



Our Parish

Sunday of the Annunciation to Mary

Sunday 13th November 2022

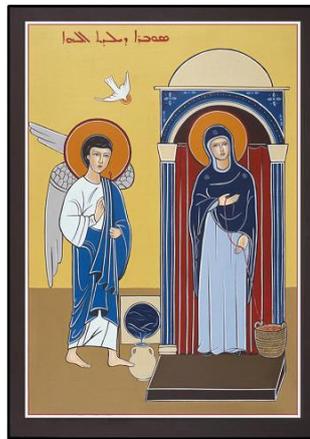
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The Gospel

Luke 1: 26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

Season of the Birth of Our Lord



Next Sunday
Visitation to
Elizabeth
Epistle
Eph 1: 1-14
Gospel
Luke 1: 39-45



الإنجيل

لو ١: ٢٦-٣٨

وفي الشهر السادس (بعد بشارة زكريا)، أُرْسِلَ الْمَلَكُ جِبْرَائِيلُ مِنْ عِنْدِ اللَّهِ إِلَى مَدِينَةِ فِي الْجَلِيلِ أَسْمُهَا النَّاصِرَةَ، إِلَى عَذْرَاءٍ مَخْطُوبَةٍ لِرَجُلٍ مِنْ بَيْتِ دَاوُدَ أَسْمُهُ يُوسُفُ، وَأَسْمُ الْعَذْرَاءِ مَرْيَمَ. وَلَمَّا دَخَلَ الْمَلَكُ إِلَيْهَا قَالَ: «السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكِ، يَا مَمْلُوءَةٌ نِعْمَةً، أَلَرَّبُّ مَعَكِ!». فَاضْطَرَبَتْ مَرْيَمَ لِكَلَامِهِ، وَأَخَذَتْ تُفَكِّرُ مَا عَسَى أَنْ يَكُونَ هَذَا السَّلَامُ! فَقَالَ لَهَا الْمَلَكُ: «لَا تَخَافِي، يَا مَرْيَمَ، لِأَنَّكِ وَجَدْتِ نِعْمَةً عِنْدَ اللَّهِ. وَهَا أَنْتِ تَحْمِلِينَ، وَتَلِدِينَ ابْنًا، وَتُسَمِّيَنَّهُ يُسُوعَ. وَهُوَ يَكُونُ عَظِيمًا، وَأَبْنَى الْعَلِيِّ يُدْعَى، وَيُعْطِيهِ الرَّبُّ الْإِلَهُ عَرْشَ دَاوُدَ أَبِيهِ، فَيَمْلِكُ عَلَى بَيْتِ يَعْقُوبَ إِلَى الْأَبَدِ، وَلَا يَكُونُ لِمَلِكِهِ نِهَآيَةٌ!». فَقَالَتْ مَرْيَمَ لِلْمَلَكِ: «كَيْفَ يَكُونُ هَذَا، وَأَنَا لَا أَعْرِفُ رَجُلًا؟». فَأَجَابَ الْمَلَكُ وَقَالَ لَهَا: «الرُّوحُ الْقُدُسُ يَحِلُّ عَلَيْكِ، وَقُدْرَةُ الْعَلِيِّ تَنْظِلُكَ، وَلِذَلِكَ فَالْقُدُوسُ الْمَوْلُودُ مِنْكِ يُدْعَى ابْنَى اللَّهِ! وَهَا إِنَّ الْإِصْبَابَاتِ نَسَبَتِكَ، قَدْ حَمَلَتْ هِيَ أَيْضًا بَابْنٍ فِي شَيْخُوخَتِهَا. وَهَذَا هُوَ الشَّهْرُ السَّادِسُ لِنَيْتِكَ الَّتِي تُدْعَى عَاقِرًا، لِأَنَّهُ لَيْسَ عَلَى اللَّهِ أَمْرٌ مُسْتَحِيلٌ!». فَقَالَتْ مَرْيَمَ: «هَآ أَنَا أَمَةٌ الرَّبِّ، فَلْيَكُنْ لِي بِحَسَبِ قَوْلِكَ!». وَأَنْصَرَفَ مِنْ عِنْدِهَا الْمَلَكُ.

Divine Liturgy and Services

Sundays: 9:00am (Arabic), 11:00am (Arabic/English), 6:00pm (English)

Mondays and Tuesdays: 9:00am Wednesdays – Saturdays: 6:00pm

Confessions: By Appointment Sick Visits: Contact Clergy or the Parish Office (contact details below)

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Bishop's Message Year of Hope Announcement to Zechariah



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Maronite Church invites us on this Sunday to reflect on the Announcement to the Virgin Mary by the Angel Gabriel in preparation for the Glorious Birth of Our Lord.

Mary, the young girl from Nazareth, first welcomed the Word of God into her heart, before being called to conceive the Word in her flesh. No person in history has ever been, like Mary, full of grace with a welcoming innocence of the heart and a pure obedience to God. Therefore, when the Angel Gabriel announces to her the overwhelming message, Mary makes herself completely available: "Let it be with me according to your Word." (Luke 1:38) This Fiat, this yes of Mary, enables us all to become children of God. Thus, the Virgin becomes fruitful, Mary the Woman becomes pregnant with the Word and she gives birth to Him as her own Son and as the only Son of the Father.

The greatness of Mary is in this "yes", this adhesion of all her freedom, of all her being, to the Word of God. This is her unique role in the history of our faith.

As Mary was called, this is also our calling as children of God by our Baptism, to also say like she did, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord". Remember, Mary had just heard that her whole life would soon turn upside down; yet she accepted and allowed her life to be shaped by God's word to her.

We are all called to welcome and give birth to the Word in our existence to announce it to the world. Let us offer ourselves fully to God as Mary did, and may she, our Immaculate Mother, obtain for us the grace to bring Jesus to our world which is in great need of love.

I wish you a Blessed Sunday!

+ Antoine-Charbel Tarabay

كلمة الحياة غذاءً للنفوس

في هذا النص المأخوذ من إنجيل لوقا، نتأمل كيف أن الملاك دخل إلى بيت العذراء مريم، سلم عليها بطريفة جعلت مريم تسأل: "ما عساه أن يكون ذلك السلام؟" ... فما هي عناصر ذلك السلام؟



- يا مملوءة نعمة: الممتلئ من النعمة هو الذي لا يبحث عن ما عليه أن يعمل ليرضي الله مثل المؤمنين بالشرعية! الممتلئ نعمة هو المؤمن

بالوعد الذي يفتح قلبه لحضور الله، ويقبل أن يمتلئ قلبه من حب الله.

- الرب معك: عندما يسلك الإنسان في أعمال الشرعية، يعمل جاهداً لينتبت أنه مع الله... أما من يؤمن بالوعد، يثق بأن الله أمين لوعده، وبأنه سيكون معه إلى الأبد.

لذلك فالمؤمن بالوعد هو مملوء نعمة، الرب معه، ومبارك بين جميع سكان الأرض. فالمؤمن بالوعد هو من نسل إبراهيم، والذي هو من نسل إبراهيم يفتح قلبه لنعمة الرب، يؤمن بأن الرب أمين لوعده بالخالص، يحيا في البركة... هكذا عاشت مريم، ابنة الوعد، نسل إبراهيم، وهكذا تقدمها الكنيسة لنا: مثالا للمؤمنين وقُدوة في عيش الإيمان. صلاتها معنا. آمين.

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Reflection of the Week "Announcement to Mary"

Last Sunday Gospel, we were invited with Zechariah, to rekindle our heart's desires, for our yearnings will be answered. In this Sunday's Gospel we read about God's deepest yearning – to be intimately close to us.

Mary is asked to allow God to enter her life in a most radical way. To enflesh God who desires to be born among us, walk with us, and know us on a human level. Mary wonderfully says yes to this claim upon her whole being. Do we?

God wants to be part not just of Mary's life, but part of the lives of each and every one of us. God wants to be close with us, intimately, lovingly, and committedly.

To say yes to God in our lives means we need to put aside our many distractions and allow ourselves to turn to God, to listen to the One who loves us. It will mean our lives become one with God, directed to God's will. A life that we discover is graced and blessed every moment, if we only just stopped to notice.

God wants to be here, right now with us, face to face. God is in our very being, loving us.

As Mary recognised and welcomed God into her everyday life, may we also, day by day, walk hand in hand with God.

Amen

Sr Margaret Ghosn mshf

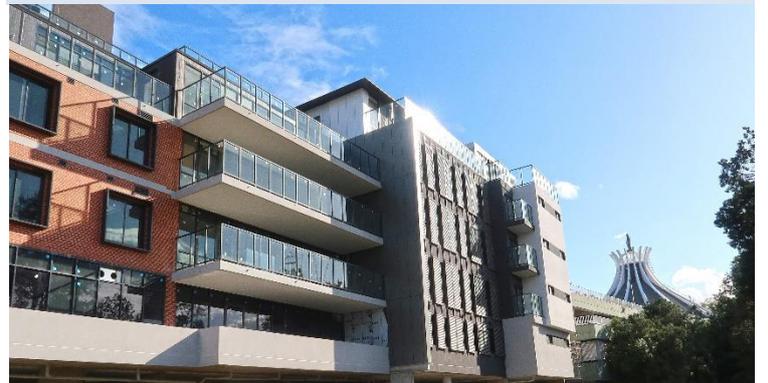
Proposed Opening of the New Aged Care Home and Arrangements for Wait-Listed People

It is with great joy that our Maronite Eparchy and Our Lady Aged Care Centre (OLACC), will officially welcome the opening of a brand new aged care home in April 2023. The home will be known as *Our Lady Mercy Place Harris Park*. The Facility will be managed by well-respected national health and aged care provider, Mercy Health. The home, which many will have seen evolve during construction, is located adjacent to Our Lady of Lebanon Co-Cathedral, at 128A Alfred Street, Harris Park.

The home will offer a fresh approach to residential aged care and facilities for dementia, in addition to a day-care and wellness centre for the elderly, employing Mercy Health's own style of balancing care for each person's individual needs.

Mercy Health will contact anyone who has already expressed interest and whose names are on the waiting list. Anyone else who is interested please contact Mercy Health direct at mercyhealth.com.au, by searching *Our Lady Mercy Place Harris Park* or by phone on (02) 6022 5800.

Mercy Health is also recruiting staff across all roles. If you or someone you know shares a strong calling to deliver healthy ageing for our community, contact Mercy Health also on the details above.



Parish News and Upcoming Events

Carols by Candlelight

Saturday 17th December 2022

SAVE THE DATE
MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW

ST GEORGE MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH, THORNLEIGH

CAROLS BY CANDELIGHT

SATURDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2022

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

We are seeking potential sponsors to assist in hosting our Carols by Candlelight. With the support of our sponsors, we hope to cover the expenses in order for the event to operate.

PLATINUM
\$4,000

- Banner display at the event
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- Advertising in the event booklet provided
- Advertising in the Parish Newsletter and Social Media
- Business recognition on the evening

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\$2,500

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- Advertising in the Parish Newsletter and Social Media
- Business recognition on the evening

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\$500

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Belinda Srour 0416 012 603

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- ✓ 14th December
- ✓ Meet at St George Church at 4:45pm
- ✓ Strictly 18+
- ✓ Contact Natalie 0406654295 or Ann-Marie 0420309677

Sodality of the Immaculate Conception welcomes new members - any ages!

NOW COMMENCING IN ENGLISH.

For more information, please contact Deacon Nagi or Josephine Zeaiter

Deacon Nagi will be on leave from Monday 21st November 2022 until 8th January 2023.

Memorial Masses

نوايا القداست

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Congratulations to the newly Baptised: Melissa Merhi



Weekly Teens Gathering

Every Wednesday (during School Term)
for Teens 13 - 18 Years
Commencing 7:00pm



WORLD YOUTH DAY LISBON 2023
Australian Maronite Eparchy Group
HOLY LAND & PORTUGAL - 22 DAYS
21 July - 10 August - Cost \$7,500
LEBANON (Optional) Mission Work - 8 DAYS
11 - 20 August plus \$1,900
For more see WYD Maronite Eparchy Flyer

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MARONITE YOUTH CONVENTION



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1 DAY NO ACCOMMODATION: \$80
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Parish Financial Updates

Parish Income (fortnight 14/10/2022 – 27/11/2022)
TBA

Parish Operations Account
\$84,497.50

Parish Loan Balance
\$562,265.76

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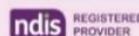


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