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WEEKLY BULLETIN - 01/01/2023

Feast of The Circumcision of Our Lord

OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY – FRIDAY 10:30AM – 4:00PM

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New Year's Day

Grateful & Thankful

The first day of the year has long been celebrated by the Church as the Feast of the Circumcision of Our Lord Jesus Christ. To many, and for numerous reasons this feast might be considered as a minor and mere administrative event in the life of Jesus and the story of salvation. But the story of the Lord's Circumcision is not just another story from the infancy of Jesus that Luke decided to write just to fill some empty space in his gospel.

This feast highlights for us three declarations about who our savior is:

1. It reminds us that our Lord is a Child of the Covenant
2. It reminds us that our Lord is fully human
3. The circumcision was a foreshadowing of our Lord's sacrifice on the cross

So, let us take this feast as an opportunity for us to really appreciate everything in life no matter how big or small. May we not take anything in our life for granted. Let us value every moment we live and every person we meet. Let us be grateful and thankful.

Eternal God, You gave us the greatest gift: the gift of life. In the coming year, help us use it wisely. May we grow in generosity, kindness and forgiveness, hope, faith and love. Amen.

2023
Happy New Year

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Feast of the Glorious Epiphany

Friday, January 6, 2023

Liturgy @ 7:00PM

Sanctuary Candle

The Sanctuary Candle is burning
IMO Janice Carter

Sunday Readings

First Reading
Ephesians 2:11-22

Gospel Reading
Luke 2:21

DIVINE LITURGIES

Saturday, December 31, @ 6:00PM,
liturgy is offered for a special intention.

Sunday, January 1, @ 11:00AM,
liturgy is offered in memory of Janice Carter, requested by Harold Smith. May her soul rest in peace.

Saturday, January 7, @ 6:00PM,
liturgy is offered for a special intention.

Sunday, January 8, @ 11:00AM,
liturgy is offered in memory of Marguerite Dakour, requested by George and Leila Sholy and family. May her soul rest in peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

If you are sick and homebound and wish to receive communion at home, please contact:
the Church Office at 215-389-2000
or Fr. Andrawos at 978-241-2977.

WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR December 24-25, 2022

Sunday Collection	\$ 793.00
Fuel	\$ 100.00
PayPal	\$ 350.00
Donations	\$ 550.00
Christmas Offerings	\$ 1,925.00
Coffee Hour	\$ 27.00
Total:	\$ 3,745.00

EPARCHIAL LOAN

Loan Principal and Interest Owed:
\$ 57,125.00
Total Amount Paid in 2022:
\$ 32,375.00
Remaining Loan Balance:
\$ 24,750.00

2023 CALENDARS

Available in the church.

THE MARONITE VOICE

<https://www.maronitevoice.org/>

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The 50th Annual March for Life

Everyone is invited to join the 2023 March for Life Event; youth and young adults, children and families.



The Annual Discernment Weekend

The weekend of March 24-26, 2023 at Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Seminary:

7164 Alaska Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20012,
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Pastor's Message

Dear Parishioners,

Merry Christmas! The Word of God became flesh and came to dwell among us.

I would like to take a moment to thank everyone for your Christmas wishes and gifts. I am grateful and thankful for each and every one for your kindness, love and support you have shown me especially during this blessed season. May your hearts always be lit with affection, satisfaction and harmony. May the Lord Jesus Christ shower you always with His blessings and keep you and your families safe.

Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year.

Fr. Andrawos (Fadi) El Tabchi

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.

CHURCH ENVELOPES

There is a delay in the printing of the weekly church envelopes. In the meantime, please use the envelopes at the church entrance next to the collection box.





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*Michael Marrone,
President & Founder of
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**STREET
CLOSURE**

2023 Mummers Parade

Sunday, January 1

9:00 AM

The Mummers Parade begins at City Hall and continues south to Washington Avenue.



Some Streets will be closed to traffic from 3:00 AM on Sunday, January 01, 2023.

To Get to the Church:

If you are coming

From NJ:

Take the WW Bridge (Walt Whitman Bridge)

& Not

Ben. Franklin Bridge

From 95:

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THURSDAY

FEB 2, 2023

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6:30pm Cocktail Reception
7:30pm Dinner
All Evening Silent Auction

Business Attire
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SAINT SHARBEL GALA DINNER

Our Sister Parish, Saint Sharbel, in Somerset, NJ is having their first **Gala Dinner** on **February 2nd, 2023**. They will be honoring Bishop Gregory Mansour and Chorbishop Michael Thomas for their 40 years of priesthood and service. They will also launch the new church building project.

to support our sister parish,
contact the office at 215.389.2000
or via email office@saintmaron.org

Or click on the following link:
<https://saintsharbelnj.org/gala>



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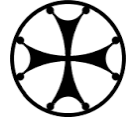
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December 31 - January 1, 2023

First Reading

Ephesians 2:11-22

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians. Your blessing father...

Brothers and Sisters:

Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh--who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands - that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Praise be to God always.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل أفسس

يا إخوتي، تذكروا، أنتم الوثنيين في الجسد سابقاً، المدعوين أهل عدم الختان عند المدعوين أهل الختان، بفعل اليد في الجسد، تذكروا أنكم كنتم في ذلك الوقت بدون مسيح، مبعدين عن رعية إسرائيل، وغرباء عن عهد الوعد، لا رجاء لكم في العالم ولا إله؛ أما الآن ففي المسيح يسوع أنتم الذين كنتم من قبل بعيدين، صرتم بدم المسيح قريبين. فإنه هو سلامنا، هو جعل الاثنين واحداً، وفي جسده نقض الجدار الفاصل بينهما، أي العداوة، وأبطل شريعة الوصايا بما فيها من فرائض، ليخلق الاثنين في شخصه إنساناً واحداً جديداً، بإحلاله السلام بينهما، ويصالحهما مع الله، كليهما في جسد واحد، بالصليب، قاتلاً فيه العداوة بينهما. فلما جاء وبشركم بالسلام أنتم البعيدين، وبشر بالسلام القريبين، لأننا به بننا نحن الاثنين في روح واحد الوصول إلى الأب. إذا فلستم بعد غرباء ولا نزلأ، بل أنتم أهل مدينة القديسين وأهل بيت الله، بُنيتُمْ عَلَى أساس الرسل والأنبياء، والمسيح يسوع نفسه هو حجر الزاوية. فيه يتماسك البناء كله، فيرتفع هيكلًا مقدسًا في الرب، وفيه أنتم أيضاً تبنون معاً مسكنًا لله في الروح.

والتسبح لله دائماً.

Gospel Reading

Saint Luke 2:21

The Apostle Writes:

And when eight days were completed for the circumcision of the Child, His name was called JESUS, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

مِنْ إِنجِيلِ رَبَّنَا يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ لِلْقَدِّيسِ لَوْقَا الَّذِي بَشَّرَ الْعَالَمَ بِالْحَيَاةِ. فَلْنُضِغْ إِلَى بَشَارَةِ الْحَيَاةِ وَالْخَلَاصِ
لِنُفُوسِنَا.

وَلَمَّا تَمَّتْ ثَمَانِيَةُ أَيَّامٍ لِيَخْتِنُوا الصَّبِيَّ سُمِّيَ يَسُوعَ، كَمَا تَسَمَّى مِنَ الْمَلَائِكَةِ قَبْلَ أَنْ حُبِلَ بِهِ فِي الْبَطْنِ.

حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانُ لِكُلِّكُمْ.