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WEEKLY BULLETIN – 11/24/2024





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SUNDAY READINGS

1st Reading:

Galatians 3:15-22

Gospel Reading:

Luke 1:26-38

Second Sunday Announcement to the Virgin Mary

The visitation of the Angel Gabriel to Mary shows and reveals the profundity of God's plan of salvation, whereby Mary was chosen and is called to become the Mother of God.

The humble "yes" of Mary - "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord" - teaches us the beauty of abandonment and trust in Divine Providence.

Gabriel's message was to announce that Jesus, the Son of the Most High, was coming, a time when human history would change completely with the promise of redemption.

This encounter is a reminder that in all of life's events, one must be open to being called by God into His service and trusting in His grace. May we be guided by God's Grace and strengthened by the Holy Spirit to fulfill our purpose in life. Amen

Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving

Dear Parishioners.

Wishing you and your families a joyful and blessed Thanksgiving! As we gather to give thanks, may our hearts be filled with gratitude for God's abundant blessings and His presence in our lives.

Please note that the parish office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, but I am always available if you need anything - feel free to contact me on my cellphone.

May this season of thanksgiving bring peace and joy to your homes!

In Christ, Father Andrawos

Office Closed

Thursday, November 28, 2024 Friday, November 29, 2024



SANCTUARY CANDLE: This week, the sanctuary candle burns in loving memory of Mounir Al-Shouli and the deceased members of the Al-Shouli family. We pray that the Lord, in His infinite mercy, forgives all their sins and welcomes them into the light and peace of His heavenly kingdom. May their souls rest in the eternal embrace of God's love. In Jesus' name we pray.

BIBLE STUDY

Every Thursday at 10AM

Via Google Meet:

Google Meet

https://meet.google .com/eit-bfvm-jit



CHURCH ENVELOPES ARE NOW AVAILABLE

You can find the Church Envelopes at the entrance of the hall.

> If you don't have envelopes and wish to receive them, please contact the Office.

DIVINE LITURGIES

November 23, Saturday, 4:00PM, liturgy is offered for the repose of soul of Marie Elaine Fritz requested by Michael Marrone. May her soul rest in peace.

Sunday, November @11:00AM liturgy is offered for the living and deceased members of the Iocco, Koway, Scotty, and Nelson families requested by Terri Koway.

Saturday, November 30, 4:00PM, liturgy is offered for the repose of soul of Antonio Lombardi requested by Amelia Lombardi. May his soul rest in peace.

Sunday, December 1, @11:00AM liturgy is offered for the repose of souls of George, Deebi, and Joseph Semaan requested by family. May their souls rest in peace.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

November 16-17, 2024

Collection	\$ 1,054.00
All Saints Coll.	\$ 10.00
Online	\$ 0.00
Total	\$ 1,064.00
Coffee Hour	\$ 40.00
Bishop's Appeal	\$ 100.00
Assessment	\$ 30.00
Insurance	\$ 110.00
Fuel	\$ 0.00

EHRISTMAS Novena

Sunday, December 15, 2024 To Monday, December 23, 2024

CHRISTMAS EVE **EITURGY**

Tuesday, December 24, 2024

@ 4:00 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY EITURGY

Wednesday, December 25, 2024

@ 11:00 AM

FELICITATION TO MARY

Thursday, December 26, 2024

@ 4:00 PM

IN OUR PRAYERS Please keep in your prayers

Joann, Fontana, Rita Fortina, Jason Gushue. Lilv Gushue. Joann Fontana, Jay O'Donnell, Allison Auld, Carmen Sansweet, Janet Labar, Krystal Valianti, Mgrdichian, Carol Bevelhymer, Mary V. (Nelson) Scotti, Mike Devinney, Debbie Freedenberg, Allan Emilio Domingez, Subdeacon Dr. Mallard T. George, Landon Reid, Tamara Lewis, Michael Thomas, Mary McKinney, McKinney, Angela Jessica 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, 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, Joev 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.

MYA Corner

Trivia Night

Saturday, November 23, 2024 @ 8:00 PM



Theology on Tap

with Bishop Gregory

Saturday, December 14, 2024 @ 7:00 PM



MYA THEOLOGY ON TAP

Special guest Bishop Gregory Mansour

SATURDAY DEC 14TH AT 7PM Saint Maron Church Hall 1018 Ellsworth St. Philadelphia, PA

er and drinks provided by Saint Maron





REMINDERS

Nov 2024 – Jan 2025

CCD Bake Sale

This Sunday, November 24 Don't miss out on some delicious desserts!

Christmas Giving Tree

Starts this Sunday, November 24 **Ends Sunday, December 8** (Return gifts wrapped)

CCD Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 15 Sign Up your Children

with Janah

CCD Christmas Novena

Friday, December 20 @6:30PM

Sign Up your Children with Janah

CCD Christmas Caroling

Friday, December 20

Sign Up your Children with Janah

MYA led Divine Liturgy

Sunday, December 1, 2024 Text Summer and Debbie to Volunteer for a part

MYA Theology on Tap with Bishop Gregory

Saturday, December 14 @7PM

RSVP

to Summer and Debbie

MYO get together

January 11-12, 2025

RSVP

to Janah and Summer

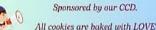
CCD & MYO Corner

CCD Bake Sale

Our CCD will bake the Desserts on Friday **November 22, 2024** @ 6:00 PM



Don't miss out on the best Homemade Bake Sale in town



Sunday, November 24, 2024



Christmas Giving Tree

Our MYO will set up the Tree on Friday **November 22, 2024** @ 6:00 PM





November 2024 At a Glance

FRI – Nov 1	All Saints Day				
SAT – Nov 2	Commemoration of the Faithful Departed			Consecration of	
SUN – Nov 3	Consecration of our Children to God: CHILDREN LITURGY:			the Church	
	CCD & MYO	the Church			
SAT – Nov 9	MYO Social Night: Movie Night / Cook Dinner			Renewal of	
SUN – Nov 10	VOCATIONS SUNDAY			the Church	
MON – Nov 11	Veterans Day				
THU – Nov 14	MYA Eagles Watch Party				
SAT – Nov 16					
SUN – Nov 17	Announcement To Zechariah			Announcement	
	Thanksgiving Food Drive Delivery			to Zechariah	
	Christmas Giving Tree Announcement				
FRI – Nov 22	Christmas Giving	CCD Bake Sale	MYO Caring f	or Friends	
	Tree Setup	Preps			
SAT – Nov 23	MYA Trivia Night			Announcement	
SUN – Nov 24	Announcement To Mary			to Mary	
	CCD Bake Sale				
THU – Nov 28	Thanksgiving				
SAT – Nov 30				Visitation	
SUN – Dec 1 Visitation to Elizabeth			to Elizabeth		
2 ND Collection: November 3, 2024 – Maronite Patriarchal Charities					
MYO Thanksgiving Food Drive: Our MYO will deliver the donated food on Sunday, November 17, 2024					

December 2024 At a Glance

	Decei	inder 2024 At a Grance			
SAT – Nov 30			Visitation		
SUN – Dec 1	Visitation to Elizabeth		to Elizabeth		
SAT – Dec 7			Birth of John		
SUN – Dec 8	Birth of John the Baptist				
	The Immaculate Conception		the Baptist		
SAT – Dec 14	MYA Theology on T	MYA Theology on Tap with Bishop Gregory			
SUN – Dec 15	Christmas Novena	Christmas Potluck and kids' concert	Revelation		
	Begins	Bishop's Pastoral Visit	to Joseph		
MON – Dec 16	Christmas Novena	Christmas Giving Tree Gifts pickup			
TUE – Dec 17	Christmas Novena				
WED – Dec 18	Christmas Novena				
THU – Dec 19	Christmas Novena				
FRI – Dec 20	Christmas Novena	CCD & MYO Christmas Novena and			
		Caroling			
SAT – Dec 21	Christmas Novena		Canadagy Sunday		
SUN – Dec 22	Christmas Novena	Tele Lumiere & Caritas Coffee Hour	Genealogy Sunday		
MON – Dec 23	Christmas Novena				
TUE – Dec 24	Christmas Eve				
WED – Dec 25	The Glorious Birth of Our Lord		Christmas		
THU – Dec 26	Felicitation to Mary				
SAT – Dec 28			The Finding of		
SUN – Dec 29	The Finding of Our Lord in the Temple		Our Lord in		
		-	the Temple		
Christmas Novena	a: December 15 – 23, 2	024			
Feast: Sunday, December 8, 2024: The Immaculate Conception					

Feast: Sunday, December 8, 2024: The Immaculate Conception Wednesday, December 25: The Glorious Birth of Our Lord



Christmas Novena Schedule

Sunday, December 15, 2024 @ 11:00 AM Divine Liturgy and Christmas Novena

Monday, December 16, 2024 @ 6:30 PM Evening Prayer and Christmas Novena

Tuesday, December 17, 2024 @ **6:30 PM**Divine Liturgy and Christmas Novena

Wednesday, December 18, 2024 @ 6:30 PM Evening Prayer and Christmas Novena

Tursday, December 19, 2024 @ **6:30 PM** Divine Liturgy and Christmas Novena

Friday, December 20, 2024 @ 6:30 PM Evening Prayer and Christmas Novena

Saturday, December 21, 2024 @ 4:00 PM Divine Liturgy and Christmas Novena

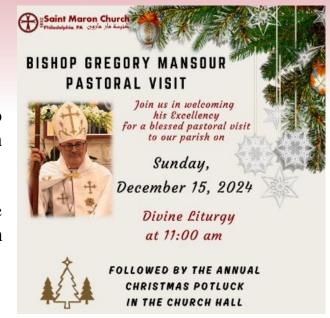
Sunday, December 22, 2024 @ 11:00 AM Divine Liturgy and Christmas Novena

Monday, December 23, 2024 @ 6:30 PM Evening Prayer and Christmas Novena

Bishop's Pastoral Visit & Christmas Potluck

We are honored to welcome Bishop Gregory to Saint Maron Church for his pastoral visit on Sunday, December 15, 2024.

His presence among us is a true grace. May we prayerfully anticipate his visit and remember him in our prayers.



First Reading - Galatians 3:15-22

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

Brothers and Sisters:

I give an example from daily life: once a person's will has been ratified, no one adds to it or annuls it. Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring; it does not say, 'And to offsprings', as of many; but it says, 'And to your offspring', that is, to one person, who is Christ. My point is this: the law, which came four hundred and thirty years later, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to nullify the promise. For if the inheritance comes from the law, it no longer comes from the promise; but God granted it to Abraham through the promise. Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, until the offspring would come to whom the promise had been made; and it was ordained through angels by a mediator. Now a mediator involves more than one party; but God is one. Is the law then opposed to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could make alive, then righteousness would indeed come through the law. But the scripture has imprisoned all things under the power of sin, so that what was promised through faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe. **Praise be to God always.**

Gospel Reading - Saint Luke 1:26-38

The Apostle Writes:

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

This is the truth. Peace be with you.



Thank you

 Thank you to all parishioners who donated towards the sidewalk repairs. Your donations were highly appreciated.

Please note, we are still short \$3,000.00.



2- Thank you to the family, who wished to remain anonymous, for donating the dough sheeter in the amount of \$3,908.61

مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ القِدِّيسِ لوقا

يَا مَمْلُوءَةً نِعْمَة، أَلرَّبُ مَعَكِ!». فَٱضْطَرِيَتْ مَرْيَمُ لِكَلامِهِ، وأَخَذَتْ تُفَكِّرُ مَا عَسَى أَنْ يَكُونَ هذَا السَّلام! فقَالَ لَهَا المَلاك: «لا تَخَافِي، يَا مَرْيَم، لأَنَّكِ وَجَدْتِ نِعْمَةً عِنْدَ الله. نِهَايَة!». فَقَالَتْ مَرْيَمُ لِلمَلاك: «كَيْفَ يَكُونُ هذَا، وأَنَا لا أَعْرِفُ رَجُلاً؟». فأَجَابَ المَلاكُ وقالَ لَهَا: «أَلْرُوحُ القُدُسُ يَحِلُّ عَلَيْكِ، وقُدْرَةُ العَلِيِّ تُظَلِّلُكِ، ولذلكَ فَٱلقُدُّوسُ ٱلمَوْلُودُ مِنْكِ يُدْعَى ٱبْنَ ٱلله! وهَا إِنَّ إليصَابَاتَ نَسِيبَتَكِ، قَدْ حَمَلَتْ هِيَ أَيْضًا بِٱبْنِ فِي شَيْخُوخَتِها. وهذا هُوَ الشَّهْرُ السَّادِسُ والتسبيح لله دائمًا. لِتِلْكَ الَّتِي تُدْعَى عَاقرًا، لأَنَّهُ لَيْسَ عَلَى ٱللهِ أَمْرٌ مُسْتَحيل!». فَقَالَتْ مَرْبَم: «هَا أَنا أَمَةُ الرَّبّ، فَلْيَكُنْ لِي بِحَسَبِ قَوْلِكَ!». وأنْصَرَفَ منْ عِنْدِها المَلاك.

حقًّا والأمان لجميعكم.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل غلاطية

وفي الشَّهْرِ السَّادِس (بعد بشارة زكريّا)، أُرْسِلَ المَلاكُ يا إِخوَتِي، كَبَشَرِ أَقُول: إِنَّ الوَصِيَّة، وإِنْ كَانَتْ مِنْ إِنْسَان، جِبْرَائِيلُ مِنْ عِنْدِ اللهِ إِلَى مَدِينَةٍ في الجَلِيلِ ٱسْمُهَا النَّاصِرَةِ، |إِذَا أُقِرَّتْ، لا أَحَدَ يُبْطِلُهَا أَو يَزيِدُ عَلَيْهَا. فالوُعُودُ قِيْلَتْ إلى عَذْرَاءَ مَخْطُوبَةٍ لِرَجُلِ مِنْ بَيْتِ دَاوِدَ آسْمُهُ يُوسُف، وآسْمُ لِإبْراهِيمَ وَلنَسْلِهِ. ومَا قِيْلَتْ: «ولأَنْسَالِهِ»، كأنَّهُ لِكَثِيرين، بَلْ العَذْرَاءِ مَرْنَمٍ. ولَمَّا دَخَلَ المَلاكُ إِلَيْهَا قَال: «أَلسَّلامُ عَلَيْك، ﴿ «وَلِنَسْلكَ»، كَأَنَّهُ لوَاحد، وهُوَ المَسِيح! فأقُولُ هذَا: إنَّ وَصِيَّةً سَبَقَ اللهُ فأَقَرَّهَا، لا تُلْغِيهَا شَرِيعَةٌ جَاءَتْ بَعْدَ أَرْبَعِ مِئَّةٍ وِثَلاثِينَ سَنَة، فَتُبْطِلُ الوَعْد. وإذا كَانَ المِيرَاثُ مِنَ الشَّربِعَة، فَهُوَ لَمْ يَعُدْ مِنَ الوَعْد؛ والحَالُ أَنَّ اللَّهَ بِوَعْدٍ أَنْعَمَ بِالمِيرَاثِ وهَا أَنْتِ تَحْمِلِينَ، وتَلِدِينَ ٱبْنًا، وتُسَمِّينَهُ يَسُوع. وهُوَ يَكُونُ على إِبرَاهِيم. إذًا فَلِمَاذَا الشَّربِعَة؟ إنَّهَا أَضِيفَتْ بَسَبَب عَظِيمًا، وٱبْنَ العَليّ يُدْعَى، ويُعْطِيهِ الرَّبُّ الإِلهُ عَرْشَ دَاوُدَ |الْمَعَاصِي، حَتَّى مَجيءِ النَّسْلِ الَّذي جُعِلَ الوَعْدُ لَهُ. وقَدْ أَبِيه، فَيَمْلِكُ عَلى بَيْتِ يَعْقُوبَ إِلَى الأَبَد، ولا يَكُونُ لِمُلْكِهِ |أَعْلَنَهَا مَلائِكَةٌ على يَدِ وَسِيطٍ، هُوَ مُوسى. غيرَ أَنَّ الوَاحِدَ لا وَسيطَ لَهُ، واللهُ واحِد! إِذًا فَهَلْ تَكُونُ الشَّربِعَةُ ضِدَّ وُعُود الله؟ حاشًا! فَلُو أُعْطِيَتْ شَرِيعَةٌ قَادِرَةٌ أَنْ تُحْيِي، لَكَانَ النَّبْرِيرُ حَقًّا بِالشَّرِيعَة. ولكِنَّ الكِتَابَ حَبَسَ الكُلَّ تَحْتَ الخَطِيئَة، لِكَيْمَا بِالإِيْمَانِ بِيَسُوعَ المَسِيحِ يُعْطَى الوَعْدُ للَّذِينَ يُؤْمِنُون.



Maronite Eparchial Couples Ministry

Join the Eparchial Couples Ministry and Bishop Gregory J. Mansour for a discussion as we prepare our hearts for the birth of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

December 3, 2024 at 8PM (EST)

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