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November 20, 2022, Announcement to Mary Sunday

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

Thursday, December 15, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

Divine Liturgy and Christmas Novena

Friday, December 16, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

Divine Liturgy and Christmas Novena

Sunday, December 18, 2022 at 11:00 o'clock

Saturday, December 24, 2022 (Christmas Eve) at 5:30 p.m.

Members of Our Lady of Lebanon Parish, living and deceased

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 27, 2022

Halim Younes, Victor Beasley, Rafah Elias and Salah Dagher

Ushers for Sunday, December 4, 2022

Halim Younes, Anthony Beasley, John Nadder & Fawzi Abouchabke

Altar Servers for Sunday, November 27, 2022

Jason Nasr and Marek Oszwaldowska

Thank you for your generosity

Summary of the Collection for Sunday, November 13, 2022

Regular Collection \$1994

2nd Collection (Patriarchal charities) \$ 296

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

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!!

Sunday School

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, there will be no Sunday School on **November 27, 2022**. Religious Education will resume on **December 4, 2022**, at 10 o'clock in the morning.

Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday, December 8, 2022, Feast of the Immaculate Conception, is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at **7:30 p.m.**

Christmas Novena and Divine Liturgy

Starting on **Thursday, December 15, 2022**, we will celebrate the Divine Liturgy followed by the **Christmas Novena at 7:30 p.m.** Please note that we will not have Divine Liturgy/Novena on **Saturday, December 17**. On Sunday, **December 18**, the Novena will be celebrated following the Divine Liturgy.

Canned/Non-perishable Food Drive

Starting on **Sunday, November 27, 2022**, we will start a canned/non-perishable food drive to be given to a food shelter for Christmas. To all those interested in donating, there will be a box in the social hall to drop off your donations. Please do not bring any perishable items. Thank you for your generosity.

Parish Christmas Luncheon

Please join our Christmas Luncheon on **December 18, 2022**, 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.

Christmas Liturgical Schedule

The Liturgical schedule for Christmas is as follows:

Christmas Eve, December 24, 2022

4:15 p.m. - 4:45: Confession will be available

5:10 p.m. Pre-Liturgy Christmas Carols

5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Divine Liturgy

Sunday, December 25, 2022 (Christmas Day)

11:00 a.m.: Divine Liturgy



Scripture Readings

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

Sunday, December 18, 2022, Revelation to Joseph

Eph 3:1-13; Mt 1:18-25

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 you all. May you always SEE your blessings and give thanks to your Heavenly Father.

*“The child to be born
will be holy;
he will be called
Son of God.”*



Luke 1:35, NRSV