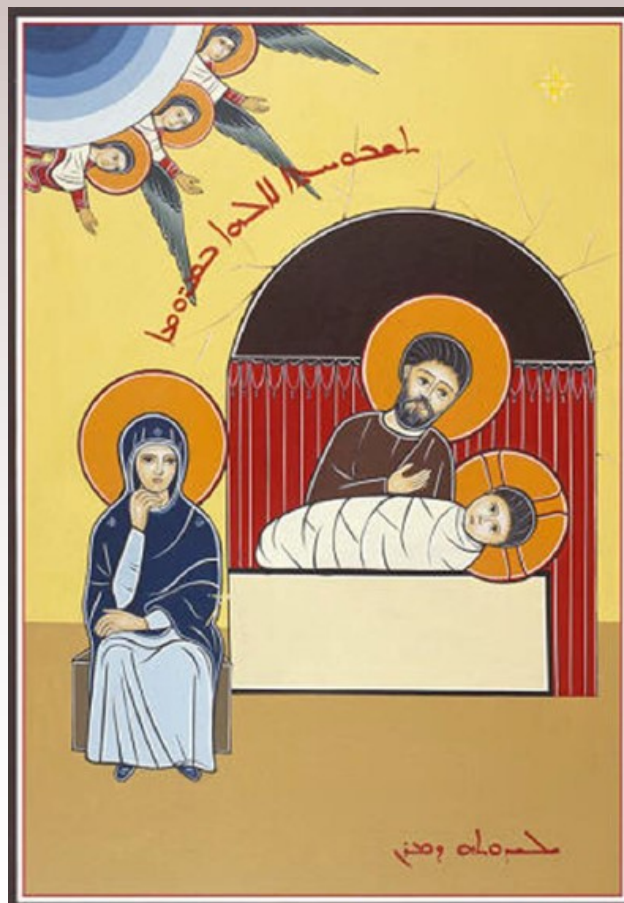


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SUNDAY AFTER THE GLORIOUS BIRTH



**Sunday after the Glorious Birth of Our Lord
December 29th, 2024**

Sun., Dec. 29	Sunday after the Glorious Birth / The Flight into Egypt 9 am for Rosie, Tommy, Mary Anne & Tom Perun 11:30 am for John Nader	by Mr. & Mrs. Jorge Leon by Marilyn Nader
Mon., Dec. 30	NO DIVINE LITURGY The Return from Egypt to Nazareth / St. Anysia	
Tues., Dec. 31	10 am Divine Liturgy of praise & thanksgiving to God for his countless blessings	
Wed., Jan. 1	11:30 am Divine Liturgy of the Circumcision of Jesus / New Year's Day for Antoine El Toum	by Mr. & Mrs. Antonie Saba
Thurs., Jan. 2	10 am Divine Liturgy for Earle & Teresa Walls & Family Pope St. Silvester I	by Mr. & Mrs. Jorge Leon
Fri., Jan. 3	10 am Divine Liturgy Malachi the Prophet	
Sat., Jan. 4	10 am Divine Liturgy 40 Day for Lyra Concetta Manning Pope St. Caius / St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	by the Gorayeb & Manning Families
Sun., Jan. 5	Sunday of the Finding of Our Lord in the Temple / St. Zoticus 9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners 11:30 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners	
Mon., Jan. 6	10 am Divine Liturgy of the Feast of the Glorious Epiphany	

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**

**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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CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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.

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.

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



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.

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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.

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.

Saturday Speaker Series at St. Sharbel Spiritual Life Center

Please click [here](#) to watch a lecture by Michael Aquilina at the Saint Sharbel Spiritual Life Center. The talk is a superb analysis of the influence of the early Christians on society with respect to the dignity of women and children.

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Sunday Readings

قراءات الأحد

The letter to the Hebrews 11:31-23

By faith Moses was hidden by his parents for three months after his birth, because they saw that the child was beautiful; and they were not afraid of the king's edict.

By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called a son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered abuse suffered for the Christ to be greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking ahead to the reward.

By faith he left Egypt, unafraid of the king's anger; for he persevered as though he saw him who is invisible.

By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel.

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned.

By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days.

By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

The Gospel according to Saint Matthew 2:18-13

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.'

Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, 'Out of Egypt I have called my son.'

When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men.

Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: 'A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.'

الرسالة إلى العبرانيين 11:23-31

بِإِيمَانِ مُوسَى، بِالْإِيمَانِ مُوسَى، لَمَّا وُلِدَ، أَخْفَاهُ آبَاؤُهُ ثَلَاثَةَ أَشْهُرٍ، لِأَنَّهُمَا رَأَيَا الصَّبِيَّ جَمِيلًا، وَلَمْ يَرْهَبَا أَمْرَ الْمَلِكِ.

بِإِيمَانِ مُوسَى، لَمَّا كَبُرَ، أَبِي أَنْ يُدْعَى ابْنًا لِابْنَةِ فِرْعَوْنَ، وَأَخْتَارَ الْمَشَقَّةَ مَعَ شَعْبِ اللَّهِ عَلَى التَّمَتُّعِ الْوَقْتِيِّ بِالْخَطِيئَةِ، حَاسِبًا عَارَ الْمَسِيحِ غِنَى أَعْظَمَ مِنْ كُنُوزِ مِصْرَ، لِأَنَّهُ كَانَ يَتَطَلَّعُ إِلَى الْمُكَافَأَةِ.

بِإِيمَانِ تَرَكَ مِصْرَ، وَلَمْ يَخْشَ غَضَبَ الْمَلِكِ، وَثَبَّتْ عَلَى عَزْمِهِ، كَأَنَّهُ يَرَى مَا لَا يَرَى. بِالْإِيمَانِ صَنَعَ الْفِصْحَ وَرَشَّ الدَّمِ، لِئَلَّا يَمْسَهُمْ مُهْلِكُ الْإِبْكَارِ.

بِإِيمَانِ عَبَّرَ بَنُو إِسْرَائِيلَ الْبَحْرَ الْأَحْمَرَ، كَمَا عَلَى أَرْضِ يَابِسَةٍ، وَلَمَّا حَاوَلَ الْمِصْرِيُّونَ عُبُورَهُ عَرَفُوا. بِالْإِيمَانِ سَقَطَتْ أَسْوَارُ أَرِيحَا، بَعْدَ الطَّوَافِ حَوْلَهَا سَبْعَةَ أَيَّامٍ.

بِإِيمَانِ رَاحَبُ الْبَغِيُّ لَمْ تَهْلِكْ مَعَ الَّذِينَ عَصَوْا، لِأَنَّهَا قَبِلَتْ الْجَاسُوسِينَ بِسَلَامٍ.

انجيل القديس متى 2:13-18

بَعْدَمَا أَنْصَرَفَ الْمَجُوسُ، تَرَاءَى مَلَائِكُ الرَّبِّ فِي الْحُلْمِ لِيُوسُفَ، وَقَالَ لَهُ: «قُمْ، خُذِ الصَّبِيَّ وَأُمَّهُ، وَأَهْرُبْ إِلَى مِصْرَ، وَأَبْقِ هُنَاكَ إِلَى أَنْ أَقُولَ لَكَ، لِأَنَّ هِيرُودُسَ مُرْمِعٌ أَنْ يَبْحَثَ عَنِ الصَّبِيِّ لِيُهْلِكَهُ.»

فَقَامَ يُوسُفُ وَأَخَذَ الصَّبِيَّ وَأُمَّهُ لَيْلًا، وَاجَأَ إِلَى مِصْرَ. وَبَقِيَ هُنَاكَ حَتَّى مَاتَ هِيرُودُسُ، لِيَتِمَّ مَا قَالَهُ الرَّبُّ بِالنَّبِيِّ: «مِنْ مِصْرَ دَعَوْتُ ابْنِي.»

وَلَمَّا رَأَى هِيرُودُسُ أَنَّ الْمَجُوسَ سَخِرُوا مِنْهُ غَضِبَ جَدًّا. وَأَرْسَلَ فَقَتَلَ جَمِيعَ الصَّبِيَّانِ فِي بَيْتِ لَحْمٍ وَضَوَاجِيهَا، مِنْ أَبْنِ سَنَتَيْنِ فَمَا دُونَ، بِحَسَبِ الزَّمَنِ الَّذِي تَحَقَّقَهُ مِنَ الْمَجُوسِ.

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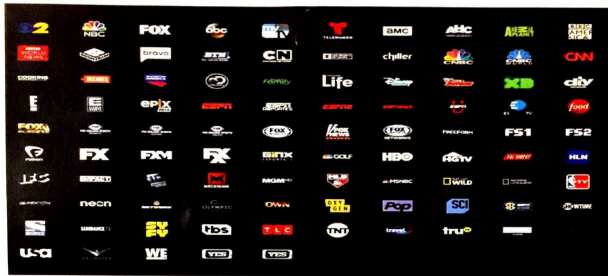
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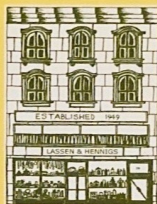
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