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Announcement to The Virgin Mary



COMPARISON ZECHARIAH'S RESPONSE TO MARY'S

This Sunday's Gospel passage is the announcement to Mary. Her response is very different to Zechariah last week.

The angel comes to a small house in the town of Nazareth, in contrast to the angel's first appearance in the holy sanctuary of the Temple. It serves to show that **God is present everywhere**. The angel comes to an unknown young woman, not only to holy priests, for **God's Good news is for all**.

The angel greets Mary with the words, 'Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you' a special endearment, not reflected in the initial encounter with Zechariah. **Mary's response was perplexing and pondering**, very different from **Zechariah who was terrified and overwhelmed by fear**. From the first words, Mary is open to what lay ahead. She was prepared to listen. When the angel explains the purpose of the visit, Mary does not object but simply asks, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' She is seeking clarification in contrast to Zechariah who doubted, 'How will I know this is so? For I am an old man, and my wife is getting on in years'. Their questions differ, their attitudes differ. **Mary seeks direction** whereas **Zechariah wants proof**. Mary could believe in miracles. Zechariah couldn't. When Mary is told about Elizabeth's pregnancy, she doesn't doubt or question, but accepts this to be so, and rushes to be by her side. Where Zechariah is struck mute, Mary gives voice to God's workings, '**Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word**'. Mary freely chose to be part of God's idea. She accepted and believed God's will was best. It is the women, Mary and Elizabeth, who show the correct response to God.

**May we too learn to listen with open minds and welcoming hearts.
Amen**

CLERGY

Fr. Paul Damien, Pastor
Deacon Chuck VanHeusen
Subdeacon Ronald Foster

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday through Friday
10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

LITURGY:

Saturday: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 10:30 AM

Online Email: (Marie)
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Facebook:

Saint Michael the Archangel
Maronite Catholic Church

*"Make yourself familiar with the
Angels, and behold them frequently
in spirit. Without being
seen, they are present with you."
– St. Francis de Sales*

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*****Announcement to the Virgin Mary*****

Saturday, November 20 - 5:00 PM: Tom Delahunty (Memorial) By Marie Reale Catalana

Sunday, November 21 - 10: 30 AM: Margaret Selover (Memorial) By David Ranieri
 Mary Alice Saieed (Memorial)
 By Joseph and Kathy Kannan, and Mary Alice DeMoli

We Share Special: We-share will match all “New” \$50 reoccurring monthly donations on our site (up to a total of \$1000) St Michael’s on-line giving option at <https://stmichaelsmaronite.weshareonline.org>

Tuesday	Nov. 23	9:00 am	St. Sassine Bishop of Cyzicus	Tom Delahunty (Memorial) By the VanHeusen Family
Wednesday	Nov. 24	9:00 am	St. Catherine Of Alexandria	All Souls In Purgatory By Thanh and Han Vo - Nguyen
Thursday Thanksgiving	Nov. 25	10:30 am	Pope St. Clement	Mary Alice Saieed (Memorial) By Joseph and Kathy Kannan, and Mary Alice DeMoli
Friday	Nov. 26	9:00 am	St. Peter Patriarch of Alexandria	All Souls In Purgatory By Thanh and Han Vo - Nguyen

*****Visitation of the Virgin to Elizabeth*****

Saturday, November 27 - 5:00 PM: John Criste (40 Day Mass) By Rick and Lori Criste
 Gwen Neese (40 Day Mass) By Margaret Grantonic

Sunday, November 28 - 10: 30 AM: All Souls In Purgatory By Thanh and Han Vo - Nguyen

When not listed Fr Jack will offer his Masses for the Donors & Inten ons of the Catholic Extension Society

MASS INTENTIONS / MASS CARDS

Call Parish Office to request Divine Liturgy (Mass) Intention.
 Mass Cards are also available upon request.

READERS

11/21: Annika Nesbitt 11/22: Josh Deason
 11/27: Nels Kinnerup 11/28: Lynn Vaughan
 12/4: Darlene Darling 12/5: Ed Baez

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Announcement to the Virgin Mary
 Gal 3:15-22 / Lk 1:26-38

Visitation of the Virgin to Elizabeth
 Eph 1:1-14 / Lk 1:39-45

Birth of John the Baptist
 Gal 4:21 - 5:1 / Lk 1:57-66



GIFTS OF THANKSGIVING

Make a donation to offer the Incense, Candles and Wine for one month in memory or to honor of someone.

NOVEMBER GIFT OF THANKSGIVING

For the Intentions of the Simon Family
 By Bert Andres

Tithes & Offerings	\$ 880.00
Candles	\$ 54.00
Patriarchal Charities	\$ 359.00
HVAC	\$ 200.00
Special Donation	\$ 525.00

God Bless You for your support!

SUNDAY SOCIAL HOUR HOST SCHEDULE

November 21st	Jessica Guerrera & Emma
November 28th	Mary Louise Barefoot, Lynn Vaughan & Ingrid Franklin
December 5th	Kim Phelan, Betty Gurney & Ed Baez
December 12th	Gabby Parkhurst



***Dates open in the New Year**

**NO RELIGIOUS ED
ADULT DISCUSSION
GROUP THIS WEEK
(Due to Thanksgiving)**

THANKSGIVING POTLUCK

All welcome to join us
Thanksgiving Day in the
Social Hall
Hors D'oeuvres 1:30pm
Dinner to begin at 2pm
POC Marie 988-3499



CONGRATULATIONS
2021 Vocations Contest Winners

Grade 7-9 Essays

1st place - Annika Nesbitt
2nd place - Josh Nichols

Grade 4-6 Posters

3rd place - Michelle Nichols

Grade K -1 Posters

1st place - Joseph Ducote

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Jon Deason, Dawn Hurley, Kathryn Monsour, Oliver Chapman, Lauri



Monsour, Claire Chapman, Braxton VanWy, Greg Goulet, Ishod Nesbitt, Frank Catalana, Joe Monsour, Tom Royse, Charlotte and Nicole Levine, Albert Andres, Jess Guerrero, Chris Cooper, Zach Parkhurst, Colin Kenny, Marie VanHeusen and Ryker VanWy

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Richard and Elizabeth Butcher
Phil and Emma Montaldo
Ton and Sheila Delahunty
Justin and Anne Marie Ducote



**There is
NO ADORATION
This week due to
the Thanksgiving
Holiday!**



Please sign up for the following week Dec. 2nd at the church entrance!

*"To what outrages does Our Lord expose Himself in the Blessed Sacrament that He may remain in the midst of us! He is there to console us, and therefore we ought often to visit Him."
~ The Cure D'Ar*

VOCATIONS CHALICE

11/20: Volunteer
11/21: Vecchio Family
11/28: Volunteer
11/29: Acevedo Family



*The Church needs men & women eager to commit their lives to serving the Church through the priesthood & religious life.

Consider taking the Vocation Chalice into your home for a week.

PRAYER CHAIN

Please contact **Lucy Zahran** at church or call the church office to **join the prayer chain** or with **prayer requests.**



THANKSGIVING FOOD CARDS



The Knights of Columbus are collecting donations for Food Gift Cards.

The Knights purchase \$35.00 cards from Carlie C's IGA.

The cards are distributed among

the needy in the Parish, to Catholic Charities, and to Urban Ministries.

Contact Jon Deason (737-701-7547) or Chris Cooper (910-850-4841) to make a donation.

If you are writing a check make it payable to St Michael Church.

LOOKING FOR A SPECIAL GIFT

The Ladies Guild Gift shop located in the social hall, has many **new items for sale!** Take a minute to stop by and see what we have to offer for your "Christmas" giving!



This year St Michael's Parish is working with the Cumberland County Social Services to provide for **55 children** in the Foster Care Program. Please consider taking an angel! Please record your name and # next to the name of your chosen angel in the book.



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Take a minute following our Sunday Divine
Liturgy to join us in the Social Hall
For some light refreshments, conversation
and to check out our Free CDs.

There's a slot on the rack for those
who want to donate to this ministry!



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St. Michael Maronite Church Children's Christmas Pageant

Friday, December 17th

(following the Christmas Novena at 6:30 PM)

**Open to ALL
children in the
parish!**

Please contact:

Marie VanHeusen at
910.988.3499 *or*

Tresa VanHeusen at
910.988.6620

for more information.



Rehearsal Schedule:

**Saturday, December
4th at 10:00 AM**

**Saturday, December
11th at 10:00 AM**

(Dress Rehearsal)

***Flyers with sign-up available at church entrance!**

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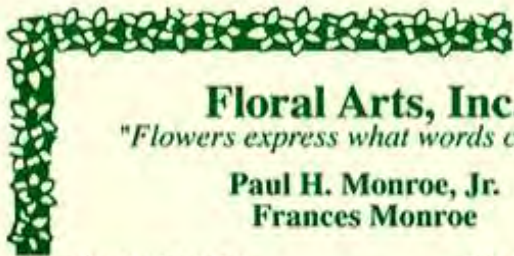
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ATTENTION ALL LADIES OF THE PARISH!

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE
ST. MICHAEL'S LADIES GUILD
CHRISTMAS PARTY

FRIDAY, DEC. 3RD
6:30 P.M.
IN THE CHURCH SOCIAL HALL

**Feel free to dress in holiday
attire or even your ugly
Christmas sweater!**



WINE AND HORS D'OEUVRES
WILL BE SERVED