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Maronite Catholic Church



Season of the Glorious Birth of Our Lord

November 19-20, 2022

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MONDAY OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY – FRIDAY 10:30AM – 4:00PM

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Announcement to The Virgin Mary

...Your praise, O most holy Virgin, surpasses all laudation, by reason of the God who received the flesh and was born man of you. To you every creature, of things in heaven, and things on earth, and things under the earth, offers the meet offering of honor. For you have been indeed set forth as the true cherubic throne. You shine as the very brightness of light in the high places of the kingdoms of intelligence; where the Father, who is without beginning, and whose power you had overshadowing you, is glorified; where also the Son is worshipped, whom you bore according to the flesh; and where the Holy Spirit is praised, who effected in your womb the generation of the mighty King.

Through you, O thou that art highly favored, is the holy and consubstantial Trinity known in the world. Together with yourself, deem us also worthy to be made partakers of your perfect grace in Jesus Christ our Lord: with whom, and with the Holy Spirit, be glory to the Father, now and ever, and unto the ages of the ages. Amen.

Saint Gregory the Wonderworker

Homily on the Annunciation to the Holy Virgin Mary



Parish Council Meeting

Monday, November 21, 2022

7:00PM

Readings

First Reading

Galatians 3:15-22

Gospel Reading

Luke 1:26-38

Sanctuary Candle

The Sanctuary Candle is burning for
Maronite Servants of Christ the Light

DIVINE LITURGIES

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.

Saturday, November 26, @ 6:00PM, liturgy is offered for the souls of Debby and Frank Rummel requested by family. May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, November 27, @ 11:00AM, liturgy is offered for the souls of Sulamain & Nahi Rai and Anis and Marie ElCholi requested by George and Leila Sholy and family. May their souls rest in peace.

ELDERLY COMMUNION

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

WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR

November 12-13, 2022

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| Sunday Collection | \$ 812.00 |
| PayPal | \$ 100.00 |
| 2nd Collection | \$ 268.00 |
| Coffee Hour | \$ 30.00 |
| Total: | \$ 1,210.00 |

IN OUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers

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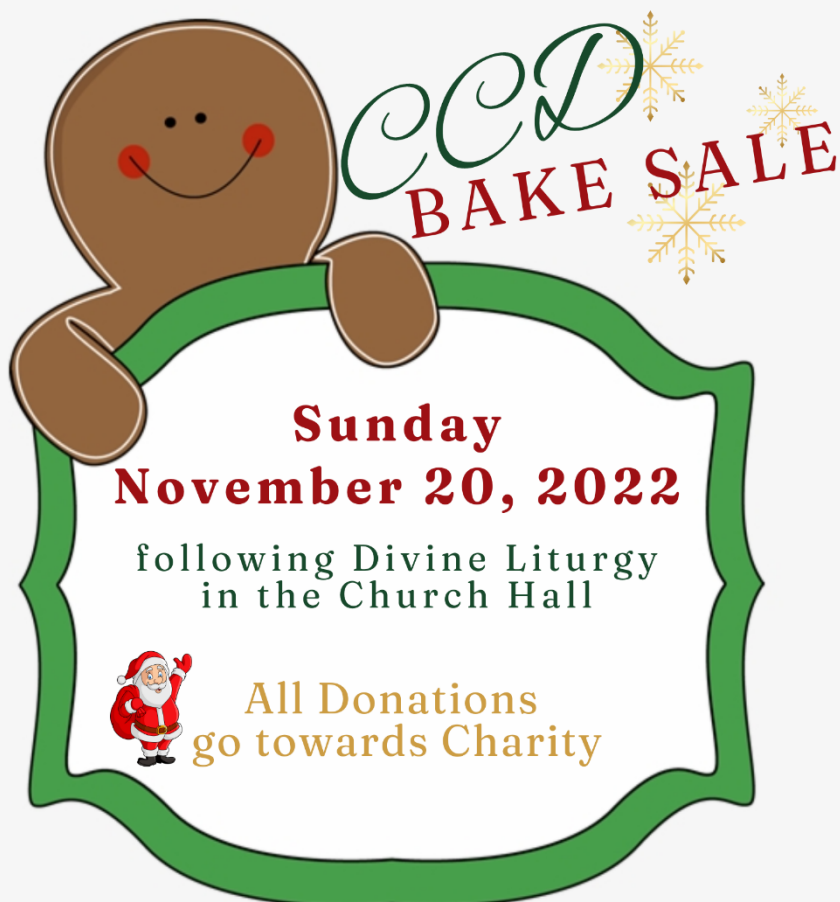
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We ask Almighty God to bless them with good health so that they may join us in the Church and give glory and thanksgiving to God. Please notify the Church office of any family member who is ill so that we may remember them in our daily prayers and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

CHRISTMAS NOVENA INTENTIONS

If you wish to remember a loved one or pray for a special intention during the Christmas Novena, please contact the office no later than **Wednesday, November 23, 2022.**

Merry Christmas



UPCOMING EVENTS



GIVING TREE

November 27 – December 11, 2022



CHRISTMAS NOVENA

December 15 – December 23, 2022

Schedule will be announced soon



CHRISTMAS PARTY & POTLUCK

Sunday, December 18, 2022

IMPORTANT UPDATES

January 2022 to Date

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| Bishop's Appeal Collection: | \$ 3,156.00 |
| <u>Bishop's Appeal Payment:</u> | <u>\$ 3,500.00</u> |
| NET | - \$ 344.00 |

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| Building Insurance Collection: | \$ 312.00 |
| <u>Building Insurance Payment:</u> | <u>\$ 13,594.00</u> |
| NET | - \$ 13,282.00 |

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| Eparchial Assessment Collection: | \$ 300.00 |
| <u>Eparchial Assessment Payment:</u> | <u>\$ 8,000.00</u> |
| NET | - \$ 7,700.00 |

Eparchial Loan

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| Loan Principal and Interest Owed: | \$ 57,125.00 |
| <u>Total Amount Paid as of Nov. 2022</u> | <u>\$ 30,375.00</u> |
| Remaining Loan Balance: | \$ 26,750.00 |



MYO RETREAT MID-ATLANTIC RETREAT NOVEMBER 11-13, 2022



This past weekend, our Eparchy's MYO Office hosted the Mid-Atlantic youth retreat! Representing 8 parishes from this region, 120 youth and their leaders gathered at Blue Mountain Christian Retreat Center in New Ringgold, PA for a weekend where all prayed hard and played hard! The theme of the retreat was "Survivor: Overcoming Fears and Challenges" and included talks from guest speakers, games, Eucharistic Adoration and Confession, Divine Liturgy, Small Group discussion, obstacle course competitions, and A LOT of DABKE! The weekend ended with the celebration of Divine Liturgy at Our Lady of Lebanon in Easton, PA, followed by a festive brunch hosted by the parish community. Thank you OLOL - Easton for the warm hospitality for our Eparchial youth! We look forward to the other regional events that will be occurring in the coming months and look forward to the wondering events and initiatives that our Eparchial MYO Office is working hard at preparing!

MYO COMMUNITY SERVICE THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE



Thank you to everyone who supported the MYO community service program
"Thanksgiving Food Drive"

Thanks to your donation, many families can enjoy a hot thanksgiving meal. May God Bless You and looking forward to our next community service **"Christmas Giving Tree"**.

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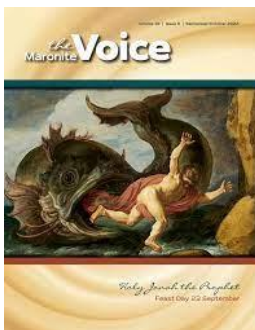
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Total Donations Received: \$2,210.00



THE MARONITE VOICE

To read the Latest Issue of THE MARONITE VOICE
(ISSUE 5, VOLUME 19)

Click on the link: <https://www.maronitevoice.org/>

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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. May God bless you all and may you always remain a good example to everyone.

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November 19-20, 2022

First Reading

Galatians 3:15-22

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

Brothers and Sisters:

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.

Praise be to God always.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل غلاطية

يا إِخْوَتِي، كَبَشِّرُ أَقُولُ: إِنَّ الْوَصِيَّةَ، وَإِنْ كَانَتْ مِنْ إِنْسَانٍ، إِذَا أُقِرَّتْ، لَا أَحَدَ يُبْطِلُهَا أَوْ يَزِيدُ عَلَيْهَا. فَالْوَعْدُ قِيلَتْ لِإِبْرَاهِيمَ وَلِنَسْلِهِ. وَمَا قِيلَتْ: «وَلَا نَسَالَهُ»، كَأَنَّهُ لِكَثِيرِينَ، بَلْ «وَلِنَسْلِكَ»، كَأَنَّهُ لِوَاحِدٍ، وَهُوَ الْمَسِيحُ! فَأَقُولُ هَذَا: إِنَّ وَصِيَّةَ سَبَقَ اللَّهُ فَأَقَرَّهَا، لَا تُلْغِيهَا شَرِيعَةٌ جَاءَتْ بَعْدَ أَرْبَعِ مِئَةٍ وَثَلَاثِينَ سَنَةً، فَتُبْطَلُ الْوَعْدُ. وَإِذَا كَانَ الْمِيرَاثُ مِنَ الشَّرِيعَةِ، فَهُوَ لَمْ يَعْذُ مِنَ الْوَعْدِ؛ وَالْحَالُ أَنَّ اللَّهَ بَوَّعَ أَنْعَمَ بِالْمِيرَاثِ عَلَى إِبْرَاهِيمَ. إِذَا فَلِمَ أَذَا الشَّرِيعَةِ؟ إِنَّهَا أُضِيقَتْ بِسَبَبِ الْمَعَاصِي، حَتَّى مَجِيءِ النَّسْلِ الَّذِي جُعِلَ الْوَعْدُ لَهُ. وَقَدْ أَعْلَنَهَا مَلَائِكَةٌ عَلَى يَدِ وَسِيطٍ، هُوَ مُوسَى. غَيْرَ أَنَّ الْوَاحِدَ لَا وَسِيطَ لَهُ، وَاللَّهُ وَاحِدٌ! إِذَا فَهَلْ تَكُونُ الشَّرِيعَةُ ضِدَّ وَعْدِ اللَّهِ؟ حَاشَا! فَلَوْ أُعْطِيَتْ شَرِيعَةٌ قَادِرَةٌ أَنْ تُخَيِّ، لَكَانَ التَّبَرِيرُ حَقًّا بِالشَّرِيعَةِ. وَلَكِنَّ الْكِتَابَ حَبَسَ الْكُلَّ تَحْتَ الْخَطِيئَةِ، لَكَيْمًا بِالْإِيمَانِ بِيَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ يُعْطَى الْوَعْدُ لِلَّذِينَ يُؤْمِنُونَ.

والتسبيح لله دائماً.

Gospel Reading

Saint Luke 1:26-38

The Apostle Writes:

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.

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِيسِ لَوْقَا

وفي الشهر السادس (بعد بشارة زكريّا)، أُرْسِلَ الْمَلَكُ جِبْرَائِيلُ مِنْ عِنْدِ اللَّهِ إِلَى مَدِينَةٍ فِي الْجَلِيلِ اسْمُهَا النَّاصِرَةُ، إِلَى عَذْرَاءَ مَخْطُوبَةٍ لِرَجُلٍ مِنْ بَيْتِ دَاوُدَ اسْمُهُ يُوسُفُ، وَاسْمُ الْعَذْرَاءِ مَرْيَمَ. وَلَمَّا دَخَلَ الْمَلَكُ إِلَيْهَا قَالَ: «السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ، يَا مَمْلُوءَةٌ نِعْمَةً، أَلَرَّبُّ مَعَكَ!». فَأَضْطَرَبَتْ مَرْيَمُ لِكَلَامِهِ، وَأَخَذَتْ تَفَكَّرُ مَا عَسَى أَنْ يَكُونَ هَذَا السَّلَامُ! فَقَالَ لَهَا الْمَلَكُ: «لَا تَخَافِي، يَا مَرْيَمَ، لِأَنَّكَ وَجَدْتَ نِعْمَةً عِنْدَ اللَّهِ. وَهَا أَنْتِ تَحْمِلِينَ، وَتَلِدِينَ ابْنًا، وَتُسَمِّيْنَهُ يَسُوعَ. وَهُوَ يَكُونُ عَظِيمًا، وَأَبْنَى الْعَلِيِّ يُدْعَى، وَيُعْطِيهِ الرَّبُّ الْإِلَهَ عَرْشَ دَاوُدَ أَبِيهِ، فَيَمْلِكُ عَلَى بَيْتِ يَعْقُوبَ إِلَى الْأَبَدِ، وَلَا يَكُونُ لِمُلْكِهِ نِهَايَةٌ!». فَقَالَتْ مَرْيَمُ لِلْمَلَكِ: «كَيْفَ يَكُونُ هَذَا، وَأَنَا لَا أَعْرِفُ رَجُلًا؟». فَأَجَابَ الْمَلَكُ وَقَالَ لَهَا: «الرُّوحُ الْقُدُسُ يَحِلُّ عَلَيْكَ، وَقُدْرَةُ الْعَلِيِّ تُظِلُّكَ، وَلِذَلِكَ فَالْقُدُّوسُ الْمَوْلُودُ مِنْكَ يُدْعَى ابْنُ اللَّهِ! وَهَا إِنَّ الْيَصَابَاتَ نَسِيبَتِكَ، قَدْ حَمَلْتَ هِيَ أَيْضًا بَابْنٍ فِي شَيْخُوخَتِهَا. وَهَذَا هُوَ الشَّهْرُ السَّادِسُ لِتِلْكَ الَّتِي تُدْعَى عَاقِرًا، لِأَنَّهُ لَيْسَ عَلَى اللَّهِ أَمْرٌ مُسْتَحِيلٌ!». فَقَالَتْ مَرْيَمَ: «هَا أَنَا أَمَةٌ الرَّبِّ، فَلْيَكُنْ لِي بِحَسَبِ قَوْلِكَ!». وَأَنْصَرَفَ مِنْ عِنْدِهَا الْمَلَكُ. حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانُ لَجَمِيعِكُمْ.