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Announcement to Zechariah Sunday

19 November 2023



SUNDAY READINGS

Epistle—Romans 4:13-25

13 It was not through the law that the promise was made to Abraham and his descendants that he would inherit the world, but through the righteousness that comes from faith. 14 For if those who adhere to the law are the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. 15 For the law produces wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. 16 For this reason, it depends on faith, so that it may be a gift, and the promise may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not to those who only adhere to the law but to those who follow the faith of Abraham, who is the father of all of us, 17 as it is written, "I have made you father of many nations." He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into being what does not exist. 18 He believed, hoping against hope, that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "Thus shall your descendants be." 19 He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body as [already] dead (for he was almost a hundred years old) and the dead womb of Sarah. 20 He did not doubt God's promise in unbelief; rather, he was empowered by faith and gave glory to God 21 and was fully convinced that what he had promised he was also able to do. 22 That is why "it was credited to him as righteousness." 23 But it was not for him alone that it was written that "it was credited to him"; 24 it was also for us, to whom it will be credited, who believe in the one who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, 25 who was handed over for our transgressions and was raised for our justification.

Gospel - Luke 1:1-25

1 Since many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the events that have been fulfilled among us, 2 just as those who were eyewitnesses from the beginning and ministers of the word have handed them down to us, 3 I too have decided, after investigating everything accurately anew, to write it down in an orderly sequence for you, most excellent Theophilus, 4 so that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received.

5 In the days of Herod, King of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah of the priestly division of Abijah; his wife was from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. 6 Both were righteous in the eyes of God, observing all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blamelessly. 7 But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren and both were advanced in years. 8 Once when he was serving as priest in his division's turn before God, 9 according to the practice of the priestly service, he was chosen by lot to enter the sanctuary of the Lord to burn incense. 10 Then, when the whole assembly of the people was praying outside at the hour of the incense offering, 11 the angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right of the altar of incense. 12 Zechariah was troubled by what he saw, and fear came upon him. 13 But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, because your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall name him John. 14 And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, 15 for he will be great in the sight of [the] Lord. He will drink neither wine nor strong drink. He will be filled with the holy Spirit even from his mother's womb, 16 and he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God. 17 He will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah to turn the hearts of fathers toward children and the disobedient to the understanding of the righteous, to prepare a people fit for the Lord." 18 Then Zechariah said to the angel, "How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years." 19 And the angel said to him in reply, "I am Gabriel, who stand before God. I was sent to speak to you and to announce to you this good news. 20 But now you will be speechless and unable to talk until the day these things take place, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled at their proper time."

21 Meanwhile the people were waiting for Zechariah and were amazed that he stayed so long in the sanctuary. 22 But when he came out, he was unable to speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the sanctuary. He was gesturing to them but remained mute. 23 Then, when his days of ministry were completed, he went home. 24 After this time his wife Elizabeth conceived, and she went into seclusion for five months, saying, 25 "So has the Lord done for me at a time when he has seen fit to take away my disgrace before others."

PARISH LIFE

Safro (Morning Prayer)
Monday—Friday - 7:30am

Eucharistic Adoration
Friday —9:30am - 10:30am

Reconciliation (Confession)
Saturday 9:30am - 10:15am
and by appointment

Baptism and Chrismation
Make arrangements as soon
after birth as possible

Mystery of Crowning
Contact the pastor 6 months
in advance

Parish Calendar. Please see stanthonymaronitechurch.org for the parish calendar.

Liturgical Hours. Monday through Saturday 9:00am daily Divine Liturgy in the chapel.

Sunday 8:30am and 11am Divine Liturgies

First Saturday of the Month. Marian devotions at 9:30am.

St. Sharbel Devotions. Third Sunday of the month at 11:00am Divine Liturgy

POINTS OF INTEREST

Annual Benefit Dinner - Sunday 19 November following the 11 am Divine Liturgy.

Pastoral Council elections are coming up! Registered parishioners, please nominate yourself or others for the Pastoral Council using the form online or contact Kelly Edwards, kmgeorge102@gmail.com. Nominations are due by December 3rd. Elections will be held on December 10th at the end of the liturgies. The role of the Pastoral Council is to plan, coordinate and implement pastoral programs in the parish. Members attend monthly meetings and collaborate when possible in various programs. Members serve for two years.

Christmas Star Program begins Sunday, 26 November. Take a star from the tree in the vestibule. Put your name and phone number next to the number of the star on the signup sheet on the table. Wrap new items only and attach the star securely to the package. Deadline for return is 17 December. Gifts will be distributed by the Comboni Sisters to needy families in the area.

Save the Date. The Maronite Young Adults will host the first annual Saint Anthony Hafli on 13 January. More details will follow.

Pilgrimage. Saint Anthony Church will host a pilgrimage to Rome -Assisi - Florence from 22 Sep - 1 Oct. See the Website for details. - <https://www.206tours.com/cms/chorbishop>

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Sunday, 19 November at 9:30 am. MCF Preschool - Eighth Grades

Sunday, 19 November at 12 noon. Annual Benefit Dinner

Tuesday, 21 November at 7 pm. Pastoral Council Meeting

Sunday, 26 November. No MCF classes.

Sunday, 3 December at 9:30 am. MCF All Student

Thursday, 7 December at 6 pm. MWF Christmas Party, see flier for details.

LITURGY SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Sunday, 19 November Season of the Glorious Birth of Our Lord, Announcement to Zechariah, Pope St. Pontian

8:30 am (Father John)

In memory of Charles Walton, requested by Joseph and Gloria Nadder
In memory of Harry Shaia, Jr., requested by Harry and Melissa Shaia

11:00 am (Father Peter)

In memory of Michel Zajur, requested by Alicia Azar
For the living and deceased members of the Saad Family

Monday, 20 November St. Gregory of the Decapolis

In memory of Harry Shaia, Jr., requested by Harry and Melissa Shaia

Tuesday, 21 November Presentation of the Virgin Mary in the Temple

Wednesday, 22 November Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of Our Lady

Thursday, 23 November St. Sassine, Bishop of Cyzicus, Thanksgiving Day

In memory of Ethel and Fred Shibley, requested by the Shibley Family

Friday, 24 November St. Catherine of Alexandria

In memory of Harry Shaia, Jr., requested by Harry and Melissa Shaia

Saturday, 25 November Pope St. Clement I

Sunday, 26 November Season of the Glorious Birth of Our Lord, Announcement to Virgin Mary, St. Peter, Patriarch of Alexandria

8:30 am (Father John)

In memory of Faiz and Sue Shaheen, requested by their Children.
In memory of Najieb and Sadie Sanyour, and Theresa Sharman, requested by Adel and Bobby Cumber and John Sanyour

11:00 am (Father Peter)

In memory of Gina Loehr, Joseph and Julia Shaar and deceased family members, requested by Regina Shaar Loehr
In memory of Harry Shaia, Jr., requested by Harry and Melissa Shaia

USHERS SCHEDULE

Dates 8:30 Divine Liturgy

- 19 Nov Tom Dailey, Ed Yesbeck, John Zeheb,
Harry Mclvor
- 26 Nov Trey Shibley, Ed Shibley, Joseph Fodill,
Dave Howard
- 3 Dec Andy Shulleeta, William Shulleeta, Frank
Greco, Marshall Stephenson

11:00 Divine Liturgy

- John Nadder, Leo Chaoul, Clarke Sawyer,
Anthony Shulleeta
- Raymond Khoury, Milad Habboush, Fred Fakher,
Mary Habboush
- Bill Maust, John Saad, Alex Fabiato, Diana Yaqoo

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

Dates 8:30 Divine Liturgy

- 19 Nov Ross Craig, Jack Craig, Jacob Walton,
Eli Walton, Lucas BouAbssi
- 26 Nov Stephen Shibley, Zachary Shulleeta, Braxton
and Asher Mclvor, Owen Hendrix

11:00 Divine Liturgy

- Sami Sakr, Luke Salloum, Elie Stephan,
George Choueifati
- Joseph Chaoul, Matthew Habboush, Karam Ghady,
Vincent Carr

TRANSFER OF GIFTS

Dates 8:30 Divine Liturgy

- 19 Nov Coco Aboutanos, Hannah Roberts,
Cooper Sheriff, Emily Carr
- 26 Nov Madison Shibley, Anna Grace Shaia, Amina
Howard

11:00 Divine Liturgy

- Ashley Maust, Romi Rustom, Magdalena Choueifati,
Alexa Haddad
- Jenna Chaoul, Leanne Siefke, Kylie Stephan,
Romi Rustom

LECTORS SCHEDULE

Dates 8:30 Divine Liturgy

- 19 Nov Jacqueline Gray
- 26 Nov Margaret Shibley Gray
- 3 Dec Hannah Roberts

11:00 Divine Liturgy

- Leo Maynes
- Sam LaNeave
- Leo Maynes

STEWARDSHIP

12 Nov 2023

Collections: \$2141

Contributions: \$1595

Second Collection: \$205

Please, when you make a contribution to the parish, indicate your envelope number so that we can accurately give you credit. You may want to donate through the parish website stanthonymaronitechurch.org which also provides for automatic giving. Make it easy on yourself.

COLLECTION COUNTERS SCHEDULE

November: John Zeheb

December: David Walton and Paul Shibley

January: Joe George & Anthony Shibley

MARONITE CHRISTIAN FORMATION SCHEDULE

8 Oct	All Students	9:30 am
15 Oct	Pre-S -8th Parent First Confession Class	9:30 am
22 Oct	Pre-S -6th 7th-12th grades–Life Teen	9:30 am 9:30 am–11:30 am
29 Oct	Pre-S -8th	9:30 am
5 Nov	All Students	9:30 am
12 Nov	Pre-S -6th 7th-12th grades–Life Teen	9:30 am 9:30 am–11:30 am
19 Nov	Pre-S -8th	9:30 am
26 Nov	Free (Thanksgiving)	9:30 am
3 Dec	All Students	9:30 am
10 Dec	Pre-S -6th 7th-12th grades–Life Teen	9:30 am 9:30 am–11:30 am
17 Dec	Children’s Liturgy, Nativity, Santa Breakfast	9:30 am



Maronite Christian Formation

PRESENTS

"O' Come Let Us Adore Him"

Christmas Play

December 17th at 9:30am

followed by:

Santa Breakfast

hosted by the MYA





MARONITE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Eat Drink and Be Merry

please join us for a

White Elephant Christmas Party

December 7 at 6pm

Ticket are \$25 and includes a catered 3 course meal.

Please see Natalie Choueifati for tickets!

Bring a wrapped gift under \$15

All Ladies of St. Anthony's

Parish Welcomed

Feel free to come for only dinner
or only the gift exchange



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