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**The Most Reverend Gregory J. Mansour, Eparchial Bishop**  
**The Very Reverend Dominique Hanna, Rector**  
**Deacon Nadim Khaled**  
**Subdeacon Norbert Vogl**



**FIRST SUNDAY  
AFTER EPIPHANY**

***First Sunday after Epiphany***  
***January 11th, 2026***

Sun., Jan. 11	<b>First Sunday after Epiphany / St. Theodosius of Antioch</b> <b>9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners</b> <b>11:30 am for the Deceased Members of the Aflak Family by Mr. &amp; Mrs. Tony Aflak</b> <b>for Ghaleb Ghaleb (the father of Saide Ayoub &amp; Elie &amp; Johnny Ghaleb)</b>	
Mon., Jan. 12	NO LITURGY St. Tatiana of Rome	
Tues., Jan. 13	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Jacob of Nisibis	
Wed., Jan. 14	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers	
Thurs., Jan. 15	10 am Divine Liturgy for Moses Leon Our Lady of the Sowing	by the Leon Family
Fri., Jan. 16	10 am Divine Liturgy for Waiyin & David Levinson & Family Memorial of the Chains of St. Peter	by the Leon Family
Sat., Jan. 17	10 am Divine Liturgy for Maria & Manny Candeias & Family St. Anthony the Great	by the Leon Family
<b>Sun., Jan. 18</b>	<b>Second Sunday after Epiphany / St. Athanasius of Alexandria / St. Cyril of Alexandria</b> <b>9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners</b> <b>11:30 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners</b>	

### **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 **\$44,611.93**
- Total Ordinary Expenses: \$44,611.93**

- ♦ **Total Ordinary Income vs Expenses: \$53,996.27**
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#### **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.**

**The Cathedral's Building Insurance increased 14.3% in 2023, 7% in 2024 and 9% in 2025. We are now paying \$53,716 which will amount to \$4,476.33 a month.**

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The groundwork began in May 2024 and inauguration is expected in May 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.

### Palm Sunday Celebration

Children ages 5 to 12 are encouraged to participate in the Palm Sunday celebration by reading, by processing with the gifts and through other activities during the 11:30 am Divine Liturgy. Please see Leila Vogl to register.

### 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

Join us on an 11-day/9-night pilgrimage to Southern Europe, including Lourdes, Carcassonne, Nimes, Avignon, Palace of the popes, Cannes, Antibes, Nice, Monaco & Monte Carlo from September 29 – October 09. \$4,998 per person/ double occupancy, including airfare from New York. Register with \$750 by January 29, 2026, and save \$100. For more information, please call Marleine 1-917-608-2996 or Tony 1-646-207-3995.

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[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.

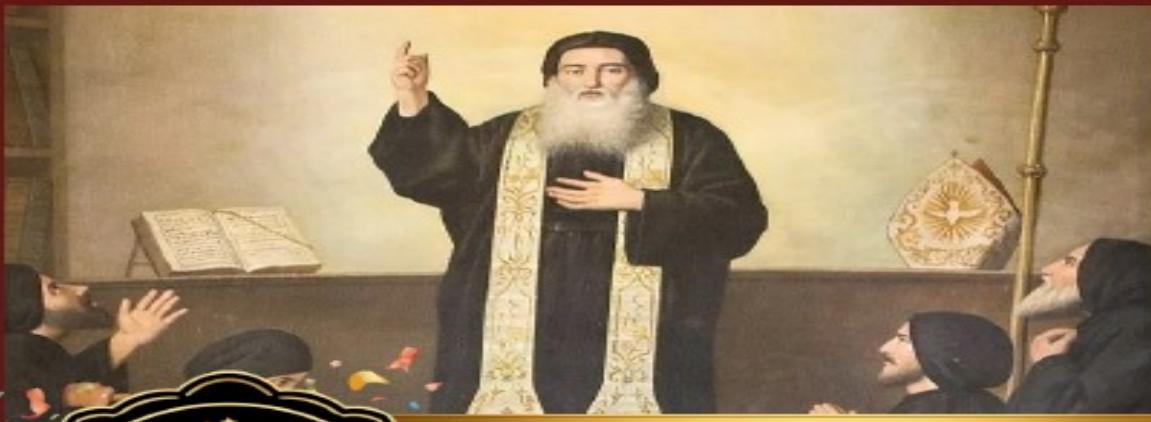
### Bulletin Advertisements

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### Cedar Remembrance Tree

Parishioners and friends can now remember their deceased and honor their living with their names on the commemorative tree located in our Cathedral Chapel vestibule. Please click [here](#) for more details.

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- 5:00 PM Evening vigil at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception



## Friday January 23

- 11:00 AM Meet at Starbucks for the March
- 5:00 PM Dinner and Talk with Father Boutros and Deacon Jacob at the Seminary Library



## 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

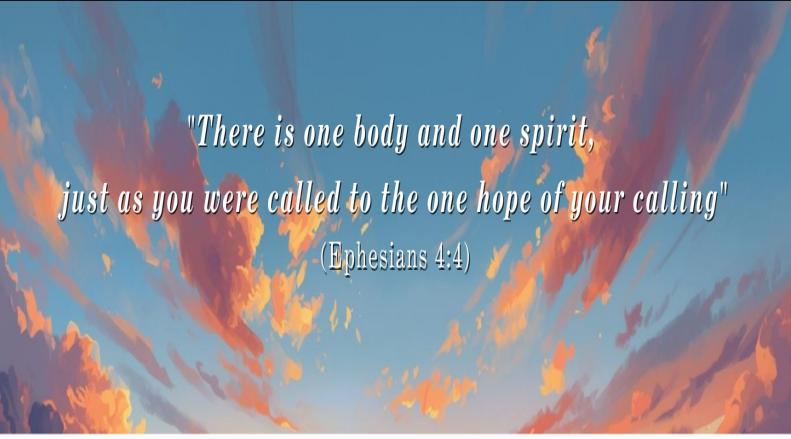
## Sunday January 25

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



Questions? Contact [mya.eparchystmaron@gmail.com](mailto:mya.eparchystmaron@gmail.com) or the Eparchy Family and Sanctity of Life Office (540)520-1679  
Hotel block can be found at [myaeparchystmaron.org/myaevents](http://myaeparchystmaron.org/myaevents)

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Please Join us for the 2026 Prayer for Christian Unity

Saturday, January 24th, 2026

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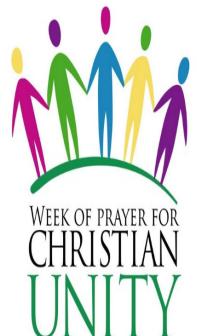
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## Sunday Readings

### قراءات الأحد

#### The First Sunday after the Epiphany

##### Second Letter to the Corinthians 10:1-11.

I myself, Paul, appeal to you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ I who am humble when face to face with you, but bold towards you when I am away! I ask that when I am present I need not show boldness by daring to oppose those who think we are acting according to human standards. Indeed, we live as human beings, but we do not wage war according to human standards; for the weapons of our warfare are not merely human, but they have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every proud obstacle raised up against the knowledge of God, and we take every thought captive to obey Christ. We are ready to punish every disobedience when your obedience is complete. Look at what is before your eyes. If you are confident that you belong to Christ, remind yourself of this, that just as you belong to Christ, so also do we. Now, even if I boast a little too much of our authority, which the Lord gave for building you up and not for tearing you down, I will not be ashamed of it. I do not want to seem as though I am trying to frighten you with my letters. For they say, 'His letters are weighty and strong, but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech contemptible.' Let such people understand that what we say by letter when absent, we will also do when present.

##### The Gospel according to Saint John 1:29-34.

The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'

#### الأحد الأول بعد الاله

رسالة القديس بولس الثانية إلى أهل قورنثوس 11-1:10  
 يا إخواتي، أنا بولس نفسى أنا شدكم بوعادة المسيح وحلمه، أنا المتنواضع بينكم عندما أكون حاضراً، والجريء عليهم عندما أكون غائباً. وأرجو لا أخبر عند حضوري أن أكون جريئاً بالثقة التي لي بكم، والتي أتمنى أن أجزو بها على الدين يحسبونانا نسلك كأناس حسديين. أجل، إننا نحي في الجسد، ولكننا لا نحارب كأناس حسديين؛ لأن أسلحة جهازنا ليست جسدية، بل هي قادره بالله على هدم الحصون المنيعة؛ فإننا نهدم الأفكار الخطأ، وكل شموخ يرتفع ضد معرفة الله، ونأسر كل فكر لطاعة المسيح.  
 وإن من متعدون أن نعاقب كل عصيان، متى كملت طاعتكم. إنكم تحكمون على المظاهر! إن كان أحد وافقاً بنفسه أنه للمسيح، فليفكرون في نفسه أنه كما هو للمسيح كذلك نحن أيضاً. فانا لا أحجز إن بالغت بعض المبالغة في الافتخار بالسلطان الذي وهبه رب لنا لتبنيانكم لا لهمكم. ولا أريد أن أظهر كائي أخوهكم برسائلي؛ لأن بعضكم يقولون: «رسائله شديدة اللهجة وقوية، أمّا حضوره الشخصي فهو زيل، وكلامه سخيف.»!  
 فليعلم مثل هذا القائل إننا كما نحن بالكلام في الرسائل، عندما نكون غائبين، كذلك نحن أيضاً بالفعل، عندما نكون حاضرين.

إنجيل القديس يوحنا 34-29:1  
 في الغد (بعد شهادة المعبدان) رأى يوحنا يسوع مقبلاً إليه فقال: «هذا هو حمل الله الذي يرفع خطيبة العالم. هذا هو الذي قلته فيه: يأتي ورأني رجل قد صار قدامي، لأنك كان قبلني. وإنما كنت أعرفه، لكنني جئت لأعمد بالماء لكي يظهر هو لإسرائيل.»  
 وشهد يوحنا قائلاً: «رأيت الروح نازلاً كحمامة من السماء، ثم استقر عليه. وإنما كنت أعرفه، لكن الذي أرسلني أعمد بالماء هو قال لي: من ترى الروح ينزل ويستقر عليه، هو الذي يعمد بالروح القدس. وإنما رأيت وشهدت أن هذا هو ابن الله.»

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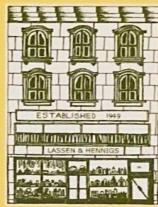
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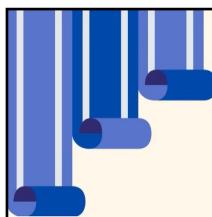
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