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Consecration of the Church, November 3, 2019

Sunday, November 3, 2019 at 11:00 o'clock
George and Theresia Abou Chabki and Moussa ELJor

Tuesday, November 5, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.
Members of Our Lady of Lebanon both living and deceased

Sunday, November 10, 2019 at 11:00 o'clock
Fahd and Jamileh Nasr

Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.
Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, November 17, 2019 at 11:00 o'clock
Dr. Robert Nabil Franjie

Tuesday, November 19, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, November 24, 2019 at 11:00 o'clock
Younes Halim Younes (40 day anniversary)

Tuesday, November 26, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

Scripture Readings

Sunday November 10, 2019 (Renewal of the Church)
Hebrew 9:11-15; John 10: 22- 42

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, November 10, 2019

Maroun Mezher, Alain Khoury, Chris Khoury and Seiba Rizk

Second Collection

On Sunday, November 10, 2019, a second collection will be taken for Maronite Patriarchal Charities. This collection, taken at the request of Bishop Gregory Mansour, allows us, as an Eparchy, to strengthen our Patriarch's charitable giving. It is like the "Peter's Pence" collection for our Patriarch.

Attention All Ladies of the Parish

On Saturday, November 9, 2019 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Chorbishop Seely Beggiani will conduct a mini retreat for all adult female parishioners. The theme is "Understanding Martha and Mary, and how to balance our roles in life!"

Retreat Schedule

10:00 - 10:30 a.m.	Retreat begins with a prayer in the main church.
10:45 - 11:15 a.m.	First Discussion, led by Chorbishop Beggiani
11:15 - 11:30 a.m.	Silent Meditation
11:30 - noon	2 nd Discussion, led by Chorbishop Beggiani
12:00 - 12:30 p.m.	Question and answer session

Please Join US

On Sunday, November 10, 2019 at 12:30 p.m., Chorbishop Seely Beggiani will present a lecture on **Syriac Spirituality (Part 2)** 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 **October 27, 2019**

Collection:	\$ 887
Donation by mail:	\$ 405

Are You Interested?

TeleLumiere/Noursat USA invites you to its fundraising event "Family Fun Day" on **Sunday, November 10, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.** at DAVE & BUSTERS, 9811 Washingtonian Boulevard. Suite H1 Gaithersburg, MD 20878. Lunch buffet will be served between 3 and 6 p.m. Cost is \$39 for adults; \$29 for children 6 to 12 years old; and children 5 years old and under go free. Additional donations and sponsors are welcomed. For more information or to make a reservation, please contact at 240-232-7826.

Liturgical Season of Announcements

On November 3, 2019, the Maronite Catholic Church worldwide begins preparing for the Birth of the Son of God, for we begin a new liturgical year with the Season of Announcements. It is a time we recognize as a time of happy announcements.

After the two Sundays of the Church, the Sundays of Announcements are 6 in number (Announcement to Zachariah; Announcement to Mary; the Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth; the Birth of John; the Revelation to Joseph; and Genealogy Sunday).

Each of these Sundays announces and prepares for the Incarnation. From the Announcement to Zachariah to Genealogy Sunday, news of the Lord's birth is given to various individuals. The final announcement however, is made by the angels to all creation at the Christmas Eve Liturgy "Glory to God in the Highest and peace and good hope to all men. Behold, a savior has been born for you in Bethlehem who is the Messiah and Lord."

These 6 sundays of "Announcements," help us prepare for the birth of Christ who became flesh from the Virgin Mary.

May we have a spiritual and fruitful preparation for the Nativity of the Son of God. May the Star of Bethlehem guide us to the Manger where we will find a Baby wrapped in Swaddling clothes and offer Him our hopes and dreams, our failure and our success. May His Birth bring abundant peace to our families, the Church and the world.

The liturgical year of the Maronite Church opens with commemorations in honor of the Church of Christ. The two Sundays of the Church, the Sunday of the Consecration of the Church and the Sunday of the Renewal of the Church, although not directly connected with the Season of Announcement, the first of the liturgical seasons in which the life of Christ is reflected, form a fitting introduction to it. For these two Sundays teach us that the entire salvific mission of Christ today takes place through his Church.

The Old and New Testaments both use the term "corban" to indicate something consecrated to the Lord. Quite often an object was anointed with oil and then considered holy or set apart for the Lord. In the Old Testament, priests, kings, the meeting tent and its furniture, and the Ark of the Covenant were all anointed and thus consecrated to the Lord. In the New Testament, Jesus himself is called the Messiah, the Christ, the Anointed One. In the Church today, we still anoint catechumens, those being chrismated, the sick, priests and bishops, church buildings, and sacred vessels in order to set apart these people, places and objects as sacred, consecrated to the Lord.

In the Old Testament, the sacred object was the Ark of the Covenant. It was a symbol of the covenant between God and his people, as it originally contained the stone tablets of the ten commandments of God's law. By means of the covenant, Israel was set apart as the chosen people, and Yahweh was to be their God. The Ark was the symbol of God's personal and saving presence among his people. It was upon the Ark that the blood of atonement was sprinkled and it was before it that divine communications were received. As a sign of God's leadership and protection for his chosen people, the Ark was carried before the army in battle.

In his prophecies, Isaiah refers to the servant of Yahweh as a "covenant of the people, a light for the nations." This covenant of the people will establish justice on earth, open the eyes of the blind, and free prisoners (Isaiah 42: 46,6-7).

Jesus, the Anointed One, is the New Ark, His sacred person is the place where the divine and the human meet. He is the bearer of the good news. It is through the sacrifice of his body on the cross that the sins are atoned for and his resurrection establishes an everlasting covenant between God and his people.

Through the outpouring of the Spirit of Christ, the Church has come into being and continues the mission of Christ in the world. It is now the Church which proclaims to mankind God's saving love for the world.

The Sunday of the Renewal of the Church invites individual Christians to renew their personal consecration to the Lord and his Church, and to strive to realize God's kingdom on earth.

(Prayer of the Faithful, Volume 1, page 182)

