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# THE REVELATION TO JOSEPH



**Sunday of the Revelation to Joseph  
December 15th, 2024**

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| <b>Sun., Dec. 15</b> | <b>The Revelation to Joseph / St. Eleutherius and his Mother<br/>9 am for George Mansour<br/>11:30 am for the Intentions of the children of the Cathedral</b>                          | <b>Req. by Mrs. Carol Hamid</b>                         |
| Mon., Dec. 16        | NO DIVINE LITURGY<br>Haggai the Prophet  |   |
| Tue., Dec. 17        | 10 am Divine Liturgy for George Mansour<br>The Three Young Men: Ananias, Azarias & Misael  | Req. by Mrs. Carol Hamid                                |
| Wed., Dec. 18        | 10 am Divine Liturgy for George Mansour<br>Daniel the Prophet  | Req. by Mrs. Carol Hamid                                |
| Thu., Dec. 19        | 10 am Divine Liturgy for Felipe & Lisa Leon & Family<br>St. Athenodorus  | Req. by the Leon Family                                 |
| Fri., Dec. 20        | 10 am Divine Liturgy for George Mansour<br>St. Ignatius of Antioch   | Req. by Mrs. Carol Hamid                                |
| Sat., Dec. 21        | 10 am Divine Liturgy for George Mansour<br>St. Julian  | Req. by Mrs. Carol Hamid                                |
| <b>Sun., Dec. 22</b> | <b>Genealogy Sunday / St. Anastasia of the Balkans<br/>9 am for Julie &amp; Eddie Cuevas<br/>11:30 am for the Living and Deceased Members of<br/>the Nader &amp; Ingrilli Families</b> | <b>Req. by Julie Aguilera<br/>Req. by Marilyn Nader</b> |

**November 2024 Financial Standing**

**Ordinary Income**

- ◆ Collections on Sundays & Holy Days: **\$11,546.39**
  - ◆ Cathedral Stipends from Marriages & Funerals, Hall Rent, Candles, Breakfast, Luncheon, Raffle, Dues, Religious Education, Flowers ....**\$7,200.61**
- Total Ordinary Income: \$18,747.00**

**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....**\$25,984.12**
- Total Ordinary Expenses: \$25,984.12**

◆ **Total Ordinary Income vs Expenses: -7,237.12**  
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**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.**

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**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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## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **MYO Christmas Get-together**

The MYO will have a gingerbread decorating Christmas event on Saturday, December 14th, at 5:30 pm.

### **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.

### **Christmas Novena December 15th to 23rd**

Starting on December 15th until December 23rd, the parish will pray the Christmas Novena every evening at 7:30 pm except Sunday. The tradition of praying nine days before Christmas is a great way to be prepared to welcome God among us.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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](#). Please see Vivian Akl or Nicole Safi if you are interested.

### **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.

### **Eparchial Vocation Video**

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, to discover and nurture the vocation that God has placed within you, and be faithful to his call no matter where it leads.

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## Sunday Readings

### قراءات الأحد

#### Sunday of the Revelation to St Joseph

##### Letter to the Ephesians 3: 1-13.

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him. I pray therefore that you may not lose heart over my sufferings for you; they are your glory.

##### The Gospel according to Saint Matthew 1:18-25

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.' When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

#### أحد البيان ليوسف

##### رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل أفسس 3:1-13

يا إخوتي، أنا بولس، أسير المسيح يسوع من أجلكم، أيها الأمم.. إن كنتم قد سمعتم بتدبير نعمة الله التي وهبت لي من أجلكم، وهو أنني بوحى أطلعت على السر، كما كتبت إليكم بإنجاز من قبل، حينئذ يمكنكم، إذا قرأتم ذلك، أن تتركوا فهمي لسر المسيح، هذا السر الذي لم يعرف عند بني البشر في الأجيال الغابرة، كما أعلن الآن بالروح لرسله القديسين والأنبياء، وهو أن الأمم هم، في المسيح يسوع، شركاء لنا في الميراث والجسد والوعد، بواسطة الإنجيل، الذي صرنا خادماً له، بحسب هبة نعمة الله التي وهبت لي بفعل قدرته؛ لي أنا، أصغر القديسين جميعاً، وهبت هذه النعمة، وهي أن أبشّر الأمم بغنى المسيح الذي لا يستقصى، وأن أوضح للجميع ما هو تدبير السر المكنون منذ الدهور في الله الذي خلق كل شيء، لكي تعرف الآن من خلال الكنيسة، لدى الرئاسات والسلطين في السموات، حكمة الله المتنوعة، بحسب قصده الأزلي الذي حققه في المسيح يسوع ربنا، الذي لنا فيه، أي بالإيمان به، الوصول بجزأة وثقة إلى الله. لذلك أسألكم أن لا تضعف عزيمتكم بسبب الضيقات التي أعانيها من أجلكم: إنها مجد لكم.

##### إنجيل القديس متى 1:18-25

أما ميلاد يسوع المسيح فكان هكذا: لما كانت أمه مريم مخطوبة ليوسف، وقبل أن يسكننا معاً، وجدت حاملاً من الروح القدس. ولما كان يوسف رجلاً باراً، ولا يريد أن يشهر بها، قرّر أن يطلقها سراً. وما إن فكّر في هذا حتى تراءى له ملاك الرب في الحلم قائلاً: «يا يوسف بن داود، لا تخف أن تأخذ مريم أمرأتك، فالمولود فيها إنما هو من الروح القدس. وسوف تلد ابناً، فسماه يسوع، لأنه هو الذي يخلص شعبه من خطاياهم.» وحدث هذا كله ليتم ما قاله الرب بالنبي: ها إن العذراء تحبل وتلد ابناً، ويدعى اسمه عمانوئيل، أي الله معنا. ولما قام يوسف من النوم، فعل كما أمره ملاك الرب وأخذ أمرأته. ولم يعرفها، فولدت ابناً، وسماه يسوع.

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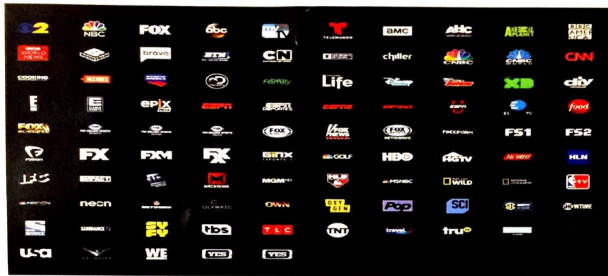
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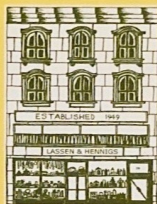
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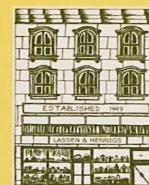
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