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*November 21, 2021, Announcement to Mary*

**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**  
Mona Zahrah Khfoury

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

**Friday, December 24, 2021 (Christmas Eve) at Midnight**  
Members of Our Lady of Lebanon Parish, living and deceased

**Saturday, December 25, 2021 (Christmas Day) at 11:00 o'clock**  
Private intention

**Sunday, December 26, 2021 at 11:00 o'clock**

**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 28, 2021***

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

***Ushers for Sunday, December 5, 2021***

**Halim Younes, Gebran Fatouche, Antoine Issa and Joseph Nasr**

(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 28, 2021***

George Beasley and Mateo Abou Jaoude

***Thank you for your generosity***

Summary of the Collection for **Sunday, November 14, 2021**

Regular Sunday Collection \$ 1670

Pledge \$ 300

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection (Patriarchal charity) \$ 1123

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

***Sunday School***

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, there will be no Sunday School on **November 28, 2021**. Religious Education will resume on **December 5, 2021**, at 10 o'clock in the morning.

***Holy Day of Obligation***

**Wednesday, December 8, 2021**, Feast of the Immaculate Conception, is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at **7:30 p.m.**



**Scripture Readings**

**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

***Parish Christmas Luncheon***

Please join our Christmas Luncheon **on December 19, 2021, following the Sunday liturgy**. Santa and his helpers will pay a visit. Participating children are asked to consider bringing a small gift to Santa (**imperishable food item, no more than \$5 in value**) to donate to a food bank.

***Save the Date, New Year's Eve Celebration***

The New Year celebration will take place on Friday, December 31, 2021 at **Martin Crosswinds, 7400 Greenway Center Dr., Greenbelt, MD**. For additional information and tickets, please see the flyer on the next page or contact: **Gebran Fattouch: 443-600-9484; Gisele Azar: 703-470-6328; or Jano Nicolas: 301-537-7990.**

***Liturgical Season of Announcements***

**On November 12, 2021**, the Maronite Catholic Church worldwide began preparing for the Birth of the Son of God, for we began the Season of Announcements. 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."

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.

### *Announcement to Mary*

The second Sunday of the Season of the Announcement commemorates the announcement to Mary that she is to be the Mother of God. The feast actually recalls two aspects of the same salvific mystery: the incarnation of the Divine Word and the motherhood of Mary. For this reason, the feast was given different names according to the aspect which was being emphasized. With time, the incarnation of the Son of God was stressed on the feast of the Birth of our Lord and today's feast (Sunday of the Announcement to Mary) became a Marian feast.

In addition to this second Sunday of the Season of Announcement, the Maronite Church celebrates the Annunciation on March 25th. The feast of the Annunciation appeared in the West, in Italy, during the fifth century, and was eventually adopted by the Maronite Church.

This great announcement to Mary, the fulfillment of the promises of the prophets, took place in the humble home of Mary in Nazareth. At the time, Mary was probably between fourteen and sixteen. Again it was Gabriel, the messenger of the end times, who brought the wonderful message to the young girl.

In many ways, the announcement to Mary can be compared to the announcement to Zechariah. Both apparitions took place during the day and both Zechariah and Mary were to be found at prayer.

Mary, the Queen, is speaking with her Lord in her own home. It was necessary for Zechariah to go to the Temple and encounter the Lord in the holy of holies. When the angel appeared to Zechariah, he was described as "standing." During the announcement to Mary, the angel greets her with signs of respect, gives her the good news and departs. She is not described as "standing." The angel himself praises Mary, "You have found favor with God."

In the name of all humanity, Mary consented to be the instrument through which salvation was to be brought into the world. One recalls Eve, who consented to bring darkness and sin into the world. With Mary, the New Eve, salvation history is at a turning point. She is to be the "Mother of Light."

(Prayer of the Faithful, Volume 1)



As we begin to look forward to Thanksgiving, let me take a moment to say how grateful *we* are for your support, dedication and love for your Church.

*A Happy and Enjoyable Thanksgiving Holiday to all of you. May you always SEE your blessings and give thanks to your Heavenly Father.*

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