

SUNDAY OF

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THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED



Sunday of the Faithful Departed February 4th, 2024

Sun., Feb. 4	Sunday of the Faithful Departed / St. Isidore of Pelusium 9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners 11:30 am for Nicolas Machaalany for Marie, Saada & Ikbal Nassar	by Mrs. Therese Machaalany & Family by Subdeacon Norbert & Leila Vogl
Mon., Feb. 5	NO DIVINE LITURGY St. Agatha	
Tues., Feb. 6	10 am Divine Liturgy for the sick St. Proclus, Bishop of Smyrna	by Mr. & Mrs. Edgard Abi Daher
Wed., Feb. 7	10 am Divine Liturgy for Bechara Abi Daher Pope St. Anterus	by Mr. & Mrs. Edgard Abi Daher
Thurs., Feb. 8	10 am Divine Liturgy for Lodi Nabhan Zechariah the Prophet	by Mr. & Mrs. Edgard Abi Daher
Fri., Feb. 9	10 am Divine Liturgy of the Feast of St. Maron for Kamil Istambouli 7:30 pm Divine Liturgy of the Feast of St. Maron	by Mr. & Mrs. Edgard Abi Daher
Sat., Feb. 10	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Apollonia	
Sun., Feb. 11	Celebration of the Feast of St. Maron / Sunday of the Entrance into Lent / St. Charalampus 9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners 11:30 am for 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
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

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 cahrectory@verizon.net or call the rectory at 718-624-7228.

MYO Bible Study

The MYO will meet on Saturday, February 10th, to have a bible study in preparation for the Season of Great Lent. The day begins with the Divine Liturgy at 10 am followed by a discussion and different activities.

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 by reading, processing with the gifts and through 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, William Abou Chrouh, Roger Shammass 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 Maamoul

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.

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 radiating from it. The person is seen from behind, running away from the viewer towards the cross. The landscape is arid and rocky, with some low-lying vegetation. The overall mood is one of spiritual journey and perseverance.

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Sunday Readings

قراءات الأحد

Sunday of the Faithful Departed

The First Letter to the Thessalonians 5: 1-11

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore, encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

The Gospel according to Saint Luke 16:31-19

'There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames." But Abraham said, "Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us." He said, "Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house for I have five brothers that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment." Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them." He said, "No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." He said to him, "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead."

أحد الموتى المؤمنين

الرسالة الأولى إلى أهل تسالونيقى 5: 1-11

يا إخوتى، أما الأزمنة والأوقات، أيها الإخوة، فلا حاجة بكم أن يكتب إليكم في شأنها؛ لأنكم تعلمون جيدًا أن يوم الرب يأتي كالسارق ليلاً. فحين يقولون: سلام وأمن! حينئذ يدهمهم الهلاك وهم المخاض للحبلى، ولا يفطنون. أما أنتم، أيها الإخوة، فلستم في ظلمة ليفاجئكم ذلك اليوم كالسارق. فأنتم كلكم أبناء النور، وأبناء النهار؛ وألسنا أبناء الليل ولا أبناء الظلمة. إذا فلا ننم كسائر الناس، بل لنستبهر ونصح؛ لأن الذين ينامون ففي الليل ينامون، والذين يسكرون ففي الليل يسكرون. أما نحن أبناء النهار، فلنصح لابسين درع الإيمان والمحبة، وواضعين خوذة رجاء الخلاص. فإن الله لم يجعلنا للغضب، بل لإحراز الخلاص بربنا يسوع المسيح، الذي مات من أجلنا، لنحيا معه ساهرين كلنا أم نائمين. فلذلك شجعوا بعضكم بعضاً، وليبين الواحد الآخر، كما أنتم فاعلون.

إنجيل القديس لوقا 16: 31-19

قال الرب يسوع: «كان رجل غني يلبس الأرجوان والكتان الناعم، ويتنعم كل يوم بأفخر الولائم. وكان رجل مسكين اسمه لعازر مطروحاً عند بابه، تكسوه القروح. وكان يشتهي أن يشبع من الفتات المتساقط من مائدة الغني، غير أن الكلاب كانت تأتي فتأكل قروحه. ومات المسكين فحملته الملائكة إلى حضن إبراهيم. ثم مات الغني ودفن. ورفع الغني عينيه، وهو في الجحيم يقاسي العذاب، فرأى إبراهيم من بعيد، ولعازر في حضنه. فنادى وقال: يا أبت إبراهيم، إرحمني وأرسل لعازر لينيل طرف أصبعه بماء ويبرد لساني، لأنني متوجع في هذا اللهب. فقال إبراهيم: يا أبتى، تذكر أنك نلت خيرتك في حياتك، ولعازر نال البلاء. والآن هو يتعزى هنا، وأنت تتوجع. ومع هذا كله، فإن بيننا وبينكم هوة عظيمة ثابتة، حتى إن الذين يريدون أن يجتازوا من هنا إليكم لا يستطيعون، ولا من هناك أن يعبروا إلينا. فقال الغني: أسألك إذا، يا أبتى، أن ترسل لعازر إلى بيت أبي، فإن لي خمسة إخوة، ليشهد لهم، كي لا يأتوا هم أيضاً إلى مكان العذاب هذا. فقال إبراهيم: عندهم موسى والأنبياء، فليسمعوا لهم. فقال: يا أبتى إبراهيم، ولكن إذا مضى إليهم واحد من الأموات يتوبون. فقال له إبراهيم: إن كانوا لا يسمعون لموسى والأنبياء، فإنهم، ولو قام واحد من الأموات، لن يفتنعوا.»

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