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**November 6, 2022, Consecration of the Church Sunday**

**Sunday, November 6, 2022 at 11:00 o'clock**

General Louis Kassis (40 Day Anniversary)

**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**

**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 13, 2022***

Halim Younes, Gebran Fatouche, Antoine Issa and Joseph Nasr

### ***Ushers for Sunday, November 20, 2022***

Fawzi Abouchabke, Maroun Mezher, Tony ElKhouri and Mark Malkoun

### ***Altar Servers for Sunday, November 13, 2022***

Marek Oszwaldowski and Jason Nasr

### ***Thank you for your generosity***

#### **Summary of the Collection for Sunday, October 30, 2022**

Regular Collection \$ 930

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.

### ***Liturgical Schedule***

**Sunday, November 13, 2022**, Bishop Gregory Mansour will visit our parish and be the main celebrant of the Divine Liturgy.

### **Scripture Readings**

**Sunday, November 13, 2022, Announcement to Zachariah**

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

**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



### ***Thanks a Million***

*Dear Friends and supporters of Saint Rafqa,*

**S**ister Joumana Noun and Mrs. Rafca Fares join me in expressing our indescribable gratitude and thanksgiving for the generosity, respect and kindness you extended to us this past week. Thank you for sponsoring and

hosting a dinner to benefit Saint Joseph Monastery-Tomb of Saint Rafqa in Lebanon. Thanks to your hard work, contributions and generosity, the event raised \$31080. This event would not have happened if it were not for the hard work, commitment and sacrifices of so many. For that we are very grateful and we assure you of our prayerful support asking the Lord God to reward you 100 folds.

Thank you not only for the tangible support you have been so generous in offering, but above all, thank you for the love and respect you showed us. Your sacrifices, hard work and presence were a sign of your love to Saint Rakqa and your willingness to assist her convent. The connection between us is a strong spiritual connection through the intercession of our beloved Saint Rafqa and the love of the Father, the grace of the Only Son and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

Thank you everyone and may Saint Rafqa accompany you and intercede for you always.

Sincerely,

Mother Raghida Antoun, Superior of Saint Joseph-Monastery

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## *Liturgical Year*

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

