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THE FINDING OF OUR LORD IN THE TEMPLE
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THE LITURGY THIS WEEK IS OFFERED FOR BISHOP GREGORY MANSOUR FOR HIS GOOD HEALTH AND CONTINUED WISE LEADERSHIP OF OUR EPARCHY

MARONITE DIVINE LITURGY

SUNDAY, 9:30 A.M.
St. Agnes Chapel
7775 Vanderbilt Beach Road
Naples, Florida

WEDNESDAY, 12:00 NOON
Saint Peter the Apostle Catholic Church
5130 Rattlesnake Hammock Road
Naples, Florida

THURSDAY, 5:30 P.M.
Our Lady Of Guadalupe Chapel
Ave Maria University Campus

CONFESSION
Fr. Paul is always available before Divine Liturgy or by appointment

MASS REQUESTS
To request a Mass for someone or some special intention, please text your request to Fr. Paul Tarabay at 734-578-6952

EPISTLE

HEBREWS 7:11-19
 Melchizedek, a Type of Christ
 Brothers and Sisters:
 Now 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. Praise be to God always!

If you know of any businesses who would like to support our mission, please help us secure an ad with them. Please think about the restaurants, salons, physicians, lawyers, CPA practices - anyone who you presently do business with that could potentially be a subscriber.

What makes this an especially exciting opportunity is that all of the monies that are raised from the sale of the ads go directly to our Naples mission. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact John Dina or Father Paul.

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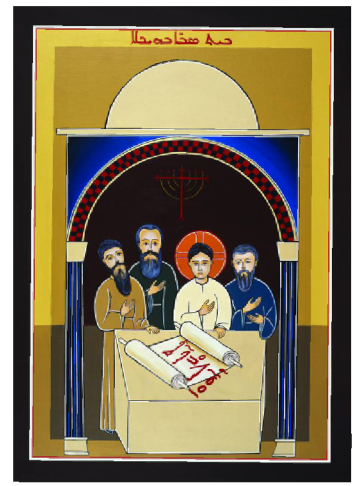
GOSPEL

LUKE 2:41-52



Finding in the Temple
 The Evangelist said: Now 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. This is the truth. Peace be with you.



FINDING JESUS IN THE TEMPLE. Icon written by Fr. Abdo Badwi. Courtesy of St. Joseph's Maronite Catholic Church, Waterville, ME

WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS
Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier.
 -- St Teresa of Calcutta

Welcome!
 We welcome his excellency the Most Rev. Gregory John Mansour to our Naples mission.
 Sayednya Gregory we love you very much and are so excited to spend this sacred time with you.

LAST SUNDAY'S NUMBERS
 Due to the holiday and short production weeks, numbers for December 21, 28 and January 4 will be reported on January 11
 When you are out of town, you can still donate to the collection by using this link. <https://naplesmaronite.org/donate>
 We are grateful for all your generous financial support. The bank has requested that all checks must be made out to Heart of Jesus Naples Maronite Mission

- SAINTS FOR THIS WEEK**
- 4 Pope St. Caius (+296), M St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (USA), C
 - 5 St. Paul, the First Hermit, C St. John Neumann (USA), C
 - 6 Feast of the Glorious Epiphany
 - 7 Praises of St. John the Baptist, M
 - 8 St. Carterius the Priest, M
 - 9 St. Eustratius the Wonderworker, C
 - 10 St. Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa, C

SAVE THE DATE!!!
 The Naples Maronite Mission will hold a **HAFLI** on **SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 2026** at St. William Church in Naples. More information to follow in the coming weeks.
 Mark your calendars now, as we are planning on a great time!

*Feast of the Epiphany
 Liturgy and Blessings
 at St. Agnes Chapel*
 TUESDAY, JANUARY 6 5:30 p.m.
 Image by Jeff Jacobs from Pixabay

If you wish, please bring water to be blessed. If you would like your house blessed, Fr. Paul is available. Please speak to him after Mass in the coming weeks, or text him at 734-578-6952

MARCH FOR LIFE 2026
 Life. WHY WE MARCH
JAN 22 - 25 WASHINGTON, D.C.
Thursday January 22
 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 or the Eparchy Family and Sanctity of Life Office (540)520-1679
 Hotel block can be found at myaeparchystmaron.org/myaevents *Schedule is subject to change

SAINT MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA ON ABORTION
*It is a poverty to decide that a child must die so that you may live as you wish.
 Abortion is profoundly anti-woman. Three-quarters of its victims are women:
 Half the babies and all the mothers.*