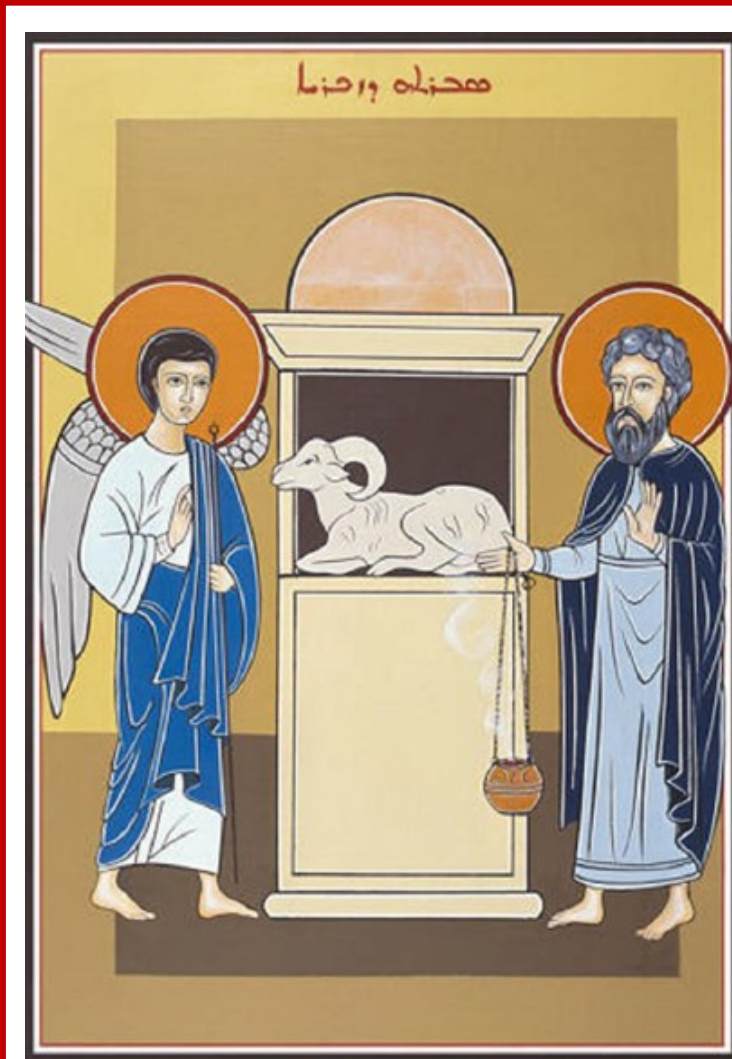


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Sunday of the Announcement to Zechariah November 13th, 2022

Sun., November 13	Sunday of the Announcement to Zechariah / St. John Chrysostom 9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners 11:30 am 40 Day for Antoine Douweihi for Elias Semaan El Rayess	by Mr. Youssef Douweihi by Mr. & Mrs. George Abi Chebl
Mon., November 14	NO LITURGY St. Philip	
Tues., November 15	10 am Divine Liturgy for Claire Habib Sts. Gurias, Samonas, & Habib the Deacon	by Mrs. Salma Vahdat
Wed., November 16	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Matthew the Evangelist	
Thurs., November 17	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Gregory the Wonderworker	
Fri., November 18	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Romanos	
Sat., November 19	10 am Divine Liturgy Pope St. Pontian	
Sun., November 20	Sunday of the Announcement to Mary / St. Gregory of Decapolis 9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners 11:30 am for Khalil, Hanna & Louisette Mansour	by Rafca & William Abou Chrouh

October 2022 Financial Standing

Ordinary Income

- ◆ Collections on Sundays & Holy Days: **\$11,809.82**
- ◆ Cathedral Stipends from Marriages & Funerals, Hall Rent, Candles, Breakfast, Luncheon, Raffle, Dues, Religious Education, Flowers **\$17,794.00**

Total Ordinary Income: \$29,603.82

Ordinary Expenses

- ◆ Payroll, Gas, Electricity, Building Insurance and Medical Insurance, Leasing Equipment, TV, Phone, Internet, Supplies for Church, Hall & Office, Postage, Regular Maintenance, Charity, Eparchial Appeal, Insurance.... **\$30,448.94**

Total Ordinary Expenses: \$30,448.94

Total Ordinary Income vs Expenses: -\$845.12

Do you know? A couple of basic monthly expenses:

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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Last week many parishioners of the Cathedral could not make it to Church because of the New York Marathon that draws people not only from different parts of New York, but also from the entire United States and from different countries. To allow the 50,000 participants to run uninterrupted through the five boroughs, the city, every year, closes a lot of streets which prevents people from coming to Our Lady of Lebanon Cathedral.

While many people were running the marathon, parishioners at the Maronite Cathedral and in all Maronite Churches in the world were celebrating the Sunday of the Consecration and Renewal of the Church which marks the beginning of a new liturgical year. The name Marathon comes from the story of Pheidippides, a Greek messenger, who ran 26.2 miles from the battlefield of Marathon to Athens to announce that the Greeks defeated the Persians. Right after he brought the news of victory, Pheidippides dropped dead from exhaustion.

Journeying through the liturgical year is like running the New York Marathon: it has a beginning and an end. Runners have to set themselves apart to train their bodies to race the long distance. They also need to work on building a strong will and spirit, not to give up even though they feel extremely tired.

In Church, there are two Sundays—combined into one this year—that prepare worshippers to enter into the different liturgical seasons: the Sunday of the Consecration of the Church and the Sunday of the Renewal of the Church. These two Sundays set us apart, the people who are being consecrated to the Lord to bring the good news to the world that Jesus defeated the Evil One by his death and resurrection. The faithful move from the Season of the Glorious Birth of the Lord, to the Season of Epiphany, to the Season of Great Lent and so forth and so on like runners going through the different boroughs. It is impressive to see many coming back to run every year knowing how slim their chances to win are. Remarkable is their persistence in challenging their ability to make better time and to enjoy the experience of being part of something big without getting bored going through the same run every year.

During the Marathon, spectators with family and friends cheer the contestants and encourage them to continue the race to the end even when they are exhausted and want to quit. Not every runner is an athlete or has years of experience in these competitions. Among the participants, there are wheelchair athletes, some hand-cyclists and some with disabilities, professional women and professional men. In the liturgical year, the angels and saints inspire and assist the faithful, like the runners, to persist in their spiritual journey no matter the challenges and hardships.

As we are beginning a new liturgical “marathon,” let us pray, “Rise up and shine, O Church, for the Savior of the world has made you his dwelling! Rise up and shine for the Holy Lord has chosen the saints from among your children!”



CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Abouna Dominique Out-of-town

Abouna Dominique will be out of town from Friday, November 18th to Sunday November 20th. He will be attending Deacon Chuck Vanheusen's ordination to the order of priesthood in Fayetteville, NC. Please keep Deacon Chuck in your prayers. Fr. Rabi Aoun, the parochial vicar in Sleepy Hollow, will be covering at the 9 & 11:30 am Divine Liturgy.

Annual Bake Sale Sponsored by the Confraternity

The Annual Winter Bake Sale sponsored by the Confraternity will take place on December 3rd & 4th. If you would like to help by baking goods or donating toward the Bake Sale, please see one of the members of the Confraternity.

Family Christmas Party

The Cathedral invites all parishioners to a luncheon to celebrate Christmas on December 11th 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.

Family Rosary

Join the Eparchy to pray the Rosary as a family "To Build A Culture of Life & To Overcome Evil in the World" on November 14th and December 12th at 8 pm. Please use the following zoom link [here](#). ID: 869 3039 9981 Passcode: 962607

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.

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.

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](#). It was determined that a minimum of \$125.00 per household a month will help meet the Church's budget.

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Sunday Readings

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Sunday of the Announcement to Zechariah

Letter to the Romans 4: 13-25

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason, it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations') in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore, his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke 1:1-25

Since many have undertaken to set down an orderly account of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as they were handed on to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, I too decided, after investigating everything carefully from the very first, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may know the truth concerning the things about which you have been instructed. In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly order of Abijah. His wife was a descendant of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. Both of them were righteous before God, living blamelessly according to all the commandments and regulations of the Lord. But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were getting on in years. Once when he was serving as priest before God and his section was on duty, he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the sanctuary of the Lord and offer incense. Now at the time of the incense-offering, the whole assembly of the people was praying outside. Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified; and fear overwhelmed him. But the angel said to him, 'Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John. You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He must never drink wine or strong drink; even before his birth he will be filled with the Holy Spirit. He will turn many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. With the spirit and power of Elijah he will go before him, to turn the hearts of parents to their children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.' Zechariah said to the angel, 'How will I know that this is so? For I am an old man, and my wife is getting on in years.' The angel replied, 'I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. But now, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time, you will become mute, unable to speak, until the day these things occur.' Meanwhile, the people were waiting for Zechariah, and wondered at his delay in the sanctuary. When he did come out, he could not speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the sanctuary. He kept motioning to them and remained unable to speak. When his time of service was ended, he went to his home. After those days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she remained in seclusion. She said, 'This is what the Lord has done for me when he looked favorably on me and took away the disgrace I have endured among my people.'

أحد بشارة زكريا

رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل رومة 4: 13-25
يا إخوتاي، الوعد لإبراهيم أو لنسله بأن يكون وارثاً للعالم، لم يكن بواسطة الشريعة، بل بالبر الذي ناله بالإيمان. فلو كان أهل الشريعة هم الوارثين، لأبطل الإيمان، وألغى الوعد؛ لأن الشريعة تسبب غضب الله؛ وحيث لا شريعة، فلا تعدي للشريعة. لذلك فأهل الإيمان هم الوارثون، لكي تكون الورثة هبة من الله. وهكذا تحقق الوعد لكل نسل إبراهيم؛ لا للنسل الذي هو من أهل الشريعة فحسب، بل أيضاً للنسل الذي هو من أهل الإيمان، إيمان إبراهيم الذي هو أب لنا أجمعين؛ كما هو مكتوب: «إني جعلتك أباً لأمة كثيرة». «فإبراهيم الذي آمن بالله هو أب لنا أمام الله، الذي ينجي الأموات، ويدعو غير الموجود إلى الوجود. وقد آمن إبراهيم راجياً على غير رجاء، بأنه سيصير أباً لأمة كثيرة، كما قيل له: «هكذا يكون نسلك». ولم يضعف بإيمانه، برغم أنه رأى، وهو ابن نحو مئة سنة، أن جسده مات، وأن حشا سارة قد مات. وبناءً على وعد الله، ما شك ولا تردد، بل تقوى بالإيمان، ومجد الله. وأيقن ملء اليقين أن الله قادر أن ينجز ما وعد به. فذلك حسب له إيمانه برباً. ولم يكتب من أجله وحده أنه «حسب له برباً»، بل كتب أيضاً من أجلنا، نحن الذين سيحسب لنا برباً، لأننا نؤمن بالذي أقام من بين الأموات يسوع ربنا، الذي أسلم من أجل زلاتنا، وأقيم من أجل تبريرنا.

إنجيل القديس لوقا 1: 1-25

بما أن كثيرين أخذوا يرتبون رواية للأحداث التي تمت عندنا، كما سلمها إلينا من كانوا منذ البدء شهود عيان للكلمة، ثم صاروا خداماً لها، رأيت أنا أيضاً، أيها الشريفة تيو فيل، أن أكتبها لك بحسب ترتيبها، بعدما تتبعتها كلها، منذ بدايتها، تتبعاً دقيقاً، لكي تتيقن صحة الكلام الذي وعظت به. كان في أيام هيرودس، ملك اليهودية، كاهن اسمه زكريا، من فرقة أبيا، له امرأة من بنات هارون اسمها اليصابات. وكانا كلاهما بارين أمام الله، سالكين في جميع وصايا الرب وأحكامه بلا لوم. وما كان لهما ولد، لأن اليصابات كانت عاقراً، وكانا كلاهما قد طعنا في أيامهما. وفيما كان زكريا يقوم بالخدمة الكهنوتية أمام الله، في أثناء نوبة فرقة، أصابته القرعة، بحسب عادة الكهنوت، ليندخل مقدس هيكل الرب ويحرق البخور. وكان كل جمهور الشعب يصلي في الخارج، في أثناء اخراق البخور. وتراءى ملك الرب لزكريا واقفاً من عن يمين مذبح البخور، فاضطرب زكريا حين رآه، واستولى عليه الخوف. فقال له الملك: «لا تخف، يا زكريا، فقد استجبت طلبتك، وأمرتك اليصابات ستلد لك ابناً، فسمة يوحنا. ويكون لك فرح وأبتهاج، ويفرح بمولده كثيرون، لأنه سيكون عظيماً في نظر الرب، لا يشرب خمراً ولا مسكراً، ويمتلئ من الروح القدس وهو بعد في حشا أمه. ويرد كثيرين من بني إسرائيل إلى الرب إلههم. ويسير أمام الرب بروح إيليا وقوته، ليبدل قلوب الآباء إلى الأبناء، والعصاة إلى حكمة الأبرار، فيهبى للرب شعباً معداً خيراً إعداد». «فقال زكريا للملاك: «بماذا أعرف هذا؟ فإني أنا شيخ، وأمرأتي قد طعنت في أيامها». «فاجاب الملك وقال له: «أنا هو جبرائيل الواقف في حضرة الله، وقد أرسلت لأتكلّم وأبشرك بهذا. وها أنت تكون صامناً، لا تقدر أن تتكلم، حتى اليوم الذي يخذ في ذلك، لأنك لم تؤمن بكلامي الذي سببت في أواحه. «وكان الشعب ينتظر زكريا، ويتعجب من إبطائه في مقدس الهيكل. ولما خرج زكريا، لم يكن قادراً أن يكلمهم، فأذركوا أنه رأى رؤيا في المقدس، وكان يشير إليهم بالإشارة، وبقي أنكم. ولما تمت أيام خدمته، مضى إلى بيته. وبعد تلك الأيام، حملت أمراته اليصابات، وولدت أمراً خمسة أشهر، وهي تقول: هكذا صنع الرب إليّ في الأيام التي نظر إليّ فيها، ليزيل العار عني من بين الناس!.

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