

SEASON OF
EPIPHANY

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SECOND
SUNDAY

Second Sunday after Epiphany January 15th, 2023

Sun., January 15	Second Sunday after Epiphany / Our Lady of the Sowing / St. John Calybits 9 am for Moses Maron Leon 11:30 am for Deceased Members of the Nader & Metrey Families by Mr. & Mrs. Jorge Leon 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 11:30 am for Antoinette Attara by Mr. & Mrs. Jorge Leon 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

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.

**Thank you for your contribution
in helping maintain the Church
and in planning different activities**

HELP LEBANON!

**PRAY FOR
LEBANON**



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.

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](#).

Prayer for Christian Unity

Do good; seek justice
(Isaiah 1:17)

2023

Join us for the 2023

Prayer for Christian Unity

Saturday January 21st, 2023

St Mary's Antiochian Orthodox Church
192 81st Street, Brooklyn, NY

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

Followed by fellowship and
pot luck dinner in the church hall

Please RSVP to:

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Pray The Rosary

EVERY 2ND MONDAY
OF THE MONTH AT 8PM

JAN 9

FEB 13

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MAR 13

APR 10

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(1 SAM. 3:10)

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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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Please sign up with the [google form](#)



Sunday Readings

قراءات 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 قورنثس 4: 5-15

يَا إِخْوَتِي، نَحْنُ لَا نُبَشِّرُ بِأَنْفُسِنَا، بَلْ نُبَشِّرُ بِيَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ رَبًّا، وَبِأَنْفُسِنَا عَبِيدًا لَكُمْ مِنْ أَجْلِ يَسُوعَ؛ لِأَنَّ اللَّهَ الَّذِي قَالَ: «لِيُشْرِقْ مِنَ الظُّلُمَةِ نُورٌ!»، هُوَ الَّذِي أَشْرَقَ فِي قُلُوبِنَا، لِنَسْتَبِيرَ فَتَعَرَفَ مَجْدُ اللَّهِ الْمُتَجَلِّي فِي وَجْهِ الْمَسِيحِ.

وَلَكِنَّا نَحْمِلُ هَذَا الْكُزَّ فِي آيَةٍ مِنْ خَزَفٍ، لِيُظْهَرَ أَنَّ تِلْكَ الْقُدْرَةَ الْفَائِقَةَ هِيَ مِنَ اللَّهِ لَا مِنَّا. يُضَيِّقُ عَلَيْنَا مِنْ كُلِّ جِهَةٍ وَلَكِنَّا لَا نُسْحَقُ، نَحْتَارُ فِي أَمْرِنَا وَلَكِنَّا لَا نَيْأَسُ، نُضْطَهُدُ وَلَكِنَّا لَا نُهْمَلُ، نُنْبَذُ وَلَكِنَّا لَا نَهْلِكُ، وَنَحْمِلُ فِي جَسَدِنَا كُلَّ حِينٍ مَوْتَ يَسُوعَ، لِكَيْ تَظْهَرَ حَيَاةُ يَسُوعَ أَيْضًا فِي جَسَدِنَا؛ فَإِنَّا نَحْنُ الْأَحْيَاءُ نُسَلِّمُ دَوْمًا إِلَى الْمَوْتِ، مِنْ أَجْلِ يَسُوعَ، لِكَيْ تَظْهَرَ حَيَاةُ يَسُوعَ أَيْضًا فِي جَسَدِنَا الْمَائِتِ.

فَالْمَوْتُ يَفْعَلُ فِينَا، وَالْحَيَاةُ تَعْمَلُ فِيكُمْ. وَلَكِنْ بِمَا أَنَّ لَنَا رُوحَ الْإِيمَانِ عَيْنُهُ، كَمَا هُوَ مَكْتُوبٌ: «آمَنْتُ، وَلِذَلِكَ تَكَلَّمْتُ»، فَتَحْنُ أَيْضًا نُؤْمِنُ، وَلِذَلِكَ نَتَكَلَّمُ. وَنَحْنُ نَعْلَمُ أَنَّ ذَلِكَ الَّذِي أَقَامَ الرَّبَّ يَسُوعَ، سَيُقِيمُنَا نَحْنُ أَيْضًا مَعَ يَسُوعَ، وَبِجَعْلِنَا وَإِيَّاكُمْ فِي حَضْرَتِهِ. فَكُلُّ شَيْءٍ هُوَ مِنْ أَجْلِكُمْ، لِكَيْ تَكْثُرَ النِّعْمَةُ، فَيَفِيضَ السُّكْرُ فِي قُلُوبِ الْكَثِيرِينَ لِمَجْدِ اللَّهِ.

إنجيل القديس يوحنا 1: 35-42

فِي الْغَدِ أَيْضًا كَانَ يُوحَنَّا وَاقِفًا هُوَ وَاثْنَانِ مِنْ تَلَامِيذِهِ. وَرَأَى يَسُوعَ مَارًّا فَحَدَّقَ إِلَيْهِ وَقَالَ: «هَذَا هُوَ حَمَلُ اللَّهِ.» وَسَمِعَ التِّلْمِيزَانِ كَلَامَهُ، فَتَبِعَا يَسُوعَ.

وَالْتَفَتَ يَسُوعَ، فَرَأَاهُمَا يَتَّبِعَانِهِ، فَقَالَ لَهُمَا: «مَاذَا تَطْلُبَانِ؟» قَالَا لَهُ: «رَبِّانِي، أَيَّيَا مُعَلِّمٍ، أَيْنَ تَقِيمُ؟» قَالَ لَهُمَا: «تَعَالَيَا وَانْظُرَا.» فَذَهَبَا وَنَظَرَا أَيْنَ يَقِيمُ. وَأَقَامَا عِنْدَهُ ذَلِكَ الْيَوْمَ، وَكَانَتِ السَّاعَةُ نَحْوَ الرَّابِعَةِ بَعْدَ الظُّهْرِ.

وَكَانَ أَنْدَرَاوُسُ أَخُو سِمْعَانَ بُطْرُسَ أَحَدَ التِّلْمِيزِينَ، اللَّذَيْنِ سَمِعَا كَلَامَ يُوحَنَّا وَتَبِعَا يَسُوعَ.

وَلَقِيَ أَوَّلًا أَخَاهُ سِمْعَانَ، فَقَالَ لَهُ: «وَجَدْنَا مَسِيحًا، أَيَّ الْمَسِيحِ.»

وَجَاءَ بِهِ إِلَى يَسُوعَ، فَحَدَّقَ يَسُوعَ إِلَيْهِ وَقَالَ: «أَنْتَ هُوَ سِمْعَانُ بْنُ يُونَا، أَنْتَ سَتُدْعَى كَيْفَا، أَيَّ بُطْرُسَ الصَّخْرَةِ.»

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