

November 20th 2016

The Announcement to the Virgin Mary



Next week will be *The Visitation of the Virgin Mary to Elizabeth*. Please read the following Scriptures in preparation:

◇ Ephesians 1:1-14
(*The Father's Plan of Salvation*)

◇ Gospel According to Luke 1: 39-45
(*Visitation of the Virgin to Elizabeth*)

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 20th, 10:30 am

+ Marie & Wadih Germanos

Monday, November 21st

+ John O'Hara

Tuesday, November 22nd

Available Intention

Wednesday, November 23rd

Available Intention

Thursday, November 24th

Available Intention

Friday, November 25th

+ Donald Manion

Saturday, November 26th

Available Intention

Sunday, November 27th, 10:30 am

+ Anthony & Georgette Zogbi

Adoration/Exposition

Every **Sunday at 9:00 am** before
the morning Liturgy.

Confession

Every **Sunday at 9:15am** before
the morning Liturgy.

*Also join us to pray the **Rosary on Sundays at 10:00 am** before the
Liturgy begins.*

ABOUNA'S CORNER

THE ANNUCIATION TO MARY SUNDAY

On this Sunday "the Church rejoices with Mary.." and her children sing glory for that heavenly announcement Mary has received and accepted on our behalf (Opening Prayer).

Today, the Letter of Saint Paul to the Galatians, reminds us of how the promise made to Abraham is now being fulfilled through those who believe; those who live by the Law and the Torah of the heart through righteousness. To such as these – like Mary – is the gift of God and his promise handed down through his angels. The Gospel of Luke makes it clear that Mary is this righteous one who has gained the favor of God, and thus, inherited this Gift (Christ) and the Promise (Salvation).

In the Gospel-image of Mary and the Angel drawn for us by Saint Luke, and framed for us in this Sunday's prayers – in the context of the relationship of the Creator with his creation – the mountains, the earth, the sea, and the waves are rejoicing in God's Word! Mary herself has become the New Earth (As Saint Ephrem would teach us) and true representative for all of God's creation. The Son of God comes to dwell in her, and through her God has returned to live – as in Paradise – in the midst of his creation. Now in Mary, the new covenant, and God's plan of salvation is being fulfilled. She has become the Cloud, the Pure Womb, the Fountain of Life and Blessings!

Saint Ephrem, the great poet and teacher of our Syriac tradition, speaks of Mary as the New Eve, and yet also the new Garden of Eden and Paradise: God's dwelling in our human world. In the midst of this new Garden of Paradise now stands Christ – the Tree of Life in the New Paradise – who gives Life to all who receive him from the hands of Mary. Mary's acceptance – her fiat – has made us children of God. Now she is both the mother of Christ – and as our representative – our mother as well!

➤ CHURCH EVENTS & NEWS ◀

Children's Singing Ministry

The final rehearsals for the children's singing ministry will be **Sunday Dec 4th & Sunday Dec 11th** immediately after Holy Mysteries. These rehearsals are mandatory as the children will be receiving their specific roles in the play and having a dress rehearsal. If you would like your child to be a part of the play this year, please make certain they attend.

Ladies' Guild Manakish Fundraiser

This Sunday, November 20th, St. Sharbel's Ladies' Guild will host a Manakish Fundraiser to supplement the remainder of the parish's insurance costs. We still have \$2,200 we need to raise. *Please invite all your family and friends to come and support our parish!*

Michael Allen Harrison Holiday Concert

CONCERT ON TAP: Brighten your spirits with a piano performance by Michael Allen Harrison on the Monday following Thanksgiving. Acoustics at St. Philip's are made for music and singing. Julianne Johnson will lend her voice to this enchanting evening. Good prices for regular seating: \$15; reserve seating \$25.

Save the date, Monday, November 28, 2016 at 7:00 PM.

Tickets are available now. Call the parish office [503-231-4955](tel:503-231-4955)

No Oblates During November

Do to scheduling conflicts, there will be no Oblates during the month of November. Beginning in December, the meetings will be held on the 2nd Monday of the month, and will no longer be held on the 3rd Monday of the month.



ALTAR FLOWERS

Sunday, November 20th

The Shashati Family

Sunday, November 27th

Nisreen Mouammar



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Sunday, November 13th:

Angel Scouts: 9:15 am

Catechism Class: 9:15 am

Meet in Upper Classroom.

Saturday, December 10th:

Crossroads and Maronteens: 6:00 pm

Meet at lower hall of St. Sharbel Church.

Saturday, December 10th:

Maronite Young Adults (MYA): 7:00 pm

Meet at Claude & Gennifer's home.

Monday, December 12th:

Oblates of Jesus, Mary & Joseph: 7:00 pm

Meet at Dec. Wadih & Mona's home.

The Oblates of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph is a lay organization whose purpose is to pray for the sick and various needs of the church. We meet once a month to pray the Maronite Divine Office (Ramsho) together and discuss a spiritual book. If you would like members of the Oblates to visit you in your home and pray with you, please let us know and we will schedule a visit. If you are interested in learning more about the Oblates of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, please contact Deacon Wadih Kaldawi [503-349-5910](tel:503-349-5910) or wadykal@gmail.com

Your Gifts to God

The widow who gave Elijah all her remaining food gave all she had to fulfill the work of the Lord (1 Kings 17:7-16). Faithful stewards like her give all that is asked and trust the Lord to be faithful to His promises!

Offering Report: November 7th– November 13th

General Collection.....	\$1,575.72
Projected Weekly Amount.....	
Required to Meet Budget.....	\$ 2,307.00
Difference.....	-\$731.28

With your generosity, we raised \$549.00 from the MYA Fundraiser!

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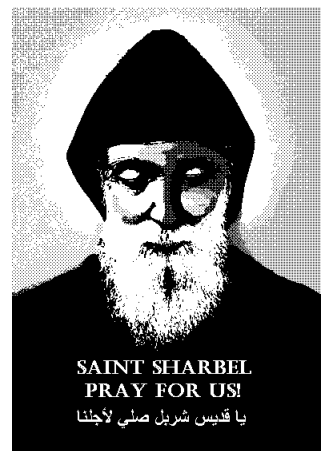
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HELPING OUR OWN

Dear Brothers and Sisters I recently got this email from Gizelle Akin. Their home was destroyed by flooding, and the city and insurance company refused to pay. You may remember that her husband Jeff was a generous sponsor to the Festival, and the Gizelle's mother is a long time parishioner who doesn't come much because of an inability to drive.

Should you want to reach out to Gizelle, her email is: gizzelleakin@gmail.com , and her phone number : 503-351-3561. The Oblates have been offering prayers for the Akins, but I wanted to offer the opportunity to the whole parish. If you are compelled to do for them in terms of temporal help, I am sure it would mean a lot to them.

God bless each of you,
Abouna Christopher

Hello Abouna,

Just wanted to update you on our situation. We are still without heat/hot water and our house is very much destroyed, but we are starting to move in the right direction. We have been working with a handful of volunteers on the weekends to complete the necessary demolition and soon start rebuilding. We have had friends offer to provide hours of labor, some bring lunch, some offer childcare during these weekend sessions and it's really been amazing to watch. In asking God for help in our situation, we remember that we (people) embody God here on earth and by getting assistance from the people around us, we are getting assistance from him. He may not be able to make the City or the Insurance companies step up how they should, but we are getting help from those that act on his will.

I don't know if you saw the news article, but it can be found here:

<http://www.kptv.com/story/33628802/local-man-says-insurance-claim-denied-city-wont-help-after-flooding-damages-home>

Thanks,
Gizelle



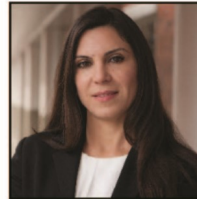
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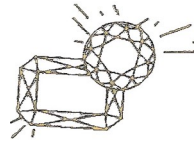
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