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***The Feast of St. Joseph, the Spouse of the Virgin Mary  
March 19th, 2023***

<b>Sun., March 19</b>	<b>The Feast of St. Joseph, the Spouse of the Virgin Mary / The Healing of the Paralytic 9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners 11:30 am for Fadia Zahran Esper for Joseph Saikaly for Joseph Arnaout on his birthday</b>	<b>by Mr. &amp; Mrs. Salim Shaya by Mr. &amp; Mrs. Wadih Saikaly by Mr. &amp; Mrs. Chehade Arnaout</b>
Mon., March 20	NO LITURGY St. Photina	
Tues., March 21	10 am Divine Liturgy for Lodi Nabhan St. Synesius, Bishop of Ptolemais	by Mr. & Mrs. Edgard & Mirna Abi Daher
Wed., March 22	10 am Divine Liturgy for Kamil Alistambouly 7:30 pm Divine Liturgy of St. Sharbel St. Sergius Paulus	by Mr. & Mrs. Edgard & Mirna Abi Daher
Thurs., March 23	10 am Divine Liturgy for Bechare Abi Daher St. Rafka	by Mr. & Mrs. Edgard & Mirna Abi Daher
Fri., March 24	10 am Divine Liturgy for Nazha Macari Beshar St. Artemon, Bishop of Seleucia	by Mrs. Salma Vahdat
Sat., March 25	10 am Divine Liturgy Feast of the Annunciation to the Virgin Mary	
<b>Sun., March 26</b>	<b>Sunday of The Healing of the Blind Man 9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners 11:30 am for Deceased Members of the Salam Club</b>	<b>by the Salam Club</b>

### February 2023 Financial Standing

#### Ordinary Income

- ♦ Collections on Sundays & Holy Days: **\$14,318.42**
- ♦ Cathedral Stipends from Marriages & Funerals, Hall Rent, Candles, Breakfast, Luncheon, Raffle, Dues, Religious Education, Flowers .... **\$35,262.97**

**Total Ordinary Income: \$49,581.39**

#### Ordinary Expenses

- ♦ Payroll, Gas, Electricity, Building Insurance (\$46,122 paid this month) and Medical Insurance, Leasing Equipment, TV, Phone, Internet, Supplies for Church, Hall & Office, Postage, Regular Maintenance, Charity, Eparchial Appeal, Insurance....**\$80,254.48**

**Total Ordinary Expenses: \$80,254.48**

**Total Ordinary Income vs Expenses: -\$30,673.09**

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

**Cathedral monthly building insurance: \$3,844.00**

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

**The Cathedral's Building Insurance increased 14.3% this year.  
We paid \$46,122 for the year.**

**Thank you for your contribution  
in helping maintain the Church**

### HELP LEBANON!

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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.

## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Discernment Weekend

Fr. Dominique will be out of town next weekend March 24th to 26th. He will be participating in the discernment weekend with those who are aspiring to enter the seminary. Please keep all the discerners and the seminarians in your prayers.

### St. Joseph's Breakfast

The Knights will be sponsoring a breakfast in honor of St. Joseph this Sunday after the 11:30 am Divine Liturgy. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$30 a person.

### The 2021 Eparchial Lenten Appeal

A second collection for the Eparchial Charities Appeal will be taken up every Sunday during the Season of Great Lent. We are asked to raise \$5,500 to participate in this awesome mission of the Eparchy. We have collected \$2,034 so far. Thank you for your generosity.

### Consecration of the Chrism and Holy Oils Liturgy

The Divine Liturgy for the Consecration of the Chrism and Holy Oils will be celebrated on Tuesday, March 28th, at 12 noon at the Cathedral. A Lenten luncheon will follow in the hall.

### Palm Sunday Candles

Decorated candles are available for \$25 after the liturgy on Sunday. The MYO will have a table in the hall. Quantities are limited.

### Knights Easter Raffle

The Knights are sponsoring an Easter Raffle. Tickets are available from Samer Hadchiti, Edgard Abi Daher, Roger Shammas and Georges El Hage. The drawing will take place on Sunday, April 16th, after the 11:30 Divine Liturgy.

### Salaam Club Scholarship

The Salaam Club of New York is offering scholarships for high school graduates and college freshmen. Please click [here](#) for the application before April 30th.

### Vocation Awareness Poster Essay

Students grades K to 12 are encouraged to participate in the [Vocation Awareness Poster Essay Multimedia Contest](#) through NAM. Click [here](#) for guidelines and information. Also, you can see Subdeacon Adonis El-Asmar or Marian Ciaccia for more information. This year let us have more students take part in the contest.

### 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 \$150.00 per household a month will help meet the Church's budget.



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### Traditional Fasting & Abstinence Observance

Those who wish to observe the traditional Maronite practice of fasting and abstinence are invited to follow this practice. According to the Synod of Mount Lebanon of 1736, every weekday of Lent (Monday through Friday) is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat and dairy products (eggs, butter, milk, etc.) Fasting involves eating and drinking nothing at all (except water and medicine) from midnight until noon. The rest of the day, normal meals can be taken but without meat or dairy products. Saturdays and Sundays are exempt from fasting and abstaining as are the following feast days: St. Maron on Feb. 9th if it falls during Lent, the 40 Martyrs on March 9th, and St. Joseph on March 19th.



# Discernment April 14-16th Retreat



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Mr. & Mrs. Patrick O'Sullivan	In memory of Georges T. Mouawad & Chantal Graux
Mr. & Mrs. Adib El Howayek	In honor of their family
Mr. & Mrs. Fadi Azar	In honor of their family
Mr. Elias Abi Hassoun	In honor of his family
Mr. & Mrs. Chehade Arnaout	In memory of Abdel El Ahad Chouki, Salim Arnaout & Nahiya Chahine
Mr. Michael Owen	In memory of Mike & Violet Owen

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TO HONOR YOUR BELOVED ONES**



## Sunday Readings

### قراءات الأحد

#### Sunday of the Revelation to St Joseph

##### Letter to the Ephesians 3: 1-13.

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him. I pray therefore that you may not lose heart over my sufferings for you; they are your glory.

##### The Gospel according to Saint Matthew 1:18-25

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.' When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

#### أحد البيان ليوسف

##### رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل أفسس 13-1:3

يا إخوتي، أنا بولس، أسير المسيح يسوع من أجلكم، أيها الأمم.. إن كنتم قد سمعتم بتدبير نعمة الله التي وهبت لي من أجلكم، وهو أنني بوحي أطلعت على السر، كما كتبت إليكم بإيجاز من قبل، حينئذ يُمَكِّنكم، إذا قرأتم ذلك، أن تدركوا فهمي لسير المسيح، هذا السر الذي لم يُعرف عند بني البشر في الأجيال الغابرة، كما أعلن الآن بالروح لرسله القديسين والأنبياء، وهو أن الأمم هم، في المسيح يسوع، شركاء لنا في الميراث والجسد والوعد، بواسطة الإنجيل، الذي صرت خادماً له، بحسب هبة نعمة الله التي وهبت لي بفعل قدرته؛ لي أنا، أصغر القديسين جميعاً، وهبت هذه النعمة، وهي أن أبشِّر الأمم بغنى المسيح الذي لا يُستقصى، وأن أوضح للجميع ما هو تدبير السر المكتوم منذ الدهور في الله الذي خلق كل شيء، لكي تُعرف الآن من خلال الكنيسة، لدى الرئاسات والسلطين في السماوات، حكمه الله المتوعدة، بحسب قصده الأزلي الذي حققه في المسيح يسوع ربنا، الذي لنا فيه، أي بالإيمان به، الوصول بجرأة وثقة إلى الله. لذلك أسألكم أن لا تضعف عزيمتكم بسبب الضيق التي أعانيها من أجلكم: إنها مجد لكم.

##### إنجيل القديس متى 25-18:1

أما ميلاد يسوع المسيح فكان هكذا: لما كانت أمه مريم مخطوبة ليوسف، وقبل أن يسكنوا معاً، وجدت حاملاً من الروح القدس. ولما كان يوسف رجلاً باراً، ولا يريد أن يشهر بها، قرَّر أن يطلِّقها سراً. وما إن فكر في هذا حتى تراءى له ملاك الرب في الحلم قائلاً: «يا يوسف بن داود، لا تخف أن تأخذ مريم امرأتك، فالمولود فيها إنما هو من الروح القدس. وسوف تلد ابناً، فسَمِّهِ يسوع، لأنه هو الذي يخلص شعبه من خطاياهم». وحدث هذا كله ليتِمَّ ما قاله الرب بالنبي: ها إن العذراء تحمِل وتلد ابناً، ويدعى اسمه عمانوئيل، أي الله معنا. ولما قام يوسف من النوم، فعل كما أمره ملاك الرب وأخذ امرأته. ولم يعرفها، فولدت ابناً، وسَمَّاه يسوع.

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