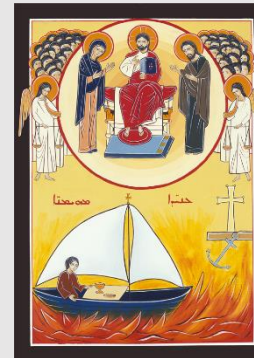




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WEEKLY BULLETIN - 02/04/2024

Three weeks of Commemorations

Sunday of the Faithful Departed

OFFICE HOURS:

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TUESDAY – FRIDAY 10:30AM – 4:00PM

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MYA

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Vice-President: Samer Hourani

Gracious Lord, In the quiet chambers of our hearts, we lift our prayers for the souls of the faithful departed. Embrace them, O God, with the light of Your eternal love as they rest in Your merciful presence. As we remember those who have gone before us, we cling to the promise of resurrection proclaimed by Your Son, Jesus Christ.

May the hope of this glorious truth illuminate the path for our departed loved ones, leading them to the everlasting joy of Your heavenly kingdom. Grant them, O Lord, the peace that surpasses all understanding, and in Your infinite mercy, purify any imperfections as they draw closer to Your divine embrace.

May the promise of resurrection be a source of comfort and assurance for all who mourn, knowing that in Christ, death is not the end, but a gateway to eternal life.

We entrust our beloved departed into Your loving care, trusting in Your promises and finding solace in the hope of resurrection. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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Sunday, February 4, 2024

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02/04/2024

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SUNDAY READINGS

1st Reading

1 Thes 5:1-11

Gospel Reading

Luke 16:19-31

Sanctuary Candle

IMO Leila Touma Jebara

DIVINE LITURGIES

Saturday, February 3, @ 4:00PM, liturgy is offered in memory of Frank Donnelly and John Bevelhymmer. Requested by Conor and Bikki Donnelly. May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, February 4, @ 11:00AM liturgy is offered for the repose of souls of:

- Melhem ElHajal requested by Manal and Claudine ElHajal.
- And Leila Touma Jebara requested by Jebara Family.

May their souls rest in peace.

Saturday, February 10, @ 4:00PM, liturgy is offered for a special intention.

Sunday, February 11, @ 11:00AM liturgy is offered for the repose of soul of Rizk Frangie requested by family May his soul rest in peace.

Monday, February 12, @ 6:00 PM **Ash Monday.** Divine Liturgy and Distribution of Ashes.

Wednesday, February 14, @ 6:00PM Divine Liturgy and Distribution of Ashes.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

January 27-28, 2024

Collection	\$	1,744.00
Fuel	\$	140.00
Insurance	\$	90.00
Assessment	\$	60.00
Bishop's Appeal	\$	150.00
PayPal	\$	0.00
Coffee Hour	\$	40.00
Total	\$	2,224.00
2 nd Collection	\$	203.00
MYO Pancakes	\$	515.00

DONATION TO COVER THE EXPENSES OF COLLECTION ENVELOPES \$130.00

Finance Committee Meeting
Sunday, February 4, 2024
Following Divine Liturgy

LITURGICAL CALENDARS

We have received the Liturgical Calendars (Maronite and Roman Catholic). You can find them at the entrance of the church and the hall.



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IN OUR PRAYERS

“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”

(Isaiah 41:10)

May the healing touch of God bring comfort and restoration to the sick. In praying for them, we extend an act of mercy, expressing compassion and love. Amen.

Please keep in your prayers

Deacon Anthony Koury, 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, Mary McKinney, Jessica McKinney, Angela McKinney, Skyla Simon, Peter Labaki, Nancy Murphy, Marentha Young-Heart, Allison Tretina, Stephanie Devinney, Angela Scorza Anderson, Raymond Fitzpatrick, Linda Yeckes, Frankie Olivieri, Marie Eddis, Mia Andrilla, Ashley Iaconelli, 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.

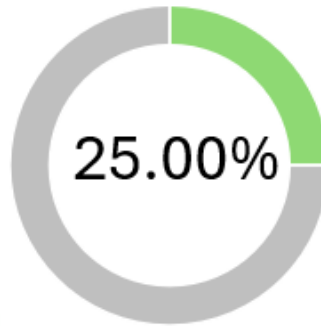
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May God Bless You And Keep You Safe.



Pope Francis Lenten Message 2024

English:

<https://press.vatican.va/content/salasta/empa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2024/02/01/240201c.html>

Arabic:

<https://www.vatican.va/content/france/sco/ar/messages/lent/documents/2023/1203-messaggio-quaresima2024.html>

Bishop's Appeal 2024

To be collected during Lent

\$3,500.00

The 2024 Bishop's Appeal assessment for your parish will be \$3,500.00. This appeal is to be made during Lent, and the total amount is due at the Chancery after Easter.

Tax Contribution Letter 2023

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February 3-4, 2024

First Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

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

Brothers and Sisters:

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Praise be to God always.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الأولى إلى أهل تسالونيقي

يا إخوتي، أما الأزمنة والأوقات، أيها الإخوة، فلا حاجة بكم أن يكتب إليكم في شأنها؛ لأنكم تعلمون جيداً أن يوم الرب يأتي كالسارق ليلاً. فحين يقولون: سلام وأمن! حينئذ يدهمهم الهلاك وهم المخاض للحبلى، ولا يغفلون. أما أنتم، أيها الإخوة، فليستم في ظلمة ليغاجتكم ذلك اليوم كالسارق. فأنتم كلكم أبناء النور، وأبناء النهار؛ ولستنا أبناء الليل ولا أبناء الظلمة. إذا فلا ننم كسائر الناس، بل لنسهر ونصح؛ لأن الذين ينامون ففي الليل ينامون، والذين يسكرون ففي الليل يسكرون. أما نحن أبناء النهار، فلنصح لابسين درع الإيمان والمحبة، وواضعين خوذة رجاء الخلاص. فإن الله لم يجعلنا للغضب، بل لإحراز الخلاص ببرتنا يسوع المسيح، الذي مات من أجلنا، لنحيا معه ساهرين كنا أم نائمين. فلذلك شجعوا بعضكم بعضاً، ولينبوا الواحد الآخر، كما أنتم فاعلون.

والتسبيح لله دائماً.

Gospel Reading Saint Luke 16:19-31

The Apostle Writes:

'There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames." But Abraham said, "Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us." He said, "Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house for I have five brothers that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment." Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them." He said, "No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." He said to him, "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead."

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِيسِ لَوْقَا

قَالَ الرَّبُّ يَسُوعُ: "كَانَ رَجُلٌ غَنِيٌّ يَلْبَسُ الْأَرْجُوَانَ وَالْكَتَّانَ النَّاعِمَ، وَيَتَنَعَّمُ كُلَّ يَوْمٍ بِأَفْخَرِ الْوَلَائِمِ. وَكَانَ رَجُلٌ مِسْكِينٌ أَسْمُهُ لَعَازَرُ مَطْرُوحًا عِنْدَ بَابِهِ، تَكْسُوهُ الْفُرُوحُ. وَكَانَ يَشْتَهِي أَنْ يَشَبَعَ مِنَ الْفُتَاتِ الْمَتَسَاكِطِ مِنْ مَائِدَةِ الْغَنِيِّ، غَيْرَ أَنَّ الْكِلَابَ كَانَتْ تَأْتِي فَتَلْحَسُ فُرُوحَهُ. وَمَاتَ الْمِسْكِينُ فَحَمَلَتْهُ الْمَلَائِكَةُ إِلَى حِضْنِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ. ثُمَّ مَاتَ الْغَنِيُّ وَدُفِنَ. وَرَفَعَ الْغَنِيُّ عَيْنَيْهِ، وَهُوَ فِي الْجَحِيمِ يُقَاسِي الْعَذَابَ، فَرَأَى إِبْرَاهِيمَ مِنْ بَعِيدٍ، وَلَعَازَرَ فِي حِضْنِهِ. فَدَادَى وَقَالَ: يَا أَبَتِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ، إِرْحَمْنِي وَأَرْسِلْ لَعَازَرَ لِيُبَلِّ طَرْفَ إِصْبَعِهِ بِمَاءٍ وَيُبْرِدَ لِسَانِي، لِأَنِّي مُتَوَجِّعٌ فِي هَذَا اللَّهَيْبِ. فَقَالَ إِبْرَاهِيمُ: يَا ابْنِي، تَذَكَّرُ أَنَّكَ نَلْتَ خَيْرَاتِكَ فِي حَيَاتِكَ، وَلَعَازَرُ نَالَ الْبَلَايَا. وَالآنَ هُوَ يَتَعَرَّى هُنَا، وَأَنْتَ تَتَوَجَّعُ. وَمَعَ هَذَا كُلِّهِ، فَإِنَّ بَيْنَنَا وَبَيْنَكُمْ هُوَّةٌ عَظِيمَةٌ ثَابِتَةٌ، حَتَّى إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يُرِيدُونَ أَنْ يَجْتَازُوا مِنْ هُنَا إِلَيْكُمْ لَا يَسْتَطِيعُونَ، وَلَا مِنْ هُنَاكَ أَنْ يَغْبُرُوا إِلَيْنَا. فَقَالَ الْغَنِيُّ: أَسْأَلُكَ إِذَا، يَا أَبَتِ، أَنْ تُرْسِلَ لَعَازَرَ إِلَى بَيْتِ أَبِي، فَإِنَّ لِي خَمْسَةَ إِخْوَةٍ، لِيَشْهَدَ لَهُمْ، كَيْ لَا يَأْتُوا هُمْ أَيْضًا إِلَى مَكَانِ الْعَذَابِ هَذَا. فَقَالَ إِبْرَاهِيمُ: عِنْدَهُمْ مُوسَى وَالْأَنْبِيَاءُ، فَلْيَسْمَعُوا لَهُمْ. فَقَالَ: لَا، يَا أَبَتِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ، وَلَكِنْ إِذَا مَضَى إِلَيْهِمْ وَاحِدٌ مِنَ الْأَمْوَاتِ يَتُوبُونَ. فَقَالَ لَهُ إِبْرَاهِيمُ: إِنْ كَانُوا لَا يَسْمَعُونَ لِمُوسَى وَالْأَنْبِيَاءِ، فَإِنَّهُمْ، وَلَوْ قَامَ وَاحِدٌ مِنَ الْأَمْوَاتِ، لَنْ يَقْتَنِعُوا!".

حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانَ لْجَمِيعِكُمْ.