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### **Rectory open:**

From Monday to Saturday  
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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### **AVAILABLE**

Tuesday and Thursday  
Without appointment from  
11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



EPARCHIE SAINT MARON  
CANADA

## **Our Lady of Peace Parish Maronite Catholic Church**

رعيّة سيّدة السلام - كالغاري  
كنيسة كاثوليكيّة مارونيّة



Weekly Bulletin

January 20, 2019

### **“Testimony of the first disciples”**

**“الأحد الثاني بعد الدنج: إعلان سرّ المسيح للرسل”**



### **MASSES & CELEBRATIONS**

**SUNDAYS – 11:30 a.m.**

**Daily Mass (Monday, Wednesday and Friday)  
at 6:30 p.m.**

**BLESSED SACRAMENT ADORATION  
EVERY 1<sup>st</sup> FRIDAY 7:00 – 8:00 P.M.**

### **CONFESSIONS**

**45 minutes before each mass**

**In case of emergency, contact the priest.**

### **VISITING THE SICK**

**If you, or someone you know is ill, please contact the  
Priest and he will arrange to visit the sick.**

### **BAPTISMS**

**Please contact the Priest at least *two weeks* prior  
to the baptism date.**

### **MARRIAGES**

**Please contact the Priest a *minimum of four months*  
in advance of the desired date of marriage.**

**OUR LADY OF PEACE**  
**MARONITE CATHOLIC PARISH OF CALGARY**

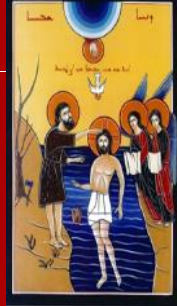
**DONATIONS SUMMARY (JANUARY 13, 2019)**  
**“FIRST EPIPHANY SUNDAY”**

**COLLECTION: TBA**



## **تفسير أيقونة "كتاب ميلاد الرب"**

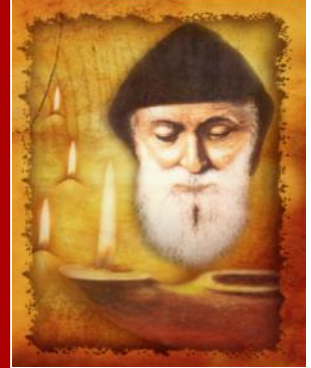
أيقونة الإشراق هذه، عناصرها موجودة في معظم أيقونات الدنح لدى كل التقاليد الإيقونوغرافية. العنصر الثالوثي، الأب بظهور اليد (خيروفانيا)، رمز للخالق ولصوته الذي سمعناه ولم نره إلا بصورة الابن المتجسد، المعتمد في الأردن على يد سابقه وصايغته. الروح بشكل حمامة تنحدر من الأعلى، فوق رأس الابن. الملائكة هرعوا حاملين المناديل لتثفيف الجمر المعتمدة والتي يرمز لها بشعلة النار الطافية على المياه. إنها ميزة خاصة بتقليدنا السرياني الماروني، إذ أن جمع النار والماء هو صورة لجمع اللاهوت والناسوت، بشخص ابن الله المتأنس، بكامل ألوهيته وإنسانيته. الأب عبدو بدوي.



## **“SAINT CHARBEL MASS”**

**TUESDAY, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019**  
**Arabic - English Mass**  
**at 6:30 p.m.**

**WITH THE PROCESSION**  
**INSIDE THE CHURCH**  
**WITH THE HOLY EUCHARIST**



## **“ JANUARY 2019 FEASTS ”**

- Day 18:** - Saint Kirillus (Cyril), Patriarch of Alexandria (Egypt)  
- Memorial of the establishment of the chair of Saint Peter.
- Day 19:** Saint Macarius of Alexandria
- Day 20:** Saint Aphtimos the Great
- Day 21:** Saint Sebastian
- Day 22:** - Saint Timothy, disciple of Saint Paul the Apostle  
- Saint Anastasias, a martyr.
- Day 23:** Saint Sergius the first, a pope.
- Day 24:** Saint Francis of Sales
- Day 25:** Memorial of the conversion of Saint Paul & his baptism
- Day 26:** Saint Agnes, a virgin
- Day 27:** Saint Paula, the widow

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## “TESTIMONY OF THE FIRST DISCIPLES ”

"Come and you'll see." Jesus uses the same words to call all his disciples. It is Christ who calls and it is up to man to answer. None of the disciples are alike. They come from all walks of life and all have different personalities and talents. Jesus chooses his disciples from among sinners, even the most hardened. Christ looks beyond sin.

He sees the potential of the person and raises him to the highest level by inviting him to be his disciple. He could have chosen men who were more holy or smarter. He read in their hearts and he saw their generous spirit eager to know and live the truth.

"And they stayed with him". The decision made freely to follow Christ is the greatest moment in the life of the disciple. The Christian who understands his purpose in life knows that true happiness is found by saying 'yes' to Christ. Yet it is never easy, because Christ asks for unconditional commitment and this implies three virtues:

Faith: total faith in Christ even when we do not understand everything.

Humility: to know that without Christ we can do nothing.

Sacrifice: to detach our heart from the world to love Christ without reserve.

## “Pope Francis”

The Holy Father began his sermon from the first reading that the liturgy gives us today from the message of St. John the First, in which he speaks of the spirit of the world. He says: "Everything that is born to God overtakes the world." He refers to daily jihad against the false spirit of the world. That the Spirit of God is sincere. The spirit of the world is the spirit of pride and things that do not have strength or foundation, things that fall. The spirit of the world is "full of air" and deceives because it is the son of a lying father. The Apostle continued to say that the Apostle offers us the path of the realism of the Spirit of God, which is not based on words, but in which the words and deeds correspond. If you have the Spirit of God, you will do good things. John the Apostle speaks of a daily command that "He who does not love his brother when he sees him cannot love God and he does not see him." If you are not able to love what you see, how can you love something you do not see? So your words are just empty words. The pope urged believers in this context on the life of love and said that this person you see and you can touch is a real person, not a fantasy you do not see. If you are not capable of appreciating the love of God, you do not really love God. The spirit of the world, which is a spirit of division, mixed up in the family, community or society, is always divided, divisions grow, followed by hatred and wars ... But St. John also goes further and says: "If anyone says, " I love God, was a liar, "a son of the spirit of the world, which is nothing but a false lie and mere manifestations. So this is a call to think: Do you love God? Let us go in our answer to the comparison to see how we love our brothers and thus how we love God. The first indicator is a question we should all ask ourselves: Do I pray for people? Do I pray for them all for the sake of kindness and hatred, friends and enemies? The second indicator is the question: When I feel envy and jealousy towards people, do I get the desire to wish them evil? This is a sign that you do not like. Thus stopping and not allowing these feelings to grow because they are serious. The daily indicator, which indicates that I do not like the latter, and therefore because I do not like God, is chatter. Let us put this in our hearts and minds clearly: If I am rich, I do not love God because I chattered people. The chatter sounds nice but it destroys the mark that you do not like. When someone stops chattering in his or her life, he becomes close to God, because not to chatter is to protect the neighbor and protect him, but to protect God in the near future.

## **“SUNDAY READINGS”**

**Reading** (*2 Corinthians 4:5 -15*)

**Gospel** (*John 1:35-42*)

**“ Next Sunday, January 27<sup>h</sup>, 2019 “**

**3<sup>NR</sup> SUNDAY OF THE EPIPHANY**

**Reading** (*Galatians 3:23 -29*) - **Gospel** (*John 3:1-16*)

## **“FIRST COMMUNION”**

If your child will be receiving their First Holy Communion this year, please add your name, your child’s name, and your phone number to the **“FORM”** at the back of the church.

## **“ARABIC CLASS ”**

Every SATURDAY from 2:30 p.m. till 4:30 p.m.;;  
Encourage your children from 5 years to 12 to learn our native language

## **“ SUGGESTIONS! ”**

If you have any suggestions to enhance the spiritual, educational, or physical needs of the parish, please let us know. Thank you!

## **“ FAMILY NIGHT “**

You are all invited to gather every Friday at the Church hall. We start by thanking God in the Holy Mass at 6:30 pm

## **WELCOME!**

We welcome all parishioners back for another year of cooperation and prosperity in our Lord, Jesus Christ. Our Lady of Peace pastor and parishioners would like to welcome all visitors and families who are new to the parish family.

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR LADY OF PEACE  
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IN YOUR **WILL**

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