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The Most Reverend Gregory J. Mansour, Eparchial Bishop
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THE VISITATION OF THE VIRGIN TO ELIZABETH



**Sunday of the Visitation of the Virgin to Elizabeth
December 1st, 2024**

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	
Mon., Dec. 2	NO DIVINE LITURGY Habakkuk the Prophet	
Tue., Dec. 3	10 am Divine Liturgy for George Mansour St. Francis Xavier	Req. by Mark Stuczynski & May Anne Jalinos
Wed., Dec. 4	10 am Divine Liturgy for Sahid Besheer St. Barbara	Req. by Salma Vahdat
Thu., Dec. 5	10 am Divine Liturgy for George Mansour St. Saba the Hermit	Req. by Mark Stuczynski & May Anne Jalinos
Fri., Dec. 6	10 am Divine Liturgy for George Mansour St. Nicholas (Mar Zakhia)	Req. by Mark Stuczynski & May Anne Jalinos
Sat., Dec. 7	10 am Divine Liturgy for George Mansour St. Ambrose	Req. by Mark Stuczynski & May Anne Jalinos
Sun., Dec. 8	The Birth of John the Baptist / Feast of the Immaculate Conception 9 am for George Mansour 11:30 am for Michel Hitti	Req. by Mark Stuczynski & May Anne Jalinos Req. by Antoine Hitti

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
in helping maintain the Church
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](#).

Tele-Lumiere / Noursat: Tele-Lumiere / Noursat, the "Television of Light," is the first Christian Television network in Lebanon and the Middle East. It was founded in 1991 by a group of committed lay people. Tele-Lumiere/Noursat has become the daily bread and hope for the Christian minorities in the Middle East, as well as a source of peace for many viewers from different denominations. Donate [here](#).

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

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.

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.

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. Please see the flyer on the next page.

Women of Grace Bible Study

The Office of Family and Sanctity of Life will begin the Eparchy-wide Women of Grace Bible Study next month. The goal will be to encourage the Women of Grace Foundational Bible Study in the parishes of the Eparchy. Here are links to the study guide and book needed for anyone who would like to participate: Link for the Study Guide: [Women of Grace](#) / Link for the Book: [Women of Grace](#)

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 am 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

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.



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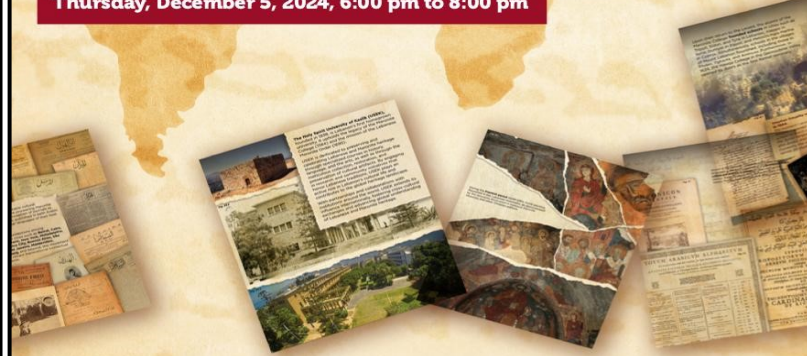
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Sunday Readings

قراءات الأحد

Sunday of the Visitation to Elizabeth

Letter to the Ephesians 1: 1-14.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To the saints who are in Ephesus and are faithful in Christ Jesus: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love.

He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory.

In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ to Saint Luke 1:39-45.

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me?

For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy.

And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

أحد زيارة العذراء

رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل أفسس 1:1-14

يا إخوتي، من بولس، رسول المسيح يسوع بمشيئة الله، إلى القديسين الذين هم في أفسس والأمناء في المسيح يسوع:

النعمة لكم والسلام من الله أبينا والرب يسوع المسيح! تبارك الله أبو ربنا يسوع المسيح، الذي باركنا بكل بركة روحية في السموات في المسيح؛ فإنه اختارنا فيه قبل إنشاء العالم، لنكون في حضرة قديسين، لا عيب فينا؛ وقد سبق بمحبته فحددنا أن نكون له أبناء بالتبني بيسوع المسيح، بحسب رضى مشيئته، لمجد مجد نعمته التي أنعم بها علينا في الحبيب؛ وفيه لنا الفداء بدمه، أي مغفرة الزلات، بحسب غنى نعمته، التي أفاضها علينا في كل حكمة وفهم؛ وقد عرفنا سر مشيئته، بحسب رضاه الذي سبق فجعله في المسيح، ليحقق تدبير ملء الأزمنة، فيجمع في المسيح تحت رأس واحد كل شيء، ما في السموات وما على الأرض؛ وفيه أيضا اختارنا ميراثا له، وقد سبق فحددنا بحسب قصده، هو الذي يعمل كل شيء بقضاء مشيئته، لنكون مدحا لمجده، نحن الذين سبقنا فجعلنا في المسيح رجاءنا؛ وفيه أنتم أيضا، بعد أن سمعتم كلمة الحق، أي إنجيل خلاصكم، وأمنتم، ختمتم بالروح القدس الموعود به، وهو عربون ميراثنا، لفداء شعبه الذي اقتناه، ولمدح مجده.

إنجيل القديس لوقا 1:39-45

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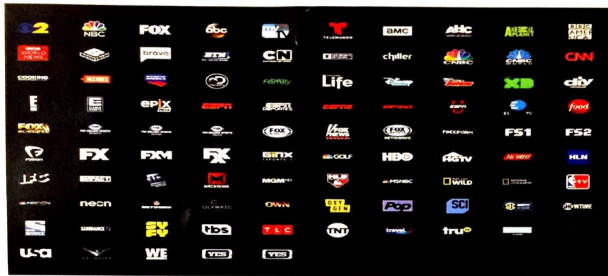
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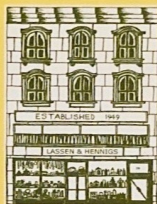
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