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**JANUARY 11, 2026**

**FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

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The liturgy this week is offered for

**THE MEMBERS OF THE BRAX FAMILY,  
BOTH LIVING AND DECEASED**

**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

2 CORINTHIANS 10:1-11

Accusation of Weakness

Brothers and Sisters:

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 toward 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. Praise be to God always!

## GOSPEL

JOHN 1:29-34



John's Testimony to Jesus

The Apostles said:

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward 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.” This is the truth. Peace be with you.



SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST BEARING WITNESS. Workshop of Francesco Granacci (Italian, Villamagna 1469–1543 Florence). ca. 1506–7. New York: The Metropolitan Museum of Art. (credit line: Purchase, Gwynne Andrews, Harris Brisbane Dick, Dodge, Fletcher, and Rogers Funds, funds from various donors, Ella Morris de Peyster Gift, Mrs. Donald Oenslager Gift, and Gifts in memory of Robert Lehman, 1970)

### BISHOP GREGORY'S VISIT

*It was wonderful to have Bishop Gregory Mansour here with us in Naples last Sunday. The liturgy, his homily and the time we spent with him was a gift. Thank you Sayednya for encouraging us to start this mission parish. It is magnificent to be able to celebrate together as Maronites. Be assured of our prayers for you and our entire Eparchy. It was a joy-filled day that will be remembered for a long time. God willing, we will pray with you again soon here in Naples.*

This week we welcome our dear friend Fr. Bassam Saade as he celebrates the Divine Liturgy with us. Abounna is the pastor of Saint Anthony's Maronite Church in Springfield, MA. Welcome Fr. Bassam!

**RECENT NUMBERS**

**DECEMBER 25**  
**Attendance: 76**  
**Collection: \$660.00**

**DECEMBER 28**  
**Attendance: 42**  
**Collection: \$272.00**

**JANUARY 4**  
**Attendance: 92**  
**Collection: \$1,253.00**

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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

**DECEMBER 2025\* FINANCIALS**

Collections \$4,946.00  
 (includes \$1200.00 online, \$500.00 ad, \$220.00 reimbursement)  
 Expenses \$612.50  
 Net \$4333.50

\* Does not include expense/revenue related to the Hafli.

**SAINTS FOR THIS WEEK**

- 11 St. Theodosius of Antioch, C
- 12 St. Tatiana of Rome, M
- 13 St. Jacob of Nisibis, C
- 14 St. Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers, Doctor of the Church, C
- 15 Our Lady of the Sowing St. John Calybites, C
- 16 Memorial of the Chains of St. Peter, Ap
- 17 St. Anthony the Great, 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!*



**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](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)

\*Schedule is subject to change

**PHOTOS FROM BISHOP GREGORY'S VISIT LAST WEEK.**

*left: Samia Rizk and Zeina Brax with Sayednya; right: Fr. Paul, Bishop Gregory, Fr. Tom*



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