

**OUR LADY OF MERCY
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Newly
updated

**Finding of the Lord in the Temple
January 5th, 2025**



Reconciliation (Confessions)

Saturday - 2:30PM to 3:30PM

Sunday - 8:30AM to 9:30AM

By appointment

Divine Liturgy/Mass Schedule

Tuesday through Friday 9AM

in the Chapel.

Saturday - 4PM/Sunday - 10AM

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursdays - 9:30pm to 10:30pm

Fridays - 9:30am - 10:30am

Saturday - 2PM to 3:45PM

First Saturday Devotion

Every 1st Saturday

2:00pm - Eucharistic Exposition

3:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

3:10pm Holy Rosary

4:00 pm Divine Liturgy

Baptism and Chrismation

Contact the priest at least
three (3) months prior to the
requested date.

Matrimony /Crowning

Contact the priest at least
one (1) year prior to
requested date.

If you are new to the parish, please know that you are dearly loved and welcomed to be a member of our community of faith. To ensure receiving communication from the parish as a parishioner, please see the priest or one of the ushers.

"YOU ARE PRECIOUS AND HONORED IN MY SIGHT AND I LOVE YOU" ISAIAH 43:4

**I AND MARISE WISH YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES A VERY BLESSED, JOYFUL AND MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A HEALTHY, HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Divine Liturgy Intentions – Finding of the Lord in the Temple

Saturday January 4th - For the intentions of Cathy Flammia Yego

Sunday January 5th – In memory of Kattour Derjani 1 Kings 3: 5-7+9-12+14; Hebrews 7:11-19; Luke 2:41-52

MONDAY JANUARY 6th - THE GLORIOUS EPIPHANY (DENHO), HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

9:00 AM - In memory of Odette El Ybri requested by Mirra Morroe

6:30 PM – For the intentions of the parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

Tuesday January 7th – For the intentions of the Jean & Jeanine Melki

Wednesday January 8th – In memory of Cecila Manrique Ortiz

Thursday January 9th – In memory of Roger & Lina Nehme

Friday January 10th - In memory of Naaman, Ghandoura, and Samia Tabet

Saturday January 11th - In memory of Naaman, Ghandoura, and Samia Tabet

Sunday January 12th – In memory of Emile Khoury requested by Waddad Khoury & Family

Stewardship of God's Blessings for the Week of 12/22-12/28/2024

Saturday/Sunday collection - \$1129.00 Online Giving - \$313.24; New Year's day-\$530.00

Stipend, Donations, Candles, Gifts of the heart... \$40.00 Total –\$2012.24 Thank you for your

continuous support of our parish and its many needs. May God bless your generosity to Our Lady of Mercy. To make a tax-deductible online offering especially when you are not here, please go [to our Church's website](#) and scroll down to donate.

“Whatever you do, do from the heart, as for the Lord and not for others, knowing that you will receive from the Lord the due payment of the inheritance” (Colossians 3:23-24)

Please remember Our Lady of Mercy Church in your will.

**MAKE SURE TO CONFIRM OR CANCEL YOUR CHILD'S REGISTRATION (OR YOURS) FOR
OUR ARABIC CLASSES STARTING THIS SATURDAY JANUARY 4TH 2025**

Gifts of the Heart for the Month of January

Sanctuary Lamp in the church - In Memory of the Thomas Family offered by Denise Thomas.

Altar Candles in the church - In memory of Louis Iovieno offered by Louise Iovieno.

Altar Candles, Sanctuary Lamp, Altar Bread and Wine in the chapel - All these items are offered for the intentions of Jeanine Melki, Jean Melki and family.

Altar Bread and Wine and Adoration Candles in the Church - All these items are offered for the intentions of the Williams Family

Promoting Vocations - The Eparchy is trying to bring more awareness to the different vocations in life. For this reason, an icon of the Holy Family along with a prayer will be given to a different family each week for prayer every night so God may guide us to discern and promote the various vocations. See Fr. Peter for more information. To register, please click [here](#).



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implore and tell Him I will Love Him each day
More and More.

(The above prayer, plus 5 Our Fathers, 5 Hail Mary's, 5 Glory Be's, must be said on 5 successive days, before 11 a.m. On the 5th day, the 5th set of prayers having been completed, offer one more set — 5 Our Father's, 5 Hail Mary's, 5 Glory Be's.)

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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.

الرسالة إلى العبرانيين 11:23-31

الرسالة إلى العبرانيين 7:11-19

يَا إِخْوَتِي، لَوْ كَانَ الْكَمَالُ قَدْ تَحَقَّقَ بِالْكَهَنُوتِ اللَّائِي، وَهُوَ أَسَاسُ الشَّرِيعَةِ الَّتِي أُعْطِيَتْ لِلشَّعْبِ، فَأَيُّ حَاجَةٍ بَعْدُ إِلَى أَنْ يَقُومَ كَاهِنٌ آخَرُ عَلَى «رُتْبَةِ مُلْكِيصَادِقِ»، وَلَا يُقَالُ «عَلَى رُتْبَةِ هَارُونَ»؟ فَمَتَى تَغَيَّرَ الْكَهَنُوتُ، لَا بُدَّ مِنْ تَغْيِيرِ الشَّرِيعَةِ أَيْضًا. فَالَّذِي يُقَالُ هَذَا فِي شَأْنِهِ، أَيِ الْمَسِيحِ، جَاءَ مِنْ سِبْطِ آخَرَ، لَمْ يُلَازِمِ أَحَدٌ مِنْهُ خِدْمَةَ الْمَذْبَحِ، وَمِنْ الْوَاضِحِ أَنَّ رَبَّنَا أَشْرَقَ مِنْ يَهُوذَا، مِنْ سِبْطِ لَمْ يَصِفْهُ مُوسَى بِشَيْءٍ مِنَ الْكَهَنُوتِ. وَيَزِيدُ الْأَمْرَ وَضُوحًا أَنَّ الْكَاهِنَ الْآخَرَ الَّذِي يَقُومُ عَلَى مِثَالِ مُلْكِيصَادِقِ، لَمْ يَقُمْ وَفْقَ شَرِيعَةِ وَصِيَّةٍ بَشَرِيَّةٍ، بَلْ وَفْقَ قُوَّةِ حَيَاةٍ لَا تَزُولُ. وَيُشْهَدُ لَهُ: «أَنْتَ كَاهِنٌ إِلَى الْأَبَدِ، عَلَى رُتْبَةِ مُلْكِيصَادِقِ.»! وَهَكَذَا يَتِمُّ إِبْطَالُ وَصِيَّةِ الْكَهَنُوتِ السَّابِقَةِ، بِسَبَبِ ضَعْفِهَا وَعَدَمِ نَفْعِهَا، لِأَنَّ الشَّرِيعَةَ لَمْ تُبَلِّغْ شَيْئًا إِلَى الْكَمَالِ، وَيَتِمُّ أَيْضًا إِدْخَالُ رَجَاءٍ أَفْضَلَ، بِهِ نَقْتَرِبُ مِنَ اللَّهِ.

إنجيل القديس لوقا 2:41-52

كَانَ أَبَوَا يَسُوعَ يَذْهَبَانِ كُلَّ سَنَةٍ فِي عِيدِ الْفَصْحِ إِلَى أُورُشَلِيمَ. وَلَمَّا بَلَغَ يَسُوعُ اثْنَتَيْ عَشْرَةَ سَنَةً، صَعِدُوا مَعًا كَمَا هِيَ الْعَادَةُ فِي الْعِيدِ. وَبَعْدَ انْقِضَاءِ أَيَّامِ الْعِيدِ، عَادَ الْأَبَوَانِ، وَبَقِيَ الصَّبِيُّ يَسُوعُ فِي أُورُشَلِيمَ، وَهُمَا لَا يَدْرِيَانِ. وَإِذْ كَانَا يَطْلُبَانِ أَنَّهُ فِي الْقَافِلَةِ، سَارَا مَسِيرَةَ يَوْمٍ، ثُمَّ أَخَذَا يَطْلُبَانِهِ بَيْنَ الْأَقَارِبِ وَالْمَعَارِفِ. وَلَمْ يَجِدَاهُ، فَعَادَا إِلَى أُورُشَلِيمَ يَبْحَثَانِ عَنْهُ. وَبَعْدَ ثَلَاثَةِ أَيَّامٍ، وَجَدَاهُ فِي الْهَيْكَلِ جَالِسًا بَيْنَ الْعُلَمَاءِ، يَسْمَعُهُمْ وَيَسْأَلُهُمْ. وَكَانَ جَمِيعُ الَّذِينَ يَسْمَعُونَهُ مُنْذَهَلِينَ بِذِكَايِهِ وَأَجَوِبَتِهِ. وَلَمَّا رَأَهُ أَبَوَاهُ بُهْتَا، وَقَالَتْ لَهُ أُمُّهُ: «يَا ابْنِي، لِمَاذَا فَعَلْتَ بِنَا هَكَذَا؟ فَهَذَا أَنَا وَأَبُوكَ كُنَّا نَبْحَثُ عَنْكَ مُتَوَجِّعِينَ.»! فَقَالَ لَهُمَا: «لِمَاذَا تَطْلُبَانِنِي؟ أَلَا تَعْلَمَانِ أَنَّهُ يَنْبَغِي أَنْ أَكُونَ فِي مَا هُوَ لِأَبِي؟». «أَمَّا هُمَا فَلَمْ يَفْهَمَا الْكَلَامَ الَّذِي كَلَّمَهُمَا بِهِ. ثُمَّ نَزَلَ مَعَهُمَا، وَعَادَ إِلَى النَّاصِرَةِ، وَكَانَ خَاضِعًا لَهُمَا. وَكَانَتْ أُمُّهُ تَحْفَظُ كُلَّ هَذِهِ الْأُمُورِ فِي قَلْبِهَا. وَكَانَ يَسُوعُ يَنْمُو فِي الْحِكْمَةِ وَالْقَامَةِ وَالتَّعْمَةِ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ وَالنَّاسِ.