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WEEKLY BULLETIN - 11/19/2023

Season of the Glorious Birth of Our Lord

OFFICE HOURS:

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TUESDAY – FRIDAY 10:30AM – 4:00PM

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Announcement to Zechariah

Lord, have mercy on us and save us.

O Most High, the seraphim unceasingly praise you in the heights.

When you willed to descend to earth, you commanded the head of the celestial powers to announce to the priest Zechariah the conception of John.

Confirm us in the true faith so that we may proclaim your marvelous announcement; let us profess your awaited salvation and strive for the cause of truth.

Then with your angels and men, we shall glorify you, your Father and you Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

*(From the Prayer of the Faithful
The Announcement to Zechariah - Sunday Morning – First Prayer)*

Happy Thanksgiving

What are you
thankful for this year?!



Among all the wonderful things in this world, I'm grateful to be a part of such a wonderful, supportive, and loving family!

I am so grateful that I have such an incredible family. Thank you so much for all the amazing things you have done for the church.

Happy thanksgiving.

Fr. Andrawos (Fadi) El Tabchi

Thursday
November 23, 2023

Parish Council Meeting

Monday, November 20, 2023
@ 6:30 PM

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading
Romans 4:13-25

Gospel Reading
Luke 1:1-25

Office Closed

Thursday, November 23, 2023
Friday, November 24, 2023

Sanctuary Candle
Cancer Patients

DIVINE LITURGIES

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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.

Saturday, November 25, @ 4:00PM, liturgy is offered for the soul of Emily Stone requested by family. May her soul rest in peace.

Sunday, November 26, @ 11:00AM liturgy is offered for the souls of George, Deebi, and Josséph Semaan requested by family. May their souls rest in peace.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

November 11-12, 2023

Collection	\$ 2,242.00
Fuel	\$ 30.00
Assessment	\$ 60.00
Bishop's Appeal	\$ 80.00
Insurance	\$ 120.00
PayPal	\$ 70.00
Coffee Hour	\$ 36.00
Total	\$ 2,638.00

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.

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

BARBARA NASSAR ASSOCIATION

TOTAL DONATIONS RECEIVED
\$ 1,372.00

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 ME
10% Eparchy's Endowment Fund

Yearly Amount Due	\$ 3,500.00
Total Collected	\$ 2,780.00
Balance	- \$ 720.00

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.

BIBLE STUDY

with Abouna David

Every Thursday at 10AM

Via Zoom

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

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You can also make a donation by check to the Eparchy of St. Maron (109 Remsen St. Brooklyn, NY 11201).

IN OUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers

Larry Cook, Mary Louise Scotti, Janet Labar, Krystal Valianti, Anne Mgrdichian, Carol 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 McKinney, Jessica McKinney, Angela McKinney, Skyla Simon, Peter Labaki, Nancy Murphy, Marentha Young-Heart, Allison Tretina, Stephanie Devinney, Angela Scorza Anderson, Robert Nigro, Thomas Jones, Raymond Fitzpatrick, Linda Yeckes, Frankie Olivieri, Marie Eddis, Mia Andrilla, Natalie Ciancaglini, Ashley Iaconelli, Stephen Bressi, Elissar Ayoub, Joanne Simon-Turing, Suzanne Haney, Linda DiBernardo, Joan Speck, David Joseph Cook, 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, Noel Andjuhar, and Angel Salerno.

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CCD & MYO CORNER

MYO Thanksgiving Food Drive



Thank You

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.

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CCD & MYO

On Friday, November 17, 2023 our children will once again take over the kitchen and prepare food for "Caring for Friends" (sponsored by the Men's Club) and bake cookies for their "Annual Bake Sale". The Bake Sale proceeds go to "Barbara Nassar Association".



Meanwhile, a group of the MYO will be helping the CCD in the kitchen and another group will setup the "Giving Tree". Don't forget to take your ornament on Sunday, November 19, 2023 and help someone in need celebrate Christmas this year.

GOD BLESS OUR CHILDREN

Thank you to the Men's Club for your support.

Christmas Novena Schedule

Friday, December 15, 2023
Divine Liturgy – 6pm

Saturday, December 16, 2023
Divine Liturgy – 4pm

Sunday, December 17, 2023
Divine Liturgy – 11am

Monday, December 18, 2023
Evening Prayer – 6pm

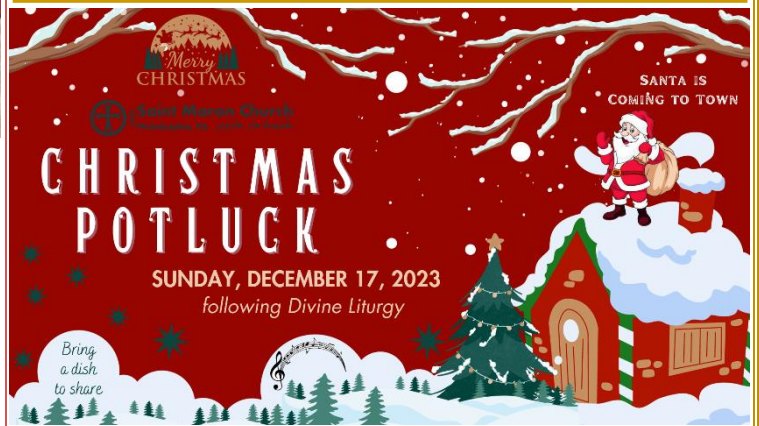
Tuesday, December 19, 2023
Divine Liturgy – 6pm

Wednesday, December 20, 2023
Evening Prayer – 6pm

Thursday, December 21, 2023
Divine Liturgy – 6pm

Friday, December 22, 2023
Evening Prayer – 6pm

Saturday, December 23, 2023
Divine Liturgy – 6pm



Thank
you




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November 18-19, 2023

First Reading

Romans 4:13-25

A reading from the Letter of Saint 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 إخوتي، الوعد لإبراهيم أو لنسله بأن يكون وراثًا للعالم، لم يكن بواسطة الشريعة، بل بالبر الذي ناله بالإيمان. فلو كان أهل الشريعة هم الوراثين، لأبطل الإيمان، وألغى الوعد؛ لأن الشريعة تسبب غضب الله؛ وحيث لا شريعة، فلا تعدي للشريعة. لذلك فأهل الإيمان هم الوراثون، لكي تكون الوراثه هبة من الله. وهكذا تحقق الوعد لكل نسل إبراهيم، لا للنسل الذي هو من أهل الشريعة فحسب، بل أيضًا للنسل الذي هو من أهل الإيمان، إيمان إبراهيم، الذي هو أب لنا أجمعين؛ كما هو مكتوب: «إني جعلتك أبا لأمم كثيرة». فأبراهيم الذي آمن بالله هو أب لنا أمام الله، الذي يحيي الأموات، ويدعو غير الموجود إلى الوجود. وقد آمن إبراهيم راجيًا على غير رجاء، بأنه سيصير أبا لأمم كثيرة، كما قيل له: «هكذا يكون نسلك». ولم يضعف بإيمانه، برغم أنه رأى، وهو ابن نحو مئة سنة، أن جسده مايت، وأن حشا سارة قد ماتت. وبناء على وعد الله، ما شك ولا تردد، بل تقوى بالإيمان، ومجدد الله. وأيقن ملء اليقين أن الله قادر أن ينجز ما وعد به. فلذلك حسب له إيمانه برًا. ولم يكتب من أجله وحده أنه «حسب له برًا»، بل كتب أيضًا من أجلنا، نحن الذين سيحسب لنا برًا، 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.

من إنجيل القديس لوقا

بما أن كثيرين أخذوا يرتبون رواية للأحداث التي تمت عندنا، كما سلمها إلينا من كانوا منذ البدء شهود عيان للكلمة، ثم صاروا خداماً لها، رأيتُ أنا أيضاً، أيها الشريف ثيوفيل، أن أكتبها لك بحسب ترتيبها، بعدما تتعنتها كلها، منذ بدايتها، تتبعا دقيقا، لكي تتيقن صحة الكلام الذي وعظت به. كان في أيام هيرودس، ملك اليهودية، كاهن اسمه زكريا، من فرقة أביا، له امرأة من بنات هارون اسمها إليصابات. وكانا كلاهما بازين أمام الله، سالكين في جميع وصايا الرب وأحكامه بلا لوم. وما كان لهما ولد، لأن إليصابات كانت عاقرا، وكانا كلاهما قد طعنا في أيامهما. وفيما كان زكريا يقوم بالخدمة الكهنوتية أمام الله، في أثناء نوبة فرقة، أصابته الفرعة، بحسب عادة الكهنوت، ليُدخل مقدس هيكل الرب ويحرق البخور. وكان كل جمهور الشعب يصلي في الخارج، في أثناء إحراق البخور. وترأى ملاك الرب لزكريا واقفا من عن يمين مذبح البخور، فأضطرب زكريا حين رآه، وأستولى عليه الخوف. فقال له الملاك: "لا تخف، يا زكريا، فقد استجيبت طلبك، وأمرتك إليصابات ستلد لك ابنا، فسمه يوحنا. ويكون لك فرح وأبتهاج، ويفرح بمولده كثيرون، لأنه سيكون عظيما في نظر الرب، لا يشرب خمرا ولا مسكرا، ويمتلئ من الروح القدس وهو بعد في حشا أمه. ويرد كثيرين من بني إسرائيل إلى الرب إلههم. ويسير أمام الرب بروح إيليا وقوته، ليرد قلوب الآباء إلى الأبناء، والعصاة إلى حكمة الأبرار، فيهيئ للرب شعبا معدا خيرا إعداد". فقال زكريا للملاك: "بماذا أعرف هذا؟ فإني أنا شيخ، وأمراتي قد طعنت في أيامها!". فأجاب الملاك وقال له: "أنا هو جبرائيل الواقف في حضرة الله، وقد أرسلت لألكمك وأبشركم بهذا. وما أنت تكون صامتا، لا تقدر أن تتكلم، حتى اليوم الذي يحدث فيه ذلك، لأنك لم تؤمن بكلامي الذي سيقم في أوانه". وكان الشعب ينتظر زكريا، ويتعجب من إنطائه في مقدس الهيكل. ولما خرج زكريا، لم يكن قادرا أن يكلمهم، فأدركوا أنه رأى رؤيا في المقدس، وكان يشير إليهم بالإشارة، وبقي أبكم. ولما تمت أيام خدمته، مضى إلى بيته. وبعد تلك الأيام، حملت امرأته إليصابات، وكنمت أمرها خمسة أشهر، وهي تقول: هكذا صنع الرب إلي، في الأيام التي نظرت إلي فيها، ليزيل العار عني من بين الناس!

حقا والأمان لجميعكم.