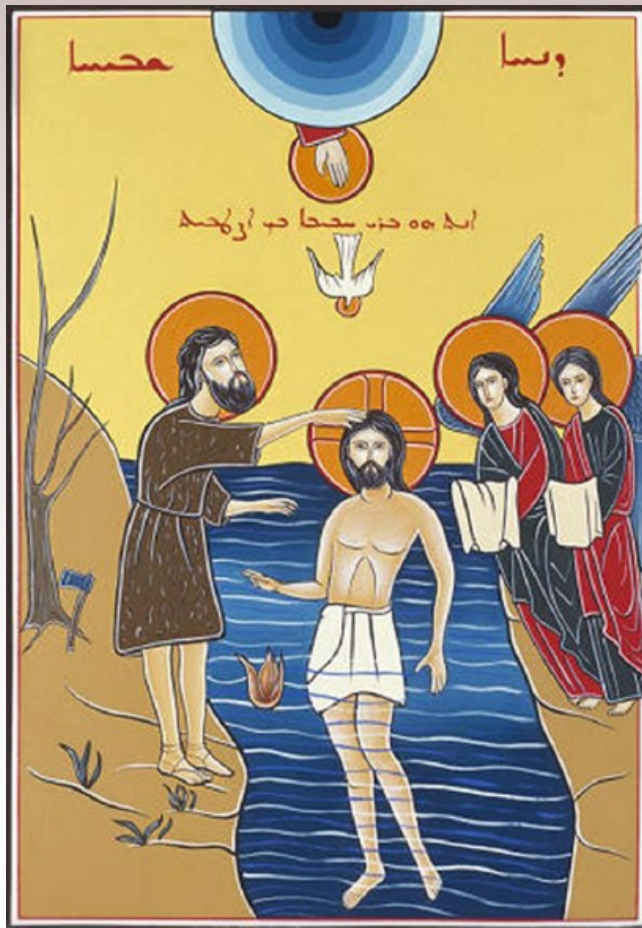


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# SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



**Second Sunday after Epiphany  
January 19th, 2025**

**Sun., Jan. 19**      **Second Sunday after Epiphany / St. Macarius of Egypt**  
**9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners**  
**11:30 am for Peter Kasis (Vicky Nasr's Cousin) by Mr. & Mrs. Ziad Nasr**

Mon., Jan. 20      NO Divine Liturgy  
 St. Euthymius the Great

Tues., Jan. 21      10 am Divine Liturgy  
 St. Sebastian

Wed., Jan. 22      10 am Divine Liturgy  
 St. Timothy, Disciple of St. Paul

Thurs., Jan. 23      10 am Divine Liturgy  
 Pope St. Sergius / St. Marianne Cope

Fri., Jan. 24      10 am Divine Liturgy  
 St. Francis de Sales

Sat., Jan. 25      10 am Divine Liturgy  
 Conversion of St. Paul

**Sun., Jan. 26**      **Third Sunday after Epiphany / St. Agnes**  
**9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners**  
**11:30 am for Nicolas Machalany**      **by Mrs. Therese Machalany & Family**

**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

### 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 7 pm 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.

### Maronite Odyssey

Twenty-three panels meticulously curated are featured in the exhibition at Our Lady of Lebanon Cathedral starting from Sunday, January 26th. These panels illustrate the Maronites' enduring contributions to global heritage. We warmly invite you to explore this remarkable narrative, which promises to be an educational journey through a legacy that spans centuries and continents.

### Pilgrimage in the Footsteps of St. John Paul II

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### 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.

### Letter for Annual Donations

Parishioners who for tax purposes would like a letter stating their annual contribution, please email [cathrectory@verizon.net](mailto:cathrectory@verizon.net) or call the rectory at 718-624-7228.

### 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](#).

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### 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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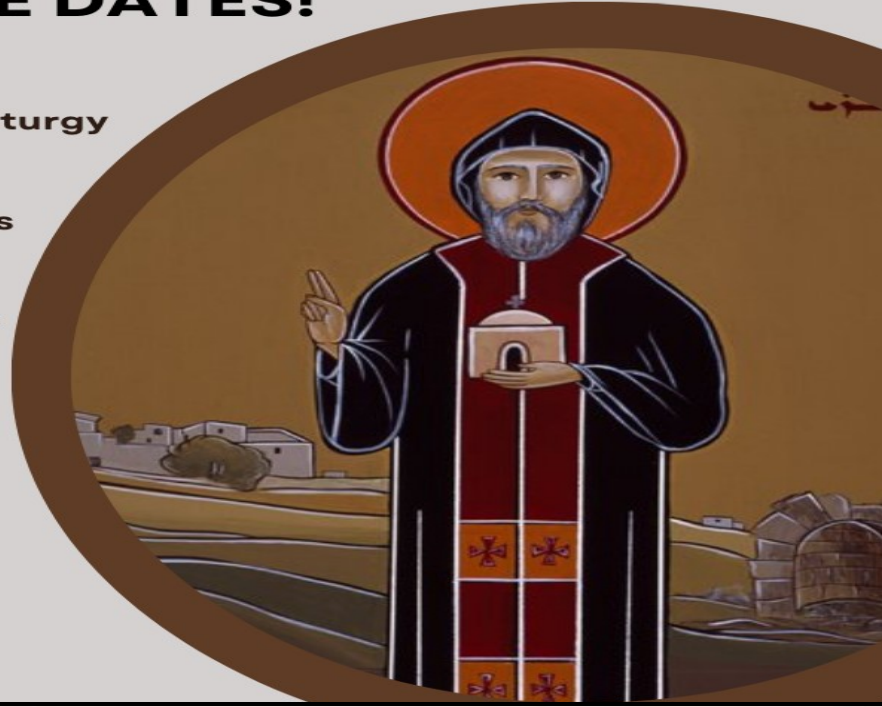
Feb. 13– Maronite Music & Melodies  
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Feb. 20 – Maronites & the Holy See  
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## Sunday Readings

### قراءات الأحد

#### Second Sunday after the Epiphany

##### Second Letter to the Corinthians 4: 5-15.

For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake.

For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair;

persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you. But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture 'I believed, and so I spoke' we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

##### The Gospel according to Saint John 1: 35-42.

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

#### الأحد الثاني بعد الدنح

رسالة بولس الثانية إلى أهل قورنثس 4: 5-15  
يا إِخْوَتِي، نَحْنُ لَا نُبَشِّرُ بِأَنْفُسِنَا، بَلْ نُبَشِّرُ بِيَسُوعَ  
الْمَسِيحِ رَبًّا، وَبِأَنْفُسِنَا عِبِيدًا لَكُمْ مِنْ أَجْلِ يَسُوعَ؛  
لِأَنَّ اللَّهَ الَّذِي قَالَ: «لِيَشْرِقَ مِنَ الظُّلْمَةِ نُورٌ!»، هُوَ  
الَّذِي أَشْرَقَ فِي قُلُوبِنَا، لِنَسْتَبِيرَ فَنَعْرِفَ مَجْدَ اللَّهِ  
الْمُتَجَلِّي فِي وَجْهِ الْمَسِيحِ. وَلَكِنَّا نَحْمِلُ هَذَا الْكَنْزَ  
فِي أَيْتَةٍ مِنْ خَرْفٍ، لِيُظْهَرَ أَنَّ تِلْكَ الْقُدْرَةَ الْفَائِقَةَ هِيَ  
مِنَ اللَّهِ لَا مِنَّا. يُضَيِّقُ عَلَيْنَا مِنْ كُلِّ جِهَةٍ وَلَكِنَّا لَا  
نُسْحَقُ، نَخْتَارُ فِي أَمْرِنَا وَلَكِنَّا لَا نَيَّاسُ، نَضْطَهُدُ  
وَلَكِنَّا لَا نُهْمَلُ، نُنْبَذُ وَلَكِنَّا لَا نَهْلِكُ، وَنَحْمِلُ فِي  
جَسَدِنَا كُلَّ جِبِنِ مَوْتِ يَسُوعَ، لِكَيْ تَظْهَرَ حَيَاةُ يَسُوعَ  
أَيْضًا فِي جَسَدِنَا؛ فَإِنَّا نَحْنُ الْأَحْيَاءُ نُسَلِّمُ دَوْمًا إِلَى  
الْمَوْتِ، مِنْ أَجْلِ يَسُوعَ، لِكَيْ تَظْهَرَ حَيَاةُ يَسُوعَ  
أَيْضًا فِي جَسَدِنَا الْمَائِتِ. فَالْمَوْتُ يَعْمَلُ فِيْنَا،  
وَالْحَيَاةُ تَعْمَلُ فِيكُمْ. وَلَكِنْ بِمَا أَنَّ لَنَا رُوحَ الْإِيمَانِ  
عَيْنُهُ، كَمَا هُوَ مَكْتُوبٌ: «آمَنْتُ، وَلِذَلِكَ تَكَلَّمْتُ»،  
فَنَحْنُ أَيْضًا نُؤْمِنُ، وَلِذَلِكَ نَتَكَلَّمُ. وَنَحْنُ نَعْلَمُ أَنَّ ذَلِكَ  
الَّذِي أَقَامَ الرَّبَّ يَسُوعَ، سَيُقِيمُنَا نَحْنُ أَيْضًا مَعَ  
يَسُوعَ، وَيَجْعَلُنَا وَإِبَائَكُمْ فِي حَضْرَتِهِ. فَكُلُّ شَيْءٍ هُوَ  
مِنْ أَجْلِكُمْ، لِكَيْ تَكْتَنِرَ الْبِعْمَةَ، فَيَفِيضَ الشُّكْرُ فِي  
قُلُوبِ الْكَثِيرِينَ لِمَجْدِ اللَّهِ.

##### إنجيل القديس يوحنا 1: 35-42

في الغد أيضًا كان يوحنا واقفاً هو وأثنان من تلاميذه.  
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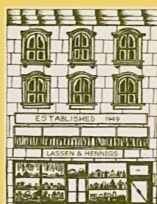
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