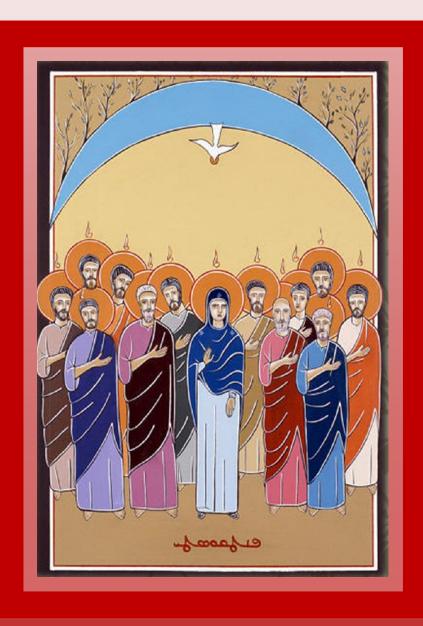
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Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost August 20th, 2023

Sun., Aug. 20	for Georges Semaan who died on Thursday	s. William Abou Chrouch s. Roger Shammas
Mon., Aug. 21	NO LITURGY Samuel the Prophet	
Tues., Aug.22	10 am Divine Liturgy for Paul Joseph Lavallee 7:30 pm Divine Liturgy of St. Sharbel St. Symphorian	by Mr. & Mrs. Jorge Leon
Wed., Aug. 23	10 am Divine Liturgy for Ruth Perun St. Isaac of Nineveh	by Mr. & Mrs. Jorge Leon
Thurs., Aug. 24	10 am Divine Liturgy for Mary, Thomas, Tommy & Rosemary Per St. Eutyches of Sebastia	un by Mr. & Mrs. Jorge Leon
Fri., Aug. 25	10 am Divine Liturgy for Earle Layng St. Titus, one of the 72 Disciples	by Mr. & Mrs. Jorge Leon
Sat., Aug. 26	10 am Divine Liturgy for inner peace and peace in families, homes & countries	
	Pope St. Zephyrinus	by Mr. & Mrs. Jorge Leon
Sun., Aug. 27	Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost / St. Biyameen the Hermit 9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners 11: 30 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners	

July 2023 Financial Standing

Ordinary Income

- Collections on Sundays & Holy Days: \$8,554.00
- Cathedral Stipends from Marriages & Funerals, Hall Rent, Candles, Breakfast, Luncheon, Raffle, Dues, Religious Education, Flowers \$3,178.00 Total Ordinary Income: \$11,732.00

Ordinary Expenses

 Payroll, Gas, Electricity, Building Insurance and Medical Insurance, Leasing Equipment, TV, Phone, Internet, Supplies for Church, Hall & Office, Postage, Regular Maintenance, Charity, Eparchial Appeal, Insurance....\$19, 677.97 Total Ordinary Expenses: \$19, 677.97

Total Ordinary Income vs Expenses: -\$7,945.97

Do you know? A couple of basic monthly expenses: Cathedral monthly building insurance: \$3,844.00 Monthly Eparchial Assessment & Bishop's Appeal: \$2,125.00

The Cathedral's Building Insurance increased 14.3% this year. We paid \$46,122 for the year.

> Thank you for your contribution in helping maintain the Church and in planning different activities

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CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Picnic Sponsored by the Knights of St. Maron

The Cathedral will hold a picnic sponsored by the Knights of St. Maron on Sunday, September 10th, at Miller Field Park (801 New Dorp Lane, Staten Island, NY 10306). The Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 11:30 am at the Park and NOT at the Cathedral that Sunday.

Interested in Joining the Choir?

The choir of the Cathedral would like to welcome anyone interested in joining them to praise the Lord in a more dedicated way. We are also looking for someone who knows the Maronite music to play the organ. Members of the Choir meet on Zoom every Wednesday to plan for Sunday. Please make sure to see Christiane Merhej after the 11:30 Divine Liturgy if you would like to join.

Leasing the Upper Hall

The Cathedral is leasing the upper hall for one year from August 1, 2023, to July 31, 2024, to a school of 1st to 4th grades. The school will occupy the hall from Monday to Friday. The Cathedral will continue to use the hall on week-ends.

Maronite Catholic Formation

Maronite Catholic Formation (Sunday School) classes begin on Sunday, September 17th, at 10 am. Registration information will be announced.

New York Zahle Club Raffle

The New York Zahle Club is organizing a raffle to help people in Lebanon. Pick three numbers for \$25. If your numbers match those drawn in the Lottery, you win \$10,000. The drawing is on Labor Day, September 4th, in the evening.

Finance Council Recommendation

The Finance Council has recommended that parishioners set up their Church donation as an automatic payment. This is the best way to keep supporting your spiritual home while on vacation or out of town. You may also make your contribution online by clicking <u>here</u>. It was determined that a minimum of \$150.00 per household a month will help meet the Church's budget.

Bulletin Advertisements

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Sunday Readings قراءات الأحد

Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost

First Letter to the Corinthians 3: 1-11.

I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarrelling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, 'I belong to Paul', and another, 'I belong to Apollos', are you not merely human? What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. For no one can lav any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ.

The Gospel according to Saint Luke 8: 1-15.

Jesus went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. The twelve were with him, as well as some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, and Joanna, the wife of Herod's steward Chuza, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their resources. When a great crowd gathered and people from town after town came to him, he said in a parable: 'A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell on the path and was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up. Some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered for lack of moisture. Some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew with it and choked it. Some fell into good soil, and when it grew, it produced a hundredfold.³

As he said this, he called out, 'Let anyone with ears to hear listen!' Then his disciples asked him what this parable meant. He said, 'To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but to others I speak in parables, so that "looking they may not perceive, and listening they may not understand." 'Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones on the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. The ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe only for a while and in a time of testing fall away. As for what fell among the thorns, these are the ones who hear; but as they go on their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. But as for that in the good soil, these are the ones who, when they hear the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance.

رسالة القديس بولس الأولى إلى أهل قورنتس 3: 1-11. يا إِجْوَتِي، أَنَا، لَمْ أَسْتَطِعْ أَنْ أَكَلِّمَكُم كَأْنَاسٍ رُوحَانِيِّينَ بَلْ كَأْنَاسٍ جَسَدِيِّين، كَأَطُّفَالٍ في المَسِيح. قَدْ غَذَوْ نَكُم بِالحَلَيبِ لا بِالطَّعَام، لأَنَّكُم لَمْ تَكُونُوا بَعْدُ قَادِرِين، ولا حَتَّى الآنَ أَنْتُم قَادِرُون. فَأَنْتُم لا تَزَ الُونَ أَنَاسًا جَسَدِيِّينِ: فَمَا دَامَ بَيْنَكُم حَسَدٌ وَخِصَام، أَفَلا تَكُونُونَ جَسَدِيِّين، وسُلُوكًا جَسَدِيًّا تَسْلُكُون؟ فَإِذَا كَانَ أَحَدُكُم يَقُولِ: أَنَا لِبُولُس! وآخَرِ: أَنَا لأَبُلُوس! أَفَلا تَكُونُونَ جَسَدِيِينٍ؟ فمَا هُوَ أَبْلُوسٍ؟ ومَا هُوَ بُولُسٍ؟ هُمَا خَادِمَانِ آمَنْتُم عَلَى جَسَوِيِينَ. " فَمَّ مَوْ آبَنُوْسَ؛ وَمَا مَوْ بَوْسَ، هَمَا كَارِمَانِ المَّلَمَ عَلَى أَنِّذِيهِمَا، عَلَى قَدْرٍ مَا أَعْطَى الرَّبُّ كُلاَ مِنْهُمَا. أَنَا غَرَسْتُ، وأَبُلُوسُ سَقَى، ولكِنَّ اللهُ الذي نِنْمِي! فلا الْغَارِسُ وِالسَّاقِي وَاحِدٍ، وِكُلٌ مِنْهُمَا يَأَخُذُ أَجْرَهُ عَلَى قَدْرٍ تَعَبِهِ. فَنَحْنُ مُعَاوِنَانٍ لِلهِ، وَأَنْثُم حَقْلُ ٱللهِ وَبِنَاءُ ٱلله. وأَنَا بِنِعْمَةِ ٱللَّهِ الَّتِي وُ هِبَتْ لَيٍّ، وَحَمَّعْتُ الأَسْاسَ كَبَنَّاءٍ حَكِيم، لكِنَّ آخَرَ يَبْنِي ُ عَلَيْهَ: فَلْيَنْظُرْ كُلُّ وَاحِدٍ كَيْفَ يَبْنِي عَلَيْهِ! فَمَا مِنْ أَحَدٍ يُمْكِنُهُ أَنْ يَضَعَ أَسَاسًا آخَرَ عَيْرَ ٱلأَسَاسِ ٱلمَوْضُوع، وهُوَ يَسُوغُ الْمَسِيح. إنجيل القدّيس لوقا 8: 1-15. أَخَذَ يَسوعُ يَطُوفُ المُدُنَ وَالْقُرَى، يُنَادي وَيُبَشِّرُ بِمَلَكوتِ الله، وَمَعَهُ الأَثْنَا وَبَعْضُ النِّسَاءِ اللَّوَاتِي شَفَاهُنَّ مِنْ أَرْوَاحِ شِرِّيرَةٍ وَأَمْرَاض، هُنَّ: مَرْيَمُ المَدْعُوَّةُ بِالمَجْدَلِيَّة، الَّتِي كانَ قَدْ خَرَجَ مِنْها سَبْعَةٌ شَيَاطِين، وَجَنَّةُ ٱمْرَأَةُ خُوزَى وَكِيلِ هِيرُودُس، وَسُوسَتَّة، وَ عَيرُ هُنَّ كَثِيراتٌ كُنَّ يَبْذُلُنَ مِنْ أَمْوِ الِهِنَّ فِي خِدْمَتِهِم. يبدُّن مِن أسوريها في حدمتهم. وَلَمَّا ٱحْتَشَدَ جَمْعٌ كَثِيرٍ، وَأَقْبَلَ النَّاسُ إِلَيهِ مِنْ كُلِّ مَدِينَة، خَاطَبَهُم بِمَثَل: »خَرَجَ الزَّارِ عُ لِبَزْرَعَ زَرْعَهُ. وَفِيمَا هُوَ يَزْرَعِ، وَقَعَ بَعْضُ الْحَبِّ على جَانِبِ الطَّرِيق، فَدَاسَتُهُ الأَقْدَامِ، وَأَكَلَتْهُ طُيُورُ السَّمَاءِ. وَوَقَعَ بَعْضُهُ الأَخَرُ عَلى الصَّخْرَة، وَمَا إِنَّ نَبَتَ حَتَّى يَبِسَ، لأَنَّهُ لَمْ يَكُنْ وَوَقَعَ بَعْضُهُ الآخَرُ في وَسَطِ الشَّوْك، وَنَبَتَ الشَّوكُ مَعَهُ فَخَنَقَهُ. وَوَقَعَ بَعْضِهُ الأَخَرُ فِي الأَرْضِ الصَّالِحَة، وَنَبَتَ فَأَثْمَرَ مِنَةَ ضِعْف. قالَ يَسُوعُ هذا، وَنَادَى: »،مَنْ لَهُ أَذْنَان سَامِعَتَان فَلْيَسْمَعْ«.«! وَسَأَلُهُ تَلامِيذُهُ: »مَا تَرْ أَهُ يَعْنِي هذا المَثَل؟.« فَقَالٍ: »قَدْ أَبْعَطِيَ لَكُم أَنْنُم أَنْ تَعْرِفُوا أَسْرارَ مَلَكُوتِ الله. أَمَّا البَاقُونَ فَأَكَلِّمُهُم بِالأَمْثَالَ، لِكَي يَنْظُرُوا فَلَّا يُبْصِرُوا ، وَيَسْمَعُوا فَلا يَفْهَمُوا آ واقعهم بو ساى، يليي سرى و هذا هُوَ مَعْنَى المَثَل: أَلَزَرْغُ هُو كَلِّمَةُ الله. و الَّذِينَ عَلى جَانِب الطَّرِيق هُمُ الَّذِينَ يَسْمَعُون، ثُمَّ يَأْتي إِبْلِيسُ فَيَنْتَزِعُ الكَلِمَةَ مِنْ قُلُوبِهِم، لِنَلاً يُؤْمِنُوا فَيَخْلُصُوا.

والَّذِينَ عَلَى الصَّخْرَةِ هُمُ الَّذِينَ يَسْمَعُونَ الكَلِمَةَ وَيَقْتِلُونَهَا بِفَرَح؛ هؤ لاء لا

أَصِٰلَ لَهُم، فَهُم يُؤْمِنُونَ إِلَى حِين، وفي وَقْتِ التَّجْرِبَةِ يَتَرَاجَعُون.

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والْغِنَى وَمَلْذَاتُ الحَيَاةَ، فَلَا يَنْضَجُ لَهُم نُمَرَ. أَمَّا الَّذِي وَقَعَ في الأَرْضِ الجَيْدَةِ فَهُمُ الَّذِينَ يَسْمَعُونَ الكَلِمَةَ بِقَلْبٍ جَيِّدٍ

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