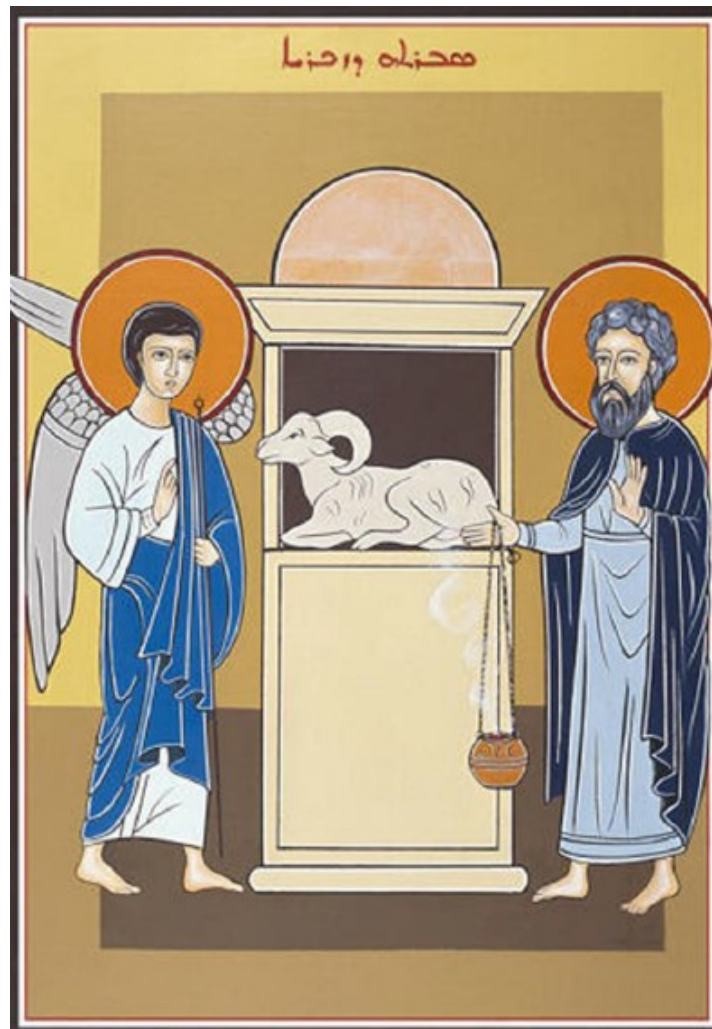


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# Sunday of the Announcement to Zechariah November 19th, 2023

<b>Sun., Nov. 19</b>	<b>Sunday of the Announcement to Zechariah / Pope St. Pontian</b> <b>9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners</b> <b>11:30 am for Micheline Deeb (recently died in Syria) by Mr. &amp; Mrs. Izzat Moussallem</b> <b>for Gaby Saykali (recently died in Lebanon) by the Saykali Family</b>
Mon., Nov. 20	NO LITURGY St. Gregory of the Decapolis
Tues., Nov. 21	10 am Divine Liturgy Presentation of the Virgin Mary in the Temple
Wed., Nov. 22	10 am Divine Liturgy 7:30 pm Divine Liturgy of St. Sharbel Sts. Joachim & Anne, Parents of Our Lady, the Virgin Mary
Thurs., Nov. 23	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Sassine, Bishop of Cyzicus
Fri., Nov. 24	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Catherine of Alexandria
Sat., Nov. 25	10 am Divine Liturgy Pope St. Clement
<b>Sun., Nov. 26</b>	<b>Sunday of the Announcement to the Virgin Mary / St. Peter, Patriarch of Alexandria</b> <b>9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners</b> <b>11:30 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners</b>

## October 2023 Financial Standing

### Ordinary Income

- ◆ Collections on Sundays & Holy Days: **\$9,033.98**
  - ◆ Cathedral Stipends from Marriages & Funerals, Hall Rent, Candles, Breakfast, Luncheon, Raffle, Dues, Religious Education, Flowers .... **\$57,298.43**
- Total Ordinary Income: \$66,332.41**

### 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....**\$46,606.89**
- Total Ordinary Expenses: \$46,606.89**

**Total Ordinary Income vs Expenses: \$19,725.52**

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**Do you know? A couple of basic monthly expenses:**

**Cathedral monthly building insurance: \$3,844.00**

**The Monthly Eparchial Assessment & Bishop's Appeal will increase from \$2,125 to 2,670 a month starting January 2024.**

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

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## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MYO Friendsgiving

The MYO will have a friendsgiving dinner on Saturday, November 18th, at 5:30 pm at the Church. Please make sure to bring a friend and a dish and RSVP to Andrea Safi, Chrystelle Diab or Vanessa Nassour.

### Annual Bake Sale Sponsored by the Confraternity

The Annual Winter Bake Sale sponsored by the Confraternity will take place on December 2nd & 3rd. If you would like to help by baking goods or donating to the bake sale, please see one of the members of the Confraternity.

### Christmas Retreat

The Knights are sponsoring a Christmas Retreat on Saturday, December 9th, starting at 9 am with the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please see the flyer on the next page for more details .

### The Knights Christmas Party

The Knights will have their annual Christmas Party on December 16th in the Church Hall. Please see the flyer on the next page for more details.

### Family Christmas Party

Sponsored by the Sunday School, the Cathedral invites all parishioners to a luncheon to celebrate Christmas on December 10th in the Church Hall. Families are welcome, especially the kids, for a fun afternoon with Santa and other surprises. During the 11:30 Liturgy that day, the children will enact the Christmas story.

### Christmas Novena December 15th to 23rd

Starting on December 15th, until December 23rd, the parish will pray the Christmas Novena every evening at 7:30 pm except Sunday. The tradition of praying nine days before Christmas is a great way to be prepared to welcome God among us.

### Sloan Kettering Toy Drive

A Christmas Toy Drive for the children (newborn and up) at Sloan Kettering Cancer Center is in effect until December 20th. All toys must be brand new and unwrapped, not used, no stuffed animals, no clothes. For your gifts, a big box has been placed in the Cathedral to the far right of the Altar for your convenience.

### Eparchial Vocation Video

A vocation is a calling, a unique path that God has designed for each one of us. It can manifest in various forms—as a priest, a religious sister, a monk, or as lay faithful. Every vocation is a gift and an opportunity to make a positive impact in the world. It is important to take a moment to listen to the whisper of one's heart. That whisper might be calling one towards a special life of service, love, and purpose. Bishop Gregory is inviting you to view and share [this video](#) produced by Nadim Khalid, one of our seminarians, with the help of our eparchy vocation team, and to discover and nurture the vocation that God has placed within you, and be faithful to his call no matter where it leads.

### Sixth Pastoral Letter of Bishop Gregory John 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.

### Saint Sharbel Spiritual Life Center in Pittsburgh, PA

Through God's goodness, the Eparchy has a wonderful opportunity to better serve the faithful through the creation of the Saint Sharbel Spiritual Life Center in Pittsburgh, PA. This initiative can be a source of spiritual renewal for the people of the Eparchy. Please see more information and how you may donate [here](#). Prayerfully consider how you can help promote this initiative and, God willing, participate in making this dream come true.

### St. Maron Gala

Please join us for our 97th Annual St. Maron Day Gala. The celebration will also recognize the Twentieth Anniversary of Bishop Gregory Mansour's Ordination to the Episcopacy. The event will be on Saturday, February 3rd, at Russo's on the Bay. Cocktail hour begins at 8pm followed by dinner, dancing and an auction. Entertainment will be by Remon Maamari and band. Tickets are \$200 for adults and \$100 for children under 12. Please contact Darine Safi (347) 336-5265 or Georges Elhaje (646) 691-9925 to make your reservations and submit payment. A Commemorative Book to honor Bishop Gregory is also being put together. Please click [here](#) to fill out the form for the book. Contact Mike Naber (917) 612-4004 if you have any question.

### 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.

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# Sunday Readings

## قراءات الأحد

### Sunday of the Announcement to Zechariah Letter to the Romans 4: 13-25

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason, it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations') in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore, his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

### The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke 1:1-25

Since many have undertaken to set down an orderly account of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as they were handed on to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, I too decided, after investigating everything carefully from the very first, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may know the truth concerning the things about which you have been instructed. In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly order of Abijah. His wife was a descendant of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. Both of them were righteous before God, living blamelessly according to all the commandments and regulations of the Lord. But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were getting on in years. Once when he was serving as priest before God and his section was on duty, he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the sanctuary of the Lord and offer incense. Now at the time of the incense-offering, the whole assembly of the people was praying outside. Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified; and fear overwhelmed him. But the angel said to him, 'Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John. You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He must never drink wine or strong drink; even before his birth he will be filled with the Holy Spirit. He will turn many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. With the spirit and power of Elijah he will go before him, to turn the hearts of parents to their children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.' Zechariah said to the angel, 'How will I know that this is so? For I am an old man, and my wife is getting on in years.' The angel replied, 'I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. But now, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time, you will become mute, unable to speak, until the day these things occur.' Meanwhile, the people were waiting for Zechariah, and wondered at his delay in the sanctuary. When he did come out, he could not speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the sanctuary. He kept motioning to them and remained unable to speak. When his time of service was ended, he went to his home. After those days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she remained in seclusion. She said, 'This is what the Lord has done for me when he looked favorably on me and took away the disgrace I have endured among my people.'

### أحد بشارة زكريا

رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل رومة 4: 13-25  
يا إخوتي، الوعد لإبراهيم أو لنسله بأن يكون وارثاً للعالم، لم يكن بواسطة الشريعة، بل بالبر الذي ناله بالإيمان. فلو كان أهل الشريعة هم الوارثين، لأبطل الإيمان، وألغى الوعد؛ لأن الشريعة تسبب غضب الله؛ وحيث لا شريعة، فلا تعدي للشريعة. لذلك فأهل الإيمان هم الوارثون، لكي تكون الورثة هبة من الله. وهكذا تحقق الوعد لكل نسل إبراهيم، لا للنسل الذي هو من أهل الشريعة فحسب، بل أيضاً للنسل الذي هو من أهل الإيمان، إيمان إبراهيم الذي هو أب لنا أجمعين؛ كما هو مكتوب: «إني جعلتك أباً لأمة كثيرة» (فإبراهيم الذي آمن بالله هو أب لنا أمام الله، الذي يحيي الأموات، ويدعو غير الموجود إلى الوجود. وقد آمن إبراهيم راجعاً على غير رجاء، بأنه سيصير أباً لأمة كثيرة، كما قيل له: «هكذا يكون نسلك». ولم يصف بايمانه، برغم أنه رأى، وهو ابن نحو مئة سنة، أن جسده مات، وأن حشاً سارة قد مات. وبناءً على وعد الله، ما شك ولا تردد، بل تقوى بالإيمان، ومجد الله. وأيقن من الآن اليقين أن الله قادر أن ينجز ما وعد به. فلذلك حسب له إيمانه برآ. ولم يكتب من أجله وحده أنه «حسب له برآ»، بل كتب أيضاً من أجلنا، نحن الذين سيحسب لنا برآ، لأننا نؤمن بالذي أقام من بين الأموات يسوع ربنا، الذي أسلم من أجل زلاتنا، وأقيم من أجل تبريرنا.

### إنجيل القديس لوقا 1: 1-25

بما أن كثيرين أخذوا يترتبون رواية للأحداث التي تمت عندنا، كما سلمها البنا من كانوا منذ البدء شهود عيان للكلمة، ثم صاروا خداماً لها، رأيت أنا أيضاً، أيها الشريف تيو فيل، أن أكتبها لك بحسب ترتيبها، بعدما تتبعتها كلها، منذ بدايتها، تتبعا دقيقا، لكي تتيقن صحة الكلام الذي وعظت به. كان في أيام هيرودس، ملك اليهودية، كاهن اسمه زكريا، من فرقة آيا، له امرأة من بنات هازون اسمها اليسابات. وكانا كلاهما بارين أمام الله، سالكين في جميع وصايا الرب وأحكامه بلا لوم. وما كان لهما ولد، لأن اليسابات كانت عاقرا، وكانا كلاهما قد طعنا في أيامهما. وفيما كان زكريا يقوم بالخدمة الكهنوتية أمام الله، في أثناء نوبة فرشته، أصابته القرعة، بحسب عادة الكهنوت، ليدخل مقدس هيكل الرب ويحرق البخور. وكان كل جمهور الشعب يصلي في الخارج، في أثناء إحراق البخور. وترأى ملاك الرب لزكريا واقفاً من عن يمين مذبح البخور، فاضطرب زكريا حين رآه، واستولى عليه الخوف. فقال له الملاك: «لا تخف، يا زكريا، فقد استجيبَتْ طلبتك، وأمرأتك اليسابات ستلد لك ابناً، فسمة يوحنا. ويكون لك فرح وأبتهاج، ويفرح بمولده كثيرون، لأنه سيكون عظيماً في نظر الرب، لا يشرب خمراً ولا مسكراً، ويمتلئ من الروح القدس وهو بعد في حشا أمه. ويرد كثيرين من بني إسرائيل إلى الرب إلههم. ويسير أمام الرب بروح إيليا وقوته، ليزد قلوب الآباء إلى الأبناء، والغصاة إلى حكمة الأبرار، فيهيئ للرب شعباً معداً خير إعداد». فقال زكريا للملاك: «بماذا أعرف هذا؟ فإني أنا شيخ، وأمرأتي قد طعنت في أيامها». (فاجاب الملاك وقال له: «أنا هو جبرائيل الواقف في حضرة الله، وقد أرسلت لكلمتك وأبشرك بهذا. وهما أنت تكون صامتا، لا تقدر أن تتكلم، حتى اليوم الذي يحدث فيه ذلك، لأنك لم تؤمن بكلامي الذي سيتم في أوانه. وكان الشعب ينتظر زكريا، ويتعجب من إبطائه في مقدس الهيكل. ولما خرج زكريا، لم يكن قادراً أن يكلمهم، فأدركوا أنه رأى رؤيا في المقدس، وكان يشير إليهم بالإشارة، وبقي أنكم. ولما تمت أيام خدمته، مضى إلى بيته. وبعد تلك الأيام، حملت امرأته اليسابات، وكنمت أمرها خمسة أشهر، وهي تقول: هكذا صنع الرب لي، في الأيام التي نظر إلي فيها، ليزيل العار عني من بين الناس!.

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