



Saint Maron

Maronite Catholic Church



Season of the Glorious Birth of Our Lord

November 12-13, 2022

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TUESDAY – FRIDAY 10:30AM – 4:00PM

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Announcement to Zechariah

The Canticle of Zechariah

(Hymn of praise and thanksgiving)

“Then Zechariah his father, filled with the holy Spirit, prophesied, saying:

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, for he has visited and brought redemption to his people. He has raised up a horn for our salvation within the house of David his servant, even as he promised through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old:

salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us, to show mercy to our fathers and to be mindful of his holy covenant and of the oath he swore to Abraham our father, and to grant us that, rescued from the hand of enemies, without fear we might worship him in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

And you, child, will be called prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give his people knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins, because of the tender mercy of our God by which the daybreak from on high will visit us to shine on those who sit in darkness and death's shadow, to guide our feet into the path of peace.”

Luke 1:67-79

2nd Collection

Maronite Patriarchal Charities

Sunday, November 13, 2022

Readings

First Reading

Romans 4:13-25

Gospel Reading

Luke 1:1-25

Sanctuary Candle

The Sanctuary Candle is burning for
MYO Retreat

DIVINE LITURGIES

Saturday, November 12, @ **6:00PM**, liturgy is offered as 1-year Anniversary for the soul of Emily Stone requested by Patty Impo. May her soul rest in peace.

Sunday, November 13, @ **11:00AM**, liturgy is offered for All Veterans requested by Terri Koway. Also, liturgy is offered for the soul of Elaine Nader requested by family. May her soul rest in peace.

Saturday, November 19, @ **6:00PM**, liturgy is offered for the soul of Alex Bonavitacola requested by Yasmine Alice. May his soul rest in peace.

Sunday, November 20, @ **11:00AM**, liturgy is offered for the living and deceased members of Iocco, Koway, Scotti, and Nelson families requested by Terri Koway.

ELDERLY COMMUNION

If you wish to receive communion at home, please contact the Church Office at 215-389-2000.

WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR November 5-6, 2022

Sunday Collection	\$ 1,423.00
PayPal	\$ 200.00
Coffee Hour	\$ 21.00
Total:	\$ 1,644.00

IN OUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers

Michael Thomas, Barbara Impriano, Mary McKinney, Jessica McKinney, Angela McKinney, Skyla Simon, Peter Labaki, Nancy Murphy, Marentha Young-Heart, Allison Tretina, Stephanie Devinney, Angela S corza Anderson, Robert Nigro, Thomas Jones, Raymond Fitzpatrick, Linda Yeckes, Frankie Olivieri, Richy Grande, Marie Eddis, Mia Andrilla, Natalie Ciancaglini, Ashley Iaconelli, Stephen Bressi, Elissar Ayoub, Joanne Simon-Turing, Suzanne Haney, Linda DiBernardo, Joan Speck, David Joseph Cook, Eddie Tayoun, Dennis Strelchuk, Gladys Dalcourt, Denise Furey, Mirta Ruiz, Rita Impo, Jade Kellam, Marion Thomas Branca, Francesca Impo, Lucy DiLuce, Laurent Chidiac, Tom Hart, John Hart, Fadi Jaber, Joseph Realdine, Lisa Alestra, John Nader, Joey Gdowick, Francis Joseph Kerns, Samer Chokeir, Kathy Newman, Rita Arrigale, Maryann Bratton, Renee Sahar, Sister Nahida Al-Sawa, James Cordisio, Stacey Fuentes, Debbie Freedenberg, Noel Andjuhar, and Angel Salerno.

We ask Almighty God to bless them with good health so that they may join us in the Church and give glory and thanksgiving to God. Please notify the Church office of any family member who is ill so that we may remember them in our daily prayers and on our altar of intention.

Landscaping

2nd phase

Trees Pruning	\$ 1,000.00
Expanding Pits	\$ 150.00
TOTAL	\$ 1,150.00

3rd phase:

Fixing the side walk on Ellsworth Street.

Waiting for proposals and estimates.

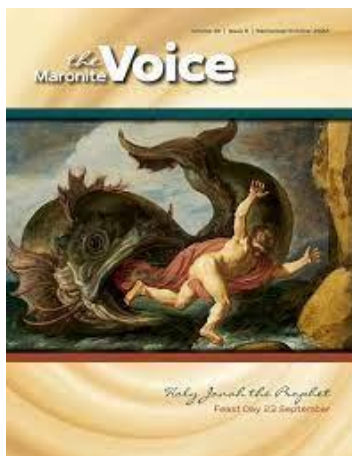


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UPCOMING EVENTS



THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

October 30 – November 13, 2022

Our MYO will deliver the Food on Sunday, November 13, 2022 after Divine Liturgy



2ND COLLECTION

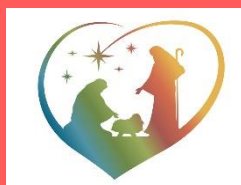
Maronite Patriarchal Charities

Sunday, November 13, 2022



GIVING TREE

November 27 – December 11, 2022



CHRISTMAS NOVENA

December 15 – December 23, 2022

Schedule will be announced soon



CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday, December 18, 2022

CHARITY

We are reaching out to all of you for supporting the
Elderly Home, in Batroun, Lebanon – “Ozanam’s Care Home”

They are in need of fuel to be able to stay warm during the winter season.

62 elderly/patients living in this facility are counting on our generosity!

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you can either make a check to St. Maron Church and write in the memo “donation to Lebanon”

or use the following GoFundMe link:

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Total Donations Received: \$1,910.00

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE



SAINT MARON CHURCH

Annual MYO Thanksgiving Food Drive

October 30 to November 13

*Let's be thankful
and give back to the community*



I would like to thank everyone who supported the MYOs in their Annual Thanksgiving Fundraiser. Thank you for your kindness and generosity that helped many families celebrate thanksgiving. May God Bless You abundantly with His love, His grace and His peace.

Fr. Andrawos

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ST. MARON MEN'S CLUB



Men's



Club



**It was
time to
Gather!**



St. Maron Men's Club gathered on Thursday, November 10, 2022 in the Church Hall for an amazing night filled with fun and camaraderie.

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First Reading

Romans 4:13-25

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans. Your blessing father...

Brothers and Sisters:

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations') in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Praise be to God always.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل رومة

يا إخواني، الوعد لإبراهيم أو لنسله بأن يكون وارثاً للعالم، لم يكن بواسطة الشريعة، بل بالبر الذي ناله بالإيمان. فلو كان أهل الشريعة هم الوارثين، لأبطل الإيمان، وألغى الوعد؛ لأن الشريعة تسبب غضب الله؛ وحيث لا شريعة، فلا تعدي للشريعة. لذلك فأهل الإيمان هم الوارثون، لكي تكون الورثة هبة من الله. وهكذا تحقق الوعد لكل نسل إبراهيم، لا للنسل الذي هو من أهل الشريعة فحسب، بل أيضاً للنسل الذي هو من أهل الإيمان، إيمان إبراهيم، الذي هو أب لنا أجمعين؛ كما هو مكتوب: «إني جعلتك أباً لأمم كثيرة». فأبراهيم الذي آمن بالله هو أب لنا أمام الله، الذي يحيي الأموات، ويدعو غير الموجود إلى الوجود. وقد آمن إبراهيم راجياً على غير رجاء، بأنه سيصير أباً لأمم كثيرة، كما قيل له: «هكذا يكون نسلك». ولم يضعف بإيمانه، برغم أنه رأى، وهو ابن نحو مئة سنة، أن جسده مائت، وأن حشا سارة قد مات. وبناء على وعد الله، ما شك ولا تردد، بل تقوى بالإيمان، ومجد الله. وأيقن ملء اليقين أن الله قادر أن ينجز ما وعد به. فلذلك حسب له إيمانه براً. ولم يكتب من أجله وحده أنه «حسب له براً»، بل كتب أيضاً من أجلنا، نحن الذين سيحسب لنا براً، لأننا نؤمن بالذي أقام من بين الأموات يسوع ربنا، الذي أسلم من أجل زلاتنا، وأقيم من أجل تبريرنا.

والتسبيح لله دائماً.

Gospel Reading

Saint Luke 1:1-25

The Apostle Writes:

Since many have undertaken to set down an orderly account of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as they were handed on to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, I too decided, after investigating everything carefully from the very first, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may know the truth concerning the things about which you have been instructed. In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly order of Abijah. His wife was a descendant of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. Both of them were righteous before God, living blamelessly according to all the commandments and regulations of the Lord. But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were getting on in years. Once when he was serving as priest before God and his section was on duty, he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the sanctuary of the Lord and offer incense. Now at the time of the incense-offering, the whole assembly of the people was praying outside. Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified; and fear overwhelmed him. But the angel said to him, 'Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John. You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He must never drink wine or strong drink; even before his birth he will be filled with the Holy Spirit. He will turn many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. With the spirit and power of Elijah he will go before him, to turn the hearts of parents to their children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.' Zechariah said to the angel, 'How will I know that this is so? For I am an old man, and my wife is getting on in years.' The angel replied, 'I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. But now, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time, you will become mute, unable to speak, until the day these things occur.' Meanwhile, the people were waiting for Zechariah, and wondered at his delay in the sanctuary. When he did come out, he could not speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the sanctuary. He kept motioning to them and remained unable to speak. When his time of service was ended, he went to his home. After those days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she remained in seclusion. She said, 'This is what the Lord has done for me when he looked favorably on me and took away the disgrace I have endured among my people.'

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِيسِ لُوقَا

بِمَا أَنَّ كَثِيرِينَ أَخَذُوا يُرَتِّبُونَ رِوَايَةَ لِلْأَحْدَاثِ الَّتِي تَمَّتْ عِنْدَنَا، كَمَا سَلَّمَهَا إِلَيْنَا مَنْ كَانُوا مِنْذُ الْبَدْءِ شُهُودَ عَيَانٍ لِلْكَلِمَةِ، ثُمَّ صَارُوا خُدَّامًا لَهَا، رَأَيْتُ أَنَا أَيْضًا، أَيُّهَا الشَّرِيفُ تِيُوفِيلُ، أَنْ أَكْتُبَهَا لَكَ بِحَسَبِ تَرْتِيبِهَا، بَعْدَمَا تَتَبَّعْتُهَا كُلَّهَا، مِنْذُ بَدَايَتِهَا، تَتَبُّعًا دَقِيقًا، لِكِي تَتَيَقَّنَ صِحَّةَ الْكَلَامِ الَّذِي وَعِظْتَ بِهِ. كَانَ فِي أَيَّامِ هِيرُودُسَ، مَلِكِ الْيَهُودِيَّةِ، كَاهِنٌ أَسْمُهُ زَكَرِيَّا، مِنْ فِرْقَةِ أَبِيَا، لَهُ أَمْرَأَةٌ مِنْ بَنَاتِ هَارُونَ أَسْمُهَا إِيصَابَات. وَكَانَا كِلَاهُمَا بَارَيْنِ أَمَامَ اللَّهِ، سَالِكَيْنِ فِي جَمِيعِ وَصَايَا الرَّبِّ وَأَحْكَامِهِ بِلا لَوْم. وَمَا كَانَ لَهُمَا وَلَدٌ، لِأَنَّ إِيصَابَاتَ كَانَتْ عَاقِرًا، وَكَانَا كِلَاهُمَا قَدْ طَعَنَّا فِي أَيَّامِهِمَا. وَفِيمَا كَانَ زَكَرِيَّا يَقُومُ بِالْخِدْمَةِ الْكَهْنُوتِيَّةِ أَمَامَ اللَّهِ، فِي أَثْنَاءِ نَوْبَةِ فِرْقَتِهِ، أَصَابَتْهُ الْفُرْعَةُ، بِحَسَبِ عَادَةِ الْكَهْنُوتِ، لِيَدْخُلَ مَقْدَسَ هَيْكَلِ الرَّبِّ وَيُحْرِقَ الْبَخُورَ. وَكَانَ كُلُّ جُمْهُورِ الشَّعْبِ يُصَلِّي فِي الْخَارِجِ، فِي أَثْنَاءِ إِحْرَاقِ الْبَخُورِ. وَتَرَاءَى مَلَائِكَةُ الرَّبِّ لِرَكَرِيَّا وَقَفًا مِنْ عَن يَمِينِ مَذْبَحِ الْبَخُورِ، فَأُضْطَرَبَ زَكَرِيَّا حِينَ رَأَاهُ، وَاسْتَوَلَى عَلَيْهِ الْخَوْفُ. فَقَالَ لَهُ الْمَلَاكُ: "لَا تَخَفْ، يَا زَكَرِيَّا، فَقَدْ اسْتَجِيبَتْ طَلِبَتُكَ، وَأَمْرَاتُكَ إِيصَابَاتُ سَتَلِدُ لَكَ أَبْنَاءً، فَسَمِّهِ يُوَحَنَّا. وَيَكُونُ لَكَ فَرْحٌ وَأَبْتِهَاجٌ، وَيَفْرَحُ بِمَوْلَدِهِ كَثِيرُونَ، لِأَنَّهُ سَيَكُونُ عَظِيمًا فِي نَظَرِ الرَّبِّ، لَا يَشْرَبُ خَمْرًا وَلَا مُسْكِرًا، وَيَمْتَلِئُ مِنَ الرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ وَهُوَ بَعْدُ فِي حَشَا أُمِّهِ. وَيَرُدُّ كَثِيرِينَ مِنْ بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ إِلَى الرَّبِّ إِلَهُهِمْ. وَيَسِيرُ أَمَامَ الرَّبِّ بِرُوحٍ إِبِلِيًّا وَقُوَّتِهِ، لِيَرُدَّ قُلُوبَ الْآبَاءِ إِلَى الْأَبْنَاءِ، وَالْعُصَاةِ إِلَى حِكْمَةِ الْأَنْبَرَارِ، فَيَهَيِّئَ لِلرَّبِّ شَعْبًا مُعَدًّا خَيْرَ إِعْدَادٍ". فَقَالَ زَكَرِيَّا لِلْمَلَاكُ: "بِمَاذَا أَعْرِفُ هَذَا؟ فَإِنِّي أَنَا شَيْخٌ، وَأَمْرَاتِي قَدْ طَعَنَتْ فِي أَيَّامِهَا!". فَأَجَابَ الْمَلَاكُ وَقَالَ لَهُ: "أَنَا هُوَ جِبْرَائِيلُ الْوَاقِفُ فِي حَضْرَةِ اللَّهِ، وَقَدْ أُرْسِلْتُ لَأُكَلِّمَكَ وَأُبَشِّرَكَ بِهَذَا. وَهَا أَنْتَ تَكُونُ صَامِتًا، لَا تَقْدِرُ أَنْ تَتَكَلَّمَ، حَتَّى الْيَوْمَ الَّذِي يَحْدُثُ فِيهِ ذَلِكَ، لِأَنَّكَ لَمْ تُؤْمِنْ بِكَلَامِي الَّذِي سَيَتِمُّ فِي أَوَانِهِ". وَكَانَ الشَّعْبُ يَنْتَظِرُ زَكَرِيَّا، وَيَتَعَجَّبُ مِنْ إِبْطَائِهِ فِي مَقْدَسِ الْهَيْكَلِ. وَلَمَّا خَرَجَ زَكَرِيَّا، لَمْ يَكُنْ قَادِرًا أَنْ يُكَلِّمَهُمْ، فَأَدْرَكُوا أَنَّهُ رَأَى رُؤْيَا فِي الْمَقْدَسِ، وَكَانَ يُشِيرُ إِلَيْهِمْ بِالْإِشَارَةِ، وَبَقِيَ أَبْكَمَ. وَلَمَّا تَمَّتْ أَيَّامُ خِدْمَتِهِ، مَضَى إِلَى بَيْتِهِ. وَبَعْدَ تِلْكَ الْأَيَّامِ، حَمَلَتْ أَمْرَأَتُهُ إِيصَابَاتُ، وَكَتَمَتْ أَمْرَهَا خَمْسَةَ أَشْهُرَ، وَهِيَ تَقُولُ: هَكَذَا صَنَعَ الرَّبُّ إِلَيَّ، فِي الْأَيَّامِ الَّتِي نَظَرَ إِلَيَّ فِيهَا، لِيُزِيلَ الْعَارَ عَنِّي مِنْ بَيْنِ النَّاسِ! حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانُ لَجَمِيعِكُمْ.