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THE ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE VIRGIN MARY



**Sunday of the Announcement to the Virgin Mary
November 24th, 2024**

Sun., Nov. 24	The Announcement to the Virgin Mary / St. Catherine of Alexandria 9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners 11:30 am One-Week Memorial for Ibrahim El Laham, the father of Mary El Adem Req. by Mr. & Mrs Chaouki El Adem for Maurice Makhlouf Req. by Najat Makhlouf & Family	
Mon., Nov. 25	NO DIVINE LITURGY St. Romanos / St. Rose Philippine Duchesne	
Tue., Nov. 26	10 am Divine Liturgy for Karin Tkacz Pope St. Clement	Req. by the Konop Family
Wed., Nov. 27	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Peter, Patriarch of Alexandria	
Thu., Nov. 28	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Stephen the Younger	
Fri., Nov. 29	10 am Divine Liturgy Sts. Saturninus & Sisinius	
Sat., Nov. 30	10 am Divine Liturgy for Jorge Leon St. Andrew / St. Bishoy	Req. by the Leon Family
Sun., Dec. 1	The Visitation of the Virgin to Elizabeth / Nahum the Prophet 9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners 11:30 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners	

October 2024 Financial Standing

Ordinary Income

- ◆ Collections on Sundays & Holy Days: **\$8,152.71**
- ◆ Cathedral Stipends from Marriages & Funerals, Hall Rent, Candles, Breakfast, Luncheon, Raffle, Dues, Religious Education, Flowers**\$16,176.00**
- Total Ordinary Income: \$24,328.71**

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....**\$22,565.66**
- Total Ordinary Expenses: \$22,565.66**

◆ **Total Ordinary Income vs Expenses: 1,763.05**

**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 7% in 2024, so we pay \$49,313.00. The Cathedral monthly building insurance is now \$4,109.41.

**Thank you for your contribution
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and in planning different activities**

HELP LEBANON!

Caritas Lebanon: Founded in 1972, Caritas Lebanon is the official socio-pastoral arm of the Catholic Church and is under the authority of the Assembly of Catholic Patriarchs and Bishops of Lebanon. Caritas Lebanon assists both individuals and communities through direct assistance to the poor, sick, refugees, victims of sex abuse and trafficking, and others in need. Caritas Lebanon is a member of Caritas International, one of the largest humanitarian networks in the world. Donate [here](#).

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Society of Saint Vincent de Paul: Founded in 1833 by a group of young laymen, the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is a lay Catholic organization of women and men who put their faith into action. The Society is very close to the people. Most parishes and villages have a Society that is active. From the start, the Society has been under the patronage of Saint Vincent de Paul, a great saint, well-known for his works of charity. Donate [here](#).

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

MYO Friendsgiving Dinner

The MYO will have a Friendsgiving Dinner on Saturday, November 23rd, at 6:00 pm.

Knights of St. Maron Meeting

The Knights of St. Maron will have their monthly meeting this Sunday after the 11:30 am Divine Liturgy.

Urgent Appeal for Lebanon

To meet the growing demands of the healthcare system in Lebanon, people can kindly help in two ways:

Financially, by supporting a fundraising campaign that the Consulate is launching through the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) USA. With your contributions, UNICEF and partners will procure and deliver medications and medical supplies to Lebanon. Your tax-deductible donation can be made on the following link: [UNICEF Support for Lebanon](#).

Donations in kind, by sending [medications](#), and [medical supplies](#) to 3 Empire Blvd., South Hackensack, NJ, 07696, in preparation for shipping them to Lebanon. The items can be dropped off at the location on weekdays anytime between 9am and 6pm and can also be shipped to the location at any time. For any needed assistance you can reach out to Mr. Imad Hassan at (917) 754-8666.

Annual Bake Sale Sponsored by the Confraternity

The Annual Winter Bake Sale sponsored by the Confraternity will take place on December 7th & 8th. If you would like to help by baking goods or donating to the bake sale, please see Yolla Howayek, Mirna Abi Daher or Hala Maalouf. For now, you can buy fresh spinach pies. The Confraternity will be having their Christmas Raffle. The drawing will be on December 25th, after the 11:30 am Divine Liturgy.

Family Christmas Party

Sponsored by the Sunday School, the Cathedral invites all parishioners to a luncheon to celebrate Christmas on Sunday, December 15th, in the Church Hall. Families are welcome, especially the kids, for a fun afternoon with Santa and other surprises. During the 11:30 Liturgy that day, the children will enact the Christmas story.

The Knights Christmas Party

The Knights will have their annual Christmas Party on December 21st at the Cathedral. Please see the flyer on the next page.

Save the Date for the MYA New Year's Eve Party

The MYA will have a New Year's Eve Party on December 31st at the Cathedral.

Dabke Training

Anyone 18 or above interested in joining the Dabke group at the Cathedral may speak to Isabel El Hage or Andrea Safi.

Promoting Vocations

The Eparchy is trying to bring more awareness to the different vocations in life. For this reason, an icon of the Holy Family along with a prayer will be given to a different family each week for prayer every night so God may guide us to discern and promote the various vocations.

See Fr. Chuck for more information. To register, please click [here](#) or scan here



St. Maron Gala

Please join us for our 98th Annual St. Maron Day Gala. The event will be on Saturday, February 8th, at Dyker Beach Golf Course. Cocktail hour begins at 7pm followed by dinner, dancing and a Raffle. Entertainment will be by Eddie Ossama 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. For the upcoming 2025 Jubilee Year, the Commemorative Book will feature anniversaries, birthdays, memorials and events that took place 25 years ago. Please contact Mike Naber (917) 612-4004 if you would like to take an ad. Click [here](#) for more information.

Interested in Joining the Choir?

The choir of the Cathedral would like to welcome anyone interested in joining them to see Christiane Merhej after the 11:30 Divine Liturgy. We are also looking for someone who knows the Maronite music to play the organ.

Finance Council Recommendation

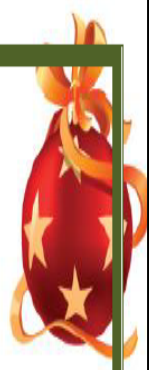
The Finance Council has recommended that parishioners set up their Church donation as an automatic payment. You may also make your contribution online by clicking [here](#). It was determined that a minimum of \$150.00 per household a month will help meet the Church's budget.

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.

Bulletin Advertisements

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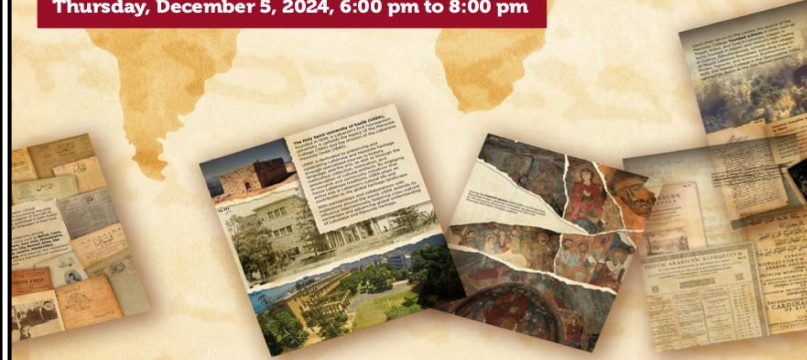
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Sunday Readings

قراءات الأحد

Sunday of the Announcement to the Virgin Mary

The Letter Paul to the Galatians 3: 15-22

I give an example from daily life: once a person's will has been ratified, no one adds to it or annuls it. Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring; it does not say, 'And to offsprings', as of many; but it says, 'And to your offspring', that is, to one person, who is Christ. My point is this: the law, which came four hundred and thirty years later, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to nullify the promise. For if the inheritance comes from the law, it no longer comes from the promise; but God granted it to Abraham through the promise. Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, until the offspring would come to whom the promise had been made; and it was ordained through angels by a mediator. Now a mediator involves more than one party; but God is one. Is the law then opposed to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could make alive, then righteousness would indeed come through the law. But the scripture has imprisoned all things under the power of sin, so that what was promised through faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

The Gospel according to Saint Luke 1: 26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore, the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

أحد بشارة العذراء

رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل غلاطية 3: 15-22

يا إخوتي، كتبت أقول: إن الوصية، وإن كانت من إنسان، إذا أقرت، لا أحد يبطلها أو يزيد عليها. فالوعد قيلت لإبراهيم ولنسله. وما قيلت: «ولأنسأله»، كأنه لكثيرين، بل «ولنسلك»، كأنه لواحد، وهو المسيح! فأقول هذا: إن وصية سبق الله فأقرها، لا تلغيها شريعة جاءت بعد أربع مئة وثلاثين سنة، فنبتل الوعد. وإذا كان الميراث من الشريعة، فهو لم يعد من الوعد؛ والحال أن الله بوعد أنعم بالميراث على إبراهيم. إذا فلماذا الشريعة؟ إنها أضيفت بسبب المعاصي، حتى مجيء النسب الذي جعل الوعد له. وقد أعلنها ملائكة على يد وسيط، هو موسى. غير أن الواحد لا وسيط له، والله واحد! إذا فهل تكون الشريعة ضد وعد الله؟ حاشا! فلو أعطيت شريعة قادرة أن تحيي، لكان التبشير حقا بالشريعة. ولكن الكتاب حبس الكل تحت الخطيئة، لكيما بالإيمان ببسوع المسيح يعطى الوعد للذين يؤمنون.

إنجيل القديس لوقا 1: 26-38

وفي الشهر السادس (بعد بشارة زكريا)، أرسل الملاك جبرائيل من عند الله إلى مدينة في الجليل أسمها الناصرة، إلى عذراء مخطوبة لرجل من بيت داود أسمه يوسف، وأسم العذراء مريم. ولما دخل الملاك إليها قال: «ألسلام عليك، يا مملوءة نعمة، الرب معك!». فأضطربت مريم لكلامه، وأخذت تفكر ما عسى أن يكون هذا السلام! فقال لها الملاك: «لا تخافي، يا مريم، لأنك وجدت نعمة عند الله. وها أنت تحملين، وتلدين ابنا، وتسمينه يسوع. وهو يكون عظيما، وابن العلي يدعى، ويُعطيه الرب الإله عرش داود أبيه، فيملك على بيت يعقوب إلى الأبد، ولا يكون لملكه نهاية!». فقالت مريم للملاك: «كيف يكون هذا، وأنا لا أعرف رجلا؟». فأجاب الملاك وقال لها: «الروح القدس يجل عليك، وقدره العلي نطالك، ولذلك فالقدوس المولود منك يدعى ابن الله! وها إن إيصابت نسيبتك، قد حملت هي أيضا بابن في شيخوختها. وهذا هو الشهر السادس لتلك التي تدعى عاقرا، لأنه ليس على الله أمر مستحيل!». فقالت مريم: «ها أنا أمة الرب، فلينكن لي بحسب قولك!». وأنصرفت من عندها الملاك.

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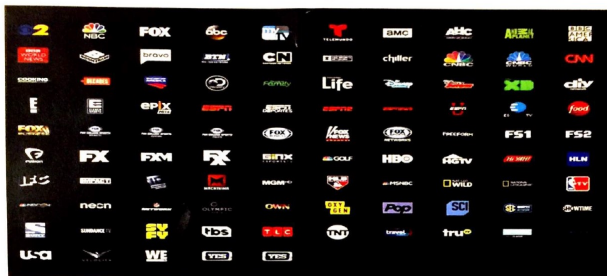
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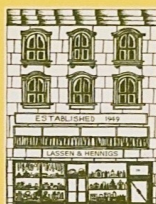
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