

SUNDAY OF

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Sunday of the Righteous & the Just January 28th, 2024

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, Olgia & Joan Keleef for Lou & Elevra Dambakly for Joseph Rizk			by the Maliha, Keleef, Shakal & Dambakly Families by Issa Rizk
Mon., Jan. 29	NO DIVINE LITURGY St. Hippolytus of Antioch			
Tues., Jan. 30	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Maximus the Confessor			
Wed., Jan. 31	10 am Divine Liturgy St. John Bosco			
Thurs., Feb. 1	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Pionius and his companions			
Fri., Feb. 2	10 am Divine Liturgy of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple			
Sat., Feb. 3	10 am Divine Liturgy for Moses Leon St. Simeon the Elder and St. Anna the Prophetess		by Mr. & Mrs. Jorge Leon	
Sun., Feb. 4	Sunday of the Faithful Departed / St. Isidore of Pelusium 9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners 11:30 am the Intentions of the Parishioners			

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:

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. The Cathedral monthly building insurance is now \$4,266.25

**Thank you for your contribution
in helping maintain the Church
and in planning different activities**

HELP LEBANON!

**PRAY FOR
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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

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.

Letter for Annual Donations

Parishioners who for tax purposes would like a letter stating their annual contribution, please email cathtrectory@verizon.net or call the rectory at 718-624-7228.

Ash Monday

The Liturgy of the Blessing and Imposition of Ashes on the forehead will be held on Monday, February 12th, at 7:30 pm.

Stations and Benediction of the Cross

Every Friday of Lent beginning Friday, February 16th, at 7:30 pm, we will pray the Stations and Benediction of the Cross. The service will be followed by a Lenten supper.

Palm Sunday Celebration

Children ages 3 to 12 are encouraged to participate in the Palm Sunday celebration in reading, processing with the gifts and other activities during the 11:30 am Divine Liturgy. Please see Leila Vogl to register.

Knights Easter Raffle

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

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.

Pre-Order Maamool

Families may pre-order their maamoul today. The Confraternity will do a baking session a week or two before Easter, so the maamoul will be fresh for the celebration.

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

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.

A person is running on a path that leads towards a large, glowing cross in a desert landscape. The cross is the central focus, with light emanating from it. The person is seen from behind, running away from the viewer towards the cross.

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Sunday Readings

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Sunday of the Righteous and the Just

The Letter to the Hebrews 12: 18-24.

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, 'If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.' Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, 'I tremble with fear.') But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

The Gospel according to Saint Matthew 25: 31-46.

'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

أحد الأبرار والصادقين

الرسالة إلى العبرانيين 12: 18-24

يا إخوتي، إنكم لم تقتربوا إلى جبل مَلْمُوس، وناير مُتَّقَدَة، وهتاف بُوق، وصوت كَلِمَات طَلَب الَّذِينَ سَمِعُوهَا أَلَّا يُزَادُوا مِنْهَا كَلِمَةً؛ لِأَنَّهُمْ لَمْ يُطِيقُوا تَحْمُلَ هَذَا الْأَمْرُ: «وَلَوْ أَنَّ بَهِيمَةً مَسَّتِ الْجَبَلَ تُرْجِمَ». «وَكَانَ الْمَنْظَرُ رَهيبًا حَتَّى إِنَّ مُوسَى قَالَ: «إِنِّي خَائِفٌ وَمُرْتَعِدٌ». «إِبْلِ اقْتَرَبْتُمْ إِلَى جَبَلٍ صِهْيُون، وَإِلَى مَدِينَةِ اللَّهِ الْحَيِّ، أَوْرُشَلِيمَ السَّمَاوِيَّةِ، وَإِلَى عَشْرَاتِ الْأَلُوفِ مِنَ الْمَلَائِكَةِ، وَإِلَى عِيدِ حَافِلٍ، وَإِلَى كَنِيسَةِ الْأَبْكَارِ الْمَكْتُوبِينَ فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ، وَإِلَى اللَّهِ دِيَّانِ الْجَمِيعِ، وَإِلَى أَرْوَاحِ الْأَبْرَارِ الَّذِينَ بَلَّغُوا الْكَمَالَ، وَإِلَى وَسِيطِ الْعَهْدِ الْجَدِيدِ، يَسُوعَ، وَإِلَى دَمٍ رَشٍ يَنْطِقُ بِكَلَامٍ أَفْضَلَ مِنْ دَمِ هَابِيل!

إنجيل القديس متى 25: 31-46

قال الرب يسوع: «مَتَى جَاءَ ابْنُ الْإِنْسَانِ فِي مَجْدِهِ، وَجَمِيعُ الْمَلَائِكَةِ مَعَهُ، يَجْلِسُ عَلَى عَرْشِ مَجْدِهِ. وَتُجْمَعُ لَدَيْهِ جَمِيعُ الْأُمَمِ، فَيُمَيِّزُ بَعْضَهُمْ مِنْ بَعْضٍ، كَمَا يُمَيِّزُ الرَّاعِي الْخِرَافَ مِنَ الْجِدَاءِ. وَيُفْقِمُ الْخِرَافَ عَنْ يَمِينِهِ وَالْجِدَاءَ عَنْ شِمَالِهِ. حِينَئِذٍ يَقُولُ الْمَلِكُ لِلَّذِينَ عَنْ يَمِينِهِ: تَعَالَوْا، يَا مُبَارَكِي أَبِي، ارْثُوا الْمُلْكَاتِ الْمُعَدَّةَ لَكُمْ مِنْذُ إِنشَاءِ الْعَالَمِ؛ لِأَنِّي جُعْتُ فَأَطْعَمْتُمُونِي، وَعَطَشْتُ فَسَقَيْتُمُونِي، وَكُنْتُ غَرِيبًا فَأَوْثَقْتُمُونِي، وَغُرِيًّا فَأَكْسَوْتُمُونِي، وَمَرِيضًا فَرَزَقْتُمُونِي، وَمَحْبُوسًا فَأَتَيْتُمُونِي إِلَيَّ. حِينَئِذٍ يُجِيبُهُ الْأَبْرَارُ قَائِلِينَ: يَا رَبِّ، مَتَى رَأَيْنَاكَ جَائِعًا فَأَطْعَمْنَاكَ، أَوْ عَطَشْنَاكَ فَسَقَيْنَاكَ؟ وَمَتَى رَأَيْنَاكَ غَرِيبًا فَأَوْثَقْنَاكَ، أَوْ غُرِيًّا فَأَكْسَوْنَاكَ؟ وَمَتَى رَأَيْنَاكَ مَرِيضًا أَوْ مَحْبُوسًا فَأَتَيْنَا إِلَيْكَ؟ فَيُجِيبُ الْمَلِكُ وَيَقُولُ لَهُمْ: الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ: كُلُّ مَا عَمَلْتُمُوهُ لِأَحَدٍ إِخْوَتِي هَؤُلَاءِ الصِّغَارِ، فَلِي عَمَلْتُمُوهُ! ثُمَّ يَقُولُ لِلَّذِينَ عَنْ شِمَالِهِ: اذْهَبُوا عَنِّي، يَا مَلَاعِينِ، إِلَى النَّارِ الْأَبَدِيَّةِ الْمُعَدَّةِ لِلْإِبْلِيسَ وَجُنُودِهِ؛ لِأَنِّي جُعْتُ فَمَا أَطْعَمْتُمُونِي، وَعَطَشْتُ فَمَا سَقَيْتُمُونِي، وَكُنْتُ غَرِيبًا فَمَا أَوْثَقْتُمُونِي، وَغُرِيًّا فَمَا كَسَوْتُمُونِي، وَمَرِيضًا وَمَحْبُوسًا فَمَا رَزَقْتُمُونِي! حِينَئِذٍ يُجِيبُهُ هَؤُلَاءِ أَيْضًا قَائِلِينَ: يَا رَبِّ، مَتَى رَأَيْنَاكَ جَائِعًا أَوْ عَطَشْنَاكَ أَوْ غَرِيبًا أَوْ مَرِيضًا أَوْ مَحْبُوسًا وَمَا خَدَمْنَاكَ؟ حِينَئِذٍ يُجِيبُهُمْ قَائِلًا: الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ: كُلُّ مَا لَمْ تَعْمَلُوهُ لِأَحَدٍ هَؤُلَاءِ الصِّغَارِ، فَلِي لَمْ تَعْمَلُوهُ. وَيَذْهَبُ هَؤُلَاءِ إِلَى الْعَذَابِ الْأَبَدِيِّ، وَالْأَبْرَارُ إِلَى الْحَيَاةِ الْأَبَدِيَّةِ.»

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