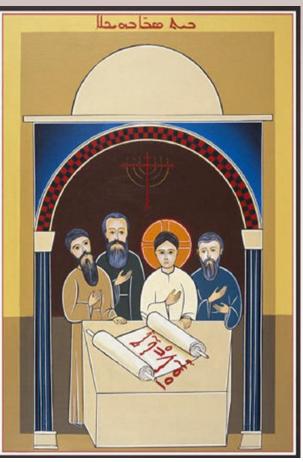
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SUNDAY OF THE FINDING OF OUR LORD IN THE TEMPLE



| Sunday of the Finding of Our Lord in the Temple January 5th, 2025 | | | | |
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| 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 Antoine Safi (recently died in Lebanon) for the Nader & Metery Families | | by the Safi Family by Marilyn Nader | |
| Mon., Jan. 6 | | 10 am Divine Liturgy of the Feast of the Glorious Epiphany 7:30 pm Divine Liturgy of the Feast of the Glorious Epiphany | | |
| Tues., Jan. 7 | 10 am Divine Liturgy for Mary, William & Henry Parker Praise of St. John the Baptist | | by Mr. & Mrs. Jorge Leon | |
| Wed., Jan. 8 | 11:30 am Divine Liturgy for Matthew Michael Walls St. Carterius the priest | | by Mr. & Mrs. Jorge Leon | |
| Thurs., Jan. 9 | 10 am Divine Liturgy St. Eustartius the Wonderworker | | | |
| Fri., Jan. 10 | 10 am Divine Liturgy St. Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa | | | |
| Sat., Jan. 11 | 10 am Divine Liturgy St. Theodosius of Antioch | | | |
| Sun., Jan. 12 | n., Jan. 12 9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners 11:30 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners | | | |
| Decem | ber 2024 Financial Standing | HF | ELP LEBANON! | |
| Ordinary Income Collections on Sundays & Holy Days: \$46,089.12 Cathedral Stipends from Marriages & Funerals, Hall Rent, Candles, Breakfast, Luncheon, Raffle, Dues, Religious Education, Flowers\$45,986.48 Total Ordinary Income: \$92,075.60 | | 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 | | |
| 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\$37,570.01 Total Ordinary Expenses: \$37,570.01 | | member of Caritas International, one of the larg- est humanitarian networks in the world. Donate | | |
| Total Ordinary Income vs Expenses: \$54,505.59 ************************************ | | East. It was founded in 1991 by a group of com- mitted 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 denomi- nations. Donate here. | | |
| creased 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. | | 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 organiza- tion 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 | | |
| Thank you for your contribution in helping maintain the Church and in planning different activities | | 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

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: <u>Women of Grace</u> / Link for the Book: <u>Women of Grace</u>. Please see Vivian Akl or Nicole Safi if you are interested.

Pilgrimage in the Footsteps of St. John Paul II

Join us on an 11-day/9-night pilgrimage to Eastern Europe *In The Footsteps of St. John Paul II* from October 06–16, 2025. Including Prague, Wroclaw, Krakow, Wieliczka Salt Mines, Auschwitz, Wadowice, Brno & Vienna. \$4,298 per person/double occupancy, including airfare from New York. Register with \$750 by February 06, 2025, and save \$100. For more information, please call Marleine 1-917-608-2996 or Tony 1-917-206-3995

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: <u>UNICEF Support for Lebanon</u>.

Donations in kind, by sending <u>medications</u>, and <u>medical supplies</u> 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 <u>here</u>. 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

<u>The Man of God Is a Man for Others</u> 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 <u>here</u> 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 <u>here</u> 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 <u>this video</u> 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 <u>here</u> for more details.



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Feb. 13– Maronite Music & Melodies (Fr. Neemtallah Odissey)

Feb. 20 – Maronites & the Holy See (Chorbishop John Faris)

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Sunday Readings قراءات الأحد

Sunday of the Finding of the Lord in the Temple

The Letter to the Hebrews 7: 11-19

If perfection had been attainable through the Levitical priesthood for the people received the law under this priesthood what further need would there have been to speak of another priest arising according to the order of Melchizedek, rather than one according to the order of Aaron? For when there is a change in the priesthood, there is necessarily a change in the law as well. Now the one of whom these things are spoken belonged to another tribe, from which no one has ever served at the altar. For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, and in connection with that tribe Moses said nothing about priests. It is even more obvious when another priest arises, resembling Melchizedek, one who has become a priest, not through a legal requirement concerning physical descent, but through the power of an indestructible life. For it is attested of him, 'You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.' There is, on the one hand, the abrogation of an earlier commandment because it was weak and ineffectual (for the law made nothing perfect); there is, on the other hand, the introduction of a better hope, through which we approach God.

The Gospel according to Saint Luke 2: 41-52

Every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

أحد وجود الربّ يسوع في الهيكل

الرسالة إلى العرانيين 11:7-19 يا إخوني، لو كَانَ الكَمَالُ قَدْ تَحَقَّقَ بِالكَهَنُوتِ اللَّاوِيّ، وهُوَ أَسَاسُ الشَّرِيعَةِ الَّتِي أَعْظِيَتْ لِلَسَّعْب، فَأَيُّ حَاجَةٍ بَعُدُ إلى أَنْ يَقُومَ كَاهِنٌ آخَرُ على »رُ تُبَة مَلْكِيصَادِق«، ولا يُقَال »على رُ تُبَة هَارُ ون«؟ فمتَى تَعَيَّرَ الكَهَنُوت، لا بُدَ مِنْ تَغْير الشَّرِيعَة أَيْضًا. فَالَّذي يُقَالُ هذا في شَانْبِه، أَي المَسَيح، جَاءَ مِنْ سِبْطِ آخَر، لَم يُلازِمْ أَحَدٌ مِنْهُ مَنْ سِبْطِ لَمْ يَصْفُهُ مُوسى بَشَيءٍ مِنَ الكَهَنُوت. ويَزِيدُ مَنْ سِبْطِ لَمْ يَصْفُهُ مُوسى بَشَيءٍ مِنَ الكَهَنُوت. ويَزِيدُ مَنْ سِبْطٍ لَمْ يَصْفُهُ مُوسى بَشَيءٍ مِنَ الكَهَنُوت. ويَزِيدُ مَنْ سِبْطِ لَمْ يَصْفُهُ مُوسى بَشَيءٍ مِنَ الكَهَنُوت. ويَزِيدُ مَنْ كَيصَادِق، لَمْ يَقُمْ وَفْقَ شَرِيعةِ وَصِيَّة بَشَرِيَّة، بَلْ وَفْقَ مَنْ عَلَي رُ تُبَةٍ مَلْكَيصَادِق. («! ويُشْهَدُ لَهُ: »أَنتَ كَاهِنُ إلى الأَبَد، على رُ تُبَة مَلْكِيصادِق. («! ويُشْهَدُ لَهُ: »أَنتَ كَاهِنُ إلى الأَبَد، على رُ تُبَعَ مَنْكِيصادِق. (ول. ويُشْهَدُ لَهُ: »أَنتَ كَاهِنُ إلى الأَبَد، على رُ تُبَعَ مَنْكِيصادِق. («! ويُقْقَ شَرِيعة وَصِيَّة بَشَرِيَة، بَلْ وَفْقَ الكَهنُوت السَّابِقَة، بسَبَب ضُعْفِهَا و عَدَمَ أَيْحالُ وصيَّة الكَهنُوت السَّابِقَة، بِسَبَب ضُعْفِهَا و عَدَمٍ أَيْصَالُ وصيَّة رَجَاءٍ أَقْضَلَا، بِهِ يَقْتَرَ بُ مِنَ اللَّهُ الْكَامَ

إنجيل القديس لوقا 1:12-52 كانَ أَبَوَا يَسُوعَ يَذْهَبَانِ كُلَّ سَنَةٍ في عِيدِ الفِصْحِ إلى أُوْرَ شَلَيم . ولمَّا بَلَغَ يَسُوعُ ٱتْنْتَي عَشْرَةَ سَنَة، صَعِدُوا مَعًا كَمَا هِيَ العَادَة في العِيد. وبَعدَ ٱنْقِضَاءِ أَيَّامِ العِيد، عَادَ الأَبَوَان، وبَقِيَ الصَّدِيُ يَسُوعُ في أُورَ شَلِيم، وهُمَا لا يَدْرِيَان. وإذْ كَانَا يَظُنَّان الأقار ب والمَعَار ف. ولَمْ يَجْدَاه، فَعَادَا إلى أُورَ شَليمَ يَبْحَثَّان عَنْهُ . وَبَعْدَ ثَلَاثَة أَيَّام، وَجَدَاهُ في القَافِلَة، سَارَا مَسِيرَة يَوْم، ثُمَّ أَخَذَا يَظْنَان يَسُوعُ في أُفْرَانِهُ مَارَا مَسِيرَة يَوْم، ثُمَّ أَخَذَا يَظْلُبانِهِ بَيْنَ يَنْحَثَّان عَنْهُ . وَبَعْدَ ثَلَاثَةِ أَيَّام، وَجَدَاهُ في القَيطَ بَيْنَ يَبْحَثَان عَنْهُ . وَبَعْدَ ثَلَاثَة أَيَّام، وَجَدَاهُ في الهَيكَلِ جَالِسًا يَسْمَعُونَهُ مُنْذَهِلِينَ بِنَكَائِهِ وأَجُوبَتِه. ولَمَا رَآهُ أَبَوَاهُ بُهِتَا وقَائِنُ لَهُ أُمَّهُ: »يا ٱبْنِي، لِمَاذَا فَعَلَّتَ بِنَا هَكَذا؟ فِهَا أَنَا وقَائَتْ لَهُ أُمَّهُ: »يا ٱبْنِي، لِمَاذَا فَعَلَّتَ بِنَا هَكَذا؟ فَهَا أَنَا وقَائِوكَ كُنَّا نَبْحَتُ عَنْكَ مُنَوَجِعَين . «افَقَالَ لَهُمَا المَا وقَائِوكَ كُنَّا نَبْحَتُ عَنْكَ مُنَوَجِعَين . وقَائَتْ لَهُ مَنْهَ مَنْهُ فَا فَلَهُ يَعْهِمَا الْكَلَامُ الَّذِي كَلَنَا يَعْمَانِ الْتَعْلَمَانَ مَعَادَا لَبَوْنَ في مَا هُوَ وقَائَتْ لَهُ مَنْ فَلَهُ يَعْهَمَا الْكَلامَ الَذِي كَلَا مَانَا يَعْمَا ومَانَوكَ كُنَا نَبْحَتُ عَلَمَا فَلَهُ يَعْهَمَا الْكَلامَ الَذي كَلَّهُ مَنْ عَنْهُ وَبَعْدَا إِنَا يَعْزَى في مَا هُوَ ومَانَتْ أَمُونَ في مَا هُمَا فَلَهُ يَعْهَمَا الْكَلامَ الَذي كَلَامَ مَنْ عَلَى يَسُوعُونَ في مَا هُوَ ومَانَتْ أَمَّهُ اللَّهُ مَا فَلَهُ يَعْهَمَا الْكَلامَ الَذي عَنْهُ وَلَنْتَ فَقَالَهُ مَعْرَانَ مَعْمَا في مَا عَلَهُ يَعْمَعُونَ في مَا هُوَ وَكَانَتْ أَمُونَ في مَا هُمًا فَلَهُ يَعْهَمَا إلَنَا مَعْنَ فَ مَنْ فَلَهُ مَنْكَمَا يَ أَنْ أَبُونَ في مَا هُوَ في مَا هُوَ في مَا هُوَ في مَا هُوَ في أَنْ يَامُ فَيْ فَنْ يَا فَعَلَنَا بِنَا مُكْرَا فَعَامَ وَ في مَا هُوَ في فَعْمَا إِنَا يَعْمَا فِي أَنْ عَنْ أَنْ أَنْ أَنْ أَنْ مُوَى في فَعْمَا مُ عَنْ مَا فَلَهُ يَعْنَا مُنَا مَعْ مَا



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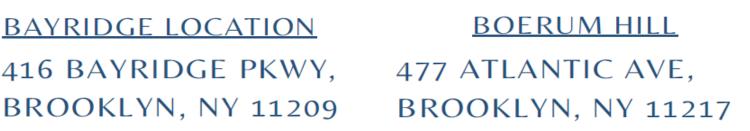


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