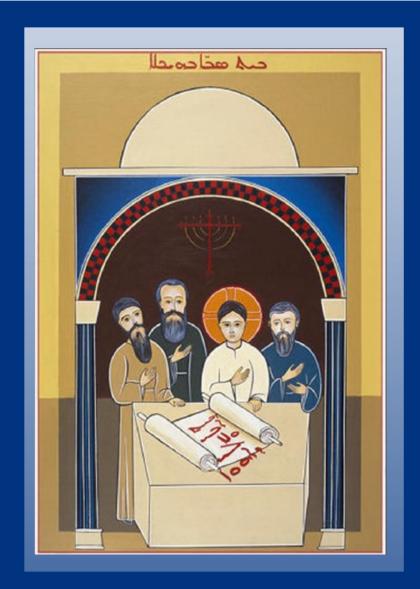
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The Circumcision of Jesus & The Finding of the Lord in the Temple January 2nd, 2022

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Sat., January 1	11:30 am Divine Liturgy of the Circumcision of Jesus Sts. Basil & Gregory, Doctors of the Church		
Sun., January 2	Sunday of the Finding of the Lord in the Temple / Pope St. Sylvest 9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners 11: 30 am for Antoine Toum	ter I Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Tony Saba	
Mon., January 3	NO DIVINE LITURGY Malachi the Prophet		
Tues., January 4	10 am Divine Liturgy Pope St. Caius / St. Elizabeth Ann Seton		
Wed., January 5	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Paul, the First Hermit / St. John Neumann		
SEASON OF THE GLORIOUS EPIPHANY			
Thurs., January 6	10 am Feast of the Glorious Epiphany for Earle & Teresa Layng & Family. 7:30 pm Feast of the Glorious Epiphany		
Fri., January 7	10 am Divine Liturgy for Ruth, Ron & Raymond Hudson Praises of St. John the Baptist	Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Jorge Leon	
Sat., January 8	10 am Divine Liturgy in Thanksgiving for God's Blessings & Graces Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Jorge Leon St. Carterius the Priest		
Sun., January 9	First Sunday after Epiphany / St. Eustartius 9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners 11: 30 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners		
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November 2021 Financial Standing

Ordinary Income

- Collections on Sundays & Holy Days: **\$16,813.08**
- Cathedral Stipends from Marriages & Funerals, Hall Rent, Candles, Breakfast, Luncheon, Raffle, Dues, Religious Education, Flowers \$23,790.35 Total Ordinary Income: \$40,603.43

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 Expanses: \$13,968,58

Total Ordinary Expenses: \$13,968.58

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

HELP LEBANON!

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:

You may also donate online by clicking

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 <u>here</u> to sponsor a family and for additional information.



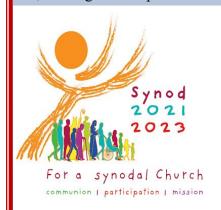
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Dear Parishioners & Friends:

For the next two years, the entire Universal Catholic Church will be focusing on the Synod of the Bishops, a meeting of selected bishops, entitled *For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission.* Like many priests in the Church who have a lot to do, I was not too enthusiastic about another gathering in the Vatican that would issue yet another document to argue over causing more division and confusion in the Church.

Nonetheless, the Season of the Glorious Birth that will be ending this Sunday made me think about the importance of how we are to walk together. In his incarnation, Jesus "lowers himself into littleness. Littleness is the path that he chose to draw near to us, to touch our hearts, to save us and to bring us back to what really matters" (Pope Francis' Homily on Christmas 2021). Jesus, sent by God, put on humanity and walked together with us. He actually was in *synodos* with us. The Greek word *synodos* comes from *syn* plus *hodos* and it means *together* plus *way*. God, the Word, chose to walk our road by becoming man.

I was not too excited about the synod on Synodality because of the huge diversity that is present in the Church today. I thought if we are so widely diverse, how can we walk, think and find solutions together? These days the Church looks so divided, with bishops and priests across the world belonging to different, sometimes hostile, theological camps. We used to have Catholics who were either



conservative or liberal. Now we have traditionalists who are strict in interpreting Church teachings and progressives who are lenient with their moral views. They seem as if they are in different Churches.

In the Maronite Church in the United States, the diversity is widening. There are those who stress that we are more a national Church than anything else and those who emphasize that the Maronite

Church has nothing to do with the ethnicity and the culture of its faithful and where they come from. Furthermore, we have those who want the entire liturgy to be in Arabic and those who want the entire liturgy to be in English. Among the priests, some were born in Lebanon and were formed, ordained and served there for a couple of years before they took an assignment in the United States. A number of the presbyterate started their formation in Lebanon and continued it in Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Seminary in Washington, DC and were ordained to serve the Maronite parishes in the United States. We cannot forget about the American born priests of Lebanese descent who received their entire formation in the United States, and those who are not of Lebanese descent. And when we add a few married men who were ordained priests to the mix, the blend seems not holding tight.

My friends, if the diversity appears irreconcilable, how can we walk together in this synod on Synodality?

Next week, I will continue my column unfolding the meaning of synodality in a diverse Church.



Vocations Awareness Poster-Essay

Students grades K to 12 are encouraged to participate in the <u>Vocations Awareness Poster-</u> <u>Essay</u> Multimedia Contest through NAM. <u>Click here for guidelines</u> and information. Also, you can see Subdeacon Adonis El-Asmar or Marian Ciaccia for more information. This year let us have more students take part in the contest.

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.

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 <u>here</u>. During the last meeting, it was determined that \$125.00 per household a month will help meet the Church's budget.

Pilgrimage: In The Footsteps of Paul

A 10-day/8-night trip to Greece including a 3day 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.

information please call Marleine Aflak at 1-917-608-2996 or Tony Tannousis at 1-718-987 -3900.

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.

Lector Ministry

If you wish to be put on the next schedule of lectors, please see Subdeacon Adonis El-Asmar or email the Church <u>here</u>

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Lebanon needs our help! Lebanon is experiencing a shortage of medication due to ongoing crisis within the nation.



The MYA & MYO of Brooklyn are starting a medication drive to be delivered to Lebanon. Needed: pain relievers, allergy relief, vitamins, cardiovascular support, cold and flu, first aid supplies, or any other OTC medication. Please reach out to the MYA/MYO board members to donate. Your generosity would be greatly appreciated by those who very much need it.

Note: Medications are needed for adults and kids, expiration date must bevalid for at least 6 months.

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WASHINGTON, DC

WONDERING IF THE LORD IS CALLING YOU TO THE MARONITE PRIESTHOOD?

AN EVENT FOR MEN DISCERNING PRIESTHOOD AGED 18-40 TO 'COME AND SEE.' JOIN OTHER DISCERNING MEN, CURRENT SEMINARIANS, AND PRIESTS FOR A WEEKEND OF FELLOWSHIP, PRAYER & DISCUSSION

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COME & SEE

"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." (Mt. 4:19)

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Meet this year's Seminarians for the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn







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Enroll online at www.orderstsharbel.org or in your Parish. For more information about the Order, contact the Order of Saint Sharbel Vice President, Charlene Hiffa at mchiffa@bellsouth.net or ask your Parish Priest. If you are interested in becoming a Priest, Religious Sister, or Deacon, contact Vocations Director Father Dominique Hanna at (718) 624-7228 or cathrectory@verizon.net.





Slide to see the Schedule for the March for Life weekend.



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Christmas Flower Donations

🎇 Mr. & Mrs. Edgar Abi Dagher	In Memory of Deceased Members of their Family
Mrs. Phyllis Simon	In Memory of the Simon & Raffael Families
Mrs. Salma Vahdat	In Memory of the Besheer & Azizi Families
Tr. Joseph Nassif	In Memory of Bichara, Laurice & Marie Nassif
Mr. & Mrs. Chaouki Eladem	In Memory of Hanna Eladem & George, Margret & Josephine Allaham
The Merhej Family	In Memory of Michel Merhej
Tr. Donald Shakal	In Memory of John & Helen Shakal
💯 Amal & Ghassan Salem	In Memory of Jad G. Salem
🗽 Etienne & Madona Njeim	In Memory of Kamal Njeim
🎇 Pierre & Norma Haddad	For a Special Intention
Said & Victorine Habeche	In Memory of the Family
Mr. & Mrs. John Kahaly	In Memory of Jeanette Kahaly
Mr. & Mrs. Adib El Houayek	In Memory of their Beloved Family
💯 Mrs. Marian Ciaccia	In Memory of Ronald Ciaccia & Joseph & Helen Sahadi
Mrs. Lydia Gordon	In Memory of Deceased Members of the Nofil & Gordon Families
🌟 The Shaia Family	In Memory of Philip & Lorraine Shaia
Karen Buono, Robert Shakal & Linda Case	In Memory of William Shakal
K. Mary Ann Joulwan	In Memory of the Joulwan Family
Mr. & Mrs. Chehade Arnaout	In Memory of the Arnaout & Chawki Families
Mrs. Gloria Faour	In Memory of Mrs. Marie Rouadi
🙀 Mr. & Mrs. Tony Aflak	In Memory of Hyat Aflak & Habib Aflak
Mr. & Mrs. Patrick O'Sullivan	In Memory of Georges T. Mouawad
🎇 Samir & Rafka Hosri	In Memory of Deceased Members of their Family
X Daniel R. Interdonati	In Memory of his Uncle, Bruce Hoke
Mr. & Mrs. Tony Tannousis	In Memory of John & Maria Maurides & Michael & Eleni Tannousis
Mrs. Carmela Hache	In Memory of Joseph & Adela Hache
💯 Mr. & Mrs. William Safi & Family	In Memory of Joseph & Dalal El-Hawa
Mrs. Marie Schepis	In Memory of Deceased Members of her Family
Ms. Mary Tremmel	In Memory of The Nembauer Family

Sunday Readings قراءات الأحد

Sunday of the Finding of the Lord in the Temple

The Letter to the Hebrews 7: 11-19

If perfection had been attainable through the Levitical priesthood for the people received the law under this priesthood what further need would there have been to speak of another priest arising according to the order of Melchizedek, rather than one according to the order of Aaron? For when there is a change in the priesthood, there is necessarily a change in the law as well. Now the one of whom these things are spoken belonged to another tribe, from which no one has ever served at the altar. For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, and in connection with that tribe Moses said nothing about priests. It is even more obvious when another priest arises, resembling Melchizedek, one who has become a priest, not through a legal requirement concerning physical descent, but through the power of an indestructible life. For it is attested of him, 'You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.' There is, on the one hand, the abrogation of an earlier commandment because it was weak and ineffectual (for the law made nothing perfect); there is, on the other hand, the introduction of a better hope, through which we approach God.

The Gospel according to Saint Luke 2: 41-52

Every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

أحد وجود الربّ يسوع في الهيكل

الرسالة إلى العبر انيّين 11:7-19 يا إخوَتِي، لو كَانَ الكَمَالُ قَدْ تَحَقَّقَ بِالكَهَنُوتِ اللآَوِيّ، وهُوَ أَسَاسُ الشَّرِيعَةِ الَّتي أُعْطِيَتْ لِلْشَّعْب، فَآَيُّ حَاجَةٍ بَعْدُ إلي أَنْ يَقُومَ كَاهِنٌ آخَرُ على »رُ تُبَة مَلْكِيصَادِق«، ولا يُقَال » عَلى رُتْبَةٍ هَارُ ون «؟ فمتَى تَعَيَّرَ الكَهَنُوت، لا بُدَّ مِنْ تَغْيِر الشَّرِيعَة أَيْضًا. فَالَّذي يُقَالُ هذا في شَاْنِهِ، أَي المَسَيح، جَاءَ مِنْ سِبْطِ آخَر، لَم يُلازِمْ أَحَدٌ مِنْهُ مَنْ سِبْطٍ لَمْ يَصَفْهُ مُوسى بِشَيءٍ مِنَ الكَهَنُوت، ويَزيدُ مَنْ سِبْطٍ لَمْ يَصَفْهُ مُوسى بِشَيءٍ مِنَ الكَهَنُوت. ويَزيدُ مَنْ سِبْطٍ لَمْ يَقُومُ عَلى مِثَالِ العَامِنِ الأَمْرَ وُضُوحًا أَنَّ الكَاهِنَ الآخَرَ الذي يَقُومُ على مِثَال مَنْ عَنْ عَنْ عَلَى مِثَال المَرْ وَضُوحًا أَنَّ الكَاهِنَ الآخَرَ الذي يَقُومُ على مِثَال مَنْ عَلَى رُنْبَة مَلْكِيصَادِق، لَمْ يَقُمْ وَفْقَ شَرِيعة وَصِيَّة بَشَرِيَة، بَلْ وَفْقَ على رُ تُبَعَ مَاكَيمَ فَي رَبْنَ الكَاهِنَ الآخَرَ الذي يَقُومُ على مِثَال على رُ تُبَعَ مَلْكِيصَادِق . «او هُنْ هَدُلَهُ: »الذي يَقُومُ على مِثَال على رُ تُنبَة مَلْكِيصَادِق . ويُشْهَدُلَهُ: »أَنتَ كَاهِنُ إلى الأَبَد، المَنْ ريعة وَالَقُتَى اللهُ يَقْمُ وَنْ عَنْ مَعْهُ مَامَة وَ مَنْ اللهُ وَصَيَّة مَالَكُونُ الكَامِ عَلَيْ مَعْتَى أَيْتَ كَاهِ أَنْ إلى الأَبَد، عَنُوَة حَيَاةٍ لا تَزُول. ويُشْهَدُلَهُ: يَعْنَ وَصَيَّة بَشَرَيَة، بَلْ وَصَيَّة على رُنْبَة مَنْكِيمَة إلى الأَبَد، المَا يَعْهُ أَسَابُ عَالَهُ شَيْئَة إلى الكَامِ مَالَهُ وَعَدَم بَنْهُ أَنْ

انجيل القديس لوقا 2:41-52 كَانَ أَبَوَا يَسُوعَ يَذْهَبَانِ كُلَّ سَنَّةٍ في عِيدِ الفِصْحِ إلى أُورَ شَلَيم . ولَمَّا بَلَغَ يَسُوعُ ٱثْنَتَي عَشْرَةَ سَنَة، صَعِدُوا مَعًا كَمَا هِيَ الْعَادَةُ فِي الْعِبِدِ. وبَعدَ ٱنْقِضَاءِ أَيَّامِ العِبدِ، عَادَ الأَبَوَانِ، وبَقِيَ الصَّبِيُّ يَسُوعُ فَى أُورَ شَلِّيم، وَهُمَا لا يَدْرِيَإِنِ وِإِذْ كَإِنَا يَظَنَّانِ أَنَّهُ فِي الْقَافِلَةِ، سَارَ ا مَسِبِرَ ةَ يَوْ مَ، ثُمَّ أَخَذَا يَطْلُبانِهِ بَيْنَ الأَقَارِبِ والمَعَارِف. ولَمْ يَجِدَاه، فَعَادَا إلى أُورَ شَلَيْمَ يَبْحَثَأَن عَنْهُ. وَبَعْدَ ثَلاثَةٍ أَيَّامَ، وَجَدَاهُ في الْهَيكَلِ جَالِسًا يَبْنَ الْغُلَمَاءِ، يَسْمَعُهُم ويَسْأَلْهُم. وكَانَ جَمِيعُ الَّذِينَ يَسْمَعُونَهُ مُنْذَهْلِينَ بِذَكَائِهِ وأَجْوِبَتِهِ. وَلَمَّا رَآهُ أَبَوَاهُ بُهتَا، وقَالَتْ لَهُ أُمُّهُ: »بيا ٱبْنِي، لِمَاذَا فَعَلْتَ بِنَا هِكَذا؟ فِهَا أَنَا وَ أَبُوكَ كُنَّا نَبْحَثُ عَنْكَ مُتَوَجّعَين .« أَفَقَالَ لَهُمَا: »لِمَاذَا وبوت من ب تَطْلُبَانِنِي؟ أَلا تَعْلَمَانِ أَنَّهُ يَنْبَغِي أَنْ أَكُونَ فِي مَا هُوَ لأَبِي؟ . ﴿ أَمَّا هُمَا فَلَمْ بَفْهَمَا الْكَلَّامَ الَّذِي كَلَّمَهُمَا بِهِ ثُمَّ نَزَلْ مَعَهُمًا، وعَادَ إِلَى النَّاصِرَة، وكانَ خَاضِعًا لَهُمَا وكَانَتْ أُمُّه تَخْفَظُ كُلَّ هَذِهِ الأُمُورِ فِي قَلْبِهَا. وَكَانَ يَسُوعُ يَنْمُو في الحِكْمَة و القَامَة و النّعْمَةُ عِنْدَ اللهُ و النَّاسِ.



