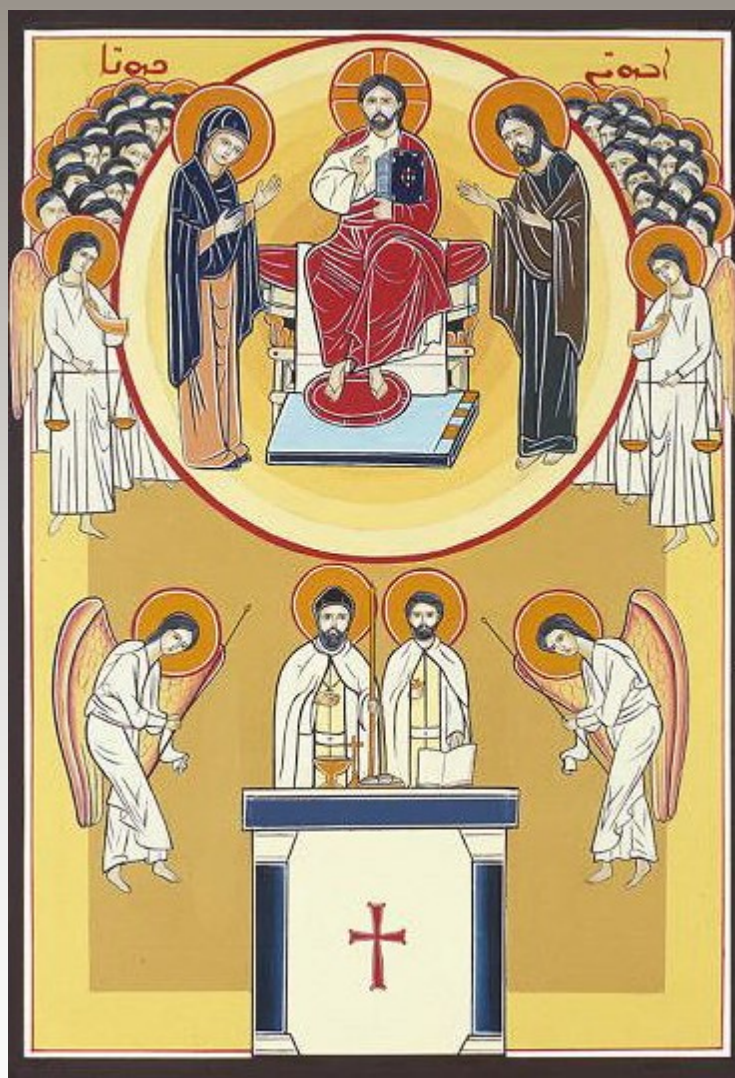


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THE PRIESTS

Sunday of the Priests January 21st, 2024

Sun., Jan. 21	Sunday of the Priests / St. Sebastian 9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners 11:30 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners	
Mon., Jan. 22	7:30 pm Divine Liturgy of St. Sharbel St. Timothy, Disciple of St. Paul	
Tues., Jan. 23	10 am Divine Liturgy for Nayem Rizvi Pope St. Sergius I / St. Marianne Cope	by Mr. & Mrs. Jorge Leon
Wed., Jan. 24	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Francis de Sales	
Thurs., Jan. 25	10 am Divine Liturgy Conversion of St. Paul	
Fri., Jan. 26	10 am Divine Liturgy for Sophia Del Puerto St. Agnes	by Julie Aguilera
Sat., Jan. 27	10 am Divine Liturgy for Moses Leon St. Paula	by Mr. & Mrs. Jorge Leon
Sun., Jan. 28	Sunday of the Righteous & the Just / St. Ephrem 9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners 11:30 am for John, Helen, Bill & George Shakal for Jack & Julia Maliha for Orif, Olga & Joan Keleef for Elevra Dambakly for Joseph Rizk	by the Maliha, Keleef & Shakal Families by Issa Rizk

December 2023 Financial Standing

Ordinary Income

- ◆ Collections on Sundays & Holy Days: **\$57,839.48**
- ◆ Cathedral Stipends from Marriages & Funerals, Hall Rent, Candles, Breakfast, Luncheon, Raffle, Dues, Religious Education, Flowers **\$70,350.82**

Total Ordinary Income: \$128,190.30

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....**\$45,432.59**

Total Ordinary Expenses: \$45,432.59

Total Ordinary Income vs Expenses: \$82,757.71

Do you know? A couple of basic monthly expenses:

Cathedral monthly building insurance: \$4,266.25

The Monthly Eparchial Assessment & Bishop's Appeal has increased from \$2,125 to \$2,670 a month starting January 2024.

The Cathedral's Building Insurance increased 14.3% in 2023. and we paid \$46,122 for the year. It has gone up another 11% in 2024, so we pay \$51,195.

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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

MYO Breakfast

The MYO is serving breakfast on Sunday, January 21st, after the Divine Liturgy.

St. Maron's Gala

Please join us for our 97th Annual St. Maron's 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 an auction. Entertainment will be by Remon Mamari and Band. Tickets are \$200 for adults and \$100 for children under 12. Please contact Darine Safi (347) 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. Contact Mike Naber (917) 612-4004 if you have any questions.

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.

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.

Saint Sharbel Spiritual Center

It is with great joy that we announce the opening of the new Spiritual Life Center dedicated to St. Sharbel in Pittsburg, PA. The mission of the Center is to assist each person, whether in person or online to grow in holiness according to the teachings of Christ and the example of the great mystics of the Church. Please click [here](#) to see the website of the Center and learn more.

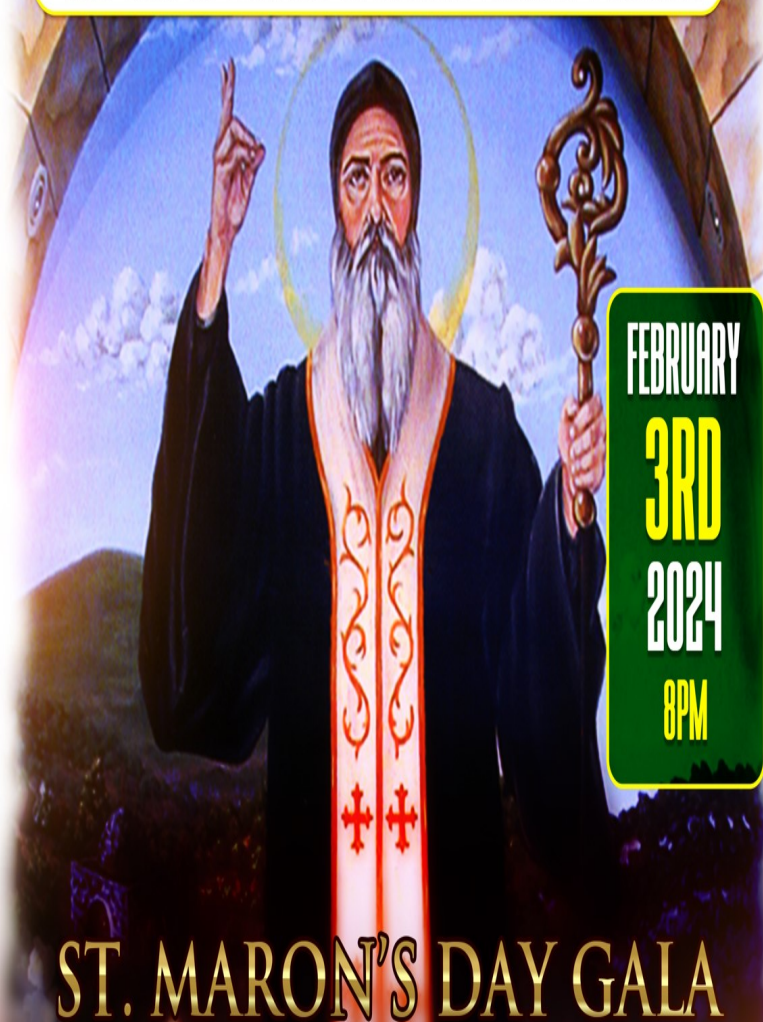
Sixth Pastoral Letter of Bishop Gregory Mansour

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.

Cedar Remembrance Tree

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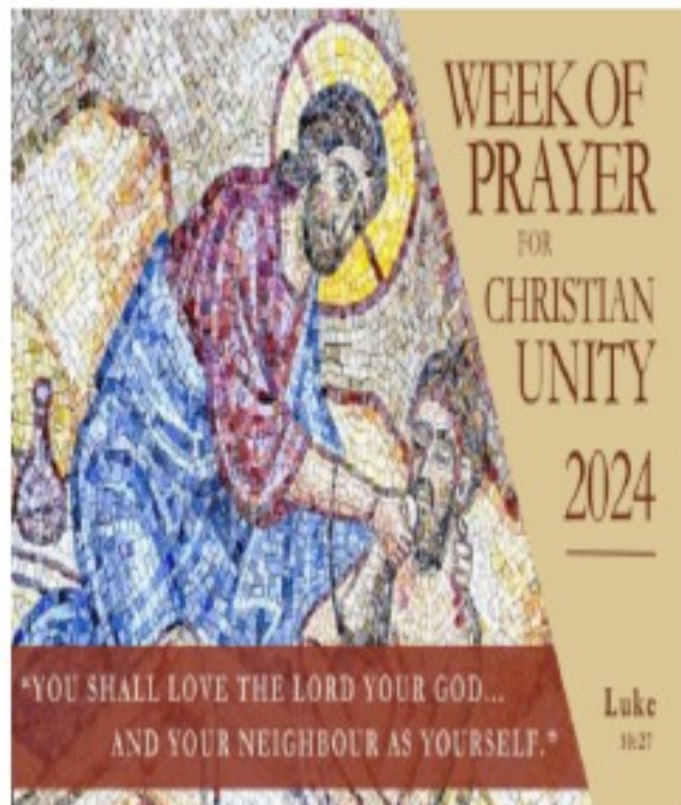
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Blessing Homes of Parishioners

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.

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](#).

A Maronite Chapel at Ave Maria University

Ave Maria University is building a Maronite Chapel that truly will be a home away from home for Eastern Catholic students. Please click [here](#) to learn more.

Eparchial Vocation Video

A vocation is a gift and an opportunity to make a positive impact in the world. It 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. To listen to the whisper of one's heart which 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 to discover and nurture the vocation that God has placed within you, and be faithful to his call no matter where it leads.

Sunday Readings

قراءات الأحد

Sunday of the Priests

The First Letter to Timothy 4: 6-16.

If you put these instructions before the brothers and sisters, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, nourished on the words of the faith and of the sound teaching that you have followed. Have nothing to do with profane myths and old wives' tales. Train yourself in godliness, for, while physical training is of some value, godliness is valuable in every way, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and struggle, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe. These are the things you must insist on and teach.

Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Until I arrive, give attention to the public reading of scripture, to exhorting, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you through prophecy with the laying on of hands by the council of elders. Put these things into practice, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; continue in these things, for in doing this you will save both yourself and your hearers.

The Gospel according to Saint Luke 12: 42-48.

The Lord said, 'Who then is the faithful and prudent manager whom his master will put in charge of his slaves, to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Blessed is that slave whom his master will find at work when he arrives. Truly I tell you, he will put that one in charge of all his possessions. But if that slave says to himself, "My master is delayed in coming", and if he begins to beat the other slaves, men and women, and to eat and drink and get drunk, the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour that he does not know, and will cut him in pieces, and put him with the unfaithful. That slave who knew what his master wanted, but did not prepare himself or do what was wanted, will receive a severe beating. But one who did not know and did what deserved a beating will receive a light beating. From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded.

أحد الكهنة

رسالة القديس بولس الأولى إلى تيموثاوس 4: 6-16

يا إخوتي، إذا عَرَضْتِ ذَلِكَ لِلْإِخْوَةِ، تَكُونُ خَادِمًا صَالِحًا لِلْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ، مُتَعَدِّيًا بِكَلَامِ الْإِيمَانِ وَالتَّعْلِيمِ الْحَسَنِ الَّذِي تَبِعْتَهُ. أَمَّا الْخُرَافَاتُ النَّافِثَةُ، حِكَايَاتُ الْعَجَائِزِ، فَأَعْرِضْ عَنْهَا. وَرَوِّضْ نَفْسَكَ عَلَى التَّقْوَى. فَإِنَّ الرِّيَاضَةَ الْجَسَدِيَّةَ نَافِعَةٌ بَعْضُ الشَّيْءِ، أَمَّا التَّقْوَى فَهِيَ نَافِعَةٌ لِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ، لِأَنَّ لَهَا وَعْدَ الْحَيَاةِ الْخَاصِرَةِ وَالْآتِيَةِ. صَادِقَةٌ هِيَ الْكَلِمَةُ وَجَدِيرَةٌ بِكُلِّ قَبُولٍ: إِنْ كُنَّا نَتَعَبُ وَنُجَاهِدُ، فَذَلِكَ لِأَنَّنَا جَعَلْنَا رَجَاءَنَا فِي اللَّهِ الْحَيِّ، الَّذِي هُوَ مُخَلِّصُ النَّاسِ أَجْمَعِينَ، وَلَا سِيَّمَا الْمُؤْمِنِينَ. فَأَوْصِ بِذَلِكَ وَعَلِّمُهُ. وَلَا تَدْعُ أَحَدًا يَسْتَهِينُ بِخَدَائَةِ سِنِّكَ، بَلْ كُنْ مَثَلًا لِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ، بِالْكَلَامِ، وَالسَّيِّرَةِ، وَالْمَحَبَّةِ، وَالْإِيمَانِ، وَالْعَفَافِ. وَاضْطَبْ عَلَى إِغْلَانِ الْكَلِمَةِ وَالْوَعْظِ وَالتَّعْلِيمِ، إِلَى أَنْ أَجِيءَ. لَا تُهْمِلِ الْمَوْهَبَةَ الَّتِي فِيكَ، وَقَدْ وَهَبْتَ لَكَ بِالنَّبُوءَةِ مَعَ وَضْعِ أَيْدِي الشُّبُوحِ عَلَيْكَ. إِهْتَمَّ بِتِلْكَ الْأُمُورِ، وَكُنْ مُوَظِّبًا عَلَيْهَا، لِيَكُونَ تَقَدُّمُكَ وَاضِحًا لِلْجَمِيعِ. انْتَبِهْ لِنَفْسِكَ وَلِتَعْلِيمِكَ، وَأَنْتَبِثْ فِي ذَلِكَ. فَإِذَا فَعَلْتَ خَلَصْتَ نَفْسَكَ وَالَّذِينَ يَسْمَعُونَكَ.

إنجيل القديس لوقا 12: 42-48

قَالَ الرَّبُّ يَسُوعَ: «مَنْ تَرَاهُ الْوَكِيلُ الْأَمِينُ الْحَكِيمُ الَّذِي يُقِيمُهُ سَيِّدُهُ عَلَى خَدَمِهِ لِيُعْطِيَهُمْ حِصَّتَهُمْ مِنَ الطَّعَامِ فِي حِينِهَا؟

طُوبَى لِذَلِكَ الْعَبْدِ الَّذِي، مَتَى جَاءَ سَيِّدُهُ، يَجِدُهُ فَاعِلًا هَكَذَا! حَقًّا أَقُولُ لَكُمْ: إِنَّهُ يُقِيمُهُ عَلَى جَمِيعِ مُقْتَنِيَاتِهِ. أَمَّا إِذَا قَالَ ذَلِكَ الْعَبْدُ فِي قَلْبِهِ: سَيَبْتَأخُرُ سَيِّدِي فِي مَجِيئِهِ، وَبَدَأَ يَضْرِبُ الْعِلْمَانَ وَالْجَوَارِي، يَأْكُلُ وَيَشْرَبُ وَيَسْكُرُ، يَجِيءُ سَيِّدُ ذَلِكَ الْعَبْدِ فِي يَوْمٍ لَا يَنْتَظِرُهُ، وَفِي سَاعَةٍ لَا يَعْرِفُهَا، فَيُفْصَلُ، وَيَجْعَلُ نَصِيبَهُ مَعَ الْكَافِرِينَ. فَذَلِكَ الْعَبْدُ الَّذِي عَرَفَ مَشِيئَةَ سَيِّدِهِ، وَمَا أَعَدَّ شَيْئًا، وَلَا عَمَلَ بِمَشِيئَةِ سَيِّدِهِ، يُضْرَبُ ضَرْبًا كَثِيرًا. أَمَّا الْعَبْدُ الَّذِي مَا عَرَفَ مَشِيئَةَ سَيِّدِهِ، وَعَمِلَ مَا يَسْتَوْجِبُ الضَّرْبَ، فَيُضْرَبُ ضَرْبًا قَلِيلًا. وَمَنْ أُعْطِيَ كَثِيرًا يُطْلَبُ مِنْهُ الْكَثِيرُ، وَمَنْ أَنْتَمَنَ عَلَى الْكَثِيرِ يُطَالَبُ بِكَثْرٍ.

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