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# The Feast of the Circumcision of Jesus

## January 1st, 2023

<b>Sun., January 1</b>	<b>The Feast of the Circumcision of Jesus / Sts. Basil &amp; Gregory</b> <b>9 am for Helena Kamel Harb</b> <b>11:30 am for Antoine Toume</b>	<b>by Mr. &amp; Mrs Mark Beaino</b> <b>by Mr. &amp; Mrs. Antoine Saba</b>
Mon., January 2	NO DIVINE LITURGY Pope St. Silvester I	
Tues., January 3	10 am Divine Liturgy for Michael Lee Wall Malachi the Prophet	by Mr. & Mrs. Jorge Leon
Wed., January 4	10 am Divine Liturgy for Marianne Wall & Family Pope St. Caius / St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	by Mr. & Mrs. Jorge Leon
Thurs., January 5	10 am Divine Liturgy for Teresa & Earle Layng & Family St. Paul the First Hermit / St. John Neumann	by Mr. & Mrs. Jorge Leon
<b>Fri., January 6</b>	<b>10 am Divine Liturgy of the Feast of the Glorious Epiphany</b> <b>7:30 pm Divine Liturgy of the Feast of the Glorious Epiphany</b>	
Sat., January 7	10 am Divine Liturgy for a Special Intention Praises of St. John the Baptist	by Mr. Mike Shaheen
<b>Sun., January 8</b>	<b>9 am Divine Liturgy of the First Sunday after Epiphany / St. Carterius the Priest</b> <b>11:30 am Divine Liturgy of the First Sunday after Epiphany</b>	

### November 2022 Financial Standing

#### Ordinary Income

- ◆ Collections on Sundays & Holy Days: **\$12,671.00**
- ◆ Cathedral Stipends from Marriages & Funerals, Hall Rent, Candles, Breakfast, Luncheon, Raffle, Dues, Religious Education, Flowers .... **\$19,318.00**

**Total Ordinary Income: \$31,989.00**

#### 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.... **\$21, 471.74**

**Total Ordinary Expenses: \$21, 471.74**

**Total Ordinary Income vs Expenses: \$10,517.26**

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**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:

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.

# MAY YOU ALL HAVE A BLESSED AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

**Pope Francis in his General Audience quoted from Saint Francis de Sales who wrote, "The magnet attracts iron, amber attracts straws. Whether we are iron in our hardness, or straws in our lightness and worthlessness, we must unite ourselves to this little infant, Jesus Christ."**

## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **New Year's Gathering**

Families from the Cathedral will be gathering to celebrate New Year's Eve in the hall on Saturday, December 31st, at 8 pm. Tickets are \$80 per adult and \$50 per child 12 years old or younger. Please join us for a Lebanese buffet, party favors and DJ, and bring your own liquor and soft drinks. For reservations please contact Mike Naber 917-612-4004.

### **Welcoming Abouna Chuck VanHeusen**

Bishop Gregory has assigned Fr. Chuck VanHeusen to be the assistant rector at the Cathedral. The assignment begins on January 1st, 2023. Please join me in welcoming Fr. Chuck and his wife, Marie.

### **St. Maron Feast Day Luncheon**

On Sunday, February 5th, the Cathedral will celebrate the Feast of St. Maron. The celebration begins with the Divine Liturgy celebrated by His Excellency Bishop Gregory Mansour at 11:30 am followed by a luncheon at Sirico's from 2 to 6 pm. Tickets are \$125 per adult and \$75 per child 12 years old or younger.

### **Building Insurance Increase**

The Cathedral's Building Insurance will increase 19% in 2023. We will be paying \$49,000 a year.

### **SYMA Club Donation**

The SYMA Club made a donation of \$10,000 to the Cathedral during the Christmas Season. On behalf of the parishioners of Our Lady of Lebanon, we thank the members of the SYMA Club for their generosity.

### **Holy Land Pilgrimage**

An 11 day/9 night special pilgrimage to the Holy Land from September 17th to 27th, 2023, is being planned to visit the major sites in the Holy Land and Jerash, Mount Nebo, Madaba and Petra in Jordan. \$3,898 per person from Newark with double occupancy in first class hotels including buffet breakfast and dinner daily and all airport taxes, fuel surcharge and border taxes. Those who register with a \$500 deposit no later than February 17th, 2023, will save \$100. Please click [here](#) for more information or call Marleine at 1-917-608-2996 or Tony at 1-646-207-3995.

### **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.

### **Lector Ministry**

If you wish to be put on the next schedule of lectors, please see Subdeacon Adonis El-Asmar or email the Church [here](#).

### **A Maronite Chapel at Ave Maria University**

Ave Maria University is building a Maronite Chapel that truly will be a home away from home for Eastern Catholic students. Please click [here](#) to learn more.



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# March For Life Schedule

## Thursday 1/19

- 5:30 PM Prayer for Life Vigil Mass at  
**Basilica of the National Shrine of the  
Immaculate Conception**
- 7:30 PM Bishop leads opening prayer in **Maronite Chapel  
(Lower level of Basilica)**
- 8:00 PM On your own for dinner
- 9:00 PM Social outing

## Friday 1/20

- 11:00 AM Meet at **Starbucks**  
Walk over to the March for Life together!
- 5:00 PM Post March dinner and discussion at **Seminary**
- 9:00 PM Drinks and dancing

## Saturday 1/21

- 10:30 AM Maronite Liturgy at **Basilica of the National  
Shrine of the Immaculate Conception**
- 12:00 PM Lunch
- 3:00 PM Outing to the **Museum of the Bible**
- 6:00 PM On your own dinner
- 9:00 PM Social outing

## Sunday 1/22

- 11:00 AM Divine Liturgy at **Our Lady of Lebanon in DC**
- 12:30 PM Brunch at  
Parish hall
- 2:00 PM Group photo  
and tour  
monuments





## Sunday Readings

### قراءات الأحد

#### Feast of the Circumcision of the Lord Jesus

##### Letter of Paul to the Ephesians 2:11-22.

Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called 'the uncircumcision' by those who are called 'the circumcision' a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us.

He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, so that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it.

So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father.

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.

In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

##### The Gospel according to Saint Luke 2:21-24.

After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb. When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

#### عيد ختانة الرب يسوع

##### رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل أفسس 2:11-22

يَا إِخْوَتِي، تَذَكَّرُوا، أَنْتُمْ الْوَتْنِيِّينَ فِي الْجَسَدِ سَابِقًا، الْمَدْعُودِينَ أَهْلَ عَدَمِ الْخِتَانَةِ عِنْدَ الْمَدْعُودِينَ أَهْلَ الْخِتَانَةِ، بِفِعْلِ الْيَدِ فِي الْجَسَدِ،

تَذَكَّرُوا أَنَّكُمْ كُنْتُمْ فِي ذَلِكَ الْوَقْتِ بِدُونِ مَسِيحٍ، مُبْعَدِينَ عَنْ رَعِيَّةِ إِسْرَائِيلَ، وَغُرَبَاءَ عَنْ عَهْدِ الْوَعْدِ، لَا رَجَاءَ لَكُمْ فِي الْعَالَمِ وَلَا إِلَهٍ؛

أَمَّا الْآنَ فَفِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ أَنْتُمْ الَّذِينَ كُنْتُمْ مِنْ قَبْلُ بَعِيدِينَ، صِرْتُمْ بِدَمِ الْمَسِيحِ قَرِيبِينَ.

فَإِنَّهُ هُوَ سَلَامُنَا، هُوَ جَعَلَ الْاِثْنَيْنِ وَاحِدًا، وَفِي جَسَدِهِ نَقَضَ الْجِدَارَ الْفَاصِلَ بَيْنَهُمَا، أَيِ الْعَدَاوَةِ،

وَأَبْطَلَ شَرِيعَةَ الْوَصَايَا بِمَا فِيهَا مِنْ فَرَائِضَ، لِيَخْلُقَ الْاِثْنَيْنِ فِي شَخْصِهِ إِنْسَانًا وَاحِدًا جَدِيدًا، بِإِحْلَالِهِ السَّلَامَ بَيْنَهُمَا، وَيُصَالِحَهُمَا مَعَ اللَّهِ، كُلِّيهِمَا فِي جَسَدٍ وَاحِدٍ، بِالصَّلِيبِ، قَاتِلًا فِيهِ الْعَدَاوَةَ بَيْنَهُمَا.

فَلَمَّا جَاءَ بَشَرَكُمْ بِالسَّلَامِ أَنْتُمْ الْبَعِيدِينَ، وَبَشَرَ بِالسَّلَامِ الْقَرِيبِينَ، لِأَنَّنَا بِهِ نَلْنَا نَحْنُ الْاِثْنَيْنِ فِي رُوحٍ وَاحِدٍ الْوُصُولَ إِلَى الْآبِ.

إِذَا فَلَسْتُمْ بَعْدَ غُرَبَاءَ وَلَا نُزَلَاءَ، بَلْ أَنْتُمْ أَهْلُ مَدِينَةِ الْقَدِيسِينَ وَأَهْلُ بَيْتِ اللَّهِ، تُبْنِيكُمْ عَلَى أَسَاسِ الرُّسُلِ وَالْأَنْبِيَاءِ، وَالْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ نَفْسُهُ هُوَ حَجَرُ الزَّاوِيَةِ.

فِيهِ يَتِمَّاسُكُ الْبِنَاءُ كُلُّهُ، فَيَرْتَفِعُ هَيْكَلًا مُقَدَّسًا فِي الرَّبِّ، وَفِيهِ أَنْتُمْ أَيْضًا تُبْنَوْنَ مَعًا مَسْكِنًا لِلَّهِ فِي الرُّوحِ.

##### إنجيل القديس لوقا 2:21-24

لَمَّا تَمَّتْ ثَمَانِيَّةُ أَيَّامٍ لِيُخْتَنَ الصَّبِيُّ، سُمِّيَ «يَسُوعَ»، كَمَا سَمَّاهُ الْمَلَائِكَةُ قَبْلَ أَنْ يُحْبَلَ بِهِ فِي الْبَطْنِ. وَلَمَّا حَانَ يَوْمُ طَهُورِهِمَا بِحَسَبِ شَرِيعَةِ مُوسَى، صَعِدُوا بِهِ إِلَى أُورُشَلِيمَ لِيَقْدِمَاهُ لِلرَّبِّ، كَمَا كُتِبَ فِي شَرِيعَةِ الرَّبِّ مِنْ أَنَّ كُلَّ بَكْرٍ ذَكَرٍ يُنْذَرُ لِلرَّبِّ، وَلَيَقْرَّبَا كَمَا وَرَدَ فِي شَرِيعَةِ الرَّبِّ: رَوْجِي يَمَامٍ أَوْ فَرْخِي حَمَامٍ.

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