

FIRST SUNDAY

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SEASON OF EPIPHANY



First Sunday after Epiphany
January 9th, 2022

Sun., January 9	First Sunday after Epiphany / St. Eustartius 9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners 11: 30 am Louis, Mary & John Nader & Charles Havel	Req. by Marilyn Nader
Mon., January 10	NO DIVINE LITURGY St. Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa	
Tues., January 11	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Theodosius of Antioch	
Wed., January 12	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Tatiana / The Council of Trent	
Thurs., January 13	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Jacob of Nisibis	
Fri., January 14	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers	
Sat., January 15	10 am Divine Liturgy for Moses Leon on his 25th Birthday Our Lady of the Sowing / St. John Calybites	Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Jorge Leon
Sun., January 16	Second Sunday after Epiphany / Memorial of the Chains of St. Peter 9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners 11: 30 am Louis, Mary & John Nader & Charles Havel Philine Malha	Req. by Marilyn Nader Req. by Line Malha

2021 Financial Standing

Ordinary Income	\$189,670.10
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- ♦ Collections on Sundays & Holy Days: **\$193,852.12**
- ♦ Cathedral Stipends from Marriages & Funerals, Hall Rent, Candles, Breakfast, Luncheon, Raffle, Dues, Religious Education, Flowers **\$171,833.93**

Total Ordinary Income: \$365,686.05

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: \$277,510.86

Total Ordinary Income vs Expenses: \$88,175.19

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. \$90,000 was paid in settlement.

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

HELP LEBANON!

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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 [here](#).

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.

Dear Parishioners & Friends:

I ended last week's column by asking, "if the diversity in the Church appears irreconcilable, how can we walk together in this synod on Synodality?" In other words, what is the meaning of synodality in a diverse Church?

The homily of Pope Francis given to entice the participation of the faithful in the Synod emphasized three verbs: to encounter, to listen to and to discern with each other. These three actions go from easy to hard. It is not difficult to encounter people that are different from us, that think distinctively, accentuate other concerns, look different from the majority. The Church is undoubtedly a place to observe and



clearly see those who are not like us. Most of us may have been part of the same parish family for years, but we may not even know the name of the person who sits three pews ahead of us and where they come from. I hear it all the time, "Abouna, if I see their face, I will recognize them." The Pope is telling us this is not enough and we cannot stop at the encounter phase.

The parish family is not called to journey together in silence with people only nodding their heads and raising their eyebrows to acknowledge each other. The Church is not a parish FAMILY if its members do not communicate and communion means communication. In the incarnation, Jesus was in *synodos* with us, but in the Feast and the Season of the Glorious Epiphany, the Trinity, the communion of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, are in *synodos* with all of humanity.

The direction provided by the Holy Father becomes more challenging in the next phase. The process of listening can be simply compared to people praying together in Church whether saying prayers or chanting hymns. The art of listening to each other begins at the liturgy. We learn from choir masters that when we sing together we are to listen to oneself 25% percent and keep 75% of the ear on the people around. The volume of the voice, the correct pitch, the right speed, and knowing when to stop to breathe is better controlled when listening mostly to others. In the Maronite Church in the United States this becomes even tougher for three languages are mostly used in the liturgy. Hearing the congregation from the altar, the priest can certainly detect the discrepancies. For example, when reciting the creed, it is difficult for those not born in the US to pronounce the word *consubstantial* or *incarnate*. Differences in speed are heard right away, but recovery by most to catch up with the group is also perceived. Now, this is synodality for me. Nonetheless, when a few believe that they are right and everyone else is wrong and try to forcefully set the tune of a hymn or a prayer, this is not working together. For the English speaking, the Syriac dialogues may be a little demanding for them in uttering the combination of different syllables. The more 25% us vs 75% other is practiced the better we are in harmony. Listening is hard work because it teaches the person I am only a quarter of the whole and not the whole and it is not up me to carry the entire structure. The process can be long and might cause some to be bored with it. Nonetheless, it has proven to be very effective.

Next time you are in Church, please keep your ears open and listen to those around you. By doing this, you will not only learn something about the Synod on Synodality, but you will start living it.

Abouna Dominque

Confraternity Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Confraternity on Sunday January 9th after the 11:30 Divine Liturgy.

Letter for Annual Donations

Parishioners who for tax purposes would like a letter stating their annual contribution, please email cathrectory@verizon.net or call the rectory at 718-624-7228.

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

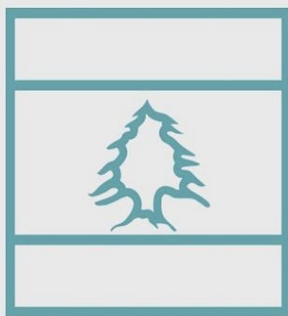
Pilgrimage: [In The Footsteps of Paul](#)

A 10-day/8-night trip to **Greece** including a **3-day cruise** to the **Greek Islands** and **Turkey**, visiting Athens, Corinth, Mykonos, Ephesus, Patmos, Crete, Santorini. Meteora, Veria, Vergina, Salonicca, 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.

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.

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 be valid for at least 6 months.

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.

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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MARCH 18-20

2022

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COME & SEE

"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."

(Mt. 4:19)

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 Schedule for the
 March for Life
 weekend.



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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 كورنتس 10:1-11
يا إخوتي، أنا بولس نفسي أناشدكم بوداعة المسيح وجلمه، أنا المتواضع بينكم عندما أكون حاضراً، والجريء عليكم عندما أكون غائِباً. وأرجو ألا أُجبر عند حضورى أن أكون جريئاً، بالثقة التي لي بكم، والتي أنوي أن أجروها بها على الذين يحسبون أننا نسلك كائنات جسديين. أجل، إنما نحيا في الجسد، ولكننا لا نحارب كائنات جسديين؛ لأن أسلحة جهادنا ليست جسدية، بل هي قاذرة بالله على هدم الحصون المنيعة؛ فإننا نهدم الأفكار الخاطئة، وكل سموخ 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 واثقاً بنفسه أنه للمسيح، فلنفتكر في نفسه أنه كما هو للمسيح كذلك نحن أيضاً. فأننا لا نخجل إن بالغت بعض المبالغة في الافتخار بالسُلطان الذي وهبه الرب لنا لبنيانكم لا لهدمكم. ولا أريد أن أظهر كأني أخوفكم برسائلي؛ لأن بعضاً منكم يقولون: «رسائله شديدة اللهجة وقوية، أما حضوره الشخصي فهزيل، وكلامه سخيّف.»
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 مُقبلاً إليه فقال: «ها هو حمل الله الذي يرفع خطيئة العالم. هذا هو الذي قلتُ فيه: يأتني ورأي رجل قد صار قدامي، لأنه كان قبلي.
وأنا ما كنت أعرفه، لكني جئتُ أعمد بالماء لكي يظهر هو لإسرائيل.»
وشهد يوحنا قائلاً: «رأيتُ الروح نازلاً كحمامة من السماء، ثم استقر عليه.
وأنا ما كنتُ أعرفه، لكن الذي أرسلني أعمد بالماء هو قال لي: من ترى الروح ينزل ويستقر عليه، هو الذي يُعمد بالروح القدس.
وأنا رأيتُ وشهدتُ أن هذا هو ابنُ الله.»

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