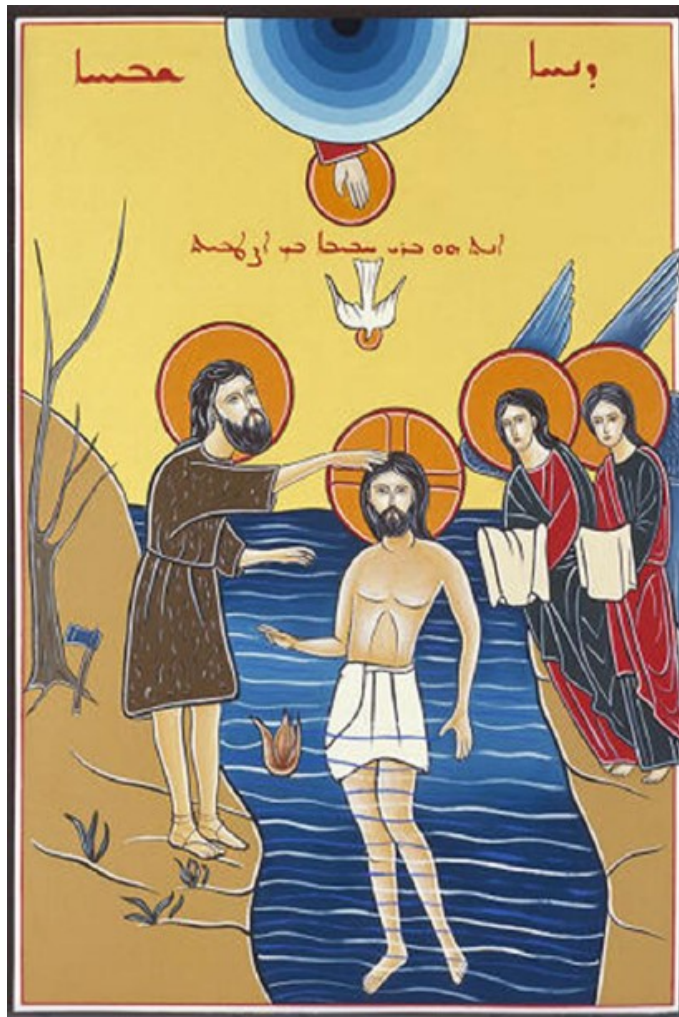


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FIRST  
SUNDAY

# First Sunday after Epiphany January 8th, 2023

<b>Sun., January 8</b>	<b>First Sunday after Epiphany / St. Carterius the Priest</b> <b>9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners</b> <b>11:30 am for Fr. Chuck &amp; Mrs. Marie Van Heusen</b> <b>by Vivian Akl &amp; her husband, Dr. Meny Dimant</b>	
Mon., January 9	NO DIVINE LITURGY St. Eustratius	
Tues., January 10	10 am Divine Liturgy for Michael & Joseph Perun & Ruth, Ron & Raymond Hudson by Mr. & Mrs. Jorge Leon  St. Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa	
Wed., January 11	10 am Divine Liturgy for friends of the Perun & Leon Families by Mr. & Mrs. Jorge Leon  St. Theodosius of Antioch	
Thurs., January 12	10 am Divine Liturgy for the living and deceased of the Roman & Lilia Cheon Families by Mr. & Mrs. Jorge Leon  St. Tatiana / The Council of Trent	
Fri., January 13	10 am Divine Liturgy for a Special Intention St. Jacob of Nisibis  by Mike Shaheen	
Sat., January 14	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers	
<b>Sun., January 15</b>	<b>Second Sunday after Epiphany / Our Lady of the Sowing / St. John Calybites</b> <b>9 am for Moses Maron Leon</b> <b>by Mr. &amp; Mrs. Jorge Leon</b> <b>11:30 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners</b>	

## 2022 Financial Standing

### Ordinary Income

- ◆ Collections on Sundays & Holy Days: **\$208,000.49**
- ◆ Cathedral Stipends from Marriages & Funerals, Hall Rent, Candles, Breakfast, Luncheon, Raffle, Dues, Religious Education, Flowers .... **\$280,813.65**
- Total Ordinary Income: \$488,814.14**

### 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....**\$321,251.92**
- Total Ordinary Expenses: \$321,251.92**

**Total Ordinary Income vs Expenses: \$167,562.22**

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**Do you know? A couple of basic monthly expenses:**

**Cathedral monthly building insurance: \$4,084.00**

**Monthly Eparchial Assessment & Bishop's Appeal: \$2,125.00**

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Dear Parishioners & Friends,

On the last day of 2022, the world lost not only a former head of the Catholic Church, a Pope Emeritus, who governed the Church from 2005 to 2013, but also a great thinker and teacher.

When Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger was elected pope in 2005, he had been the Prefect of the Dicastery of the Doctrine of the Faith since the 80s. This department of the Roman Curia works on safeguarding the integrity of Catholic teaching on faith and morals and protecting the Church from errors. For being vigilant and ensuring that errors and dangerous teachings circulating among the Christian people not go without being responded to adequately, Cardinal Ratzinger, originally from Germany, was called by the media the German Shepherd.

It is not easy to be pope to begin with, but to be elected successor of the great charismatic John Paul II who was the Roman Pontiff for 26 years was even more difficult. Cardinal Ratzinger had big shoes to fill. Talking about shoes, he was criticized for being a fashionista for his red loafers by people who did not know traditional papal attire. Anything Pope Benedict did carried teaching weight to it. In wearing the red shoes, he wanted to remind people that the pope walks in the blood of the martyrs upon whom the Church was built. They now symbolized that he was always journeying towards the passion, death and resurrection of his Lord and Master, Jesus Christ.

*The following is a statement from Bishop Gregory Mansour on the passing of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI:*

“After a long life, lived faithfully in the bosom of the Church, Pope Benedict XVI has completed his earthy pilgrimage and now returns to the bosom of the Heavenly Father.

The Pope Emeritus has been preparing for his final judgement by One whom he describes also as friend. The Church and the world are much better because of his life, and we will continue to mine treasures from his teachings and writings. However, the most poignant lessons we will draw are from the way he lived his life in conformity to what he taught and in humble and great respect for both faith and reason.

Pope Benedict was a man of the Church, and he used his intellectual skills to help us understand the Church's faith in a more profound and inspiring way. His first encyclical, God is Love, will be how he is best remembered.

May this humble servant, who called himself a pilgrim, now rest in peace.”

The media, unfamiliar with the Catholic Church, as it compares popes usually interprets their teachings to be either different from or contradicting one another. This testifies to the lack of knowledge and to the inexperience among journalists who are not objective. No one can deny that popes have different personalities, but their teachings are in continuity with Church tradition as they respond to the challenges of the modern age.

Pope John Paul II clarified the belief of the Catholic Church. Later, Pope Benedict XVI explained why we believe what we believe. Now, Pope Francis is telling us, “Go do it.”

May Pope Benedict XVI rest in light and mercy in the company of the righteous and just.

*Abouna Dominique*

## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Knights of St. Maron & Confraternity Meeting

The Knights of St. Maron will meet this Sunday after the 11:30 am Divine Liturgy in the Rectory and the Confraternity next Sunday, January 15th, in the Chapel.

### Welcoming Abouna Chuck VanHeusen

Bishop Gregory has assigned Fr. Chuck VanHeusen to be the assistant rector at the Cathedral. The assignment began 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 day 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. Please see Therese Abi Habib or George El Hajj for tickets.

### 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.

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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

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## Sunday Readings

### قراءات الأحد

#### 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 وجليه، أنا المتواضع بينكم عندما أكون حاضراً، والجريء عليكم عندما أكون غائباً. وأرجو ألا أجبر عند حضورى أن أكون جريئاً، بالثقة التي لي بكم، والتي أنوي أن أجرو بها على الذين يحسبون أننا نسلك كائنات جسديين. أجل، أننا 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 شموخ 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، فلنفكر في نفسه أنه كما هو للمسيح كذلك نحن أيضاً. فأننا لا نخجل إن بالغت بعض المبالغة في الافتخار بالسلطان الذي وهبه الرب لنا لبنيانكم لا لهدمكم. ولا أريد أن أظهر كأني أخوفكم برسائلي؛ لأن بعضاً منكم يقولون: «رسائله شديدة الهمجة وقوية، أما حضوره الشخصي فهزيل، وكلامه سخييف.»  
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 مقبلاً إليه فقال: «ها هو حمل الله الذي يرفع خطيئة العالم. هذا هو الذي قلت فيه: يأتي ورأي رجل قد صار قدامي، لأنه كان قبلي.

وأنا ما كنت أعرفه، لكني جئت أعمد بالماء لكي يظهر هو لإسرائيل.»

وشهد يوحنا قائلاً: «رأيت الروح نازلاً كحمامة من السماء، ثم استقر عليه.

وأنا ما كنت أعرفه، لكن الذي أرسلني أعمد بالماء هو قال لي: من ترى الروح ينزل ويستقر عليه، هو الذي يعمد بالروح القدس.

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