

SEASON OF
EPIPHANY

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THIRD
SUNDAY

Third Sunday after Epiphany January 22nd, 2023

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
Mon., January 23	NO DIVINE LITURGY Pope St. Sergius / St. Marianne Cope	
Tues., January 24	10 am Divine Liturgy for Myrna, Dwi & Kevin Hardjono St. Francis de Sales	by Mr. & Mrs. Jorge Leon
Wed., January 25	10 am Divine Liturgy Conversion of St. Paul	
Thurs., January 26	10 am Divine Liturgy for Sofia del Puerto on her birthday St. Agnes	by Mrs. Julie Aguilera
Fri., January 27	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Paula	
Sat., January 28	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Ephrem	
Sun., January 29	Sunday of the Priests / St. Hippolytus of Antioch 9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners 11:30 am 40 Day for Abdallah Sambar for Nicolas Machaalany for Eleanor Metrey	by Donna Sambar by Mr. & Mrs. Wadih Saikali by Marilyn Nader

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

**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,

The Season of the Glorious Epiphany represents an opportunity to discover anew the call we received at the time of our baptism. "In baptism," according to Pope Francis, "we receive the origin of all fatherhood and true motherhood: no one can have God for a Father who does not have the Church for a mother." Hence, our mission "is rooted in the fatherhood of God and motherhood of the Church." Based on this, God's invitation is twofold: to encounter and to evangelize.

To encounter is to spend time with the Lord. This reminds us of last week's Gospel when Andrew and the other disciple of John the Baptist followed the Lord and stayed with him that day. Spending time with him, the two disciples discover that Jesus is not only the Lamb of God as John testified, or a Rabbi, as they first address him, but also the Messiah. The two disciples ask Jesus where he is staying because they want to remain with him and stay at his place. John the Baptist taught them well not only to use Jesus to find solutions for their life's dilemmas, but to focus more on their encounter with him. While strengthening the relationship with the Lord and building a stronger prayer life is great, if we stop at that, Christianity will be like Judaism: enjoying being the people God chose for his covenant but keeping him to themselves and not sharing him with other nations.

The other side of the same coin is to evangelize: to tell others about the encounter with the Lord. The former Rector of Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Seminary, Msgr. Seely Beggiani, used to repeat to us, "You cannot give what you do not have." We cannot evangelize if we do not experience Christ. Again, last week's Gospel is very relevant here. "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 One). 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)' " (John 1: 40-42). What Andrew did is evangelize *par excellence*. After he encountered the Lord, enjoyed his stay with him and learned that he was the Messiah, he brought his brother, Simon Peter, to meet him, so he could, as well, have the experience that Andrew had. When Jesus saw Peter, something extraordinary happened. He called him Cephas which means rock. Giving Peter a new name implied entrusting him with a mission that would be unfolded the more he journeyed with Christ.

The rite of the blessing of the water of the Sacrament of Baptism reveals that God created water precisely for the purpose of baptizing people. This means that when God created water, he was yearning to encounter us through our baptism from the beginning of creation. He also wanted to fill the water with the movement of his Spirit hovering over the face of the waters, to endow us with the power to evangelize.



CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

MYA Bible Study

The MYA will meet for a Bible Study with Abouna on Saturday, January 21st, at 6:30 pm.

MYA & MYO Fun Gathering

There will be a joint fun night for the MYA & MYO on Saturday, January 28th, at 7 pm.

Confraternity Social Gathering

The Confraternity will gather for a social and fun evening on Friday, January 27th, at 7:30 pm.

Catholic Relief Services Lenten Rice Bowl

Join our faith community and more than 12,000 Catholic communities across the United States in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's Rice Bowl in the vestibule of the Cathedral. During the 40 days of Lent, let us reflect on how hunger and malnutrition affect our human family, and on the need to take action to end this global injustice. Click [here](#) to learn more.

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.

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.

Holy Land Pilgrimage Meeting

There will be a meeting for those who are interested in the Holy Land pilgrimage next Sunday after the 11:30 Divine Liturgy.

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.

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

Upcoming Dates

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: «لِيُشْرِقَ مِنَ الظُّلْمَةِ 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، نُنَبِّدُ 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: «هَا هُوَ حَمَلُ اللَّهِ.» وَسَمِعَ التِّلْمِيذَانِ كَلَامَهُ، فَتَبِعَا يَسُوعَ.

وَالْتَفَتَ يَسُوعَ، فَرَأَاهُمَا يَتَّبِعَانِهِ، فَقَالَ لَهُمَا: «مَاذَا تَطْلُبَانِ؟» قَالَا لَهُ: «رَبِّبِي، أَيُّ يَا مُعَلِّمَ، أَيْنَ تُقِيمُ؟» قَالَ لَهُمَا: «تَعَالَيَا وَانْظُرَا.» فَذَهَبَا وَنَظَرَا أَيْنَ يُقِيمُ. وَأَقَامَا عِنْدَهُ ذَلِكَ الْيَوْمَ، وَكَانَتِ السَّاعَةُ نَحْوَ الرَّابِعَةِ بَعْدَ الظُّهْرِ.

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

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

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

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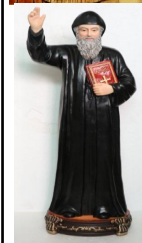
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