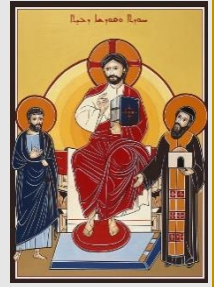




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WEEKLY BULLETIN - 11/12/2023

2nd Sunday of the Liturgical Year

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Renewal of the Church

*“But those who hope in the Lord
will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary;
they will walk and not be faint”.*

(Isaiah 40:31)

Veterans Day



With Gratitude for Your Service

Veterans Day is a time for us to pay our respects to those who have served. For one day, we stand united in respect for you, our veterans.

This holiday started as a day to reflect upon the heroism of those who died in our country's service and was originally called Armistice Day. It fell on Nov. 11 because that is the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice that ended World War I. However, in 1954, the holiday was changed to "Veterans Day" in order to account for all veterans in all wars.

We celebrate and honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

Source: <https://www.military.com/veterans-day>

Parish Council Meeting

Monday

November 20, 2023

@ 6:30 PM

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading

Hebrews 9:11-15

Gospel Reading

John 10:22-42

Sanctuary Candle

All Veterans

DIVINE LITURGIES

For your intentions please
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Saturday, November 11, @ 4:00PM,
liturgy is offered for All our Veterans
requested by Terri Koway.

Sunday, November 12, @ 11:00AM
liturgy is offered for the soul of Walter
(Chip) Meixner requested by Diane
Kiddy. May his soul rest in peace.

Saturday, November 18, @ 4:00PM,
liturgy is offered for the soul of
Antonio Lombardi requested by
Amelia Lombardi. May his soul rest in
peace.

Sunday, November 19, @ 11:00AM
liturgy is offered for the souls of
Iocco, Koway, and Scotti families
requested by Terri Koway. May their
souls rest in peace.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

November 4-5, 2023

Collection	\$ 2,088.00
All Saints Day	\$ 55.00
Assessment	\$ 60.00
Bishop's Appeal	\$ 100.00
PayPal	\$ 100.00
Coffee Hour	\$ 35.00
Total	\$ 2,438.00

2nd Collection \$ 131.00

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

If you are sick and homebound and
wish to receive communion at home,
please contact: the Church Office at
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241-2977.

Soumaya Bakery Orders

Orders are placed each Friday.

If you wish to purchase bread, please
place your order before Friday.

First Communion Update

Saturday, April 13, 2024

Retreat & Rehearsal

Sunday, April 14, 2024

First Holy Communion Liturgy

ST. JUDE NOVENA

**Thank you to all who joined us in
prayers, sponsors and organizers.**

Total Income	\$ 4,130.06
Total Expenses	\$ 1,587.30
Profit	\$ 2,542.76

CCD BAKE SALE

On **Sunday, November 19, 2023**
following the Divine Liturgy, our CCD
will kick off their fundraisers with a
bake sale. Don't be shy to show your
love and support.



SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 19, 2023

following Divine Liturgy in the Church Hall

All donations will go toward
"Barbara Nassar's Organization"

BIBLE STUDY

with Abouna David
Every Thursday at 10AM
Via Zoom

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87347439104?pwd=eUJRRVpFUyt5NVpTVXR5bCtBdGpGdz09>

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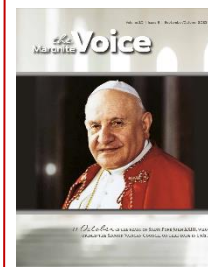
IN OUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers

Larry Cook, Mary Louise Scotti,
Janet Labar, Krystal Valianti,
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Bevelhymer, Mary V. (Nelson)
Scotti, Mike Devinney, Debbie
Freedenberg, Allan Emilio
Domingez, Rev. Subdeacon Dr.
Mallard T. George, Landon Reid,
Tamara Lewis, Michael Thomas,
Barbara Impriano, Mary
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Angela McKinney, Skyla Simon,
Peter Labaki, Nancy Murphy,
Marentha Young-Heart, Allison
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Samer Chokeir, Kathy Newman,
Rita Arrigale, Maryann Bratton,
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Sawa, James Cordisio, Stacey
Fuentes, Noel Andjuhar, and
Angel Salerno.

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CCD & MYO CORNER
MYO REGIONAL RETREAT
OCTOBER 27-29/2023



**Pray for
the youth of our
Church!**



“Each retreat keeps getting better and better. and this regional proved that. every minute, from seeing my friends again, adoration/confession, and the hafli, made this weekend one of the best weekends. I love going to these and I’m so excited for nationals!”

(Maria)

“This retreat taught me the importance of being deeply involved in the divine community of the church. It was a great way to meet new people and have meaningful interactions/experiences.”

(Anthony)

“The regional retreat was one to remember. the prayers were really nice and so was the fun parts. it was a very nice environment and I love being there. I overall think that this retreat was one of the best.”

(Nai)

Annual Bishop’s Appeal 2023

The contributions are divided as follows

- 40% education of seminarians
- 20% outreach ministries
- 10% retired priests
- 10% Christians in Lebanon and the Middle East
- 10% Eparchy’s Endowment Fund

Yearly Amount Due	\$ 3,500.00
<u>Total Collected</u>	<u>\$ 2,700.00</u>
Balance	- \$ 800.00

My Offering Envelopes 2024

You can find your envelopes at the entrance of the church hall.

The Envelopes serve a dual purpose:

1. A reminder of our commitment and obligation toward our church.
2. Accurately record your contributions so we can provide you with a “Donation Letter” for your taxes.

Thank You

COMMUNITY SERVICE



On behalf of our MYO, I extend our sincere thanks and gratitude to everyone who supported their community service project (Thanksgiving Food Drive).

May the Lord Bless You abundantly for your selfless act of kindness.

Fr. Andrewos (Fadi) El Tabchi

Thank
you



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November 11-12, 2023

First Reading

Hebrews 9:11-15

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews. Your blessing father...

Brothers and Sisters:

When Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God! For this reason he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, because a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions under the first covenant.

Praise be to God always.

فصل من الرسالة إلى العبرانيين

يا إِخْوَتِي، أَمَّا الْمَسِيحُ فَقَدْ ظَهَرَ عَظِيمَ أَحْبَابِ الْخَيْرَاتِ الْآتِيَةِ، وَأَجْتَازَ الْمَسْكِنَ الْأَعْظَمَ وَالْأَكْمَلَ، غَيْرَ الْمَصْنُوعِ بِالْأَيْدِي، أَي لَيْسَ مِنْ هَذِهِ الْخَلِيقَةِ، فَدَخَلَ إِلَى قُدْسِ الْأَقْدَاسِ مَرَّةً وَاحِدَةً، لَا بِدَمِ الثِّيُوسِ وَالْعُجُولِ، بَلْ بِدَمِهِ هُوَ، فَحَقَّقَ لَنَا فِدَاءً أَبَدِيًّا. فَإِذَا كَانَ رَشُّ دَمِ الثِّيُوسِ وَالنِّيِّرَانِ وَرَمَادِ الْعِجْلَةِ عَلَى الْمُنَجِّسِينَ، يُقَدِّسُ أَجْسَادَهُمْ فَيُطَهِّرُهُمْ، فَكَمْ بِالْأُخْرَى دَمُ الْمَسِيحِ، الَّذِي قَرَّبَ نَفْسَهُ لِلَّهِ بِالرُّوحِ الْأَزَلِيِّ قُرْبَانًا لَا عَيْبَ فِيهِ، يُطَهِّرُ ضَمِيرَنَا مِنَ الْأَعْمَالِ الْمَيْتَةِ، لِنَعْبُدَ اللَّهَ الْحَيَّ! وَلِذَلِكَ فَهُوَ الْوَسِيطُ لِعَهْدٍ جَدِيدٍ، وَقَدْ صَارَ مَوْتُهُ فِدَاءً لِتَعْدِيَّاتِ الْعَهْدِ الْأَوَّلِ، حَتَّى يَنَالَ بِهِ الْمَدْعُوعُونَ وَعَدَّ الْمِيرَاثِ الْأَبَدِيِّ.

والتسبيح لله دائماً.

Gospel Reading

Saint John 10:22-42

The Apostle Writes:

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.' The Jews took up stones again to stone him. Jesus replied, 'I have shown you many good works from the Father. For which of these are you going to stone me?' The Jews answered, 'It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you, but for blasphemy, because you, though only a human being, are making yourself God.' Jesus answered, 'Is it not written in your law, "I said, you are gods"? If those to whom the word of God came were called "gods" and the scripture cannot be annulled can you say that the one whom the Father has sanctified and sent into the world is blaspheming because I said, "I am God's Son"? If I am not doing the works of my Father, then do not believe me. But if I do them, even though you do not believe me, believe the works, so that you may know and understand that the Father is in me and I am in the Father.' Then they tried to arrest him again, but he escaped from their hands. He went away again across the Jordan to the place where John had been baptizing earlier, and he remained there. Many came to him, and they were saying, 'John performed no sign, but everything that John said about this man was true.' And many believed in him there.

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِيسِ يُوْحَنَّا

حَانَ عِيدُ التَّجْدِيدِ فِي أُورُشَلِيمَ، وَكَانَ فَصْلُ الشِّتَاءِ. وَكَانَ يَسُوعُ يَتَمَشَّى فِي الْهَيْكَلِ، فِي رَوَاقِ سُلَيْمَانَ. فَأَحَاطَ بِهِ الْيَهُودُ وَأَخَذُوا يُقُولُونَ لَهُ: "إِلَى مَتَى نُنَقِّي نَفُوسَنَا خَائِرَةً؟ إِنْ كُنْتَ أَنْتَ الْمَسِيحَ، فَقُلْ لَنَا صَرَاحَةً." أَجَابَهُمْ يَسُوعُ: "قُلْتُمْ لَكُمْ، لَكِنَّكُمْ لَا تُؤْمِنُونَ. الْأَعْمَالُ الَّتِي أَعْمَلُهَا أَنَا بِاسْمِ أَبِي هِيَ تَشْهَدُ لِي. لَكِنَّكُمْ لَا تُؤْمِنُونَ، لِأَنَّكُمْ لَسْتُمْ مِنْ خِرَافِي. خِرَافِي تَسْمَعُ صَوْتِي، وَأَنَا أَعْرِفُهَا، وَهِيَ تَتَّبِعُنِي. وَأَنَا أُعْطِيهَا حَيَاةً أَبَدِيَّةً، فَلَنْ تَهْلِكَ أَبَدًا، وَلَنْ يَخْطِفَهَا أَحَدٌ مِنْ يَدِي. أَبِي الَّذِي أُعْطَانِي إِيَّاهَا هُوَ أَعْظَمُ مِنَ الْكُلِّ، وَلَا يَقْدِرُ أَحَدٌ أَنْ يَخْطِفَهَا مِنْ يَدِ الْآبِ. أَنَا وَالْآبُ وَاحِدٌ." فَأَخَذَ الْيَهُودُ، مِنْ جَدِيدٍ، حِجَارَةً لِيَرْجُمُوهُ. قَالَ لَهُمْ يَسُوعُ: "أَعْمَالًا حَسَنَةً كَثِيرَةً أَرَيْتُكُمْ مِنْ عِنْدِ الْآبِ، فَلَا يِيَّ عَمَلٍ مِنْهَا تَرْجُمُونِي؟". أَجَابَهُ الْيَهُودُ: "لَا لِعَمَلٍ حَسَنٍ نَرْجُمُكَ، بَلْ لِتَجْدِيدِ. لِأَنَّكَ، وَأَنْتَ إِنْسَانٌ، تَجْعَلُ نَفْسَكَ إِلَهًا." أَجَابَهُمْ يَسُوعُ: "أَمَّا كُتِبَ فِي تَوْرَاتِكُمْ: أَنَا قُلْتُ إِنَّكُمْ آلِهَةٌ؟ فَإِذَا كَانَتِ التَّوْرَةُ تَدْعُو إِلَهَةً أَوْلِيكَ الَّذِينَ صَارَتْ إِلَيْهِمْ كَلِمَةُ اللَّهِ، وَلَا يُمَكِّنُ أَنْ يُنْقِصَ الْكِتَابُ، فَكَيْفَ تَقُولُونَ لِي، أَنَا الَّذِي قَدَّسَهُ الْآبُ وَأَرْسَلَهُ إِلَى الْعَالَمِ: أَنْتَ تُجَدِّفُ؛ لِأَنِّي قُلْتُ: أَنَا ابْنُ اللَّهِ؟ إِنْ كُنْتُ لَا أَعْمَلُ أَعْمَالَ أَبِي، فَلَا تُصَدِّقُونِي، أَمَّا إِذَا كُنْتُ أَعْمَلُهَا، وَإِنْ كُنْتُمْ لَا تُصَدِّقُونِي، فَصَدِّقُوا هَذِهِ الْأَعْمَالَ، لِكَيْ تَعْرِفُوا وَتُؤْمِنُوا أَنَّ الْآبَ فِيَّ وَأَنِّي فِي الْآبِ." فَحَاوَلُوا مِنْ جَدِيدٍ أَنْ يَفْبِضُوا عَلَيْهِ، فَأَقْلَتَ مِنْ يَدِهِمْ. وَعَادَ يَسُوعُ إِلَى عِبْرِ الْأُرْدُنِّ، إِلَى حَيْثُ كَانَ يُوحَنَّا يُعَمِّدُ مِنْ قَبْلُ، فَأَقَامَ هُنَاكَ. وَأَتَى إِلَيْهِ كَثِيرُونَ وَكَانُوا يَقُولُونَ: "لَمْ يَصْنَعْ يُوحَنَّا أَيَّ آيَةٍ، وَلَكِنْ، كُلُّ مَا قَالَهُ فِي هَذَا الرَّجُلِ كَانَ حَقًّا." فَاثَمَنَّ بِهِ هُنَاكَ كَثِيرُونَ.

حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانَ لَجَمِيعِكُمْ.