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January 19, 2020, Second Sunday of Epiphany

Sunday, January 19, 2020 at 11:00 o'clock

Joseph Abi-Fadel (one year anniversary)

Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 26, 2020 at 11:00 o'clock

Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 2, 2020 at 11:00 o'clock

Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 9, 2020 at 11:00 o'clock

Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 16, 2020 at 11:00 o'clock

Amal Boudib (40 Day Anniversary)

Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 23, 2020 at 11: 00 o'clock

Scripture Readings

Sunday January 26, 2020, Third Sunday of Epiphany

Gal 3:23-29; John 3: 1-16

Let us Pray the Rosary

Please join fellow parishioners as we pray the Holy Rosary every **Sunday at 10:15 a.m.** in preparation for the Divine Liturgy and in honor of our Blessed Mother, Mary.

Ushers

Sunday, January 26, 2020

Halim Younes, Mark Malkoun, Billy Haddad and Joseph Nasr

Pastoral Visit

On Sunday, January 26, 2020, His Excellency Bishop Gregory Mansour will make a pastoral visit to our parish. He will celebrate the Divine Liturgy and a gathering with the MYA and MYO at the Seminary Library.

Second Collection

On Sunday, January 26, 2020, a second collection will be taken for the Catholic Bishops' Worldwide Charities (this collection combines the four USCCB collections: Central & Eastern Europe, the Church in Latin America, Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and Operation Rice Bowl which is a part of CRS). The total is divided evenly. All funds collected will be forwarded to the Chancery for transfer to the USCCB.

Please Join US

On Sunday, January 19, 2020 at 12:30 p.m., Chorbishop Seely Beggiani will present a lecture on **Syriac Spirituality (Part 4)** at the Seminary's Library. This is meant as a faith formation for young people and adults. All are welcome and are urged to attend.

Thank you for your generosity

Summary of the Collection for **Sunday, January 12, 2020**

Regular Sunday Collection \$ 1657

Pledges \$ 500

Donations by mail: \$ 25

Tuesday: \$ 50

Feast of St. Anthony the Great

St. Anthony was born around 351 in Coma, [Egypt] today known as "Kuma Al Arouss." His father and mother died when he was eighteen years old, and he was left with a sister whom he loved very much. One day he entered a church and heard a voice saying: "If you wish to be perfect, go sell all you have, give it to the poor

and follow me." He felt that these words were directed to him, so he went and sold all that he had. He gave his sister her share and the rest he gave to the poor. At twenty years of age he went to a hermit and became his disciple. He spent his days and great part of the night in prayer and manual labor and ate only one meal a day. Anthony suffered a great deal from temptations. With prayer and penance, he overcame them all. For this reason, he became the patron saint of those who are tempted. **He died on January 17, 356**, at the age of 105.

The body of St. Anthony remained in his grave for 200 years. In 561, under the emperor Justinian, his bones were transferred solemnly to the Church of St. John the Baptist in Alexandria [Egypt] and later taken to Constantinople. Prince Jocelyn took Anthony's remains to France and interred them in the Benedictine Abbey of La Motte St. Didices. His remains were transferred to the city of Aries, where they rest today.

Attention All MYA and MYO

Sunday, January 26, 2020, following the Divine Liturgy, there will be a gathering with Bishop Gregory Mansour at the Seminary Library. All are invited to attend.

National Prayer Vigil for Life

The National Prayer Vigil for Life will be held from Thursday, January 23 to Friday, January 24, 2020, at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. The Vigil marks the 47th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's 1973 Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton decisions legalizing abortion through nine months of pregnancy. Since those decisions, over 60 million abortions have been performed legally in the United States. The schedule for the National Prayer Vigil for Life:

Thursday, January 23:

5:30 PM Opening Mass in the Great Upper Church

8:00 PM National Rosary for Life

9:30 PM Byzantine Rite Night Prayer

11:00 PM Holy Hours led by seminarians (through the night)

For more details on the overnight National Prayer Vigil for Life and other pro-life events in the Washington area, please visit www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/january-roe-events. To join and help spread the word about the 9 Days for Life, visit www.9daysforlife.com.

Calling all Couples!

Marriage is the foundation for the family, and so we work to help to build joyful marriages and strong families. In the area of Natural Family Planning (NFP) we hope to inspire and educate couples with NFP, which reclaims the dignity of women, strengthens marriages, and helps couples achieve personal happiness through a total gift of self.

In order to make sure that couples receive proper knowledge of Natural Family Planning, per the Statutes of the Eparchy (No. 71), couples are invited to attend a free online session of about 90 minutes to learn an overview of NFP methods and the introductory session to the Creighton Model FertilityCare System. The theology behind it will be covered briefly, but the focus will be on the scientific aspect of NFP.

We hope to give couples the opportunity to learn more about how they can really live the total gift of self within marriage and be open to God's gift of love and life.

The following are the dates and times to attend free online introductory session for Creighton Model FertilityCare System:

Saturday February 8, 2020 at 9:30 am

Tuesday March 10, 2020 at 7:30pm

Thursday April 30, 2020 at 7:30pm

Tuesday May 19, 2020 at 7:30pm

Monday June 8, 2020 at 7:30pm

For more information and to sign up for one of the session please contact Marise Frangie at 914-393-8907 or sanctityoflife@live.com

More information is available on the Eparchial website stmaron.org for the Family Life Office.

+ Gregory Mansour

FYI

What is the sense of the petition "Give us this day our daily bread"?

Asking God with the filial trust of children for the daily nourishment which is necessary for us all we recognize how good God is, beyond all goodness. We ask also for the grace to know how to act so that justice and solidarity may allow the abundance of some to remedy the needs of others. (For further reading: CCC 2828-2834, 2861)

Why do we say "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us"?

By asking God the Father to pardon us, we acknowledge before him that we are sinners. At the same time we proclaim his mercy because in his Son and through the sacraments "we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins" (Colossians 1:14). Still our petition will be answered only if we for our part have forgiven first. (For further reading: CCC 2838-2839, 2862).

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