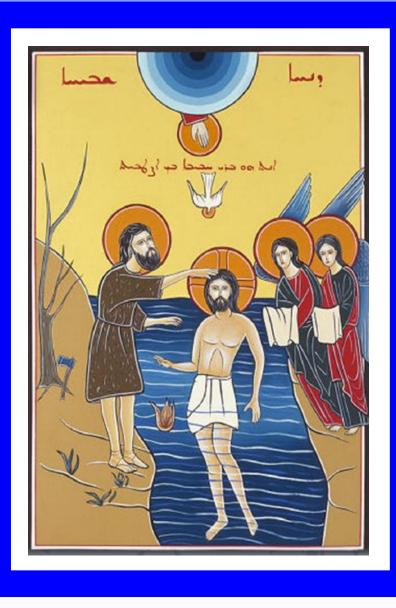
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Second Sunday after Epiphany January 15th, 2023

Sun., January 15 Second Sunday after Epiphany / Our Lady of the Sowing / St. John Calybites

9 am for Moses Maron Leon by Mr. & Mrs. Jorge Leon

11:30 am for Deceased Members of the Nader & Metrey Families

by Marilyn Nader

Mon., January 16 NO DIVINE LITURGY

Memorial of the Chains of St. Peter

Tues., January 17 10 am Divine Liturgy

St. Anthony the Great

Wed., January 18 10 am Divine Liturgy

Establishment of the Chair of St. Peter in Rome / St. Athanasius of Alexandria

Thurs., January 19 10 am Divine Liturgy

St. Macarius of Egypt

Fri., January 20 10 am Divine Liturgy

St. Euthymius the Great

Sat., January 21 10 am Divine Liturgy

St. Sebastian

Sun., January 22 Third Sunday after Epiphany / St. Timothy, Disciple of St. Paul

> 9 am for the Intention of Isabelle Layng on her birthday by Mr. & Mrs. Jorge Leon

11:30 am for Antoinette Attara

by Theresa Attara

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

The Library is no longer renting the hall. The space was vacated at the end of October 2020.

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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.

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Dear Parishioners & Friends,

By Fr. Chuck VanHeusen

This Season of Epiphany is a period of learning and reflection about the character and nature of Christ. During this season of Epiphany, our daily gospel readings focus on the ministry of John the Baptist, his purpose as the forerunner of Christ, making the way straight for the Lord, teaching about the coming of the son of God and repentance, and performing baptisms of conversion. We learn that John knew who Christ was, his nature, his purpose. How did he know?

Everything that John did, all his actions, his thoughts, his total being were focused on following God's will. Everything was for God's glory! He knew his mission, his purpose. He listened to God.

What about him caused him to live his life totally dedicated to glorifying God, to know what God wanted him to do, to understand?

It's that beautiful virtue of humility. "I am not worthy to loosen the strap of his sandal."

John's humility allowed him to focus solely on doing everything for the glory of God, to know and follow God's will, to trust completely in God for all his needs.

Humility is that "emptying of ourselves" that Christ showed us when he became like us in all things but sin. Humility is the virtue that counters pride. Humility is the foundation of all the other virtues.

We need to continually assess our lives to seek humility, explain the "why" for our choices or actions and keep ourselves away from the trap of pride. Why do we do the things we do? What's our motivation? Are we doing things for God's glory or our own glory?

I think it is important that we regularly consider our motivations, the "why" of what we are doing, to consider if these motivations are turning us from God, or at least turning us from focusing on working for God's glory?

Am I saying it is not good to live well, to have a beautiful home, live in one of the better places to live, have a great amount of wealth? No. It is about the "why," and how it orients or controls our life. We give glory to God by using our God-given talents for doing his work; and our motivation is to give glory to God and not to ourselves!

Focusing our activities on fulfilling our earthly desires will cause us to go off the path that leads to God and eternal salvation. Focusing on doing God's work for his glory will keep us on the path, as prophesied by John, and exemplified by Christ.

During this season of Epiphany, looking at John the Baptist and our Lord Jesus Christ, let's examine our focus, our motivation in life. Examine the "why." Work to become humble. Work for the glory of God, trust in him, listen to him; he will provide for all our needs.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Confraternity Meeting

The Confraternity will meet next Sunday, January 15th, in the Chapel 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.

MYA Bible Study

The MYA will meet for a Bible Study with Abouna on Saturday, January 21st, at 5pm.

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.

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.



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Saturday January 21st, 2023

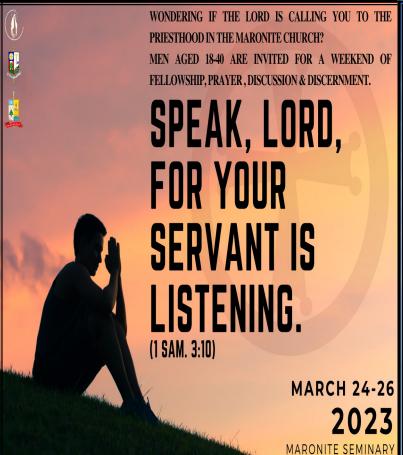
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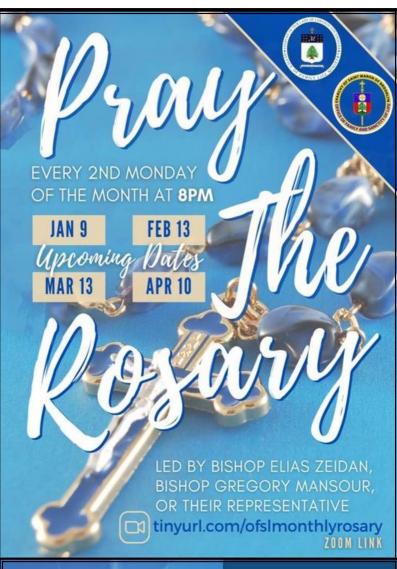
5:00 p.m. Great Vespers 5:45 p.m. Prayer for Christian Unity

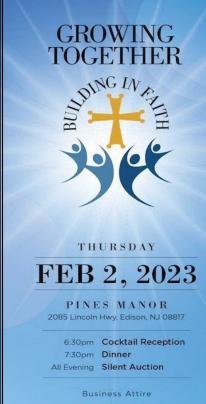
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March For Life Schedule

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

11:00AM 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 قر اءات الأحد

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Second Letter to the Corinthians 4: 5-15.

For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake.

For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair;

persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you. But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture 'I believed, and so I spoke' we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

The Gospel according to Saint John 1: 35-42.

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

الأحد الثاني بعد الدنح

رسالة بولس الثانية إلى أهل قورنتس 4:5-15 يَا إِخْوَتِي، نَحْنُ لِإِ نُبَشِّرُ بِأَنْفُسِنَا، بَلْ نُبَشِّرُ بِيَسُوعَ المَسِيحَ رَبًّا، وبِأَنْفُسِنَا عَبِيدًا لَكُم مِنْ أَجْلِ يَسُوعٍ؟ لِأَنَّ ٱللَّهُ ٱلَّذِي قَال: ﴾لِيُشْرِّقْ مِنَ الظُّلْمَةِ نُور ! ﴿، هُوَ الَّذِي أَشْرَقَ فَي قُلُوبِنَا ، لِنَّسْتَنِيرَ فَنَعْرِ فَ مَجْدَ ٱللهِ المُتَّجَلِّيَ فَي وَجْهِ الْمَسِيح. ولكِنَّنَا نَحْمِلُ هذَا الكَنْزَ في آنِيَةٍ مِنْ خَزِف، لِيَظْهَرَ

أَنَّ تِلْكَ القُدْرَةَ الفَائِقَةَ هِيَ مِنَ ٱللهِ لَا مِنًّا. أَنْ يَحْدُنُونُ عَلَيْنًا مِنْ كُلِّ جِهَةٍ وَلَكِنَّنَا لِا نُسْحَقِ، نَحْتَارُ فَى أَمْرِ نَا وَ لَكَنَّنَا لَا نَناأُسُ، نُضُطَهَدُ وِلْكَنَّنَا لَا نُهْمَل، نُنْبَذُ ولَكِنَّنَا لا نَهْلِك، ونَحْمِلُ في جَسَدِنَا كُلَّ حِينِ مَوْتَ يَسُوعٍ، لِكَيْ تَظْهِرَ حَيَاةُ يَسُوعَ أَيْضًا فَيَ " جُسَدِنَا؟ فَإِنَّنَا نَحْنُ الأَحْيَاءَ نُسْلَمُ دَوْمًا إِلَى الْمَوْت، مِنْ أَجْلِ يَسُوعَ أَيْضًا في مِنْ أَجْلِ يَسُوعَ أَيْضًا في حَسَدنا المَائت

فَالْمَوْتُ يَعْمَلُ فينا، والحَيَاةُ تَعْمَلُ فِيكُم. ولكِنْ بِمَا أَنَّ لَنَا رُوحَ الإِيْمَانِ عَيْنَهُ، كَمَا هُوَ مَكْثُوب: "آمَنْتُ، و لِذَلِكَ تَكَلَّمُتُ ﴿، فَنَحْنُ أَيْضًا ثُؤْمِن، ولِذَلِكَ نَتَكَلَّم. و نَحْنُ نَعْلَمُ أَنَّ ذِلِكَ الَّذِي أَقَامَ الْرَّبِّ يَسُوعَ، سَيُقِيمُنَا نُحْنُ أَيْضًا مَعَ يَسُوع، وَيَجْعَلْنَا وَإِيَّاكُم فِي حَضِرْ تِهِ. فَكُلُّ شَيءٍ هُوَ مِنْ أَجْلِكُم، لِكَي تَكُثُّرُ النِّعْمَة، فَيَفِيضَ الشُّكْرُ في قُلُوبِ الكَثِيرِينَ لِمَجْدِ ٱلله.

انحيل القديس بوحنّا 1:35-42

فَى الغَدِ أَيْضًا كَانَ يُوحَنَّا وَاقِفًا هُوَ وِٱثْثَانِ مِنْ تَلاميذِهِ. ورَأَى يَسُوعَ مَارًّا فَحَدَّقَ إليهِ وقَال: ﴿ هُوَ حَمَلُ اللهِ ﴿ وَسَمِعَ التِّلْمِيذَانِ كَلَامَهُ، فَتَبِعَا يَسُوعٍ. وَالْهَقَتَ يَسُوعٍ، فِرَ آهُمَا يَتْبَعَانِهِ، فَقَالَ لَهُمَا: «مَاذَا تُطْلُبَان؟ ﴾ قَالا لَهُ: ﴿رَابِّي، أَي يَا مُعَلِّم، أَيْنَ ثُقِيم؟ ﴿ ﴿ قَالَ لَهُمَا: »تَعَالَيَا وٱنْظُرًّا . ﴿فَذَهَبَا وَنَظَرَا أَيْنَ يُقِيمٍ. و أَقْإِمَا عِنْدَهُ ذَلِكَ اليّوم، وكَانَتِ السَّاعَةُ نَحْوَ الرَّابِعَةِ بَعْدَ وكَانَ أَنْدرَاؤسُ أَخُو سِمْعَانَ بُطْرُسَ أَحَدَ التِّلمِيذَيْن،

رَحِينَ سَمِعًا كَلامَ يُوحَنَّا وتَبِعًا يَسُوع. ولَقِيَ أَوَّلاً أَخَاهُ سِمْعَان، فَقَالَ لَهُ: »وَجَدْنَا مَشيحًا، أَي

وجَاءَ بِهِ إَلَى يَسُوع، فَحَدَّقَ يَسُوعُ إليهِ وقَال: »أَنْتَ هُوَ سِمْعَانُ بْنُ يُونا، أَنتَ سَتُدعى كيفا، أي بُطرُسَ الصَّخْرَ ة ﴿

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