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WEEKLY BULLETIN – 12/01/2024

Season of the Glorious Birth of Our Lord

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SUNDAY READINGS

1st Reading:

Ephesians 1:1-14

Gospel Reading:

Luke 1:39-45

Third Sunday

Visitation of the Virgin to Elizabeth

PRAYER

Source: Prayer of the Faithful

Sunday Morning Visitation to Elizabeth

1st Prayer

Lord, have mercy on us and save us.

Lord, you work wonders and guide the universe, your works fill our spirit with holy fear. With your Mother you went to the mountains of Judea to share a spiritual joy with your Forerunner, who was in the womb of his mother. Fill our spirits with your light and our hearts with your love. That we may praise you, the Most High, yet humble One, with your Father and your Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

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SANCTUARY CANDLE: This week, the sanctuary candle burns for the safety and well-being of Ghada Dib. Lord, as this light shines in Your presence, we ask You to watch over Ghada, guide her steps and surround her with Your peace and protection. May this flame remind us of Christ's light in our lives and bring hope and blessing to her and all who trust in You. Through the intercession of our Blessed Mother and Saint Maron, we entrust her to your loving care. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

BIBLE STUDY

Every Thursday at 10AM

Via 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

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.

Saturday, December 7, @ 4:00PM, liturgy is offered for the repose of souls of Yvonne and Tony Impo requested by Patty Impo. May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, December 8, @ 11:00AM liturgy is offered for the repose of soul of Carol Fuschino requested by Terri and Deb Mosier. May her soul rest in peace.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

November 23-24, 2024

Collection	\$ 1,293.00
All Saints Coll.	\$ 10.00
Online	\$ 50.00
Total	\$ 1,353.00

Coffee Hour	\$ 43.00
Bishop's Appeal	\$ 90.00
Assessment	\$ 30.00
Insurance	\$ 60.00
Fuel	\$ 365.00
Initial Offering	\$ 100.00

Christmas	\$ 10.00
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ANNUAL CHRISTMAS POTLUCK

Sunday, December 15

**What dish are you bringing?
Contact the office by phone
or email.**

CHRISTMAS NOVENA

Sunday, December 15, 2024

To

**Monday, December 23,
2024**

CHRISTMAS EVE LITURGY

**Tuesday, December 24,
2024**

@ 4:00 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY LITURGY

**Wednesday, December 25,
2024**

@ 11:00 AM

FELICITATION TO MARY

**Thursday, December 26,
2024**

IN OUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers

Barbara Impriano, Paige Moderski, Rita Fortina, Jason Gushue, Lily Gushue, Joann Fontana, Jay O'Donnell, Allison Auld, Carmen Sansweet, 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, 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 Chokeur, Kathy Newman, Rita Arrigale, Maryann Bratton, Renee Sahar, Sister Nahida Al-Sawa, James Cordisio, Stacey Fuentes, Noel Andjuhar, and Angel Salerno.

MYA Corner



Thank you to all MYA members who joined us for Friendsgiving Trivia Night. For those who couldn't make it, you were deeply missed but hopefully we see you at our next event.

A special thank you goes to those who coordinated this beautiful gathering.

Heavenly Father, we lift our prayers today for our beloved MYA. Bless them with Your guidance and surround them with Your grace as they continue to grow in faith, service and fellowship. May they always reflect your love and their hard work bear abundant fruit for Your Glory. Amen

Our Next Event:

Theology on Tap
with Bishop Gregory



MYA THEOLOGY ON TAP

Special guest Bishop Gregory Mansour

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

Dinner and drinks provided by Saint Maron



REMINDERS

Nov 2024 – Jan 2025

Christmas Giving Tree
Ends Sunday, December 8
(Return gifts wrapped)

CCD Christmas Concert
Sunday, December 15
Rehearsals:

Sunday Dec 1 and Dec 8
in the Church

All Kids are welcome to join.

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

NATIONAL MYO CONFERENCE



Location

La Roche University,
Pittsburgh, PA.

Dates

June 23-June 28, 2025

Registration opens
January 17, 2025 at
www.maroniteyouth.org

CCD & MYO Corner

MYO get together
January 11-12, 2025
To RSVP,
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MYO GET TOGETHER

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



December 2024 At a Glance

SAT – Nov 30			Visitation to Elizabeth
SUN – Dec 1	Visitation to Elizabeth		
SAT – Dec 7			Birth of John the Baptist
SUN – Dec 8	Birth of John the Baptist The Immaculate Conception		
SAT – Dec 14	MYA Theology on Tap with Bishop Gregory		Revelation to Joseph
SUN – Dec 15	Christmas Novena Begins	Christmas Potluck and kids' concert Bishop's Pastoral Visit	
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		Genealogy Sunday
SUN – Dec 22	Christmas Novena	Tele Lumiere & Caritas Coffee Hour	
MON – Dec 23	Christmas Novena		
TUE – Dec 24	Christmas Eve		Christmas
WED – Dec 25	The Glorious Birth of Our Lord		
THU – Dec 26	Felicitation to Mary		
SAT – Dec 28			The Finding of Our Lord in the Temple
SUN – Dec 29	The Finding of Our Lord in the Temple		
Christmas Novena: December 15 – 23, 2024 Feast: Sunday, December 8, 2024: The Immaculate Conception Wednesday, December 25: The Glorious Birth of Our Lord			

Sidewalk Update

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

A special thank you to Mr. Robert Landi (Landi Concrete) for the donation he made in the amount of \$2,000.00 (Two Thousand USD).





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

Tuesday, 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.

Saint Maron Church
Philadelphia, PA
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**BISHOP GREGORY MANSOUR
PASTORAL VISIT**

*Join us in welcoming
his Excellency
for a blessed pastoral visit
to our parish on*

*Sunday,
December 15, 2024*

*Divine Liturgy
at 11:00 am*

**FOLLOWED BY THE ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS POTLUCK
IN THE CHURCH HALL**

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.

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)، قَامَتِ مَرْيَمُ وَذَهَبَتْ مُسْرِعَةً إِلَى الْجَبَلِ، إِلَى مَدِينَةٍ فِي يَهُوذَا. وَدَخَلَتْ بَيْتَ زَكَرِيَّا، وَسَلَّمَتْ عَلَى الْيَصَابَاتِ. وَلَمَّا سَمِعَتْ الْيَصَابَاتُ سَلَامَ مَرْيَمَ، أَرْتَكُضَ الْجَنِينُ فِي بَطْنِهَا، وَأَمْتَلَأَتْ مِنَ الرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ. فَهَتَفَتْ بِأَعْلَى صَوْتِهَا وَقَالَتْ: "مُبَارَكَةٌ أَنْتِ فِي النِّسَاءِ، وَمُبَارَكَةٌ ثَمَرَةٌ بَطْنِكَ! وَمِنْ أَيَّنَ لِي هَذَا، أَنْ تَأْتِي إِلَيَّ أُمُّ رَبِّي؟ فَهَذَا مُنْذُ وَقَعَتْ صَوْتُ سَلَامِكَ فِي أُذُنِي، أَرْتَكُضَ الْجَنِينُ أَبْتِهَاجًا فِي بَطْنِي! فَطُوبَى لِّلَّتِي آمَنَتْ أَنَّهُ سَيِّئٌ مَا قِيلَ لَهَا مِنْ قِبَلِ الرَّبِّ!".

حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانُ لِكُلِّكُمْ.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل أفسس

يَا إِخْوَتِي، مِنْ بُولُسَ، رَسُولِ الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ بِمَشِيئَةِ اللَّهِ، إِلَى الْقَدِيسِينَ الَّذِينَ هُمْ فِي أْفُسَسَ وَالْأَمْنَاءِ فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ: أَلْنَعْمَةُ 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 إِئْتِشَاءِ الْعَالَمِ، لِنَكُونَ فِي حَضْرَتِهِ قَدِيسِينَ، لَا عَيْبَ فِيْنَا؛ وَقَدْ سَبَقَ بِمَحَبَّتِهِ فَحَدَدْنَا أَنْ نَكُونَ لَهُ أَبْنَاءَ بِالنَّبِيِّ بِيَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ، بِحَسَبِ رِضَى مَشِيئَتِهِ، لِمَدْحِ مَجْدِ نِعْمَتِهِ الَّتِي أَنْعَمَ بِهَا عَلَيْنَا فِي الْحَبِيبِ؛ وَفِيهِ لَنَا الْغِدَاءُ بِدَمِهِ، أَي مَغْفِرَةُ الزَّلَّاتِ، بِحَسَبِ غِنَى نِعْمَتِهِ، الَّتِي أَفَاضَهَا عَلَيْنَا فِي كُلِّ حِكْمَةٍ وَفَهْمٍ؛ وَقَدْ عَرَفْنَا سِرَّ مَشِيئَتِهِ، بِحَسَبِ رِضَا الَّذِي سَبَقَ فَجَعَلَهُ فِي الْمَسِيحِ، لِيُحَقِّقَ تَدْبِيرَ مِلءِ الْأَزْمِنَةِ، فَيَجْمَعَ فِي الْمَسِيحِ تَحْتَ رَأْسٍ وَاحِدٍ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ، مَا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ وَمَا عَلَى الْأَرْضِ؛ وَفِيهِ أَيْضًا اخْتَارَنَا مِيرَاثًا لَهُ، وَقَدْ سَبَقَ فَحَدَدْنَا بِحَسَبِ قَاصِدِهِ، هُوَ الَّذِي يَعْمَلُ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ بِقَضَاءِ مَشِيئَتِهِ، لِنَكُونَ مَدْحًا لِمَجْدِهِ، نَحْنُ الَّذِينَ سَبَقْنَا فَجَعَلْنَا فِي الْمَسِيحِ رِجَاءً؛ وَفِيهِ أَنْتُمْ أَيْضًا، بَعْدَ أَنْ سَمِعْتُمْ كَلِمَةَ الْحَقِّ، أَي إِنْجِيلِ خَلَاصِكُمْ، وَأَمَنْتُمْ، خُتِمْتُمْ بِالرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ الْمَوْعُودِ بِهِ، وَهُوَ عُزْبُونُ مِيرَاثِنَا، لِغِدَاءِ شَعْبِهِ الَّذِي أَقْتَنَاهُ، وَلِمَدْحِ مَجْدِهِ.

والتسبيح لله دائماً.

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)

Zoom meeting ID: 824 7296 2217

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LEADING TO
CHRISTMAS

Join the Eparchial Couples Ministry and Bishop Gregory Mansour for a discussion on the "Announcements leading to Christmas" in the Maronite Rite as we prepare our hearts for the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

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