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Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost August 27th, 2023

Sun., Aug. 27	Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost / St. Biyameen the Hermit 9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners 11: 30 am 40 Day for Joan VanHeusen, the mother of Fr. Chuck, by Fr. & Mrs. Chuck VanHeusen	
Mon., Aug. 28	NO LITURGY St. Moses the Ethiopian / St. Augustine	
Tues., Aug. 29	10 am Divine Liturgy for Pierre Gemayel in thanksgiving to God for his countless blessing	by Mr. Robert Perillo by Mr. & Mrs. Jorge Leon
	The Beheading of St. John the Baptist	
Wed., Aug. 30	10 am Divine Liturgy for Malachi, Solomon, and Rhodes Leon Blessed Brother Estephan Nehme	by Mr. & Mrs. Jorge Leon
Thurs., Aug. 31	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Zakhia, St. Aegidius & St. Abda	
Fri., Sept. 1	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Simeon the Stylite	
Sat., Sept. 2	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Mammas the Great	
Sun., Sept. 3	Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost / St. Theodore the Great 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**

HELP LEBANON!



BY CHECK:

Make your donation to Lebanon by sending a check to the Eparchy of St. Maron of Brooklyn and in the memo designate your charity either to Caritas, Lebanon, Saint Vincent de Paul or The Franciscan Sisters of the Holy Cross.

ONLINE:

You may also donate online by clicking [here](#).

FAMILY-TO-FAMILY HELP THROUGH CARITAS LEBANON

In coordination with Caritas Lebanon, a family in the United States is now able to sponsor a family in Lebanon. The sponsorship varies from \$50 to \$100 per month depending on the size and the need of the family.

Please click [here](#) to sponsor a family.

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.

Maronite Catholic Formation

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

Arabic Class Registration

Adult Arabic Class registration has begun. Please see Leila Vogl if you are interested.

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.

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 weekends.

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 [here](#). It was determined that a minimum of \$150.00 per household a month will help meet the Church's budget.

Bulletin Advertisements

Business owners, you may advertise your businesses in the Church bulletin that reaches over 600 households via email. For more information click [here](#) or call the rectory at 718-624-7228.

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Sunday Readings

قراءات الأحد

Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost

First Letter to the Thessalonians 2:1-13

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully maltreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts.

As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us. You remember our labor and toil, brothers and sisters; we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. You are witnesses, and God also, how pure, upright, and blameless our conduct was towards you believers. As you know, we dealt with each one of you like a father with his children, urging and encouraging you and pleading that you should lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

We also constantly give thanks to God for this, that when you received the word of God that you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word but as what it really is, God's word, which is also at work in you believers.

The Gospel to Saint Luke 10: 38-42

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home.

She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.'

But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

الأحد الرابع عشر من زمن العنصرة

رسالة القديس بولس الأولى إلى أهل تسالونيقي 2:1-13
يا إخوتي، أنتم أنفسكم تعلمون، أيها الإخوة، أن دخولنا إليكم لم يكن باطلاً.

ولكن، كما تعلمون، بعد أن تألمنا وشتمنا في فيليبي، تجرأنا بالهنا أن نكلمكم بإنجيل الله، في جهاد كثير. ولم يكن وعظنا عن ضلال، ولا عن نجاسة، ولا بمكر، بل كما اختبرنا الله فأمننا على الإنجيل، هكذا نتكلم، لا إرضاء للناس بل لله الذي يختبر قلوبنا.

فإننا ولا مرة أتيناكم بكلمة تمق، كما تعلمون، ولا بدافع طمع، والله شاهد، ولا طلبنا مجداً من بشر، لا منكم ولا من غيركم، مع أننا قادرين أن نكون ذوي وقار، كرسول للمسيح، لكننا صرنا بينكم ذوي لطف، كمريض تحتضن أولادها. وهكذا فإننا من شدة الحنين إليكم، نرتضي أن نعطيكم لا إنجيل الله وحسب، بل أنفسنا أيضاً، لأنكم صرتم لنا أحبباء. وإتكم تذكرون، أيها الإخوة، تعبنا وكدتا: فلقد بشرناكم بإنجيل الله، ونحن نعمل ليل نهار، لئلا ننقل على أحد منكم. أنتم شهود، والله شاهد، كيف كنا معكم، أنتم المؤمنين، في نقاوة وبر وبغير لوم، نعامل كل منكم، كما تعلمون، معاملة الأب لأولاده.

وكنا نناشدكم، ونسجعكم، ونحثكم على أن تسلكوا مسلكاً يليق بالله، الذي يدعوكم إلى ملكوته ومجده. لذلك نحن أيضاً نشكر الله بغير انقطاع، لأنكم لما تلقيتكم كلمة الله التي سمعتموها منا، قبلتموها لا بأنها كلمة بشر، بل بأنها حقاً كلمة الله. وإتها لفاعلة فيكم، أيها المؤمنون.

إنجيل القديس لوقا 10: 38-42

فيما (كان يسوع وتلاميذه) سائرين، دخل يسوع إحدى القرى، فاستقبلته في بيتها امرأة اسمها مَرْتَا. وكان لمرتا أخت تدعى مريم. فجلست عند قدمي الرب تسمع كلامه.

أما مَرْتَا فكانت منهمكة بكثرة الخدمة، فجاءت وقالت: «يا رب، أما ثبالي بأن أختي تركتني أخدم وحدي؟ فقل لها أن تساعدني.»

فأجاب الرب وقال لها: «مَرْتَا، مَرْتَا، إنك تهتمين بأمر كثيرة، وتضطربين! إنما المطلوب واحد! فمريم اختارت النصيب الأفضل، ولن يُزَع منها»

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