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SUNDAY OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE VIRGIN MARY

Sunday of the Announcement to the Virgin Mary November 23rd, 2025		
Sun., Nov. 23	Sunday of the Announcement to the Virgin Mary / St. Sassine 9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners 11:30 am for Ibrahim, Margaret & George Allaham by Mr. & Mrs. Chaoki Eladem	
Mon., Nov. 24	NO LITURGY St. Catherine of Alexandria	
Tues., Nov. 25	10 am Divine Liturgy Pope St. Clement	
Wed., Nov. 26	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Peter, Patriarch of Alexandria	
Thu., Nov. 27	10 am Divine Liturgy St. James Intercisus	
Fri., Nov. 28	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Stephen the Younger	
Sat., Nov. 29	10 am Divine Liturgy Sts. Saturninus & Sisinius	
Sun., Nov. 30	Sunday of the Visitation to Elizabeth / St. Andrew / St. Bishoy 9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners 11:30 am for Elie Safi by Raymond Safi & Family	

Financial Standing October 2025

Ordinary Income

- Collections on Sundays & Holy Days: \$11,938.77
- Cathedral Stipends from Marriages & Funerals, Hall Rent, Candles, Breakfast, Luncheon, Raffle, Dues, Religious Education, Flowers\$36,886.00
 Total Ordinary Income: \$48,824.77

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 \$47,504.85

Total Ordinary Expenses: \$47,504.85

• Total Ordinary Income vs Expenses: \$1,319.92

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, 7% in 2024 and 9% in 2025. We are now paying \$53,716 which will amount to \$4,476.33 a month.

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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.

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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

Annual Bake Sale Sponsored by the Confraternity

The Annual Winter Bake Sale sponsored by the Confraternity will take place on December 6th & 7th. If you would like to help by baking goods or donating to the bake sale, please see Yolla Howayek, Mirna Abi Daher or Hala Maalouf. The Confraternity will be having their Christmas Raffle. The drawing will be on December 25th, after the 11:30 am Divine Liturgy.

Season of the Birth of the Lord Retreat

Sponsored by the Confraternity, the Cathedral will hold the Season of the Birth of the Lord Retreat on December 13th, starting at 9 am. Everyone is welcome.

Family Christmas Party

Sponsored by the Sunday School, the Cathedral invites all parishioners to a luncheon to celebrate Christmas on Sunday, December 14th, in the Church Hall. Families are welcome, especially the kids, for a fun afternoon with Santa and other surprises. During the 11:30 Liturgy that day, the children will enact the Christmas story.

75th Years Anniversary of the Bible Society

Under the patronage of His Eminence, Bishop Gregory Mansour, you are invited to a special private dinner to celebrate the 75th diamond anniversary of the formal registration of the Bible Society, Lebanon. The dinner will be held on December 11, 2025, at Our Lady of Lebanon Cathedral at 7pm, and will include an update on the Society's distribution of 100,000 Special Edition New Testaments to celebrate Pope Leo's visit to Lebanon. Please email the Church if you are coming.

St. Maron Gala

Please save the date for the 99th St. Maron Gala at El Caribe (5945 Strickland Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11234) on Saturday, February 7th.

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.

Vocation Team Initiatives

The Vocation Team is starting a new initiative to foster and promote a culture of vocations in our parishes with a vocation form that Bishop Gregory would like everyone to consider completing. Please click on the <u>link</u> and consider submitting a name of one or two young people, whom the Vocation Team can pray for, and possibly accompany on their vocation journey. The Vocation Team and Bishop Gregory will intentionally pray for those whose names are submitted, and, if given permission, we will follow up with them to see how we can support them in their ongoing discernment. Please click <u>here</u> for our vocation prayer card and icon to aid our young people, families, and parishes to come together as the Body of Christ to pray for vocations.

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.

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.

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.

Saturday Speaker Series at St. Sharbel Spiritual Life Center

Please click <u>here</u> 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.

Lector Ministry

If you wish to be put on the next schedule of lectors, please see George El Hage or email the Church here.



Our Lady of Lebanon Cathedral has been designated as a holy site for the 2025 Jubilee Year. Catholics who visit the Cathedral with a sincere heart free from attachment to sin, and who fulfill the following conditions, can obtain a plenary indulgence:

- 1. Receive Holy Communion.
- 2. Participate in the Sacrament of Penance (Confession).
- 3. Pray for the intentions of the Holy Father.

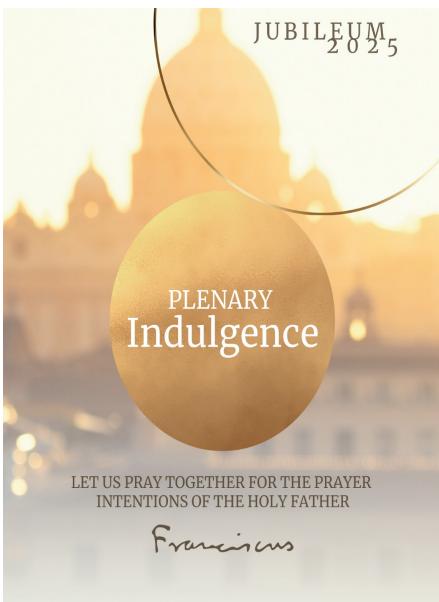
A plenary indulgence grants the complete remission of all temporal punishment due to sin, restoring the soul to the purity it had at baptism.

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.















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Sunday Readings قراءات الأحد

Sunday of the Announcement to the Virgin Mary

The Letter Paul to the Galatians 3: 15-22

I give an example from daily life: once a person's will has been ratified, no one adds to it or annuls it. Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring; it does not say, 'And to offsprings', as of many; but it says, 'And to your offspring', that is, to one person, who is Christ. My point is this: the law, which came four hundred and thirty years later, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to nullify the promise. For if the inheritance comes from the law, it no longer comes from the promise; but God granted it to Abraham through the promise. Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, until the offspring would come to whom the promise had been made; and it was ordained through angels by a mediator. Now a mediator involves more than one party; but God is one. Is the law then opposed to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could make alive, then righteousness would indeed come through the law. But the scripture has imprisoned all things under the power of sin, so that what was promised through faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

The Gospel according to Saint Luke 1: 26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore, the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

أحد بشارة العذراء

رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل غلاطية 15:3-22

يا إِخَوَتِي، كَبَشَرِ أَقُول: إِنَّ الْوَصِيَّة، وإِنْ كَانَتْ مِنْ إِنْسَان، إِذَا أُقِرَّتْ، لا أَحَد يُبْطِلُهَا أَو يَزِيدُ عَلَيْهَا. فالوُ عُودُ قِيْلَتْ لاَبْراهِيمَ وَلِنَسْلِهِ، وَأَنَّ يُبْطِلُها أَو يَزِيدُ عَلَيْهَا. فالوُ عُودُ قِيْلَتْ لاَبْراهِيمَ وَلِنَسْلِهِ، وَمَا قِيْلَتْ: »و لأَنْسَالِهِ «، كَأَنَّهُ لِوَاحِد، وهُوَ المَسِيح! فأقُولُ هذَا: إِنَّ بَلْ »وَلِيَسْنِقُ سَبَقَ اللهُ فأقَرَّهَا، لا تُلْغِيها شَرِيعَةٌ جَاءَتْ بَعْدَ أَرْبَعِ مِئَةً وَتَلاَيْنَ سَنَة، فَتُبْطِلُ الوَ عْد.

وَإِذًا كَانَ المِيرَاثُ مِنَ الشَّرِيعَة، فَهُوَ لَمْ يَعُدْ مِنَ الوَعْد؛ والْحَالُ أَنَّ المِيرَاثُ مِنَ الشَّرِيعَة، فَهُوَ لَمْ يَعُدْ مِنَ الوَعْد؛ والْحَالُ أَنَّ اللهَ بِوَعْدٍ أَنْعَمَ بِالمِيرَاثِ على إِبرَاهِيم. إِذًا فَلَمَاذَا الشَّرِيعَة؟ إِنَّهَا أَضِيفَتْ بَسَبَبِ الْمَعَاصِي، حَتَّى مَجِيءِ النَّسُلِ الَّذِي جُعِلَ الوَعْدُ لَهُ. وقَدْ أَعْلَنَهَا مَلائِكَةٌ على يَدٍ وَسِيط، هُوَ مُوسِى. غيرَ أَنَّ الوَاحِدَ لا وَسِيطَ لَهُ، واللهُ يَدُو سِيطَ لَهُ، واللهُ واللهُ إِحَد! إِذًا فَهَلْ تَكُونُ الشَّرِيعَةُ ضِدَّ وُعُودِ الله؟ حاشَا! فَلَو أَعْطِيتُهُ شَرِيعَةٌ قَادِرَةٌ أَنْ تُحْيى، لَكَانَ التَّبْرِيرُ حَقًّا بِالشَّرِيعَة. ولكِنَّ الكِتَابَ حَبَسَ الكُلَّ تَحْتَ الخَطِيئَة، لِكَيْمَا بِالسُّوعَ المَسِيح يُعْطَى الوَعْدُ للَّذِينَ يُؤْمِنُون. بِيسُوعَ المَسِيح يُعْطَى الوَعْدُ للَّذِينَ يُؤْمِنُون.

إنجيل القديس لوقا 26:1-38

وَفَي الشَّهْرِ السَّادِسِ (بعد بشارة زكريّا)، أُرْسِلَ المَلاكُ جِبْرَائِيلُ مِنْ عِنْدِ اللهِ إلى مَدِينَة في الجَلِيلِ ٱسْمُهَا النَّاصِرَة، إلى عَذْرَاءَ مَخْطُوبَةٍ لِرَجُلٍ مِنْ بَيْتِ دَاودَ ٱسْمُهُ يُوسُف، وأَسْمُ العَذْرَاءِ مَرْيَم ولَمَّا دَخَلَ المَلاكُ إِلَيْهَا قَال: »أَلسَّلامُ عَلَيْكِ، «!

فَأَضْطَرِبَتْ مَرْيَمُ لِكَلامِهِ، وَأَخَذَتْ تَفَكَّرُ مَا عَسَى أَنْ يَكُونَ هَذَا السَّلام ! فَقَالَ لَهَا المَلاك: »لا تَخَافِي، يَا مَرْيَم، لأَنَّكِ وَجَدْتِ نِعْمَةً عِنْدَ الله.

وجدَ يَعْمَهُ عَلَيْنَ، وتَلدِينَ ٱبْنًا، وتُسَمِّينَهُ يَسُوع. وهُوَ يَكُونُ عَظِيمًا، وآبْنَ العَليِّ يُدْعَى، ويُعْطِيهِ الرَّبُّ الإلهُ عَرْشَ دَاوُدَ أَبِيه، فَيَمْلِكُ عَلى بَيْتِ يَعْقُوبَ إِلَى الأَبد، ولا يَكُونُ لِمُلْكِهِ نِهَايَة «!

قَقَالَتْ مَرْيَمُ لِلْمَلَّكُ: »كَيْفَ يَكُونُ هَذَا، وأَنَا لا أَعْرِفُ رَجُلاً؟ . «فَأَجَابَ المَلَكُ وقالَ لَهَا: »أَلرُّ وحُ الْقُدُسُ يَجِلُّ عَلَيْكِ، وقَدْرَةُ العَلِيِّ تُطَلِّلُكِ، ولِذلكَ فَالقُدُّوسُ المَوْلُودُ مِنْكِ يُدْعَى ابْنَ الله! وهَا إِنَّ اليصنابَاتَ نَسِيبَتَكِ، قَدْ حَمَلَتْ هِيَ يُدْعَى ابْنَ الله! وهذَا هُوَ الشَّهْرُ السَّادِسُ لِتِلْكَ أَيْضًا بِأَبْنٍ فِي شَيْخُوخَتِها. وهذَا هُوَ الشَّهْرُ السَّادِسُ لِتِلْكَ التِّي تُدْعَى عَاقِرًا، لأَنَّهُ لَيْسَ عَلَى اللهِ أَمْرُ مُسْتَجِيل . «! التِّي تُدْعَى عَاقِرًا، لأَنَّهُ لَيْسَ عَلَى اللهِ أَمْرُ مُسْتَجِيل . «! فقالتْ مَرْيَم: »هَا أَنَا أَمَةُ الرَّبّ، فَلْيَكُنْ لِي بِحَسَبِ قَوْ لِكَ!. « وَانْصَرَ فَ مِنْ عِنْدِها المَلاك

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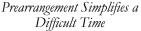
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