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WEEKLY BULLETIN - 01/07/2024 *Season of the Glorious Epiphany*

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Epiphany

On January 6, we celebrate the Feast of the Glorious Epiphany. In Western or Latin tradition, Epiphany primarily commemorates the visit of the Magi to the infant Jesus. In contrast, Eastern Catholic Churches focus on the Baptism of Jesus by St. John the Baptist in the Jordan River.

While both traditions acknowledge the revelation of Jesus and focus on the manifestation of Jesus as the Son of God, the difference is only a cultural and liturgical distinction between the two branches of the Catholic Church.

The term "Epiphany/Theophany" comes from the Greek word "Theophania" meaning "appearance of God" or "manifestation of God." And on this day, water is blessed as an act symbolizing purification and renewal of spiritual life.

Thus, as we commemorate the Baptism of our Lord, this feast serves as a reminder for us that through baptism, we became children of God and heirs of the heavenly kingdom. And it serves as an opportunity for us to renew our commitment to live as children of God.

May this season mark a new chapter of spiritual growth guided by the Light of Jesus Christ the Prince of Peace.

May the light of this special day shine brightly in your lives, fill your hearts with joy, purpose and the unwavering knowledge of God's love.

In Christ's Boundless Love,
Fr. Andrawos

Feast of the Glorious Epiphany

Saturday, January 6 @ 4:00PM

Sunday, January 7 @ 11:00AM

(Rite of Blessing of the Water)

SHAWARMA TakeOut Sunday.

January 7, 2024

Following the
Divine Liturgy

SUNDAY READINGS

1st Reading

Tit 2:11 – 3:7

Gospel Reading

Luke 3:15-22

Sanctuary Candle

Well-being of Deacon Anthony Koury

(Our Lady of Lebanon Church – Easton, PA)

DIVINE LITURGIES

Feast of the Glorious Epiphany
Saturday, January 6, @ 4:00PM,
liturgy is offered for the terminally ill.
May they be surrounded with love,
strength and peace as they navigate
this difficult journey.

Sunday, January 7, @ 11:00AM
liturgy is offered for Children in
Foster Care. May they be showered
with God's love, comfort and
reassurance during this uncertain time
in their lives.

Saturday, January 13, @ 4:00PM,
liturgy is offered for a special
intention.

Sunday, January 14, @ 11:00AM
liturgy is offered in memory of
Margerette Dakwar, Sulaiman & Nahi
Raie, and Morris Al-Shouly.
Requested by Khalil and Madeline
Raie. May their souls rest in peace.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

December 30-31, 2023

Collection	\$ 1,341.00
Fuel	\$ 25.00
PayPal	\$ 165.00
Coffee Hour	\$ 17.00
Total	\$ 1,548.00

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Church Office at 215-389-2000
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BREAD ORDERS

Orders are placed each Friday.
If you wish to purchase bread,
please place your order before
Friday.

BIBLE STUDY

with Abouna David
Every Thursday at 10AM
Via Zoom

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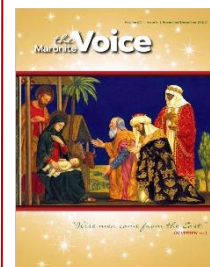
IN OUR PRAYERS

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Mgrdichian, Carol Bevelhymer,
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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
Ciancaglino, Ashley Iaconelli,
Stephen Bressi, Elissar Ayoub,
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Haney, Linda DiBernardo, Joan
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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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JOIN US FOR A FLAVORFUL CAUSE

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024
FOLLOWING THE DIVINE LITURGY**



SANDWICH	\$12
FRIES	\$ 3
SODA	\$ 2

**COMBO
DEAL
\$15**

**1 SANDWICH
1 FRIES
1 SODA**

**MOUTHWATERING
BEEF SHAWARMA
SANDWICHES**



Subject: Join us for a Flavorful Cause: Delicious Beef Shawarma Sandwiches!

Dear Saint Maron Church Family,

I hope this letter finds you well and in good spirits.

We are excited to share some news about an upcoming fundraiser that promises not only to fill your hearts but also your stomachs with joy! Our church is hosting a fundraiser featuring mouthwatering Beef Shawarma Sandwiches, on Sunday, January 7, 2024 – following the Divine Liturgy - and we would love for you to be a part of it.

This delicious endeavor will not only bring us together but will also contribute to the support and growth of our community. Your support will not only satisfy your cravings for these delectable treats but also help us in fulfilling our community goals.

Feel free to invite friends and family to join in the feast and make this fundraiser a resounding success.

To place your order or inquire further, please contact the office at 215.389.2000 or via email: office@saintmaron.org.

We appreciate your generosity and look forward to sharing this delightful experience with our church family. Thank you for being a vital part of our community, and we hope to see you at the fundraiser!

In Christ's boundless love,
Fr. Andrewos (Fadi) El Tabchi

Thank
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January 6-7, 2024

First Reading

Titus 2:11-15, 3:1-7

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

Brothers and Sisters:

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds. Declare these things; exhort and reprove with all authority. Let no one look down on you. Remind them to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarrelling, to be gentle, and to show every courtesy to everyone. For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, despicable, hating one another. But when the goodness and loving-kindness of God our Saviour appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Praise be to God always.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس إلى طيطس

يا إخواني، إِنَّ نِعْمَةَ اللَّهِ قَدْ ظَهَرَتْ خَلَاصًا لِجَمِيعِ النَّاسِ، وَهِيَ تُؤَدِّبُنَا لِنَحْيَا فِي الدَّهْرِ الحَاضِرِ بِرَزَانَةٍ وَبِرٍّ وَتَقْوَى، نَابِذِينَ الكُفْرَ والشَّهَوَاتِ العَالَمِيَّةَ، مُنْتَظِرِينَ الرَّجَاءَ السَّعِيدَ، وَظُهُورَ مَجْدِ إِلَهِنَا وَمُخْلِصِنَا العَظِيمِ يَسُوعَ المَسِيحِ، الَّذِي بَدَّلَ نَفْسَهُ عَنَّا، لِيَقْتَدِيَنَا مِنْ كُلِّ إِثْمٍ، وَيُطَهِّرَنَا لِنَفْسِهِ شَعْبًا خَاصًّا، غَيْرًا عَلَى الأَعْمَالِ الصَّالِحَةِ. تَكَلِّمْ بِهِذِهِ الأُمُورِ وَعِظْ بِهَا، وَوَبِّخْ بِكُلِّ سُلْطَانٍ. وَلَا يَسْتَهِنْ بِكَ أَحَدٌ. ذَكِّرْهُمْ أَنْ يَخْضَعُوا لِلرِّئَاسَاتِ وَالسَّلَاطِينِ، وَيُطِيعُوهُمْ، وَيَكُونُوا مُسْتَعِدِّينَ لِكُلِّ عَمَلٍ صَالِحٍ، وَلَا يُجَدِّفُوا عَلَى أَحَدٍ، وَيَكُونُوا غَيْرَ مُمَاحِكِينَ، حُلَمَاءَ، مُظْهِرِينَ كُلَّ وَدَاعَةٍ لِجَمِيعِ النَّاسِ. فَتَحْنُ أَيْضًا كُنَّا مِنْ قَبْلِ أَغْيَاءَ، عَاقِينَ، ضَالِّينَ، مُسْتَعْبِدِينَ لِشَهَوَاتٍ وَلذَاتِ شَتَّى، سَالِكِينَ فِي الشَّرِّ وَالحَسَدِ، مَمْقُوتِينَ، مُبْغِضِينَ بَعْضُنَا بَعْضًا. وَلَكِنْ لَمَّا تَجَلَّى لُطْفُ اللَّهِ مُخْلِصِنَا، وَمَحَبَّتُهُ لِلبَشَرِ، خَلَّصَنَا، لَا بِأَعْمَالِ بِرِّ عَمَلْنَاهَا، بَلْ وَفَقَ رَحْمَتِهِ، بِغَسْلِ المِيلَادِ الثَّانِي، وَتَجْدِيدِ الرُّوحِ القُدُسِ، الَّذِي أَفَاضَهُ اللَّهُ عَلَيْنَا بِعِزَّةِ بِيَسُوعَ المَسِيحِ مُخْلِصِنَا. فَإِذَا تَبَرَّرْنَا بِنِعْمَتِهِ، نَصِيرُ وَارِثِينَ وَفَقًا لِرَجَاءِ الحَيَاةِ الأَبَدِيَّةِ.

والتسبيح لله دائماً.

Gospel Reading

Saint Luke 3:15-22

The Apostle Writes:

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people. But Herod the ruler, who had been rebuked by him because of Herodias, his brother's wife, and because of all the evil things that Herod had done, added to them all by shutting up John in prison. Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِيسِ لَوْقَا

فِيمَا كَانَ الشَّعْبُ يَنْتَظِرُ، وَالْجَمِيعُ يَتَسَاءَلُونَ فِي قُلُوبِهِمْ عَنْ يُوْحَنَّا لَعَلَّهُ هُوَ الْمَسِيحُ، أَجَابَ يُوْحَنَّا قَائِلًا لَهُمْ أَجْمَعِينَ: "أَنَا أَعْمِدُكُمْ بِالْمَاءِ، وَيَأْتِي مَنْ هُوَ أَقْوَى مِنِّي، مَنْ لَسْتُ أَهْلًا أَنْ أَحُلَّ رِبَاطَ حِدَائِهِ. هُوَ يُعَمِّدُكُمْ بِالرُّوحِ الْقُدْسِ وَالنَّارِ. فِي يَدِهِ الْمِذْرَى يُنْقِي بِهَا بَيْدَرَهُ، فَيَجْمَعُ الْقَمْحَ فِي أَهْرَائِهِ، وَأَمَّا التِّبْنُ فَيُحْرِقُهُ بِنَارٍ لَا تَطْفَأُ". وَبِأَقْوَالٍ أُخْرَى كَثِيرَةٍ كَانَ يُوْحَنَّا يَعِظُ الشَّعْبَ وَيُبَشِّرُهُمْ. لَكِنَّ هِيرُودُسَ رَئِيسَ الرُّبْعِ، وَقَدْ كَانَ يُوْحَنَّا يُوْحِيهِ مِنْ أَجْلِ هِيرُودِيَّا أَمْرَأَةِ أَخِيهِ، وَمِنْ أَجْلِ كُلِّ الشُّرُورِ الَّتِي صَنَعَهَا، زَادَ عَلَى تِلْكَ الشُّرُورِ كُلِّهَا أَنَّهُ أَلْقَى يُوْحَنَّا فِي السِّجْنِ. وَلَمَّا أَعْتَمَدَ الشَّعْبُ كُلُّهُ، وَأَعْتَمَدَ يَسُوعُ أَيْضًا، وَكَانَ يُصَلِّي، انْفَتَحَتِ السَّمَاءُ، وَنَزَلَ عَلَيْهِ الرُّوحُ الْقُدْسُ فِي صُورَةٍ جَسَدِيَّةٍ مِثْلِ حَمَامَةٍ، وَجَاءَ صَوْتُ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ يَقُولُ: "أَنْتَ هُوَ ابْنِي الْحَبِيبُ، بِكَ رَضِيتُ".

حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانَ لْجَمِيعِكُمْ.