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November 7, 2021, Consecration of the Church Sunday

Sunday, November 7, 2021 at 11:00 o'clock

Anwar Nassar

Fr. Mounir Fakhry and Gergis Kahkry

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 14, 2021

Halim Younes, Victor Beasley, Rafah Elias and Gebran Fatouche

Ushers for Sunday, November 21, 2021

Halim Younes, Tom Karam, John Nadder and Fawzi Abouchabki

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

Thank you for your generosity

Summary of the Collection for **Sunday, October 31, 2021**

Regular Sunday Collection \$ 1831

Donation \$ 200

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.

2022 Lebanese Elections

The deadline for Registration for the 2022 Lebanese Elections is November 20, 2021. One is eligible to register as a non-resident voter

Scripture Readings

Heb 9:1-12; Mt 16: 13-20

Sunday, November 14, 2021, Announcement to Zachariah

Rom 4:13-25; Lk 1:1-25

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

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.

Liturgical Schedule

Sunday, November 14, 2021, Bishop Gregory Mansour will visit our parish, be the main celebrant of the Divine Liturgy and ordain Seminarian Vincent Michael to the Order of Subdeacon. We wish Seminarian Michael God's blessings and graces as he continues his journey to the altar of God. Following the Divine Liturgy there will be a small coffee and cake reception for the new subdeacon.



To register please login to:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfPB8r6_0GT8TPDyEmaR-li2Y4UrUNrc_p--EBr52E1jTAYeQ/viewform

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 (combined in one Sunday this year), 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)

“YOU ARE THE
MESSIAH,
THE SON OF THE
LIVING GOD.”

MATTHEW 16:16, NRSV

