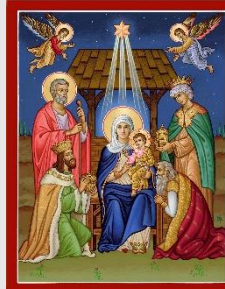




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WEEKLY BULLETIN - 12/03/2023

Season of the Glorious Birth of Our Lord

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MONDAY OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY – FRIDAY 10:30AM – 4:00PM

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MYO

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MYA

Coordinators: Nahi Rai, Roger Jebara, Frankie Piacentini

Men's Club

President: Amin Al Soueid

Vice-President: Samer Hourani

Visitation to Elizabeth

Christmas Novena Schedule

Friday, December 15, 2023

Divine Liturgy – 6pm

Saturday, December 16, 2023

Divine Liturgy – 4pm

Sunday, December 17, 2023

Divine Liturgy – 11am

IMO Amal Ayoub

Monday, December 18, 2023

Evening Prayer – 6pm

Children in Foster Care

Tuesday, December 19, 2023

Divine Liturgy – 6pm

For the First Responders

Wednesday, December 20, 2023

Evening Prayer – 6pm

Safety and well-being of our elderly

Thursday, December 21, 2023

Divine Liturgy – 6pm

IMO Richard Grande

Friday, December 22, 2023

Evening Prayer – 6pm

Safety and Well-Being of our Children

Saturday, December 23, 2023

Divine Liturgy – 4pm

IMO Peter Koway

Sunday, December 3, 2023

1. MYO Parents Meeting

Topic: MYO SUMMER RETREAT

2. CCD Christmas Preps

Christmas Songs Practice

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading

Ephesians 1:1-14

Gospel Reading

Luke 1:39-45

Sanctuary Candle

IMO Honorary Counselor Ibrahim Hanna

DIVINE LITURGIES

*For your intentions please
call the office at 215.389.2000*

Saturday, December 2, @ 4:00PM,
liturgy is offered for the soul of the
Honorary Counselor Ibrahim Hanna.
May his soul rest in peace.

Sunday, December 3, @ 11:00AM
liturgy is offered for the souls of Tony
& Yvonne Impo requested by Patty
Impo. May their souls rest in peace.

Friday, December 8, @ 6:00PM,
**Feast of the Immaculate
Conception.**

Saturday, December 9, @ 4:00PM,
liturgy is offered for the soul of
Fidelia Tavani requested by family.
May her soul rest in peace.

Sunday, December 10, @ 11:00AM
liturgy is offered for the souls of Salim
Mikhael requested by Philip and
Vivian Rai. May his soul rest in peace.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

November 25-26, 2023

Collection	\$ 1,140.00
Fuel	\$ 245.00
Bishop's Appeal	\$ 100.00
PayPal	\$ 500.00
Coffee Hour	\$ 39.00
Total	\$ 2,024.00

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	\$ 2,990.00
Balance	- \$ 510.00



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.

BARBARA NASSAR ASSOCIATION

Donations	\$ 3,792.00
CCD Bake Sale	\$ 759.00

**TOTAL DONATIONS RECEIVED
\$ 4,551.00**

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**

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IN OUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers

Larry Cook, Mary Louise Scotti,
Janet Labar, Krystal Valianti,
Anne Mgrdichian, Carol
Bevelhymmer, 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
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Lisa Alestra, John Nader, Joey
Gdowick, Francis Joseph Kerns,
Samer Chokey, 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

*And let us watch out for one another to provoke love and good works.
(Hebrews 10:24)*



CCD Service Project

Our CCD shared a message of Hope and Love by preparing 100 frozen meals for

“Caring For Friends” Organization.

God Bless Our Angels of Mercy.



The Annual CCD Bake Sale

Cheers to you for a job well done! Proud of our CCD. May your love and enthusiasm always shine like the bright stars. May God Bless You and Keep You Safe.

MYO Giving Tree



We kindly ask you to return all gifts **wrapped** with the name tag attached no later than

December 10, 2023

Thank you for being the beacon of hope this Blessed Season and helping others celebrate Christmas in a special way.

Saint Maron Church
Men's Club

Merry
CHRISTMAS

Saint Maron Church
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CHRISTMAS POTLUCK

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023
following Divine Liturgy

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December 2-3, 2023

First Reading

Ephesians 1:1-14

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesian. Your blessing father...

Brothers and Sisters:

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To the saints who are in Ephesus and are faithful in Christ Jesus: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Praise be to God always.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل أفسس

يا إِخْوَتِي، مِنْ بُولُسَ، رَسُولِ الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ بِمَشِيئَةِ اللَّهِ، إِلَى الْقَدِيسِينَ الَّذِينَ هُمْ فِي أَفْسَسَ وَالْأَمْنَاءِ فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ: الْنِعْمَةُ لَكُمْ وَالسَّلَامُ مِنَ اللَّهِ أَبِيْنَا وَالرَّبِّ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ! تَبَارَكَ اللَّهُ أَبُو رَبِّنَا يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ، الَّذِي بَارَكَنَا بِكُلِّ بَرَكَاتٍ رُوحِيَّةٍ فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ فِي الْمَسِيحِ؛ فَإِنَّهُ اخْتَارَنَا فِيهِ قَبْلَ انْشَاءِ الْعَالَمِ، لِنَكُونَ فِي حَضْرَتِهِ قَدِيسِينَ، لَا عَيْبَ فِيْنَا؛ وَقَدْ سَبَقَ بِمَحَبَّتِهِ فَحَدَدْنَا أَنْ نَكُونَ لَهُ أَبْنَاءَ بِالْتَّبَنِّي بِيَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ، بِحَسَبِ رِضَى مَشِيئَتِهِ، لِمَدْحِ مَجْدِ نِعْمَتِهِ الَّتِي أَنْعَمَ بِهَا عَلَيْنَا فِي الْحَبِيبِ؛ وَفِيهِ لَنَا الْفِدَاءُ بِدَمِهِ، أَيِ مَغْفَرَةِ الزَّلَّاتِ، بِحَسَبِ غِنَى نِعْمَتِهِ، الَّتِي أَفَاضَهَا عَلَيْنَا فِي كُلِّ حِكْمَةٍ وَفَهْمٍ؛ وَقَدْ عَرَفْنَا سِرَّ مَشِيئَتِهِ، بِحَسَبِ رِضَاهُ الَّذِي سَبَقَ فَجَعَلَهُ فِي الْمَسِيحِ، لِيَحَقِّقَ تَدْبِيرَ مِلءِ الْأَرْمَنَةِ، فَيَجْمَعُ فِي الْمَسِيحِ تَحْتَ رَأْسٍ وَاحِدٍ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ، مَا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ وَمَا عَلَى الْأَرْضِ؛ وَفِيهِ أَيْضًا اخْتَارَنَا مِيرَاثًا لَهُ، وَقَدْ سَبَقَ فَحَدَدْنَا بِحَسَبِ قَصْدِهِ، هُوَ الَّذِي يَعْمَلُ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ بِقَضَاءِ مَشِيئَتِهِ، لِنَكُونَ مَدْحًا لِمَجْدِهِ، نَحْنُ الَّذِينَ سَبَقْنَا فَجَعَلْنَا فِي الْمَسِيحِ رَجَاءَنَا؛ وَفِيهِ أَنْتُمْ أَيْضًا، بَعْدَ أَنْ سَمِعْتُمْ كَلِمَةَ الْحَقِّ، أَيِ انْجِيلِ خَلَاصِكُمْ، وَأَمَنْتُمْ، خُيِّمْتُمْ بِالرُّوحِ الْقُدُّوسِ الْمَوْعُودِ بِهِ، وَهُوَ عُرْبُونُ مِيرَاثِنَا، لِفِدَاءِ شَعْبِهِ الَّذِي

أَقْتَنَاهُ، وَلِمَدْحِ مَجْدِهِ.

والتسبيح لله دائماً.

Gospel Reading

Saint Luke 1:39-45

The Apostle Writes:

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِيسِ لَوْقَا

فِي تِلْكَ الْأَيَّامِ (بعد البشارة بيسوع)، قَامَتْ مَرْيَمُ وَذَهَبَتْ مُسْرِعَةً إِلَى الْجَبَلِ، إِلَى مَدِينَةٍ فِي يَهُوذَا. وَدَخَلَتْ بَيْتَ زَكَرِيَّا، وَسَلَّمَتْ عَلَى الْيَصَابَاتِ. وَلَمَّا سَمِعَتْ الْيَصَابَاتُ سَلَامَ مَرْيَمَ، أَرْتَكَّضَ الْجَنِينُ فِي بَطْنِهَا، وَأَمْتَلَأَتْ مِنَ الرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ. فَهَتَفَتْ بِأَعْلَى صَوْتِهَا وَقَالَتْ: "مُبَارَكَةٌ أَنْتِ فِي النِّسَاءِ، وَمُبَارَكَةٌ ثَمَرَةُ بَطْنِكَ! وَمِنْ أَيْنَ لِي هَذَا، أَنْ تَأْتِي إِلَيَّ أُمُّ رَبِّي؟ فَهَذَا مُنْذُ وَقَعَ صَوْتُ سَلَامِكَ فِي أُذُنِي، أَرْتَكَّضَ الْجَنِينُ أَبْتِهَاجًا فِي بَطْنِي! فَطُوبَى لِلَّتِي آمَنَتْ أَنَّهُ سَيَبْتِمُّ مَا قِيلَ لَهَا مِنْ قِبَلِ الرَّبِّ!".

حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانُ لِكُلِّكُمْ.