

RENEWAL OF THE CHURCH

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Sunday of the Renewal of the Church The Beginning of the New Liturgical Year November 12th, 2023

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| Sun., Nov. 12 | Sunday of the Renewal of the Church / St. Theodore 9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners 11:30 am for Khalil Hoyek (recently died in Lebanon) for Lorraine & Philip Shaia for Sister Jacqueline Ajjan | by Dr. & Mrs. Wissam Hoyek by the Shaia Family by the Ajjan Family |
| Mon., Nov. 13 | NO LITURGY St. John Chrysostom | |
| Tues., Nov. 14 | 10 am Divine Liturgy St. Philip | |
| Wed., Nov. 15 | 10 am Divine Liturgy Sts. Gurias, Samonas & Habib the Deacon | |
| Thurs., Nov. 16 | 10 am Divine Liturgy St. Matthew the Evangelist | |
| Fri., Nov. 17 | 10 am Divine Liturgy for Salma Dahdah Azizi St. Gregory the Wonderworker | by Mrs. Salma Vahdat |
| Sat., Nov. 18 | 10 am Divine Liturgy St. Romanos / St. Rose Philippine Duchesne | |
| Sun., Nov. 19 | Sunday of the Announcment to Zechariah / Pope St. Pontian 9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners 11:30 am for Micheline Deeb (recently died in Syria) for Gaby Saykali (recently died in Lebanon) | by Mr. & Mrs. Izzat Moussallem by the Shaia Family |

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

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!

**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.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Confraternity Meeting

The Confraternity will meet this Sunday, November 12th, in the Chapel after the 11:30 Divine Liturgy.

MYO Friendsgiving

The MYO will have a friendsgiving dinner on Saturday, November 18th, at 5:30 pm at the Church. Please make sure to bring a friend and a dish and RSVP to Andrea Safi, Chrystelle Diab or Vanessa Nassour.

National Week of Prayer for Vocations

This week is the National Week of Prayer for Vocations. A vocation is a calling, a unique path that God has designed for each one of us. It can manifest in various forms - as a priest, a religious sister, a monk, or as lay faithful. Every vocation is a gift and an opportunity to make a positive impact in the world. It is important to take a moment to listen to the whisper of one's heart. That whisper might be calling one towards a special life of service, love, and purpose. Bishop Gregory is inviting you to view and share [this video](#) produced by Nadim Khalid, one of our seminarians, with the help of our eparchy vocation team, and discover and nurture the vocation that God has placed within you, and be faithful to his call no matter where it leads.

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.

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.

St. Maron Gala

Please join us for our 97th Annual St. Maron Day Gala. The celebration will also recognize the Twentieth Anniversary of Bishop Gregory Mansour's Ordination to the Episcopacy. The event will be on Saturday, February 3rd, at Russo's on the Bay. Cocktail hour begins at 8 pm followed by dinner, dancing and auction. Entertainment will be by Remon Maamari and band. Tickets are \$200 for adults and \$100 for children under 12. Please contact Darine Safi (947) 336-5265 or Georges Elhaje (646) 691-9925 to make your reservations and submit payment. A Commemorative Book to honor Bishop Gregory is also being put together. Please click [here](#) to fill out the form for the book and contact Mike Naber (917) 612-4004 if you have any question.

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.

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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Our Lady of Lebanon Cathedral Hall

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Dinner will be served with soft drinks, whiskey, wine and Arak

Music performed by Nadim Abou Rjeily

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Christmas Retreat

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Sponsored by the Knights of St. Maron

(113 Remsen Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201)

Saturday, December 9, 2023

Spending Time

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 Renewal of the Church

Letter to the Hebrews 9:11-15.

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.

For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified,

how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

For this reason he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, because a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions under the first covenant.

The Gospel according to Saint John 10:22-42.

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me;

but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand.

What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.'

The Jews took up stones again to stone him. Jesus replied, 'I have shown you many good works from the Father. For which of these are you going to stone me?' The Jews answered, 'It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you, but for blasphemy, because you, though only a human being, are making yourself God.' Jesus answered, 'Is it not written in your law, "I said, you are gods"? If those to whom the word of God came were called "gods" and the scripture cannot be annulled, can you say that the one whom the Father has sanctified and sent into the world is blaspheming because I said, "I am God's Son"?' If I am not doing the works of my Father, then do not believe me. But if I do them, even though you do not believe me, believe the works, so that you may know and understand that the Father is in me and I am in the Father.'

Then they tried to arrest him again, but he escaped from their hands. He went away again across the Jordan to the place where John had been baptizing earlier, and he remained there. Many came to him, and they were saying, 'John performed no sign, but everything that John said about this man was true.' And many believed in him there.

أحد تجديد البيعة

الرسالة إلى العبرانيين 9:11-15.

يا إخواني، أما المسيح فقد ظهر عظيم أخبار الخيرات الآتية، وأجتاز المسكن الأعظم والأكمل، غير المصنوع بالأيدي، أي ليس من هذه الخليقة،

فدخل إلى قدس الأقداس مرة واحدة، لا بدم الثيوس والغجول، بل بدمه هو، فحقق لنا فداءً أبدياً.

فإذا كان رش دم الثيوس والتيزان ورماد العجالة على المنجسين، يُقدس أجسادهم فيطهرهم،

فكم بالأحرى دم المسيح، الذي قرب نفسه لله بالروح الأزلي قرباناً لا عيب فيه، يطهر ضميرنا من الأعمال الميتة، لنعبد الله الحي!

ولذلك فهو الوسيط لعهد جديد، وقد صار موته فداءً لتعديات العهد الأول، حتى ينال به المدعوون وعد الميراث الأبدي.

إنجيل القديس يوحنا 10:22-42.

حان عيد التجديد في أورشليم، وكان فصل الشتاء. وكان يسوع يتمشى في الهيكل، في رواق سليمان. فأحاط به اليهود وأخذوا يقولون له: «إلى متى نبقى نفوسنا حائرة؟ إن كنت أنت المسيح، فقل لنا صراحة.»

أجابهم يسوع: «قلته لكم، لكنكم لا تؤمنون. الأعمال التي أعملها أنا باسم أبي هي تشهد لي. لكنكم لا تؤمنون، لأنكم لستم من خرافي. خرافي تسمع صوتي، وأنا أعرفها، وهي تتبعني. وأنا أعطيها حياة أبدية، فلن تهلك أبداً، ولن يخطفها أحد من يدي. أبي الذي أعطاني إياها هو أعظم من الكل، ولا يقدر أحد أن يخطفها من يد الأب. أنا والأب واحد.» فأخذ اليهود، من جديد، حجارة ليرجموه. قال لهم يسوع: «أعمالاً حسنة كثيرة أرى فيكم من عند الأب، فلاي عمل منها ترجُموني؟»

أجابهم اليهود: «لا لعمل حسن نرجمك، بل لتجديف. لأنك، وأنت إنسان، تجعل نفسك إلهاً.»

أجابهم يسوع: «أما كتب في توراتكم: أنا قلت إنكم إلهة؟ فإذا كانت التوراة تدعو إلهة أولئك الذين صارت إليهم كلمة الله، ولا يمكن أن ينفذ الكتاب، فكيف تقولون لي، أنا الذي قدس الأب وأرسله إلى العالم: أنت تجديف؟ لأنني قلت: أنا ابن الله؟ إن كنت لا أعمل أعمال أبي، فلا تصدقوني، أما إذا كنت أعملها، وإن كنتم لا تصدقوني، فصدقوا هذه الأعمال، لكي تعرفوا وتؤمنوا أن الأب في وأني في الأب.»

فحاولوا من جديد أن يقبضوا عليه، فأقلت من يدهم. وعاد يسوع إلى عبر الأردن، إلى حيث كان يوحنا يعمد من قبل، فأقام هناك. وأتى إليه كثيرون وكانوا يقولون: «لم يصنع يوحنا أي آية، ولكن كل ما قاله في هذا الرجل كان حقاً.» فأمن به هناك كثيرون.

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