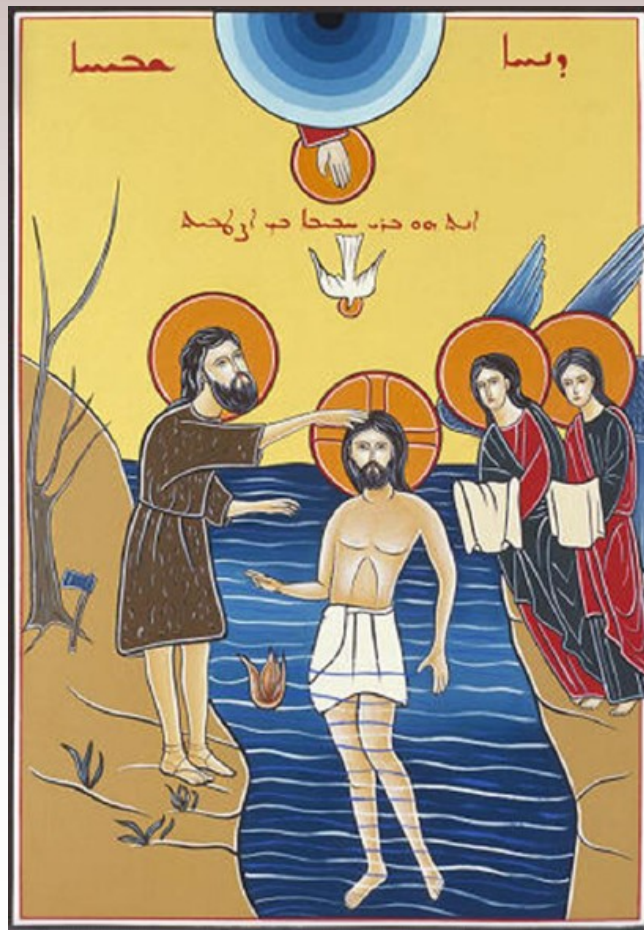


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# FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



**First Sunday after Epiphany  
January 12th, 2025**

<b>Sun., Jan. 12</b>	<b>First Sunday after Epiphany / St. Tatiana of Rome 9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners 11:30 am for Hicham Reaidy (recently died in Lebanon)</b>	<b>by his Cousin Elias Reaidy</b>
Mon., Jan. 13	NO Divine Liturgy	
Tues., Jan. 14	10 am Divine Liturgy for Jorge Leon St. Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers	by Mr. & Mrs. Jorge Leon
Wed., Jan. 15	11:30 am Divine Liturgy for Justin & Liz Leon & Family Our Lady of the Sowing	by Mr. & Mrs. Jorge Leon
Thurs., Jan. 16	10 am Divine Liturgy for George Mansour Memorial of the Chains of St. Peter	by Mrs. Carol Hamid
Fri., Jan. 17	10 am Divine Liturgy for George Mansour St. Anthony the Great	by Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Zygmunt
Sat., Jan. 18	10 am Divine Liturgy Establishment of the Chair of St. Peter / St. Athanasius of Alexandria / St. Cyril of Alexandria	
<b>Sun., Jan. 19</b>	<b>Second Sunday after Epiphany / St. Macarius of Egypt 9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners 11:30 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners</b>	

**December 2024 Financial Standing**

**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**

**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**

◆ **Total Ordinary Income vs Expenses: \$54,505.59**

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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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## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MYA Bible Study

The MYA will have their monthly Bible Study tomorrow Friday at 8 pm.

### Knights & Confraternity Meetings

The knights will meet this Sunday after the 11:30 am Divine Liturgy in the rectory and the Confraternity in the Chapel.

### 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.

### 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: [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.

### 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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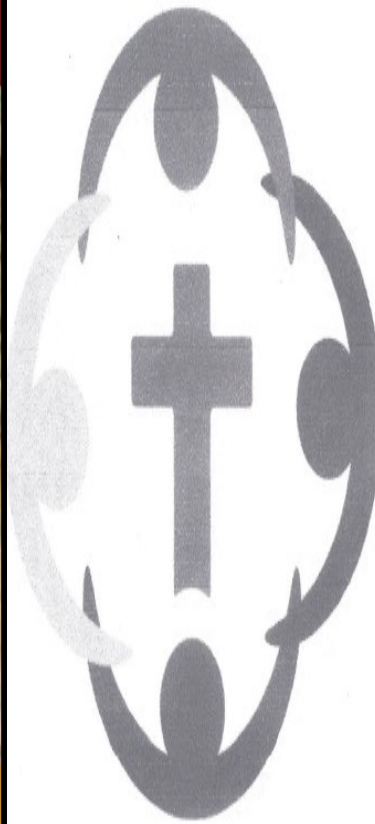
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Feb. 6– St. Maron & the Maronite Liturgy  
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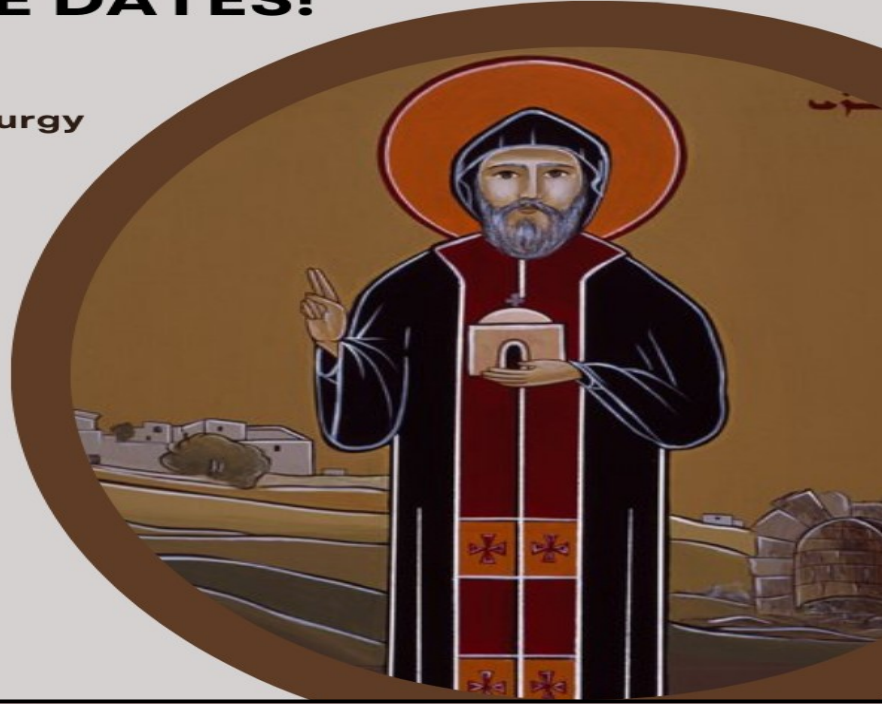
Feb. 13– Maronite Music & Melodies  
(Fr. Neemtallah Odissey)

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

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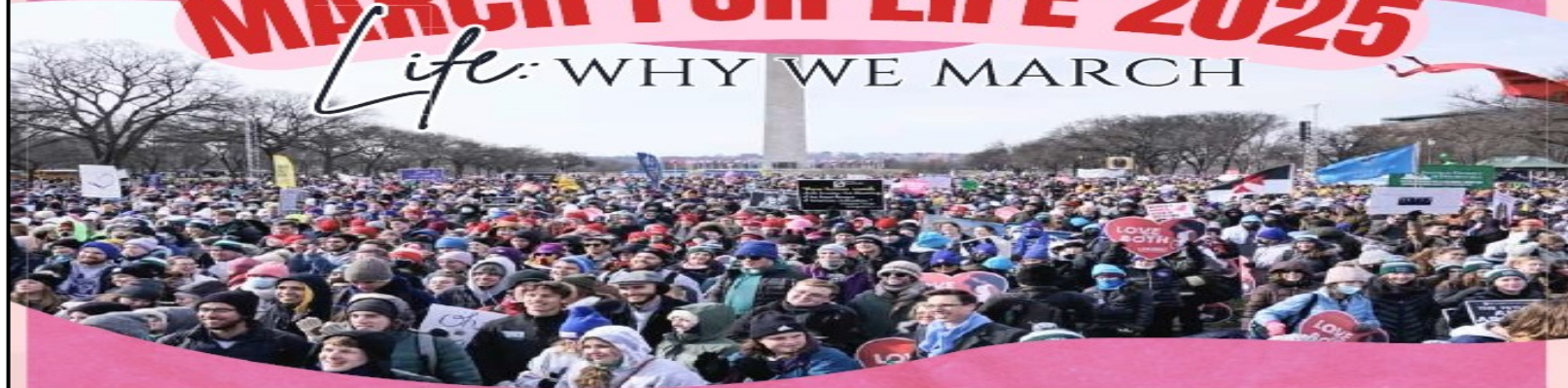
Hosted by the Maronite Servants of Christ the Light in conjunction with the St. Sharbel Spiritual Life Center.

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## Sunday Readings

قراءات الأحد

### The First Sunday after the Epiphany

#### Second Letter to the Corinthians 10:1-11.

I myself, Paul, appeal to you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ I who am humble when face to face with you, but bold towards you when I am away! I ask that when I am present I need not show boldness by daring to oppose those who think we are acting according to human standards. Indeed, we live as human beings, but we do not wage war according to human standards; for the weapons of our warfare are not merely human, but they have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every proud obstacle raised up against the knowledge of God, and we take every thought captive to obey Christ. We are ready to punish every disobedience when your obedience is complete. Look at what is before your eyes. If you are confident that you belong to Christ, remind yourself of this, that just as you belong to Christ, so also do we. Now, even if I boast a little too much of our authority, which the Lord gave for building you up and not for tearing you down, I will not be ashamed of it. I do not want to seem as though I am trying to frighten you with my letters. For they say, 'His letters are weighty and strong, but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech contemptible.' Let such people understand that what we say by letter when absent, we will also do when present.

#### The Gospel according to Saint John 1:29-34.

The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'

### الأحد الأول بعد الدنح

رسالة القديس بولس الثانية إلى أهل كورنتس 10:1-11  
يا إخوتي، أنا بولس نفسي أناشدكم بوداعة المسيح وجمه، أنا المتواضع بينكم عندما أكون حاضراً، والجريء عليكم عندما أكون غائباً. وأرجو ألا أجبر عند حضورى أن أكون جريئاً، بالثقة التي لي بكم، والتي أنوي أن أجرو بها على الذين يحسبون أننا نسلك كإناس جسديين. أجل، إننا نحيا في الجسد، ولكننا لا نحارب كإناس جسديين؛ لأن أسلحة جهادنا ليست جسدية، بل هي قادرة بالله على هدم الحصون المنيعة؛ فإننا نهدم الأفكار الخاطئة، وكل شموخ يرتفع ضد معرفة الله، ونأسر كل فكر لطاعة المسيح. ونحن مستعدون أن نعاقب كل عصيان، متى كملت طاعتكم. إنكم تحكمون على المظاهر! إن كان أحد واثقاً بنفسه أنه للمسيح، فلينكر في نفسه أنه كما هو للمسيح كذلك نحن أيضاً. فإنا لا نحجل إن بالغت بعض المبالغة في الافتخار بالسلطان الذي وهبه الرب لنا لبنيانكم لا لهدمكم. ولا أريد أن أظهر كأني أخوفكم برسائلي؛ لأن بعضاً منكم يقولون: «رسائله شديدة اللهجة وقوية، أما حضوره الشخصي فهزيل، وكلامه سخي.» فلنعلم مثل هذا القائل أننا كما نحن بالكلام في الرسائل، عندما نكون غائبين، كذلك نحن أيضاً بالفعل، عندما نكون حاضرين.

#### إنجيل القديس يوحنا 1:29-34

في الغد (بعد شهادة المعمدان) رأى يوحنا يسوع مقبلاً إليه فقال: «ها هو حمل الله الذي يرفع خطيئة العالم. هذا هو الذي قلت فيه: يأتي ورائي رجل قد صار قدامي، لأنه كان قبلي.» وأنا ما كنت أعرفه، لكنني جئت أعمد بالماء لكي يظهر هو لإسرائيل.» وشهد يوحنا قائلاً: «رأيت الروح نازلاً كحمامة من السماء، ثم استقر عليه.» وأنا ما كنت أعرفه، لكن الذي أرسلني أعمد بالماء هو قال لي: من ترى الروح ينزل ويستقر عليه، هو الذي يعمد بالروح القدس وأنا رأيت وشهدت أن هذا هو ابن الله.»

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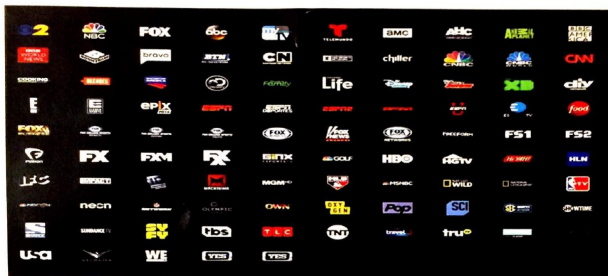
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