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November 13, 2022, Announcement to Zakariah Sunday

Sunday, November 13, 2022 at 11:00 o'clock

Nawal Chidid Fadlallah (40 Day Anniversary)

Joud Fadlallah and Bakhos Fadlallah

Thursday, November 17, 2022 at 7:30 P.M.

Divine Liturgy and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday, November 20, 2022 at 11:00 o'clock

George and Teresia Abou Chabke and Moussa El Jor

Tuesday, November 22, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

Richa and Frangieh Daoud

Antoine Daoud

Sunday, November 27, 2022 at 11:00 o'clock

Antoine Francis Rahme

Sunday, December 4, 2022 at 11:00 o'clock

Thursday, December 8, at 7:30 p.m. (Immaculate Conception)

Sunday, December 11, 2022 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 20, 2022

Fawzi Abouchabke, Maroun Mezher, Tony ElKhouri and Mark Malkoun

Ushers for Sunday, November 27, 2022

Halim Younes, Victor Beasley, Rafah Elias and Salah Dagher

Altar Servers for Sunday, November 20, 2022

George Beasley and Matteo Abou Jaoude

Thank you for your generosity

Summary of the Collection for Sunday, November 6, 2022

Regular Collection \$1422

Pledge \$2550

Donation by mail \$ 960

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

Second Collection

On Sunday, November 13, 2022, 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 20, 2022, Announcement to Mary

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

Sunday, November 27, 2022, Visitation to Elizabeth

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

Sunday, December 4, 2022, Birth of John the Baptizer

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

Attention All MYO

To all existing and interested members of the MYO, the first meeting to kickoff the MYO is being held on **Sunday, November 20, 2022** following the Divine Liturgy. This year, the MYO is being led by **Dalal Moura** and **Zoe Zahrah**. They are both very excited to lead the youth of the church and have begun planning several events to take place. All those between ages **13-17** are welcome to join us! If there are any questions, please contact Dalal Moura at djm030229@gmail.com or Zoe Zahrah at zoezahrah6@gmail.com. We hope to see returning and new faces!!

Liturgical Season of Announcements

On November 1, the Maronite Catholic Church worldwide began a new liturgical year with the Season of Announcements. After the feast of the Consecration and Renewal 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.

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)

