



Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

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December 31, 2017

Finding in the Temple



Next Sunday

The Great Epiphany Feast

Tit 2:11-3:7 (Transformation of Life)

Lk 3:15-22 (The Baptism of Jesus)

Your Gifts To God

Offering Report for December 17th - 24th

Online.....\$695.00

Collection.....\$1,838.00

Weekly Total.....\$2,533.00

YTD Total.....\$98,824.00

YTD Goal.....\$95,992.00

YTD Difference.....**\$2,832.00**

Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, December 31st, 10:30 am

Patrik Petras

Monday, January 1

Available

Tuesday, January 2nd

Available

Wednesday, January 3rd

Available

Thursday, January 4th

Available

Friday, January 5th

Available

Saturday, January 6th

Available

Sunday, January 7th

Available

Adoration/Exposition every Sunday at 9:30 am before the morning Liturgy.

Confession every Sunday at 9:45 am before the morning Liturgy.

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

Altar Sponsorship

Sunday, December 31st

Private

Sunday, January 7th

Redmond Family

Parish Events

Parish Council

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Nadia Redmond
Mitch Siekmann
Laif Waldron

Ex Officio
+Deacon Tony
+Deacon Wadih

+Finance
Committee

New Year Schedule

- ♦ Finding in the Temple –
Sunday, December 31, 10:30am
- ♦ Feast of the Circumcision –
Sunday, January 1, 10:30am

SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM:

"To all parents who have children and youth in Sunday School, Music Ministry, and MYO: All Catholic parishes are required to provide annual training to all our children and youth that participate in our programs. I have been trained in the Call-to-Protect program and as before, I will be providing the training to our children and youth on the following dates:

MYO- *NEW DATE* Sunday, January 7, 2018 @9:15am

Please contact me if you would like to see the Call-to-Protect curriculum for children and youth.

Appreciate your understanding and support,
Nadia Redmond [503-671-0440](tel:503-671-0440)"

YEAR END GIVING

In order for us to reach our financial goal for the year, we need to ensure we receive outstanding pledges toward the match, but also receive the giving some of you have explained would be made by the end of the year.

In addition, parishes normally remind parishioners around this time that should God have given you a windfall this year and you were to donate of that to help the church this gift

Community Events



Maronite Vigil For Life & March For Life 2018



Join us as we pray, march and send a peaceful message to the world!!
ALL LIFE IS SACRED and WORTHY OF RESPECT !!!

The Office of Family and Sanctity of Life of the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn is pleased to host the Fifth Maronite Vigil For Life on Thursday January 18, 2018 at Our Lady Of Lebanon Maronite Church in Washington DC.

All Maronite parishes are invited to join us for an evening of prayer, worship and fun. Please arrive around 6 pm. Our evening will include dinner, Eucharistic Adoration, music, fellowship and movie. For those who want to attend the Vigil For Life at the National Shrine at 5:30pm, you are welcome to join us after.

Bring your sleeping bags.

On Friday January 19, 2018, we will have Maronite Divine Liturgy at 8:30am followed by breakfast, then we will meet at 11:00 am at the Starbucks at the corner of Indiana Ave. and 7th St. at 11:00am to join the March For Life.

Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Church

7142 Alaska Avenue N.W. Washington D.C. 20012

Sponsored by
Office of Family and Sanctity of Life
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sanctityoflife@live.com

Please RSVP with number of people
attending by no later than Monday
January 15
Contact Simona Hallal
540-798-8450
jhallal@verizon.net

Free will donation of \$20 per person to
cover the cost of the meals



Reflection

The Finding in the Temple

Lk 2:41-52

In the Gospel of Luke we read of the 12 year old Jesus being taken to Jerusalem for the Passover. Once the feast was over Joseph and Mary were returning home, “thinking Jesus was with their caravan of Galilean pilgrims.” Joseph and Mary returned to Jerusalem to look for Jesus and found him, three days later, in the temple, “sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions” (2:46).

In his commentary on St. Luke, St. Ambrose notes that the finding of Jesus in the temple prefigures his resurrection. Just as the confusion and fear Mary and Joseph experienced for the three days their son was missing gave way to joy at his finding, so the confusion and fear which the apostles experienced on Good Friday gave way to joy when he rose from death three days later.

In this mystery we see Jesus instructing his parents on how their role as parents needs to be subordinated to his Heavenly Father's will. This mystery challenges us to review our earthly relationships to see whether we are guilty of placing them before the will of God. Our Lord warns us, “He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me” (Matthew 10:37).



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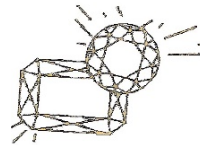
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