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Sunday of the Visitation of the Virgin Mary to Elizabeth November 27th, 2022

Sun., November 27	Sunday of the Visitation of the Virgin Mary to Elizabeth / St. James Intercisus 9 am for Daniel Revuelta 11:30 am for Jean (Youghanna) Aouad & Isabelle Ghobril Aouad by Jane & Joe Zappulla by Marie-Therese Aouad Estambouli, her husband, Samer Estambouli & the Estambouli Family	
Mon., November 28	NO LITURGY St. Stephen the Younger	
Tues., November 29	10 am Divine Liturgy for Claire Habib Sts. Saturninus & Sisinius	by Mrs. Salma Vahdat
Wed., November 30	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Andrew / St. Bishoy (Pishoy)	
Thurs., December 1	10 am Divine Liturgy Nahum the Prophet	
Fri., December 2	10 am Divine Liturgy Habakkuk the Prophet	
Sat., December 3	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Francis Xavier	
Sun., December 4	Sunday of the Birth of John the Baptist / St. Barbara 9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners 11:30 am for Charles B. Baur by Carol Flemming	

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:

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.

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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,

This Sunday and the following week the Maronite Church celebrates the Visitation of the Virgin Mary to her cousin Elizabeth. At the announcement to Mary that she would bear the Son of God, Emmanuel, the Angel Gabriel also announced to her that Elizabeth, her barren relative, was six months pregnant with John, the forerunner. In both these events, Luke used two expressions that seemed somewhat foreign to the image of the Virgin Mary we are used to today. Upon hearing the greeting of the Angel Gabriel to her, "Mary was troubled," Luke recorded. The word "troubled" in Greek was used only one time, only for Mary, in the entire New Testament which showed the magnitude of the event that was unfolding. The other instance is the reaction of Mary to her cousin having a child in her old age. Luke, who recorded these events said, "In those days Mary set out [rose] and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country." "With haste" is not an expression we usually use when we speak about Mary.

The Catholic Tradition describes Our Lady as gentle in dealing with issues, caring when faced with difficulties, calm in demeanor, and a loving mother. Today, I am going to talk about the expression "with haste." Mary, without much thought, quickly got up and traveled to the countryside of Judea to check on and serve her cousin Elizabeth. Our Lady, who had just received the dramatic news that she, only betrothed to Joseph, would have a son, the Savior of the world, could have come up with a million valid reasons not to leave Galilee, her home.

Today, unlike Mary, we are often slow to serve and care. We make up excuses, like I am busy or I do not have time, to avoid fulfilling our main calling in life which is to help and assist others. On the other hand, we are quick to criticize and point out the negative in other people. With haste, we put people down, but only reluctantly do we encourage them and speak highly of their successes. If we delve more deeply into "with haste," we learn that it can mean "with enthusiasm." Etymologically, the Greek word literally comes from *entheos* signifying divinely inspired or possessed by a god—from *en* "in" + *theos* "god." The Virgin Mary rose and went to see Elizabeth and Zachariah with enthusiasm, that is with God in her.

My friends, as we continue the Season of the Birth of Our Lord, let us with haste and without hesitating run to be with those who need us. By doing so, like Mary, we are also bringing God with us.

Abgana Dominique

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Knights Meeting

The Knights will have a meeting on December 4th after the 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 to the bake sale, please see one of the members of the Confraternity.

Knights Christmas Party

The Knights Confraternity will hold their Christmas Party on Friday, December 9th, at Le Sajj. More details to follow.

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 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.

Christmas Novena December 15th to 23rd

Starting on Thursday, December 15th, until Friday, 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.

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 Mike Naber (917) 612-4004. \$80 for adults and \$50 for children 12 & under.

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.

Bulletin Advertisements

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.

Cedar Remembrance Tree

Parishioners and friends can now remember their deceased and honor their living with their names on the commemorative tree located in our Cathedral Chapel vestibule. Please click [here](#) for more details.

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Sunday of the Visitation to Elizabeth

Letter to the Ephesians 1: 1-14.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To the saints who are in Ephesus and are faithful in Christ Jesus: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love.

He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory.

In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ to Saint Luke 1:39-45.

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me?

For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy.

And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

أحد زيارة العذراء

رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل أفسس 1: 1-14

يا إخوتي، من بولس، رسول المسيح يسوع بمشيئة الله، إلى القديسين الذين هم في أفسس والأمناء في المسيح يسوع:

النعمة لكم والسلام من الله أبينا والرب يسوع المسيح! تبارك الله أبو ربنا يسوع المسيح، الذي باركنا بكل بركة روحية في السموات في المسيح؛ فإنه اختارنا فيه قبل إنشاء العالم، لنكون في حضرة قديسين، لا عيب فينا؛ وقد سبق بمحبه فحددنا أن نكون له أبناء بالتبني بيسوع المسيح، بحسب رضى مشيئته، لمذح مجد نعمته التي أنعم بها علينا في الحبيب؛ وفيه لنا الفداء بدمه، أي مغفرة الزلات، بحسب غنى نعمته، التي أفاضها علينا في كل حكمه وفهم؛ وقد عرفنا سر مشيئته، بحسب رضاء الذي سبق فجعله في المسيح، ليحقق تدبير ملء الأزمنة، فيجمع في المسيح تحت رأس واحد كل شيء، ما في السموات وما على الأرض؛ وفيه أيضا اختارنا ميراثا له، وقد سبق فحددنا بحسب قصده، هو الذي يعمل كل شيء بقضاء مشيئته، لنكون مدحا لمجده، نحن الذين سبقنا فجعلنا في المسيح رجاءنا؛ وفيه أنتم أيضا، بعد أن سمعتم كلمة الحق، أي إنجيل خلاصكم، وأمنتم، ختمتم بالروح القدس الموعود به، وهو غروب ميراثنا، لفداء شعبه الذي أقتناه، ولمذح مجده.

إنجيل القديس لوقا 1: 39-45

في تلك الأيام (بعد البشارة بيسوع)، قامت مريم وذهبت مسرعة إلى الجبل، إلى مدينة في يهوذا. ودخلت بيت زكريا، وسلمت على اليساناث. ولما سمعت اليساناث سلام مريم، ارتكض الجنين في بطنها، وأمتلأت من الروح القدس. فهنقت بأعلى صوتها وقالت: «مباركة أنت في النساء، ومباركة ثمرة بطنك! ومن أين لي هذا، أن تأتي إلي أم ربي؟ فها منذ وقع صوت سلامك في أذني، ارتكض الجنين أبتهاجا في بطني! فطوبى للتي آمنت أنه سيتم ما قيل لها من قبل الرب.»

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