

**OUR LADY OF MERCY
MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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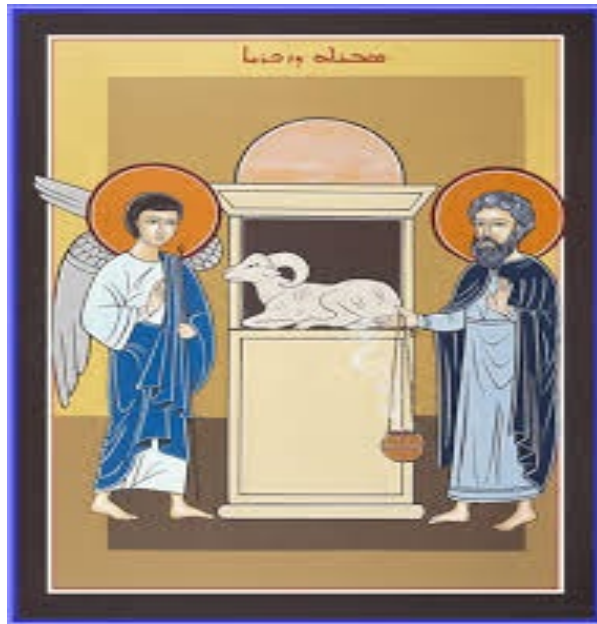
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Sunday of the Announcement to Zechariah November 16th, 2025



Reconciliation (Confessions)

Saturday – 2:30pm to 3:30pm

Sunday – 8:30am to 9:30am

& By appointment

Divine Liturgy/Mass Schedule

Monday through Friday 9am
in the Chapel.

Saturday – 4pm/Sunday – 10am

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursdays - 9:30am- 10:30am

Fridays - 9:30am- 10:30am

Saturdays – 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

Divine Liturgy Intentions- Sunday of the Annunciation to Zechariah November 16th, 2025

Saturday November 15th @ 4:00 PM- For the intentions of Dr Kumait, Nuha Jarrouj & Family

Sunday of the Annunciation to Zechariah November 16th @ 10:00 AM For the intentions of Fr Christian Hbaiter and the parishioners of St. Therese of Brockton.

Rom 4:13-25; LK 1:1-25

Monday November 17th @ 9:00 AM – NO DIVINE LITURGY

Tuesday November 18th @ 9:00 AM- NO DIVINE LITURGY

Wednesday November 19th @ 9:00 AM - NO DIVINE LITURGY

Thursday November 20th @ 9:00 AM– NO DIVINE LITURGY

Friday November 21st @ 9:00 AM – NO DIVINE LITURGY

Saturday November 22nd @ 4:00 PM- In memory of Mitchell Dadah, Sr., Mitchell Dadah, Jr. , Jennifer Dadah, requested by Susan Dadah.

Sunday of the Annunciation to Zechariah November 23rd @ 10:00 AM For the intentions of Chorbishop John Faris and the parishioners of St. Anthony, Glenn Allen, VA.

Stewardship of God's Blessings for the Week of 1/3/2025-11/9/2025

Saturday/Sunday 11/9/25 collection - \$1510.00; **Online Giving** - \$303.51; **Total –\$1813.51**

2nd collection: \$264.00

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) and remember that “God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Corinthians 9:7)

Please remember Our Lady of Mercy Church in your will.

Check flyers for upcoming events - K4J Club, MYO Buffalo Bunco Night, and Ladies Candlelight Event.

Gifts of the Heart for the Month of November

Altar Candles in the church - In memory of Louis Iovieno offered by Louise Iovieno & Family.
Altar Bread and Wine, Sanctuary Lamp and Adoration candles in the Church, Altar Candles, Sanctuary Lamp, Altar Bread and Wine in the chapel – For the Poor Souls in purgatory

Church Dress Code

Please Dress Modestly. Modesty is a Christian virtue that refers to dressing and acting in a way that shows reverence for God. Please, dress your best when you come to Church. It is a holy ground and we should dress modestly in respect for God's house. **Ask yourself this question and be honest. How should you dress in the house of the King of Kings? If you went to Buckingham Palace or the White House, what would you wear? Why should you dress with any less respect for the only King that matters?**

Please, if possible no shorts, sleeveless dresses, miniskirts or T-shirts, tight dresses or tight skirts, short dresses or skirts (knee length skirts and dresses are acceptable)

Thank you for your consideration to this friendly reminder.

الثياب المحتشمة

لطفاً الرجاء ارتداء الثياب المحتشمة في بيت الله.

يرجى عدم ارتداء "الشورت" او التنانير القصيرة , او الثياب بلا اكمام.

مع الف شكر!

Mass etiquette from St John Bosco (compiled by Fr Augustine Opara Ikechukwu)

1. **Try to be early to Mass always. A few minutes spent in before Mass can open your soul to wonderful graces**
 2. When you enter or leave the church, take holy water and sign yourself with the sign of the cross.
 3. Always genuflect (or bow according to our Maronite tradition) when you enter or leave your seat. This is an act of adoration to Almighty God, present in the tabernacle. Take time to genuflect reverently, facing the altar and saying "My Lord and My God" as your right knee touches the floor
 4. **Please refrain from talking in church unless absolutely necessary. Talk only to Jesus - it is Him you have come to visit. Don't talk as you leave either. Some people may still be praying.**
 5. Listen to the homily it is from God which could bear much fruit for you.
 6. Don't start to leave the church until the priest has returned to the sacristy. Stay to thank God for the graces you received from Him in the Mass.
- Every day we take a step closer to Heaven. Every act should be for the greater glory of God and every morning we should renew our resolve to work for the salvation of souls.

I'VE GOT A *Mission!*

K4J Club!

Continue the journey you began at "K4J Summertime BLAST" at our K4J Club! Each month you will journey alongside a different Holy Hero that will encourage you to fulfill your monthly mission on your path to becoming a saint!

MONTHLY CLUB MEETINGS:

Saturdays, 2-4pm



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\$15 per meeting

- ☐ November 15th
- ☐ December 13th
- ☐ January 24th
- ☐ March 7th
- ☐ April 18th
- ☐ May 16th



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SAVE THE DATES!

- ☐ FEBRUARY 16-20: K4J Winter Day Camp
- ☐ JUNE 22-26: K4J Summer Day Camp



Questions? Contact: Sophie.elhallal@gmail.com



MYO

Buffalo BUNCO *night*

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NOVEMBER
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IN PREPARATION OF THE GLORIOUS BIRTH OF OUR LORD

Ladies CANDLELIGHT Event

*Join us and and prepare your
heart for Christ's birth!*

Experience a heartwarming evening
filled with beautiful carols, inspiring
messages, warm drink, delicious food
and the gentle glow of candlelight.

Guest of Honor - Bishop Gregory J. Mansour

Keynote Speaker - Sr Therese Maria Touma
Maronite Servants of Christ the Light

FRIDAY 5 6:30PM- 9:00PM
DECEMBER DONATION \$30

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MARONITE COLLEGE COMMUNITY

Divine Liturgy

WITH CELEBRANT
FR. CHRISTIAN HBAITER



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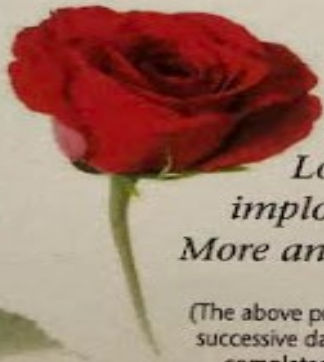
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St. Therese *The Little Flower,*
Please pick me a Rose from the Heavenly
Garden and send it to me with a Message of
Love. Ask God to grant me the Favor I Thee
implore and tell Him I will Love Him each day
More and More.

(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 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 لنسبه 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 الوارثة 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 لأمم كثيرة». فأبراهيم الذي آمن بالله هو أب لنا أمام الله، الذي يحيي الأموات، ويدعو غير الموجود إلى الوجود. وقد آمن إبراهيم راجياً على غير رجاء، بأنه سيصير أباً لأمم كثيرة، كما قيل له: «هكذا يكون نسلك». ولم يضعف بإيمانه، برغم أنه رأى، وهو ابن نحو مئة سنة، أن جسده مات، وأن حشا سارة قد مات. وبناء على وعد الله، ما شك ولا تردد، بل تقوى بالإيمان، ومجد الله. وأيقن من أن اليقين أن الله قادر أن ينجز ما وعد به. فلذلك حسب له إيمانه براً. ولم يكتف من أخيه وحده أنه «حسب له برا»، بل كتب أيضاً من أجلنا، نحن الذين سيحسب لنا براً، 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 يرتبون رواية للأحداث التي تمت عندنا، كما سلمها إلينا من كانوا منذ البدء شهود عيان للكلمة، ثم صاروا خداماً لها، رأيت أنا أيضاً، أيها الشريف تيو فيل، أن أكتبها لك بحسب ترتيبها، بغما تتبعتها كلها، منذ بدايتها، تتبعاً دقيقاً، لكي تتيقن صحة الكلام الذي وعظت به. كان في أيام هيرودس، ملك اليهودية، كاهن اسمه زكريا، من فرقة آباء، له امرأة من بنات هارون اسمها إيصابات. وكانا كلاهما بارين أمام الله، سالكين في جميع وصايا الرب وأحكامه بلا لوم. وما كان لهما ولد، لأن إيصابات كانت عاقراً، وكانا كلاهما قد طعنا في أيامهما. وفيما كان زكريا يقوم بالخدمة الكهنوتية أمام الله، في أثناء نوبة فرفته، أصابته القرعة، بحسب عادة الكهنوت، ليدخل مقدس هيكल الرب ويحرق البخور. وكان كل جمهور الشعب يصلي في الخارج، في أثناء إحراق البخور. وتراعى ملاك الرب لزكريا واقفاً عن يمين مذبح البخور، فأضطرب زكريا حين رآه، وأسئولي عليه الخوف. فقال له الملك: «لا تخف، يا زكريا، فقد استجيب طلبك، وأمرأتك إيصابات ستلد لك ابناً، فسمه يوحنا. ويكون لك فرح وأبتهاج، ويفرح بمولده كثيرون، لأنه سيكون عظيماً في نظر الرب، لا يشرب خمراً ولا مسكراً، ويمتلي من الروح القدس وهو يعد في حشا أمه. ويرد كثيرين من بني إسرائيل إلى الرب الههم. ويسير أمام الرب بروح إيليا وقوته، ليزد قلوب الآباء إلى الأبناء، والغصاة إلى حكمة الأبرار، فيهيئ للرب شعباً معداً خيراً إعداد». فقال زكريا للملاك: «بماذا أعرف هذا؟ فإني أنا شيخ، وأمرأتي قد طعنت في أيامها». فأجاب الملك وقال له: «أنا هو جبرائيل الواقف في حضرة الله، وقد أرسلت لأهلك وأبشرك بهذا. وما أنت تكون صامتاً، لا تقدر أن تتكلم، حتى اليوم الذي يحدث فيه ذلك، لأنك لم تؤمن بكلامي الذي سيم في أوانه». وكان الشعب ينتظر زكريا، ويتعجب من إنطائه في مقدس الهيكل. ولما خرج زكريا، لم يكن قادراً أن يكلمهم، فأدركوا أنه رأى رؤيا في المقدس، وكان يشير إليهم بالإشارة، وبقي أبكم. ولما تمت أيام خدمته، مضى إلى بيته. وبعد تلك الأيام، حملت أمرأته إيصابات، وولدت أمراً خمسة أشهر، وهي تقول: هكذا صنع الرب إليّ، في الأيام التي نظر إليّ فيها، ليزيل العار عني من بين الناس!