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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



Third Sunday after Epiphany January 26th, 2025

Sun., Jan. 26	Third Sunday after Epiphany / St. Agnes 9 am for Mercedes Mejia 11:30 am for Nicolas Machalany	by Mrs. Therese Machalany & Family
Mon., Jan. 27	No Divine Liturgy St. Paula	
Tues., Jan. 28	10 am Divine Liturgy for Mercedes Mejia St. Ephrem	
Wed., Jan. 29	10 am Divine Liturgy for Mercedes Mejia St. Hippolytus of Antioch	
Thurs., Jan. 30	10 am Divine Liturgy for Mercedes Mejia St. Maximus the Confessor	
Fri., Jan. 31	10 am Divine Liturgy for Mercedes Mejia St. John Bosco	
Sat., Feb. 1	10 am Divine Liturgy for Mercedes Mejia St. Pionius and his Companions	
Sun., Feb. 2	Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple / Fourth Sunday after Epiphany 9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners	

11:30 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners

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

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.

Thank you for your contribution in helping maintain the Church and in planning different activities

HELP LEBANON!

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.

Tele-Lumiere / Noursat; the "Television of Light," is the first Christian Television network in Lebanon and the Middle East. It was founded in 1991 by a group of committed 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 denominations. Donate here.

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 organization 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 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 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, February 1st. 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.

Palm Sunday Celebration

Children ages 5 to 12 are encouraged to participate in the Palm Sunday celebration by reading, processing with the gifts and other activities during the 11:30 am Divine Liturgy. Please see Leila Vogl to register.

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.

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 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: <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.

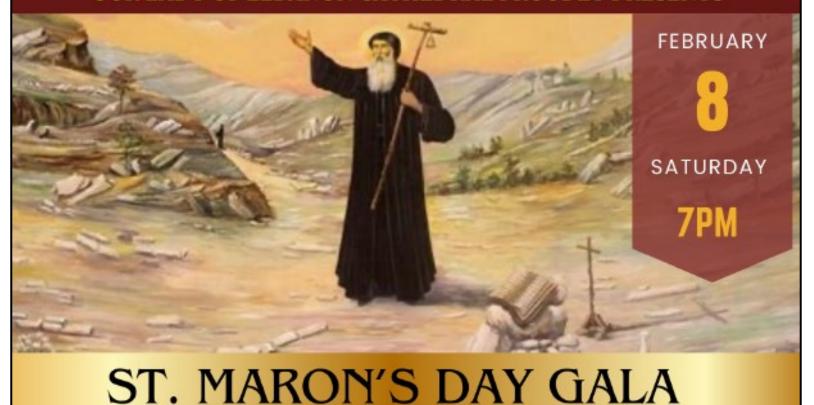
Finance Council Recommendation

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 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

<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 here to read the letter.

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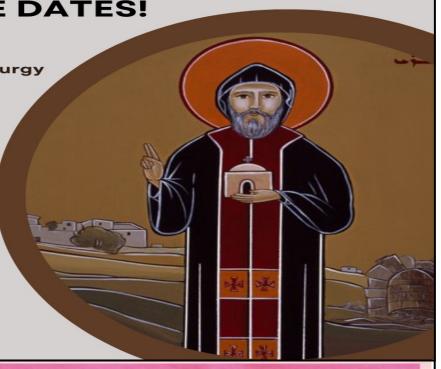
Feb. 13 – Maronite Music & Melodies (Fr. Neemtallah Oneissy)

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

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The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Letter to the Galatians 3:23-29

Before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore, the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith.

As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

The Gospel according to Saint John 3:1-16

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

الأحد الثالث بعد الدنح

رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل غلاطية 23:3-29

يا إِخْوَتِي، قَبْلُ أَنْ يَأْتِي الإِيْمَان، كُنَّا مُحْتَجَزِينَ مَحبُوسِينَ
تَحْتَ الشَّرِيعَة، إلِى أَنْ يُعْلَنَ الإِيْمَانُ المُنْتَظَر.
إِذَا فَالشَّرِيعَةُ كَانَتْ لَنَا مُؤَدِّبًا يَقُودُنَا إلى المَسِيح، لِكَيْ
ثَبَرَّرَ بِالإِيْمَانِ. فَلَمَّا أَتَى الإِيْمَان، لَمْ نَعُدْ تَحْتَ مُؤَدِّب؛
لأَنَّكُم جَمِيعًا أَبْنَاءُ الله بَالإِيْمَان، في المَسِيح يَسُوع.
فأَنْتُم جَمِيعًا الَّذِينَ اعْتَمَدْتُم في المَسِيح قَدْ لَبِسْتُمُ ٱلمَسِيح.
فلا يَهُودِيُ بَعْدُ ولا يُونَانِي، لا عَبْدٌ ولا حُرِّ، لاَ ذَكَرٌ ولا أَنشَى فإنْ كُنْتُم فَي المَسِيح يَسُوع.
فلا يَهُودِي بَعْدُ ولا يُونَانِي، لا عَبْدٌ ولا حُرِّ، لاَ ذَكَرٌ ولا أَنشَى فإنْ كُنْتُم المَسِيح، فأَنتُم إِذًا نَسْلُ إِبْراهِيم، ووَارِثُونَ بِحَسَبِ الوَعْد.

إنجيل القديس يوحنا 1:3-16

كَانَ إِنْسَانٌ مِنَ الْفَرِيسِيِّينَ اَسْمُهُ نِيقُودِيْمُوس، رَئِيسٌ لِللهَهُود. هذَا جَاءَ أَيْلاً إِلَى يَسُوعَ وقَالَ لَهُ: »رَاتِي، نَحْنُ نَعْلَمُ أَنَّكَ جِئْتَ مِنَ اللهِ مُعَلِّمًا، لأَنَّهُ لا أَحَدَ يَقْدِرُ أَنْ يَصْنَعَ الاَيَاتِ النَّتِي أَنْتَ تَصِنْنَعُهَا مَا لَمْ يَكُنِ اللهُ مَعَهُ. ﴿ الْآَيَاتِ النَّتِي أَنْتَ تَصِنْنَعُهَا مَا لَمْ يَكُنِ اللهُ مَعَهُ. ﴿ الْآَيَاتِ اللّهِ مَا لَهُ يُولَدُ مِنْ جَدِيد. ﴿ اللهِ مَا لَمُ يُولَدُ مِنْ جَدِيد. ﴿ قَالَ لَهُ نِيقُودِيْمُوسَ: »كَيْفَ يَقْدِرُ إِنْسَانُ أَنْ يُولَدَ وهُو كَبِيرٌ فَي السِّنّ؟ هَلْ يَقْدِرُ أَنْ يَدْخُلَ ثَانِيَةً حَشَا أُمِّهِ، ويُولَد وهُو كَبِيرٌ في السِّنّ؟ هَلْ يُقْدِرُ أَنْ يَدْخُلَ ثَانِيَةً حَشَا أُمِّهِ، ويُولَد وهُو كَبِيرٌ في السِّنّ؟ هَلْ يُقْدِرُ أَنْ يَدْخُلَ ثَانِيَةً حَشَا أُمِّهِ، ويُولَد وهُو كَبِيرٌ أَيْدَخُلُ مَلْكُوتَ اللهِ مَا لَمْ يُولَد مِنَ المَاءِ والرُّوحِ. مَولُودُ يَدْخُلُ مَنْ أَيْنَ أَيْدُ مَنَ الْمَاءِ والرُّوحِ. مَولُودُ يَدْخُلُ مَالُهُ عَلَيْ اللهُ عَلَيْ اللهُ عَلَيْ مَا لَمْ يُولَد مِنَ المَاءِ والرُّوحِ. مَولُودُ عَلَيْكُمْ أَنْ تُولَدُوا مِنْ جَدِيد. أَلْرِيحُ تَهُتُ حَيْثُ تَشَاء، وأَنْ لَكَ: يَدْخُلُ تَعْمَلُ مَنْ أَيْنَ عَلْكُمْ أَنْ تُولَدُوا مِنْ جَدِيد. أَلْرُوحِ رُوحٍ. لا تَعْجَبُ عَيْثُ تَشَاء، وأَنْتَ عَلَيْكُمْ أَنْ تُولَدُوا مِنْ جَدِيد. أَلْرُوحُ مَوْحُ اللّهُ عَيْمُ اللهُ إِلَى أَيْنَ عَلَيْ اللهُ عَلَيْمُ اللهُ وَلَا لَكُ: يَكُنُ أَنْ يَصِيرِ هَذَا؟ . ﴿ أَنْكُ مَوْلُ اللهُ وَ تَجْهَلُ هَذَا؟ وَقَالَ لَهُ: يَكُنُ أَنْ يَصِيرِ هَذَا؟ . ﴿ وَاللّهُ اللّهُ وَلَا لَهُ وَاللّهُ لَكَ الْمَاءِ وَاللّهُ وَالْمُ الْمُؤُلُ أَنْ يُصِيرُ الْمَاهُ وَلَا لَكَ وَمَالَمُ هَا اللّهُ وَالْمُ الْمَاهُ وَاللّهُ الْمُ الْمَاهُ وَالْمَاهُ وَالْمُ الْمُؤْلُ وَلَا لَكَ اللّهُ الْمُ الْمُؤُلُ أَنْ الْحُلُولُ وَالْمُ اللّهُ الْمُؤَلِلُ وَتَجْهَلُ هَذَا؟ وَلَا لَكُ اللّهُ اللهُ اللهُ الْمُؤْلُودُ مِنَ اللّهُ وَالْمُ اللّهُ الْمُ اللّهُ اللّهُ اللهُ اللهُ اللهُ اللهُ اللهُ اللهُ اللهُ الْمُؤْلُودُ اللهُ اللهُ اللهُ اللهُ الْمُؤْلُودُ اللّهُ الْمُولُ اللّهُ اللهُ اللهُ اللّهُ اللّهُ الْمُؤْلُودُ اللّهُ الْمُؤْل

أَجَابَ يَسُوعُ وَقَالَ لَهُ: »أَنْتَ مُعَلِّمُ إِسْرَ ائِيلَ وتَجْهَلُ هذَا؟ أَلْحَقَّ ٱلْحَقَّ ٱلْحَقَّ ٱلْحَقَ ٱلْحَقَ ٱلْحَقَ ٱلْحَقَ الْفَولُ لِلَّا: نَحْنُ نَنْطِقُ بِمَا نَعْلَم، ونَشْهَدُ بِمَا رَأَيْنَا، وأَنْتُم لا تَقْبَلُونَ شَهَادَتَنَا. كَلَّمْتُكُم في شُؤُونِ الأَرْضِ ولا تُؤْمِنُونَ إِذَا كَلَّمْتُكُم في شُؤُونِ السَّمَاء؟

مَا مِنْ أَحَدٍ صَعِدَ إِلَى السَّمَاء، إِلاَّ الَّذِي نَزَلَ مِنَ السَّمَاء، أَي إِبْنُ الإِنْسَان. وكَمَا رَفَعَ مُوسَى الْحَيَّةَ في الْبَرِّيَّة، كَذَلِكَ يَجِبُ أَنْ يُرْفَعَ ٱبْنُ الإِنْسَان، لِكَي تَكُونَ لِكُلِّ مُؤْمِنٍ بِه حَبَاةً أَيْدِيَّة.

مُّكَذَا أَحَبُ اللهُ العَالَم، حتَّى إِنَّهُ جَادَ بِٱبنِهِ الْوَحِيد، لِكَي لاَّ يَهْلِكَ أَيُّ مُؤْمِن بِهِ، بَلْ تَكُونُ لَهُ حَيَاةٌ أَبَدِيَّة.

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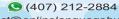
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