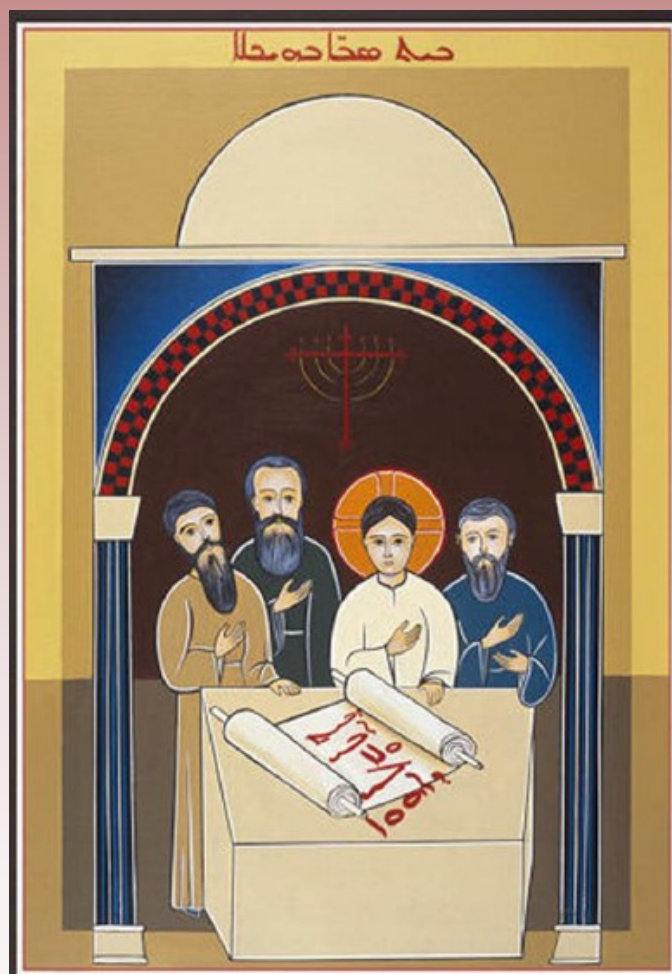


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**SUNDAY OF THE FINDING
OF OUR LORD IN THE TEMPLE**

***Sunday of the Finding of Our Lord in the Temple
January 4th, 2026***

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 Elias El Helo (Brother-in-law of Leila Vogl) by Subdeacon & Mrs. Norbert Vogl for Antoine Toum by Mr. & Mrs. Tony Saba
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 by Mr. & Mrs. Adib Howayek Praises of St. John the Baptist
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 <p style="text-align: right;">by the Family</p>

Financial Standing December 2025

Ordinary Income

- ◆ Collections on Sundays & Holy Days: **\$63,136.50**
 - ◆ Cathedral Stipends from Marriages & Funerals, Hall Rent, Candles, Breakfast, Luncheon, Raffle, Dues, Religious Education, Flowers**\$34,824.54**
- Total Ordinary Income: \$97,961.04**

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 **\$43,964.77**
- Total Ordinary Expenses: \$44,611.93**
- ◆ **Total Ordinary Income vs Expenses: \$53,996.27**

**Do you know? A couple of basic monthly expenses:
The Monthly Eparchial Assessment & Bishop's Appeal has increased from \$2,670 to \$2,800 a month starting January 2026.**

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CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 join us for our 99th Annual St. Maron Day Gala. The event will be on Saturday, February 7th, at El Caribe. Cocktail hour begins at 7 pm followed by dinner, dancing and a raffle. Entertainment will be by Tony Mercho. Tickets are \$250 for adults and \$100 for children 4-12. Please contact Darine Safi (347) 336-5265 or George El-Hage (646) 691-9925 to make your reservations and submit payment. You can also place an ad in the 99th Commemorative Book with Mike Naber (917) 612-4004.

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.

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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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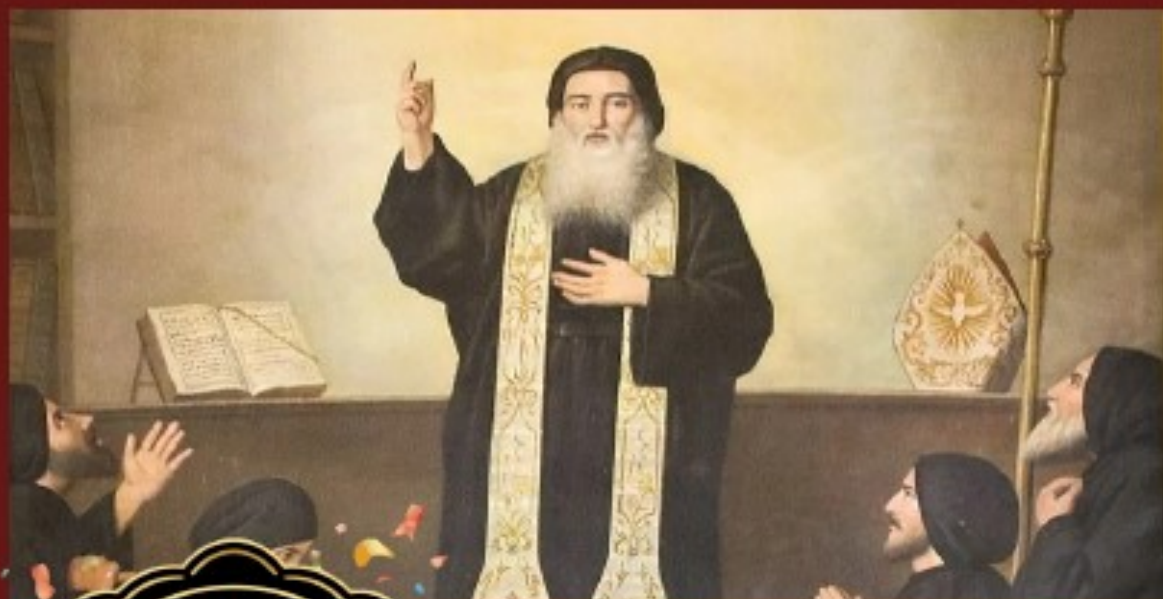
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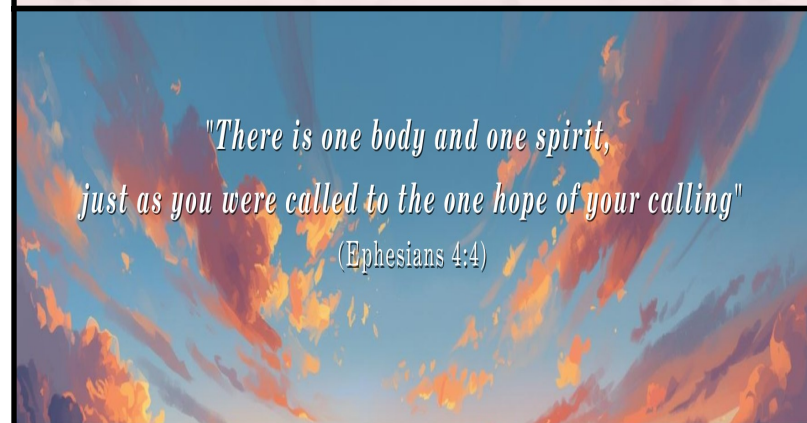
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Sunday Readings

قراءات الأحد

Sunday of the Finding of the Lord in the Temple

The Letter to the Hebrews 7: 11-19

If perfection had been attainable through the Levitical priesthood for the people received the law under this priesthood what further need would there have been to speak of another priest arising according to the order of Melchizedek, rather than one according to the order of Aaron? For when there is a change in the priesthood, there is necessarily a change in the law as well. Now the one of whom these things are spoken belonged to another tribe, from which no one has ever served at the altar. For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, and in connection with that tribe Moses said nothing about priests. It is even more obvious when another priest arises, resembling Melchizedek, one who has become a priest, not through a legal requirement concerning physical descent, but through the power of an indestructible life. For it is attested of him, 'You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.' There is, on the one hand, the abrogation of an earlier commandment because it was weak and ineffectual (for the law made nothing perfect); there is, on the other hand, the introduction of a better hope, through which we approach God.

The Gospel according to Saint Luke 2: 41-52

Every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

أحد وجود الرب يسوع في الهيكل

الرسالة إلى العبرانيين 7: 11-19

يا إخوتي، لو كان الكمال قد تحقق بالكهنوت اللاوي، وهو أساس الشريعة التي أعطيت للشعب، فأبي حاجة بعد إلى أن يقوم كاهن آخر على «رثبة ملكيصادق»، ولا يقال «على رثبة هارون»؟ فمتى تغير الكهنوت، لا بد من تغيير الشريعة أيضًا. فالذي يقال هذا في شأنه، أي المسيح، جاء من سبط آخر، لم يلزم أحد منه خدمة المذبح، ومن الواضح أن ربنا أشرق من يهوذا، من سبط لم يصفه موسى بشيء من الكهنوت. ويزيد الأمر وضوحًا أن الكاهن الآخر الذي يقوم على مثال ملكيصادق، لم يقم وفق شريعة وصية بشرية، بل وفق قوة حياة لا تزول. ويشهد له: «أنت كاهن إلى الأبد، على رثبة ملكيصادق». «وهكذا يتم إبطال وصية الكهنوت السابقة، بسبب ضعفها وعدم نفعها، لأن الشريعة لم تبلغ شيئًا إلى الكمال، ويتم أيضًا إدخال رجاء أفضل، به نتقرب من الله.

إنجيل القديس لوقا 2: 41-52

كان أبوا يسوع يذهبان كل سنة في عيد الفصح إلى اورشليم. ولما بلغ يسوع اثنتي عشرة سنة، صعدوا معًا كما هي العادة في العيد. وبعد أنقضاء أيام العيد، عاد الأبوان، وبقي الصبي يسوع في اورشليم، وهما لا يدريان. وإذا كانا يظنان أنه في القافلة، سارا مسيرة يوم، ثم أخذًا يطلبانه بين الأقارب والمعارف. ولم يجداه، فعادا إلى اورشليم يبحثان عنه. وبعد ثلاثة أيام، وجداه في الهيكل جالسا بين العلماء، يسمعونهم ويسألهم. وكان جميع الذين يسمعونهم منذهلين بذكائه وأجوبته. ولما راه أبواه بهتا، وقالت له أمه: «يا أبنائي، لماذا فعلت بنا هكذا؟ فها أنا وأبوك كنا نبحث عنك متوجعين». «إفقال لهما: «لماذا تطلباني؟ ألا تعلمان أنه ينبغي أن أكون في ما هو لأبي؟» «أما هما فلم يفهما الكلام الذي كلمهما به. ثم نزل معهما، وعاد إلى الناصرة، وكان خاضعا لهما. وكانت أمه تحفظ كل هذه الأمور في قلبها. وكان يسوع ينمو في الحكمة والقامة والنعمة عند الله والناس.

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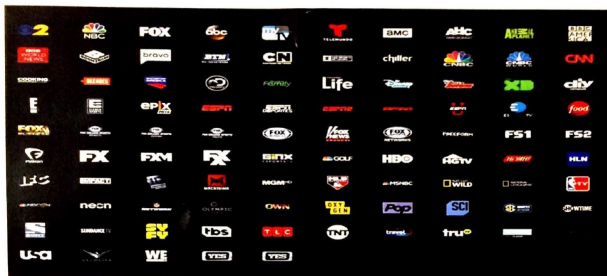
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