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November 14, 2021, Announcement to Zachariah

Sunday, November 14, 2021 at 11:00 o'clock
Ordination of Seminarian Vincent Michael as a Subdeacon

Thursday, November 18, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.
Divine Liturgy and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday, November 21, 2021 at 11:00 o'clock
Georgie and Theresia Abou Chabke and Moussa El-Jor

Monday, November 22, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.
Divine Liturgy in honor of St. Sharbel

Sunday, November 28, 2021 at 11:00 o'clock
Alice Zischkau

Sunday, December 5, 2021 at 11:00 o'clock
Deceased members of the Zailah and Saade families

Sunday, December 12, 2021 at 11:00 o'clock

Sunday, December 19, 2021 at 11:00 o'clock
Fahed and Jamileh Nasr

Reconciliation (Confession) is available every Sunday between 10:15 and 10:45 a.m. before the Divine Liturgy.

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 for Sunday, November 21, 2021

Halim Younes, Tom Karam, John Nadder & Fawzi AbouChabki

Ushers for Sunday, November 28, 2021

Roger Abou Jaoude, Elie Malkoun, Kevin Pitzer & George Choueiry

(If you will not be attending the Liturgy on that day, please get in touch with **Halim Younes** to find a replacement.

Altar Servers for Sunday, November 21, 2021

Jason Pitzer and Peter ElKhoueiry

Thank you for your generosity

Summary of the Collection for **Sunday, November 7, 2021**

Regular Sunday Collection \$ 945

Pledge \$ 200

Individual Donation \$ 200

Second Collection (maintenance) \$ 286

Thank you for your generosity and may God bless you all.

Second Collection

On Sunday, November 14, 2021, 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. All funds collected will be sent to our Chancery office for proper transfer. Thank you for your generosity and cooperation.

Scripture Readings

Sunday, November 21, 2021, Announcement to Mary

Gal 3: 15-22; Luke 1:26 -38

Sunday, November 28, 2021, Visitation to Elizabeth

Eph 1:1-14; Lk 1:39-45

Sunday, December 5, 2021, Birth of John the Baptizer

Gal 4:21-5:1; Lk 1:57-66

2022 Lebanese Elections

Registration for the 2022 Lebanese Elections will take place from **October 1, 2021 to November 20, 2021**. One is eligible to register as a non-resident voter if one holds the Lebanese citizenship and was born before March 30, 2001.

★ Eligible voters will be able to register online at

<https://diasporavote.mfa.gov.lb/>

★ Voters may also register in person at the Lebanese Embassy

★ For more information visit: <http://www.lebanonembassyus.org>

(2021/09/28/registration-for-the-2022-elections)

Registration only **does not make you vote**. It allows you the opportunity to practice your voting right. You cannot vote if you do not register.

Attention All MYO

Sunday, November 21, 2021, there will be a meeting for all MYO in the social hall following the divine liturgy. The MYO is for people between the ages of 13 and 18 years old. The Theme of the meeting is "*Let's Learn about Jesus and Eat Pies.*" Msgr. George will explain to the MYO the story of Jesus coming into the world and then there will be a "pie eating contest." For reservation, please call or text Robert Ayoub at 248- 872-2880 or Julie Pitzer at 443-616-9658. Snacks and pies will be provided.

Attention All MYA

On Saturday, November 20, 2021, starting at 3pm, there will be a "**MYA Kickoff: Friendsgiving!**" Text Robert Ayoub at 248-872-2880 to RSVP. The MYA (Maronite Young Adults) is for all people between the ages of 19 and 30 years old. For more information, see the flyer on the next or call or text Robert Ayoub at 248- 872-2880 or Julie Pitzer at 443-616-9658.

As we extend a warm welcome to His Excellency Bishop Gregory Mansour for visiting our parish and presiding at the celebration of the Divine Liturgy, we also offer our sincere congratulations and prayerful support to Subdeacon Vincent Michael. May God grant him the necessary graces to continue his journey to the Altar.

Announcement to Zachariah

The Season of Announcements is a commemoration of those events surrounding and culminating with the incarnation of Jesus. It opens with the Announcement to Zachariah that John, the Forerunner of Jesus, was to be born.

Mention of the Archangel Gabriel, whose name means “God is strong,” is found in the Old Testament. The archangel appeared to the prophet Daniel and spoke of the end of time when God will come to judge his people (Daniel 8:16 -26; 8:21-27). In the New Testament, the appearance of Gabriel to Zachariah is an indication that Gabriel is completing his mission and that the final days have begun. Although more than two millenia have intervened since the birth of John the Forerunner, it must always be recalled that we are living in the “end times” - the fulfillment of all that has been promised.

Gabriel appeared to Zachariah, a descendant of Aaron, a member of the priestly caste. This appearance took place while Zachariah was fulfilling one of the priestly functions, the offering of incense at the Temple altar.

The prophecy of a birth of a son was not only good news for Israel, but also good news for the aged Zachariah and Elizabeth. For years they had been living under the curse of having no children. Gabriel now told them that Elizabeth, in her old age, was to give birth to a son. The news given to Zachariah and Elizabeth recalls the promise given to Abraham and Sarah: they too were childless, but were promised descendants.

Although he knew that nothing is impossible for God, Zachariah doubted the Message. In order to bring him to belief, Gabriel gave him a sign: Zachariah was to be mute until the birth of his son. This sign given to Zachariah is intended for all of us. John the Forerunner is the link between the Old and New Covenants. With the coming of the Savior, the Old will be silenced and the New Covenant proclaimed. Filled with the spirit, we cry out with Zachariah, “Blessed are You, O God!”

The early Fathers provide us with an interesting epilogue to this account. They taught that Zachariah was martyred because he refused to disclose John’s hiding place to Herod’s soldiers (Matt 23:35).

(Maronite Prayer of the Faithful, Volume 1)



The poster features a light beige background with decorative watercolor illustrations of autumn leaves, pumpkins, a pie, and a slice of cake. The main title is in a large, bold, orange serif font. Below the title, the text is in a smaller, orange sans-serif font. The contact information is centered and includes a phone number and a website URL.

MYA Kickoff: Friendsgiving!

Join us for a great talk with
Abouna Sebaali and great food!

Text Robert Ayoub at
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Sign-up to bring a side using Google Sheets!

Date: November 20th, 2021 at 3pm

Any questions? Call or text Robert Ayoub at 248-872-2880 or Julie Pitzer at 443-616-9658