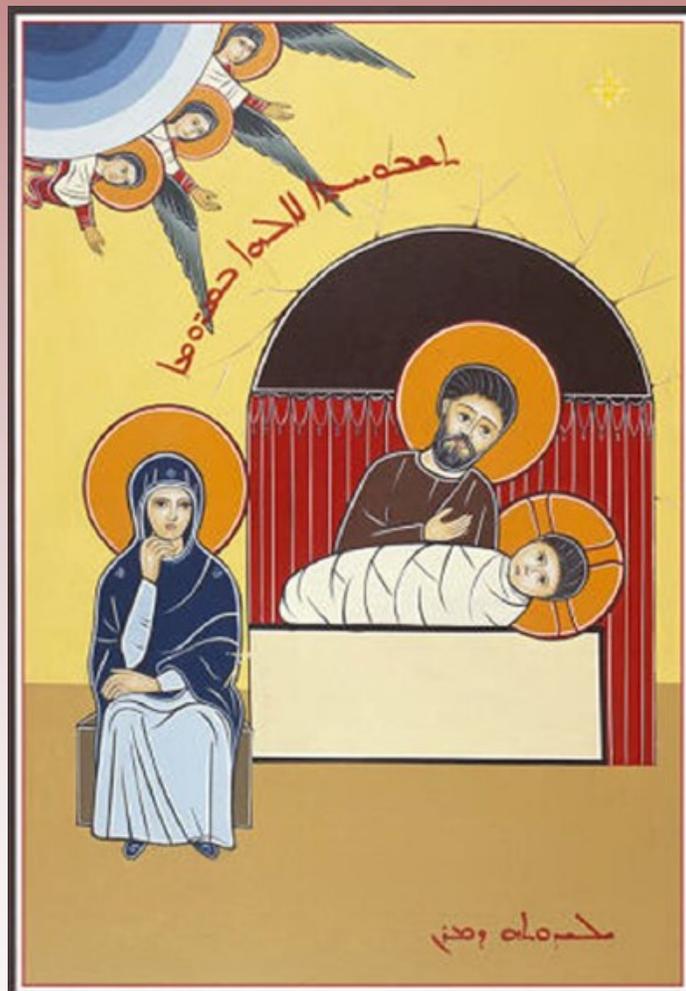


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**SUNDAY AFTER THE
GLORIOUS BIRTH OF OUR LORD**

*Sunday After the Glorious Birth of Our Lord
December 28th, 2025*

Sun., Dec. 28	Sunday after the Glorious Birth / The Adoration of the Magi / St. Marina of Pisidia 9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners 11:30 am for Maurice Assi	by the Assi Family
Mon., Dec. 29	NO LITURGY The Flight into Egypt / The Massacre of the Children of Bethlehem	
Tues., Dec. 30	10 am Divine Liturgy for Ted Ferguson The Return from Egypt to Nazareth / St. Anysia	by Holly Ferguson
Wed., Dec. 31	10 am Divine Liturgy The Word Became Flesh	
Thu., Jan. 1	Wed., Jan. 1 11:30 am Divine Liturgy of the Circumcision of Jesus / New Year's Day	
Fri., Jan. 2	10 am Divine Liturgy Pope St. Silvester I	
Sat., Jan. 3	10 am Divine Liturgy Malachi the Prophet	
Sun., Jan. 4	Sunday of the Finding of Our Lord in the Temple / Pope St. Caius / St. Elizabeth Ann Seton 9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners 11:30 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners	
Mon., Jan. 5	7:30 pm Vigil Divine Liturgy of the Feast of the Glorious Epiphany	
Tues., Jan. 6	10 am Divine Liturgy of the Feast of the Glorious Epiphany for Julie & Edward Cuevas	
Wed. Jan. 7	10 am Divine Liturgy for Aseel Frjo Praises of St. John the Baptist	by Mr. & Mrs. Adib Howayek
Thurs., Jan. 8	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Carterius the Priest	
Fri., Jan. 9	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Eustratius	
Sat., Jan. 10	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa	
Sun., Jan. 11	First Sunday after Epiphany / St. Theodosius of Antioch 9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners 11:30 am 40 Day for Jackie Boscovitch St. Theodosius of Antioch	by the Family



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CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fr. Chuck and Marie VanHeusen Farewell and Gratitude Luncheon

The Cathedral will hold a farewell luncheon of gratitude for Fr. Chuck and Marie VanHeusen on Sunday, December 28th, after the 11:30 am Divine Liturgy. All are welcome to thank Fr. Chuck and Marie for their 3 year ministry at the Cathedral. Fr. Chuck has been assigned to serve St. Joseph Maronite Church in Olean, NY and will be departing with his wife Marie in early January.

Welcome Deacon Nadim Khaled

Bishop Gregory assigned Deacon Nadim Khaled to the Cathedral starting January 1. Deacon Nadim finished his formation and studies at Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Seminary in DC and Catholic University of America and will be ordained a priest in Lebanon this summer. Please join me in welcoming Deacon Nadim.

St. Maron Gala

Please save the date for the 99th St. Maron Gala at El Caribe (5945 Strickland Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11234) on Saturday, February 7th.

Finance Council Recommendation

The Finance Council has recommended that parishioners set up their Church donation as an automatic payment. You may also make your contribution online by clicking [here](#). It was determined that a minimum of \$150.00 per household a month will help meet the Church's budget.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes & Southern France

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Sixth Pastoral Letter of Bishop Gregory Mansour

[*The Man of God Is a Man for Others*](#) is the most recent pastoral letter of Bishop Gregory. The Bishop said, "The words were born in my heart out of love from one man to another. But I hope my words will also be helpful to women as well." Please click [here](#) to read the letter.

Vocation Team Initiatives

The Vocation Team is starting a new initiative to foster and promote a culture of vocations in our parishes with a vocation form that Bishop Gregory would like everyone to consider completing. Please click on the [link](#) and consider submitting a name of one or two young people, whom the Vocation Team can pray for, and possibly accompany on their vocation journey. The Vocation Team and Bishop Gregory will intentionally pray for those whose names are submitted, and, if given permission, we will follow up with them to see how we can support them in their ongoing discernment. Please click [here](#) for our vocation prayer card and icon to aid our young people, families, and parishes to come together as the Body of Christ to pray for vocations.

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(Ephesians 4:4)

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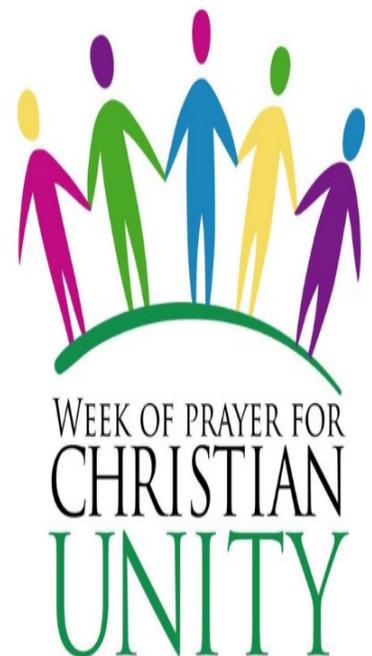
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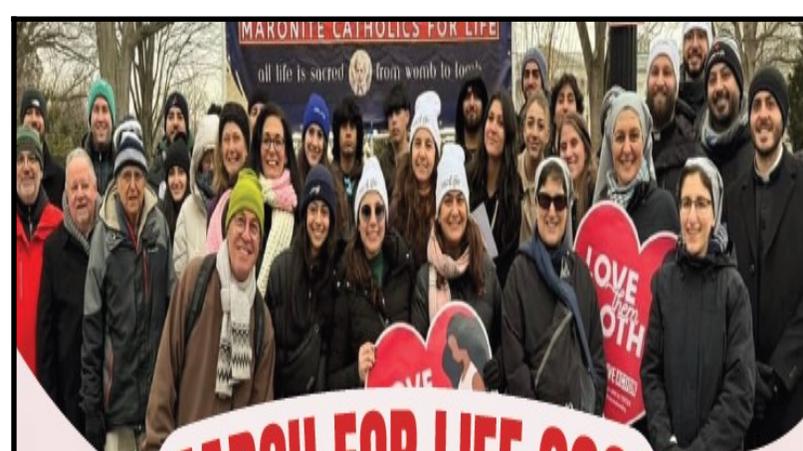
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Saturday January 24

10:30 AM Maronite Mass in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
 TBD Social Outing



Sunday January 25

11:00 AM Divine Liturgy at Our Lady of Lebanon
 12:30 PM Brunch at the Parish Hall
 2:00 PM Tour Monuments

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Sunday Readings

قراءات الأحد

Sunday after the Glorious Birth of Our Lord

Letter from the Book of Revelation 21: 9-10, 21-27

Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and said to me, 'Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.' And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. And the twelve gates are twelve pearls, each of the gates is a single pearl, and the street of the city is pure gold, transparent as glass. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew 2:1-12.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel." ' Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.'

When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

الأحد بعد عيد الميلاد

رسالة من رؤيا القديس يوحنا 21:9-10, 21-27

يا اخوتي، أتى واحد من الملائكة السبعة الحاملين الكؤوس السبع المملوءة من الضربات السبع الأخيرة، وكلمني قائلاً: «تعال فأريك المرأة عروسة الحمل!»

ونقلني بالروح إلى جبل عظيم عال، فأراني المدينة المقدسة نازلة من السماء، من عند الله، والأبواب اثنتا عشر اثنتا عشرة لؤلؤة، وكل واحد من الأبواب كان من لؤلؤة واحدة. وساحة المدينة من ذهب خالص كالزجاج الشفاف. ولم أر فيها هيكلًا، فالرب الإله الضابط الكل والحمل هما هيكلها. والمدينة لا تحتاج إلى الشمس ولا إلى القمر، ليضيئاً لها، فمجد الله أنارها، وسراجها هو الحمل.

فتسير الأمم في نورها، وملوك الأرض يحملون مجدهم إليها. وأبوابها لن تغلق طوال اليوم، لأنه لن يكون ليل فيها. ويحملون إليها مجد الأمم وكرامتهم. ولن يدخلها أي نجس أو فاعل رجاسة وكذب، بل المكتوبون في كتاب الحياة، كتاب الحمل.

إنجيل القديس متى 12:1-2

لما ولد يسوع في بيت لحم اليهودية، في أيام الملك هيرودس، جاء مجوس من المشرق إلى اورشليم، وهم يقولون: «أين هو المولود ملك اليهود؟ فقد رأينا نجمه في المشرق، فحجنا نسجد له.»

ولما سمع الملك هيرودس اضطرب، واضطربت معه كل اورشليم. فجمع كل الأخبار وكتبة الشعب، وسألهم: «أين يولد المسيح؟»

فقالوا له: «في بيت لحم اليهودية، لأنه هكذا كتب بالنبى: وأنت يا بيت لحم، أرض يهوذا، لست الصغرى بين رؤساء يهوذا، فمنك يخرج رئيس يرعى شعبي إسرائيل.»

حينئذ دعا هيرودس المجوس سرا، وتحقق منهم زمن ظهور النجم. ثم أرسلهم إلى بيت لحم وقال: «إذهبوا وابحثوا جيداً عن الصبي. فإذا وجدتموه، أخبروني لأذهب أنا أيضاً وأسجد له.»

ولما سمعوا كلام الملك انصرفوا، وإذا النجم الذي رآوه في المشرق عاد يتقدمهم، حتى بلغ الموضع الذي كان فيه الصبي، وتوقف فوقه.

فلما رأوا النجم فرحوا فرحاً عظيماً جداً. ودخلوا البيت فرأوا الصبي مع مريم أمه، فحسوا له ساجدين. ثم فتحوا كنوزهم وقدموا له هدايا، ذهباً وبخوراً ومرراً. وأوجي إليهم في الحلم ألا يرجعوا إلى هيرودس، فعادوا إلى بلادهم عن طريق آخر.

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