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# Sunday of the Consecration of the Church The Beginning of the New Liturgical Year November 5th, 2023

<b>Sun., Nov. 5</b>	<b>Sunday of the Consecration of the Church / St. Asya the Righteous</b> <b>9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners</b> <b>11:30 am for Daniel Revuelta</b> <b>for Maurice Makhoul</b>	<b>by Mr. &amp; Mrs. Ed Revuelta</b> <b>by the Makhoul Family</b>
Mon., Nov. 6	NO LITURGY St. Paul, Patriarch of Constantinople	
Tues., Nov. 7	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Hieron & his companions	
Wed., Nov. 8	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Michael the Archangel	
Thurs., Nov. 9	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Matrona of Pamphylia	
Fri., Nov. 10	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Maura	
Sat., Nov. 11	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Mennas & his companions / St. Martin	
<b>Sun., Nov. 12</b>	<b>Sunday of the Renewal of the Church / St. Theodore</b> <b>9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners</b> <b>11:30 am for Khalil Hoyek (recently died in Lebanon)</b> <b>for Lorraine &amp; Philip Shaia</b> <b>for Sister Jacqueline Ajjan</b>	<b>by Dr. &amp; Mrs. Wissam Hoyek</b> <b>by the Shaia Family</b> <b>by the Ajjan Family</b>

## October 2023 Financial Standing

### Ordinary Income

- ◆ Collections on Sundays & Holy Days: **\$9,033.98**
- ◆ Cathedral Stipends from Marriages & Funerals, Hall Rent, Candles, Breakfast, Luncheon, Raffle, Dues, Religious Education, Flowers .... **\$57,298.43**

**Total Ordinary Income: \$66,332.41**

### 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....**\$46,606.89**

**Total Ordinary Expenses: \$46,606.89**

**Total Ordinary Income vs Expenses: \$19,725.52**

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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  
and in planning different activities**

## HELP 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.

## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **MYA Get-together**

The MYA will have dinner together on Saturday, November 4th, at Table 87 on Atlantic Ave at 7pm. Please RSVP with Peter Nehme.

### **Christmas Retreat**

The Knights are sponsoring a Christmas Retreat on Saturday, December 9th, starting at 9 am with the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please see the flyer on the next page for more details .

### **The Knights Christmas Party**

The Knights will have their annual Christmas Party on December 16th in the Church Hall. Please see the flyer on the next page for more details.

### **Online Workshop Series**

The Maronite Servants of Christ the Light are hosting an online workshop series which began on Thursday, October 12th, on the Seven Mysteries: October 12—Baptism & Chrismation—Chorbishop Seely Beggiani; October 19—Confession & Anointing of the Sick—Fr. Claude Franklin; October 26—The Holy Eucharist—Fr. Gary George; November 2—Marriage & Ordination—Chorbishop Michael Thomas. Please register by completing this [form](#).

### **Sixth Pastoral Letter of Bishop Gregory John Mansour**

*[The Man of God Is a Man for Others](#)* is the most recent pastoral letter of Bishop Gregory. The Bishop said, “The words were born in my heart out of love from one man to another. But I hope my words will also be helpful to women as well.” Please click [here](#) to read the letter.

### **Saint Sharbel Spiritual Life Center in Pittsburgh, PA**

Through God’s goodness, the Eparchy has a wonderful opportunity to better serve the faithful through the creation of the Saint Sharbel Spiritual Life Center in Pittsburgh, PA. This initiative can be a source of spiritual renewal for the people of the Eparchy. Please see more information and how you may donate [here](#). Prayerfully consider how you can help promote this initiative and, God willing, participate in making this dream come true.

### **Save the Date**

Please save the date for the St. Maron Gala on February 3rd, 2024. This year is special because we are celebrating the Twentieth Anniversary of the Ordination of Bishop Gregory Mansour to the Episcopacy. A Commemorative Book in which pages may be purchased to honor Bishop Gregory is also being put together. Please click [here](#) to fill out the form for the book.

### **Interested in Joining the Choir?**

The choir of the Cathedral would like to welcome anyone interested in joining them to praise the Lord in a more dedicated way. We are also looking for someone who knows the Maronite music to play the organ. Members of the Choir meet on Zoom every Wednesday to plan for Sunday. Please make sure to see Christiane Merhej after the 11:30 Divine Liturgy if you would like to join.

### **Bring Healing to Women of Lebanon**

Women in Lebanon struggling with infertility and different gynecological problems, in addition to those wanting to plan their families according to Church teachings, will now have access to the Creighton Model FertilityCare System and NaProTECHNOLOGY which provide hope and healing. The Cedar of Lebanon FertilityCare Center needs your support for this project. For more information, please email Marise Frangie [here](#). Please make your donation [here](#).

### **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.

### **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.

### **Blessing Homes of Parishioners**

The Knights of St. Maron are organizing home visits to parishioners of the Cathedral. The idea is for Abouna to have a quick visit to bless each home with holy water. Please email the church [here](#) to schedule a visit.

The magic of Christmas never ends.

And the greatest of gifts is family and friends.



Please join us for our annual Christmas Party

Sponsored by the Knights of St Maron

Saturday December 16-2023 @ 8:00PM

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Music performed by Nadim Abou Rjeily

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Christmas Retreat

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Saturday, December 9, 2023

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in Bethlehem, the House of Bread!

+ The Eucharist +

- ♦ 9:00-9:50 Confession
- ♦ 10:00-11:00 Divine Liturgy
- ♦ 11:15-12:15pm 1st Talk
- ♦ 12:30pm-1:30pm Lunch
- ♦ 1:45pm-2:45pm 2nd Talk



Donation \$30

Parishioners and friends — All are Welcome!

**RSVP: No later than Saturday, December 9, 2023**

Subdeacon Adonis El-Asmar

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## Sunday Readings

### قراءات الأحد

#### Sunday of the Consecration of the Church Letter to the Hebrews 9,1-12.

Even the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly sanctuary. For a tent was constructed, the first one, in which were the lampstand, the table, and the bread of the Presence; this is called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain was a tent called the Holy of Holies. In it stood the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold, in which there were a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant; above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy-seat. Of these things we cannot speak now in detail. Such preparations having been made, the priests go continually into the first tent to carry out their ritual duties; but only the high priest goes into the second, and he but once a year, and not without taking the blood that he offers for himself and for the sins committed unintentionally by the people. By this the Holy Spirit indicates that the way into the sanctuary has not yet been disclosed as long as the first tent is still standing. This is a symbol of the present time, during which gifts and sacrifices are offered that cannot perfect the conscience of the worshipper, but deal only with food and drink and various baptisms, regulations for the body imposed until the time comes to set things right. But when Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption.

#### The Gospel of according to Saint Matthew 16,13-20.

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

#### أحد تقديس البيعة

#### الرسالة إلى العبرانيين 9:1-12.

يَا إِخْوَتِي، كَانَتْ لِلْعَهْدِ الْأَوَّلِ أَيْضًا شَعَائِرُ عِبَادَةٍ، وَبُنِيَ قُدْسٌ أَرْضِيٌّ.  
فَبُنِيَ الْمَسْكِنُ الْأَوَّلُ، وَهُوَ الَّذِي يُدْعَى «الْقُدْسُ»، وَكَانَ فِيهِ الْمَنَارَةُ، وَالْمَائِدَةُ، وَخُبْزُ التَّقْدِيمَةِ،  
وَوَرَاءَ الْحِجَابِ الثَّانِي بُنِيَ الْمَسْكِنُ الَّذِي يُدْعَى «قُدْسَ الْإِقْدَاسِ»،  
وَبِخْتَوِي مَجْمَرَةٌ ذَهَبِيَّةٌ لِلْبُخُورِ، وَتَابُوتُ الْعَهْدِ، مَغْشَى كُلُّهُ بِالذَّهَبِ،  
وَفِيهِ جَرَّةٌ مِنْ ذَهَبٍ تَحْتَوِي الْمَنَ، وَعَصَا هَارُونَ الَّتِي أَفْرَحَتْ،  
وَلَوْحَا الْعَهْدِ،  
وَفَوْقَ الثَّابُوتِ كَرُوبَا الْمَجْدِ يُظَلِّلَانِ الْغِشَاءَ: أَشْيَاءٌ لَا مَجَالُ الْآنَ  
لِلْكَلامِ عَنْهَا بِالتَّفْصِيلِ.  
وَإِذْ بُنِيََتْ تِلْكَ الْأَشْيَاءُ عَلَى هَذَا التَّرْتِيبِ، كَانَ الْكَهَنَةُ يَدْخُلُونَ إِلَى  
الْمَسْكِنِ الْأَوَّلِ فِي كُلِّ وَقْتٍ، لِيَتِمُّوا الْعِبَادَةَ،  
أَمَّا الْمَسْكِنُ الثَّانِي فَكَانَ عَظِيمُ الْأَخْبَارِ يَدْخُلُ إِلَيْهِ وَحْدَهُ مَرَّةً وَاحِدَةً  
فِي السَّنَةِ، وَلَا يَدْخُلُ إِلَيْهِ إِلَّا وَمَعَهُ دَمٌ يُقَرَّبُهُ عَنْ نَفْسِهِ وَعَنْ جَهَالَاتِ  
الشَّعْبِ.  
وَبِهَذَا يُوضِحُ الرُّوحُ الْقُدُسُ أَنَّ الطَّرِيقَ إِلَى قُدْسِ الْإِقْدَاسِ لَمْ يَكُنْ بَعْدُ  
قَدْ كُشِفَ، مَا دَامَ الْمَسْكِنُ الْأَوَّلُ قَائِمًا.  
وَهَذَا رَمَزٌ إِلَى الْوَقْتِ الْحَاضِرِ، وَفِيهِ نُقَرِّبُ تَقَادِمَ وَذَبَائِحَ، لَا يُمْكِنُهَا  
أَنْ تَجْعَلَ مَنْ يُقَرِّبُهَا كَامِلًا مِنْ جِهَةِ الضَّمِيرِ.  
إِنَّهَا شَعَائِرُ جَسَدِيَّةٍ تَقْتَصِرُ عَلَى أَطْعَمَةٍ وَأَشْرَبَةٍ، وَأَنْوَاعِ شَتَّى مِنْ  
الْأَغْتِسَالِ، مَفْرُوضَةٍ إِلَى أَنْ يَأْتِيَ وَقْتُ الْإِصْلَاحِ.  
أَمَّا الْمَسِيحُ فَقَدْ ظَهَرَ عَظِيمُ أَخْبَارِ الْخَيْرَاتِ الْآتِيَةِ، وَاجْتَازَ الْمَسْكِنَ  
الْعَظِيمَ وَالْكَامِلَ، غَيْرَ الْمَصْنُوعِ بِالْأَيْدِي، أَيُّ لَيْسَ مِنْ هَذِهِ الْخَلِيقَةِ،  
فَدَخَلَ إِلَى قُدْسِ الْإِقْدَاسِ مَرَّةً وَاحِدَةً، لَا بِدَمِ الْبُخْتِوسِ وَالْعُجُولِ، بَلْ  
بِدَمِهِ هُوَ، فَحَقَّقَ لَنَا فِدَاءً أَبَدِيًّا.

#### إنجيل القديس متى 16:13-20.

جَاءَ يَسُوعُ إِلَى نَوَاحِي قَيْصَرِيَّةِ فِيلِيبُسَ فَسَأَلَ تَلَامِيذَهُ قَائِلًا: «مَنْ يَقُولُ  
النَّاسُ إِنِّي أَنَا ابْنُ الْإِنْسَانِ؟»  
فَقَالُوا: «بَعْضُهُمْ يَقُولُونَ: يُوحَنَّا الْمَعْمَدَانُ؛ وَآخَرُونَ: إِيْلِيَّا؛ وَغَيْرُهُمْ:  
إِزْمِيَّا أَوْ أَحَدُ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ.»  
قَالَ لَهُمْ: «وَأَنْتُمْ مَنْ تَقُولُونَ إِنِّي أَنَا؟»  
فَأَجَابَ سِمْعَانُ بُطْرُسُ وَقَالَ: أَنْتَ هُوَ الْمَسِيحُ ابْنُ اللَّهِ الْحَيِّ!«  
فَأَجَابَ يَسُوعُ وَقَالَ لَهُ: «طُوبَى لَكَ يَا سِمْعَانُ بَنَ يُوْنَا! لِأَنَّهُ لَا لَحْمٌ  
وَلَا دَمٌ أَظْهَرَ لَكَ ذَلِكَ، بَلْ أَبِي الَّذِي فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ.  
وَأَنَا أَيْضًا أَقُولُ لَكَ: أَنْتَ هُوَ بُطْرُسُ، أَيُّ الصَّخْرَةِ، وَعَلَى هَذِهِ  
الصَّخْرَةِ سَأَبْنِي بِنِعَتِي، وَأَبْوَابُ الْجَحِيمِ لَنْ تَقْوَى عَلَيْهَا.  
سَأَعْطِيكَ مَفَاتِيحَ مَلَكُوتِ السَّمَاوَاتِ، فِكُلُّ مَا تَرْتِبُطُهُ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ  
يَكُونُ مَرْتَبُوطًا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ، وَمَا تَحُلُّهُ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ يَكُونُ مَحْلُولًا  
فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ.»  
حِينَئِذٍ أَوْصَى تَلَامِيذَهُ أَنْ يَقُولُوا لِأَحَدٍ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْمَسِيحُ

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