then opposed to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could make alive, then righteousness would indeed come through the law. But the scripture has imprisoned all things under the power of sin, so that what was promised through faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

The Gospel according to Saint Luke 1: 26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore, the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

أحد بشارة العذراء

رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل غلاطية 3: 15-22
يَا إِخْوَتِي، كَبَشِّرُ أَقُولُ: إِنَّ الْوَصِيَّةَ، وَإِنْ كَانَتْ مِنْ إِنْسَانٍ، إِذَا أَقَرَّتْ، لَا أَحَدَ يُبْطِلُهَا أَوْ يَزِيدُ عَلَيْهَا. فَالْوَعْدُ قِيلَتْ لِإِبْرَاهِيمَ وَلِنَسْلِهِ. وَمَا قِيلَتْ: «وَلَأَنْسَالِهِ»، كَأَنَّهُ لِكَثِيرِينَ، بَلْ «وَلِنَسْلِكَ»، كَأَنَّهُ لَوَاحِدٍ، وَهُوَ الْمَسِيحُ! فَأَقُولُ هَذَا: إِنَّ وَصِيَّةَ سَبَقَ اللَّهُ فَأَقَرَّهَا، لَا تُلْغِيهَا شَرِيعَةٌ جَاءَتْ بَعْدَ أَرْبَعِ مِئَةٍ وَثَلَاثِينَ سَنَةً، فَتُبْطِلُ الْوَعْدَ. وَإِذَا كَانَ الْمِيرَاثُ مِنَ الشَّرِيعَةِ، فَهُوَ لَمْ يَعْذُ مِنَ الْوَعْدِ؛ وَالْحَالُ أَنَّ اللَّهَ يَوْعِدُ أَنْعَمَ بِالْمِيرَاثِ عَلَى إِبْرَاهِيمَ. إِذَا فَلِمَاذَا الشَّرِيعَةُ؟ إِنَّهَا أُضِيفَتْ بِسَبَبِ الْمَعَاصِي، حَتَّى مَجِيءِ النَّسْلِ الَّذِي جُعِلَ الْوَعْدُ لَهُ. وَقَدْ أَعْلَنَاهَا مَلَائِكَةً عَلَى يَدِ وَسِيطٍ، هُوَ مُوسَى. غَيْرَ أَنَّ الْوَاحِدَ لَا وَسِيطَ لَهُ، وَاللَّهُ وَاحِدٌ! إِذَا فَهَلْ تَكُونُ الشَّرِيعَةُ ضِدَّ وَعْدِ اللَّهِ؟ حَاشَا! فَلَوْ أُعْطِيتُ شَرِيعَةً قَادِرَةً أَنْ تُخَيِّبَ، لَكَانَ التَّبَرُّيرُ حَقًّا بِالشَّرِيعَةِ. وَلَكِنَّ الْكِتَابَ حَبَسَ الْكُلَّ تَحْتَ الْخَطِيئَةِ، لِكَيْمَّا بِالْإِيمَانِ بِيَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ يُعْطَى الْوَعْدُ لِلَّذِينَ يُؤْمِنُونَ.

إنجيل القديس لوقا 1: 26-38

وفي الشهر السادس (بعد بشارة زكريّا)، أُرْسِلَ الْمَلَاكُ جَبْرَائِيلُ مِنْ عِنْدِ اللَّهِ إِلَى مَدِينَةٍ فِي الْجَلِيلِ أَسْمُهَا النَّاصِرَةُ، إِلَى عَذْرَاءَ مَخْطُوبَةٍ لِرَجُلٍ مِنْ بَيْتِ دَاوُدَ أَسْمُهُ يُوسُفُ، وَأَسْمُ الْعَذْرَاءِ مَرْيَمَ. وَلَمَّا دَخَلَ الْمَلَاكُ إِلَيْهَا قَالَ: «السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكِ، يَا مَمْلُوءَةٌ نِعْمَةً، أَلَرُبُّ مَعَكَ.» فَأَضْطَرَبَتْ مَرْيَمُ لِكَلَامِهِ، وَأَخَذَتْ تَفَكَّرُ مَا عَسَى أَنْ يَكُونَ هَذَا السَّلَامُ! فَقَالَ لَهَا الْمَلَاكُ: «لَا تَخَافِي، يَا مَرْيَمَ، لِأَنَّكَ وَجَدْتَ نِعْمَةً عِنْدَ اللَّهِ. وَهَآ أَنْتِ تَحْمِلِينَ، وَتَلِدِينَ ابْنًا، وَتُسَمِّيَنَّهُ يَسُوعَ. وَهُوَ يَكُونُ عَظِيمًا، وَأَبْنِ الْعَلِيِّ يُدْعَى، وَيُعْطِيهِ الرَّبُّ الْإِلَهَ عَرْشَ دَاوُدَ أَبِيهِ، فَيَمْلِكُ عَلَى بَيْتِ يَهُوּدَا إِلَى الْأَبَدِ، وَلَا يَكُونُ لِمُلْكِهِ نِهَآيَةٌ.» فَقَالَتْ مَرْيَمُ لِلْمَلَاكُ: «كَيْفَ يَكُونُ هَذَا، وَأَنَا لَا أَعْرِفُ رَجُلًا؟» «فَأَجَابَ الْمَلَاكُ وَقَالَ لَهَا: «الرُّوحُ الْقُدُسُ يَحِلُّ عَلَيْكِ، وَقُدْرَةُ الْعَلِيِّ تَظَلِّلُكِ، وَلِذَلِكَ فَالْقُدُّوسُ الْمَوْلُودُ مِنْكِ يُدْعَى ابْنُ اللَّهِ! وَهَآ إِنَّ الْيَصَابَاتِ نَسِيبَتِكَ، فَدَ حَمَلَتْ هِيَ أَيْضًا بِأَبْنٍ فِي شَيْخُوخَتِهَا. وَهَذَا هُوَ الشَّهْرُ السَّادِسُ لِنَتْلِكَ الَّتِي تُدْعَى عَاقِرًا، لِأَنَّهُ لَيْسَ عَلَى اللَّهِ أَمْرٌ مُسْتَحِيلٌ.» فَقَالَتْ مَرْيَمَ: «هَآ أَنَا أَمَةٌ الرَّبِّ، فَلْيَكُنْ لِي بِحَسَبِ قَوْلِكَ!» وَأَنْصَرَفَتْ مِنْ عِنْدِهَا الْمَلَاكُ.

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