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ST. BASIL THE GREAT MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

Genealogy of Christ

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Baptisms: Please arrange with the pastor.

Marriages: a notice of at least 6 months should be given to the pastor, before the proposed wedding date to arrange for the required interview and instructions.

Troparion of the Resurrection (4th Tone)

The women disciples of the Lord heard from the angel the joyful news of the resurrection, and casting away the ancestral sentence, they announced with pride to the apostles: death is vanquished, Christ God is risen and has bestowed great mercy upon the world.

Troparion of the Forefathers (2nd Tone)

Faith can accomplish great things. Through it, the Three Holy Children rejoice in the flame as if they had been in refreshing water, and Daniel in the midst of lions is like a shepherd among sheep. Through their intercession, O Christ God, save our souls.

Troparion of St Basil

Your voice has sounded all over the earth, that accepted your preaching. You gave a divine explanation of doctrine, and made clear the nature of creatures, and set a rule of life for men. Holy Father, and Kingly Priest, intercede with Christ God to grant us great mercy.

Kondakion of the Preparation of the Nativity of our Lord

Today the Virgin is on her way to the cave where she will give birth in a manner beyond understanding to the Word who is, in all eternity. Rejoice, therefore, universe, when you hear it heralded: with the angles and the shepherds, glorify Him who chose to be seen as a new-born Babe, while remaining God in all eternity.

Hirmos

It is truly right to call you blessed, O Theotokos, You are ever-blessed and all blameless, and the Mother of our God. Higher in honor than the Cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim, You gave birth to God the Word in virginity, You are truly Mother of God. You do we exalt.

Epistle of the Divine Liturgy

Daniel 3:26,27 (Tone 4)

Blessed are you, O Lord, God of our ancestors, and worthy of praise; and glorious is your name for ever!
Stichon: For you are just in all you have done; all your works are true and your ways right. (NRSV)

Hebrews 11:9-10,32-40 (of the season)

Brothers and sisters, by faith Abraham stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has

نشيد القيامة باللحن الرابع

إن تلميذات الرب. عرفن من الملاك. بُشِّرَ القيامة البهيجة. وإلغاء القضاء على الجدين. فقلن للرسل مُفْتَخِرَات: لقد سلب الموت. ونهض المسيح الإله. واهباً للعالم عظيم الرحمة.

طروبارية أحد النسبة باللحن الثاني

ما أعظم مفاعيل الإيمان الباهرة. فبه كان الثالثة الفتية القد يسون ينتهجون في ينبوع اللهب كأنهم على ماء الراحة. والني دانيال بات يرعى الأسود كالغنم. فينبضرتهم أيها المسيح الإله، خلص نفوسنا.

طروبارية القديس باسيليوس

لقد ذاع منطقك في كل الأرض. فانها قد قبلت كلامك، الذي به بينت العقائد بياناً إلهياً، وأوضحت طبيعة الكائنات، ونظمت أخلاق البشر. فيا أيها الأب البار ذو الكهنوت الملوكي، إبتهل إلى المسيح الإله في خلاص نفوسنا.

قتدائق تقدمة ميلاد ربنا يسوع المسيح

اليوم العذراء تأتي الى المغارة، لتلد الكلمة الكائن قبل الدهور، ولادة يُعْجَزُ بيانها. فأطربي ابنتها المسكونة إذا سمعت، ومجدي مع الملائكة والرعاة، من شاء ان يظهر طفلاً جديداً. وهو الاله الذي قبل الدهور.

النشيد لوالدة الإله

إنه واجب حقاً أن نَعْبُدَ، يا والدة الإله، الدائمة الغبطة، والمُزَهَّجة عن كل عيب، وأُمُّ إلهنا يا من هي أكرم من الشروبيم، وأمجد بلا قياس من السرافيم، يا من ولدت الله الكلمة وَلَبِثَتْ بتولاً، إنكِ حقاً والدة الإله. أياك نَعْبُدُ.

رسالة الليتارجيا الإلهية

دانيال ٣ : ٢٦ و ٢٧ (لحن ٤)

مبارك أنت أيها الرب إله آبائنا، ومُسَبِّحٌ وممجَّد اسمك إلى الدهور
ستبخون: لأنك عادل في جميع ما صنعت بنا، وأعمالك كلها صدق وظرفك استقامة

رسالة إلى العبرانيين ١١ : ٩ - ١٠ و ٣٢ - ٤٠

يا إخوة، بالإيمان نزل إبراهيم في أرض الميعاد نُزُلُوهُ في بلاد غريبة، وسكن في أخبية مع اسحق ويعقوب الوارثين معه للموعد نفسه، لأنه كان ينتظر المدينة ذات الأسس، التي الله صانعها وبارئها، وماذا أقول





Our church organizations:

MAYA: organization of Melkite Catholics ages 18 – 26 (and at least 1 year out of high school) under patronage of our bishop, the Most Reverend Nicholas Samra.

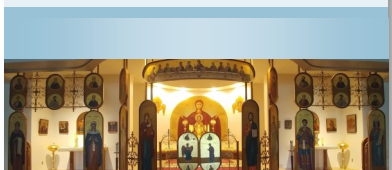
<https://melkite.org/maya>

MYO: Provides a common forum for all the young people of St. Basil's Church, and that the Organization initiate, coordinate, and direct religious, social, educational, and humanitarian programs designed to promote the involvement of its membership in the Christian Faith and the Melkite tradition.

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NAMW: Promotes and supports vocations to the priesthood and religious life in the United States.

<https://melkite.org/namw>



foundations, whose architect and builder is God. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, without us, be made perfect. (NRSV)

Psalms 44:1,34:17 (Tone 4)

We have heard with our ears, O God, our ancestors have told us, what deeds you performed in their days, in the days of old.

Stichon: When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears, and rescues them from all their troubles. (NRSV)

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 1:1-25 (of the season)

An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, and Aram the father of Aminadab, and Aminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of King David. And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon. And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Salathiel, and Salathiel the father of Zerubbabel, and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called the Messiah. So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah, fourteen generations. Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.' When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus. (NRSV)

أَيْضاً؟ إِنَّهُ بَضِيقُ يَوْمِ الْوَقْتِ إِنْ أَخْبَرْتُ عَنْ جَدْعُونَ وَبَارَاقَ وَشَمْشُونَ، وَتَفْتَاخَ وَدَاوُدَ وَصَمُونِيلَ وَالْأَنْبِيَاءَ، الَّذِينَ بِالْإِيمَانِ قَهَرُوا الْمَمَالِكَ وَغَمَلُوا الْبَرَّ، وَنَالُوا الْمَوَاعِدَ وَسَدُّوا أَفْوَاهَ الْأُسُودِ، وَأَطْفَأُوا قُوَّةَ النَّارِ وَنَجَّوْا مِنْ حَذِّ السَّيْفِ، وَتَقَوَّوْا مِنْ ضَعْفٍ وَصَارُوا أَشَدَّاءَ فِي الْقِتَالِ، وَكَسَرُوا مَعْسَكَاتِ الْأَجَانِبِ، وَاسْتَرَجَعَتْ نِسَاءً أَمْوَاتَهُنَّ بِالْقِيَامَةِ. وَآخَرُونَ قَدْ غُدَّبُوا بِتَوْتِيرِ الْأَعْضَاءِ وَالضَّرْبِ، وَلَمْ يَقْبَلُوا النِّجَاةَ لِيَحْضَلُوا عَلَى قِيَامَةٍ أَفْضَلَ. وَآخَرُونَ قَدْ ذَاقُوا الْهَزْءَ وَالسَّيَاطِ وَالْقَبْوَذَ أَيْضاً وَالشَّجْنَ. رُجِمُوا، نُثِرُوا، امْتُجِنُوا، مَاتُوا بِحَذِّ السَّيْفِ، سَاحُوا فِي جُلُودِ الْغَنَمِ وَالْقَمَرِ، مُعَوِّزِينَ، مُضَايِقِينَ، مَجْهُودِينَ، وَلَمْ يَكُنِ الْعَالَمُ مُسْتَجِيقاً لَهُمْ، تَاهَتِهِنَّ فِي الْبَرَارِيِّ وَالْجِبَالِ وَالْمَعَاوِرِ وَكُهُوفِ الْأَرْضِ. فَهَؤُلَاءِ كُلُّهُمْ الْمَشْهُودُ لَهُمْ بِالْإِيمَانِ لَمْ يَنَالُوا الْمَوْعِدَ، لِأَنَّ اللَّهَ قَدْ سَبَقَ فَنَظَرَ لَنَا شَيْئاً أَفْضَلَ، لِكَيْ لَا يُكْمَلُوا بِمَعَزِلٍ عَنَّا.

المزامير ٤٤: ١ و ٣٤: ١٧ (لحن ٤)

أَلْهَمَّ بِأَذَانِنَا قَدْ سَمِعْنَا، وَأَبَاؤُنَا أَخْبَرُونَا بِالْعَمَلِ الَّذِي عَمِلْتَهُ فِي أَيَّامِهِمْ، فِي الْأَيَّامِ الْقَدِيمَةِ

سَتِيخُون: الصَّادِقُونَ صَرَخُوا وَالرَّبُّ اسْتَمَعَ لَهُمْ، وَمِنْ جَمِيعِ مُضَايِقِهِمْ نَجَّاهُمْ

إنجيل الليتارجيا الإلهية

مَتَّى ١: ١ - ٢٥

كِتَابُ مِيلَادِ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ ابْنِ دَاوُدَ ابْنِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ. * فإِبْرَاهِيمُ وَلَدَ إِسْحَقَ. وَإِسْحَقُ وَلَدَ يَعْقُوبَ. وَيَعْقُوبُ وَلَدَ يَهُوذَا وَآخُوئِهِ. * وَيَهُوذَا وَلَدَ فَارَظَ وَزَارَخَ مِنْ تَامَارَ. وَفَارَظَ وَلَدَ خَصْرُونَ. وَخَصْرُونَ وَلَدَ أَرَامَ * وَأَرَامَ وَلَدَ عَمِينَادَابَ. وَعَمِينَادَابُ وَلَدَ نَحْشُونَ. وَنَحْشُونَ وَلَدَ سَلْمُونِ * وَسَلْمُونُ وَلَدَ بُوْعَزَ مِنْ رَحَابَ. وَبُوْعَزُ وَلَدَ عُوبِيدَ مِنْ رَاعُوتَ. وَعُوبِيدُ وَلَدَ يَسَّى. * وَيَسَّى وَلَدَ دَاوُدَ الْمَلِكِ وَدَاوُدُ الْمَلِكُ وَلَدَ سُلَيْمَانَ مِنَ الْبَتُولَةِ كَانَتْ لَأُورِيَّا. * وَسُلَيْمَانُ وَلَدَ رَحْبَعَامَ. وَرَحْبَعَامُ وَلَدَ أَبِيَّا. وَأَبِيَّا وَلَدَ آسَا * وَآسَا وَلَدَ يُوشَافَاظَ. وَيُوشَافَاظُ وَلَدَ يُورَامَ. وَيُورَامُ وَلَدَ عُزْرِيَّا. * وَعُزْرِيَّا وَلَدَ يُوثَامَ. وَيُوثَامُ وَلَدَ أَحَازَ. وَأَحَازُ وَلَدَ جَرْقِيَّا * وَجَرْقِيَّا وَلَدَ مَنَسَّى. وَمَنَسَّى وَلَدَ أَمُونَ. وَأَمُونُ وَلَدَ يُوشِيَّا * وَيُوشِيَّا وَلَدَ يَكْنِيَا وَآخُوئِهِ فِي جَلَاءِ بَابِلَ * وَمِنْ بَعْدِ جَلَاءِ بَابِلَ يَكْنِيَا وَلَدَ شَالْتِيئِيلَ. وَشَالْتِيئِيلُ وَلَدَ زَرْبَابِيلَ * وَزَرْبَابِيلُ وَلَدَ أَبِيهُودَ. وَأَبِيهُودُ وَلَدَ أَلْيَاقِيمَ. وَأَلْيَاقِيمُ وَلَدَ عَازُورَ * وَعَازُورُ وَلَدَ صَادُوقَ. وَصَادُوقُ وَلَدَ أَكِيمَ. وَأَكِيمُ وَلَدَ أَلْيَهُودَ * وَأَلْيَهُودُ وَلَدَ أَلْعَازَرَ. وَأَلْعَازَرُ وَلَدَ مَتَّانَ. وَمَتَّانُ وَلَدَ يَعْقُوبَ. * وَيَعْقُوبُ وَلَدَ يَوْسُفَ رَجُلَ مَرْيَمَ. الَّتِي مِنْهَا وَلَدَ يَسُوعُ الَّذِي يُدْعَى الْمَسِيحَ * فَكُلُّ الْأَجْيَالِ مِنْ إِبْرَاهِيمَ إِلَى دَاوُدَ أَرْبَعَةَ عَشَرَ جَيْلًا. وَمِنْ دَاوُدَ إِلَى جَلَاءِ بَابِلَ أَرْبَعَةَ عَشَرَ جَيْلًا. وَمِنْ جَلَاءِ بَابِلَ إِلَى الْمَسِيحِ أَرْبَعَةَ عَشَرَ جَيْلًا * أَمَّا مَوْلِدُ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ فَكَانَ هَكَذَا. لَمَّا خُطِبَتِ مَرْيَمُ أُمُّهُ لِيُوسُفَ وَجَدَتْ مِنْ قَبْلِ أَنْ يَسْكُنَا مَعًا حُبْلَى مِنَ الرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ * وَإِذْ كَانَ يَوْسُفُ رَجُلًا صَدِيقًا وَلَمْ يَرِدْ أَنْ يَشْهَرَهَا. عَزَمَ عَلَى تَخْلِيَّتِهَا سِرًّا. * وَفِيمَا هُوَ يَتَفَكَّرُ فِي ذَلِكَ إِذَا بِمَلَائِكَةِ الرَّبِّ قَدْ تَرَاءَى لَهُ فِي الْحُلُمِ قَائِلًا: يَا يَوْسُفُ ابْنَ دَاوُدَ. لَا تَخَفْ أَنْ تَأْخُذَ أَمْرَاتِكَ مَرْيَمَ. فَإِنَّ الْمَوْلُودَ فِيهَا هُوَ مِنَ الرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ * وَسَتَلِدُ أَبْنًا فَتَسَمِيهِ يَسُوعَ. لِأَنَّهُ هُوَ الَّذِي يُخَلِّصُ شَعْبَهُ مِنَ خَطَايَاهُمْ * وَكَانَ هَذَا كُلُّهُ لِيَتِمَّ مَا قَالَ الرَّبُّ بِالنَّبِيِّ الْقَائِلِ: * هَا إِنَّ الْعَذْرَاءَ تَحْبِلُ وَتَلِدُ أَبْنًا وَيُسَمَّى عَمَّاوُئِيلَ. الَّذِي تَرْجُمُهُ اللَّهُ مَعَنَا * فَلَمَّا نَهَضَ يَوْسُفُ مِنَ النَّوْمِ فَعَلَ كَمَا أَمَرَ َ هُوَ مَلَائِكَةُ الرَّبِّ. فَأَخَذَ أَمْرَاتُهَا * وَلَمْ يَعْرِفْهَا حَتَّى وَلَدَتْ أَبْنَةً الْبِكْرَ. فَسَمَّاهُ يَسُوعَ. *



Divine Liturgy Intentions



**TODAY, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, AND SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2020: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT.
SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST. GENEALOGY OF CHRIST.**

4:00p.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

- +JAMES ALLAM (40 Day) by his wife Jacqueline & Family.
- +WILLIAM T. ASERMELY by Dr. & Mrs. Joseph Gaglione & Family
- +JOSEPH HARRAKA by Elias & Barbara Deeb.
- +MARY TAHAN by Joe & Connie Fayan.
- +BARBARA CIMINI by Richard & Rose Marie Costa.
- +ELIZABETH NOURY (21st Anniv.) by her daughters & their Families.
- +FRED KOUSSA (28th Anniv.) by M/M Frederick Koussa.
- +LOUIS & FRANCES SLEMON by Charles & Francine Robat.
- +JOSEPH R., THECLA & JOSEPH E. MARDO by Barbara Mardo.
- +KATHY DIOHEP by Barbara & Joseph Monsour.
- +ANITA & JOSEPH BRULE by the Family.
- +VICTORIA PROCHNIAK by Alberta Mardo.
- +STEVEN KILSEY by his brother Jeffrey Kilsey.
- +WAYNE LACY by Mike Kanakry.
- +JAY PAUL by his parents, Dr. & Mrs. Biswa N. Paul.

11:00a.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

- +LINDA ALKHOULY HADDAD (Memorial Service) by her daughter Yola Haddad and husband Neil Karraz.
- +ALICE SARKAS NASSANEY by Samia Chaij.
- +ALBERT ALBA, SR. by the Alba Family.
- +MICHEL, GEORGE, & AGIB BOUDJOUK by Vicky Boudjouk.
- +MICHEAL ALAM by Najib & Seda Hana.
- +YOUSEF AGHIA by M/M Albert Shabo.
- +FRANCIS A. SAGGAL by Georgette Saggal.
- +GEORGETTE A. SAGGAL by Samir & Hanaa Boudjouk.
- +JEAN LOZE of Venezuela by Craig & Natalia Kishfy & Family.
- +ROBERT D. KING by Eugenie Mashata & Family.
- +RUTH PERRY by Kenneth, Ann, Allyson & Kimberly Sabbagh.
- +JOSEPH P. AZAR, JR. by Marie Robat Valentin.
- +ROSE KHOURY by Dr. Roland & Micheline Ghanem.
- +GEORGE BOUDJOUK by Joe & Yolanda Saggal.
- +YOUSSEF MADOUR by Michael Raheb & Family.
- +DR. YUSUF & BLANCHE MUSSALLI by Kawsar Boudjouk.
- +GEORGE DECKEY by Dr. & Mrs George Jabren & Family.
- +GEORGEANNA DECKEY by Irene Baslon.
- +ELIAS J. KISHFY by Catherine Kando.
- +JULIA & FRED KISHFY by the Family.
- +ALBERT J. KISHFY by Nelly Kishfy.
- +JAY PAUL by his parents, Dr. & Mrs. Biswa N. Paul.
- +HOLY & FORGOTTEN SOULS IN PURGATORY by M/M Joseph Saggal.



Prayer for the dead



O God of all spirits and of all flesh, who have destroyed death, overcome the devil, and given life to the world: grant, O Lord to the souls of your servants, who have departed from this life, that they may rest in a place of light, in a place of happiness, in a place of peace, where there is no pain, no grief, no sighing. And since You are gracious God and Lover of mankind, forgive them every sin they have committed by thought, or word, or deed, for there is not a man who lives and does not sin: You alone are without sin, your righteousness is everlasting, and your word is true.

For You are the Resurrection and the Life, and the Repose of your departed servants, O Christ our God, and we render glory to You, together with your Eternal Father and your All-holy, Good and Life-giving Spirit, now and always and forever and ever. Amen.



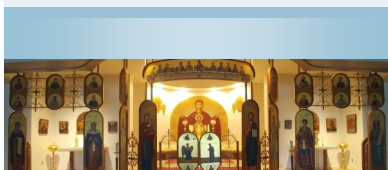


ST. BASIL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

O Jesus, Who has said,
"Ask and you shall
receive, seek and you
shall find, knock and it
shall be opened," through
the intercession of the
Theotokos, Your Most
Holy Mother, I knock, I
seek, I ask that my prayer
be granted.

O Jesus, Who has said,
"All that you ask of the
Father in My Name, He
will grant you," through
the intercession of the
Theotokos Your Most
Holy Mother, I humbly
and urgently ask your
Father in your name that
my prayer will be granted.

O Jesus, Who has said,
"Heaven and earth shall
pass away but My word
shall not pass away,"
through the intercession
of the Theotokos Your
Most Holy Mother, I feel
confident that my prayer
will be granted.



SACRIFICIAL GIVING: December 13, 2020: Budgets: \$3,394.00; Envelopes: \$3,369.00, Loose: \$25.00; Stipends: \$185.00; Candles: \$40.60; Addit'l Fuel: \$55.00; Addit'l Religious Education: \$35.00; Poinsettias: \$135.00; First Penance Donation: \$20.00; Addit'l Melkite Support: \$35.00; Addit'l Cemetery: \$15.00.

Next weekend, Saturday & Sunday, December 26 & 27 there will be a special collection taken up for **MELKITE DIOCESAN SUPPORT**. Your generosity would be greatly appreciated.

On Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, there will be a special collection taken up for your **CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS**. Envelopes for this purpose may be found in your weekly budgets.

Please be advised that the weekly bulletin has not been printed due to the COVID-19 guidelines and restrictions, but presently, information is available online, church Facebook page and on YouTube.

Our thoughts and prayers are directed to our elderly and sick parishioners in this joyous season. We ask the Emmanuel to strengthen your faith so that you may accept His will and may He bring you peace, joy, and health for the coming year.

Please make **CHRISTMAS FIRST & FOREMOST A SPIRITUAL FEAST**: Make your peace with God in the Mystery of Confession. Receive Him in Holy Communion. Begin the New Year reconciled to God and determine to worship Him regularly. May Christmas bring a rebirth of grace to you individually, to your family and to our whole Parish Community. Together may we "grow to the full maturity of Christ" (Ephesians 4:15) during the year.

CHRISTMAS DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE: Due to the Pandemic which we face, we take this opportunity to accommodate and make it possible for as many who are able to attend Liturgy: Thursday, Christmas Eve, December 24th: 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Christmas Day, December 25th: 11:00 a.m.

THE BISHOP'S APPEAL: As we prepare our hearts and our homes to receive the greatest gift in human history--the Nativity of Christ our God----let us not forget our Melkite Church by which Christ comes to our families and loved ones. **Please give a special end-of-year, tax-deductible gift to the Melkite Church** to support all the vital works of our Church in America, and for our suffering brothers and sisters.

Remember the Melkite Church in Your Will: Give the lasting gift of the Melkite Faith to your children's children and help to ensure that our beautiful Melkite heritage continues to flourish for generations to come. Simply add the following statement to your last will and testament: **I hereby bequeath to the Melkite Eparchy of Newton the following sum; \$_____.** Contact Bishop NICHOLAS personally to inform him of your generous bequest: 3 VFW Parkway, West Roxbury, MA 02132.

REFLECTION: He who has a why to live can bear almost any how. (*Friedrich Nietzsche*)

MYSTERIES OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION: The three Mysteries of Baptism, Chrismation and Holy Eucharist are always celebrated together in one ceremony. One month notice is required and one baptismal preparation meeting is required with the pastor.

MYSTERY OF HOLY CONFESSIONS: In one way or another, we have neglected God. None of us have lived a perfect life. No matter what we have done, we can always return home. Available weekly one hour before the Divine Liturgy or by appointment.

MYSTERY OF HOLY CROWNING: Six month notice, an initial meeting with the priest, marriage preparation sessions are required. You must be an active member of the parish.

MYSTERY OF HOLY ANOINTING: Available for anyone who is ill. Please contact Fr. Ephrem.

IN GOOD STANDING: For your Pastor to sign letters of recommendation, family and student school related papers, character reference or any civil document for a registered parishioner, one must be in good standing with the Church, spiritually and giving noticeable TIME, TALENT, & TREASURE on a regular and continuing basis to our parish.

PLEASE NOTE: There is no charge for the celebration of the Holy Mysteries (Sacraments). However, it is appropriate to offer a gift of thanksgiving. Following are the suggested offerings to the Church for parishioners who request pastoral services. Liturgy \$10.00; 40-Day Memorial \$35.00; Baptism \$75.00; Wedding \$300.00; Funeral \$300.00.

Reflections on the Nativity of Christ

The Feast of Nativity is a time of joy and celebration – of much giving – but we need to ask ourselves, what is the true meaning of the Feast? If we look around, Christmas in the world today is heavily commercialized, and how much do we as Orthodox Christians contribute to the cheapening of this great Feast? Today, Christmas is about everything but Christ. To a lot of us, the Feast is just an opportunity to have a jolly good time with mulled wine and sumptuous food. It is important for us to step away from the noise and hear the real significance of this Feast. In the words of Isaiah the glorious Prophet: "...to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government will be upon his shoulder, and his name will be called 'Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace'" (Isaiah 9: 6).

The words of the popular Christmas carol echo a great truth, *"O holy night! The stars are brightly shining, it is the night of our dear Savior's birth. Long lay the world in sin and error pining, 'Til He appear'd and the soul felt its worth..."* It was not until the coming of the Son of God, that man/the soul realized his/its true worth, meaning and significance. The mystery of the Incarnation of Jesus Christ speaks to us of something so deep and impossible, today God who fashions everything, cries and breathes the breath, which at first He gave to man, now as a babe. The coming together of God and man is at the heart of this great mystery, this great Feast. The Fathers of the Church say, "In the glory of the Incarnation, the divine and the worldly are suddenly, triumphantly, united and transformed." This Feast is an opportunity for every believer to behold the Wonderful, and be struck with awe because, "today the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords, rests in a cave."

The Feast of God's Embracing Love: Christmas is a time of coming to terms with God's all embracing and redemptive love for us, in spite of all our failures and betrayals. When we journey to Bethlehem, this redemptive love becomes so visible. The truth is not only that God became man, not just that the eternally begotten second Person of the Holy Trinity took flesh, but in the manger lies not only God, but also *ME*. God took *my* nature for Himself, this is the all embracing and redemptive love. A love that is so beyond description, where me, who am but clay, we, who are but dust are made perfect in Christ.

The Feast of the Greatest Mission: Today is the day of the greatest mission the world has ever seen. In the New Testament you will not find the word "mission" but there are numerous references to God sending his Son, and Jesus sending us. The Nativity Feast proclaims the act of the Father sending His only begotten into the world. The Father does not send Jesus Christ into the world simply to speak, but He sends Jesus Christ to *share* the life of His people. He sends Christ to *give* His life for His people, and to *give new life* to the whole world. Christ shares in the sufferings, the struggles, the hopes and the joys of the people around Him and the Gospels bear witness to that on numerous occasions. We too are sent to give our love and our compassion. St. Paul says that Jesus is sent into the world to "destroy the power of death, and to bring everlasting life to light". And so we are sent in order to challenge the power of death, and to bring life. Our mission is always more than words – our mission is the sharing of life – life that transforms another life.

The Feast of the Greatest Surprise: The greatest thing about Christmas morning is the surprises of the gifts wrapped and placed under the tree. As Charles Swindoll so beautifully put it, "Surprises are woven through the very fabric of all our lives. They await each one of us at unexpected and unpredictable junctures." This Feast is an amazing surprise in that God himself decided to become man. "God comes to us, gives Himself to us, and not only in deed and action. Our very nature is taken up into His, and to our mortal frame is imparted a portion of the divine life."

The Feast of God Descending into Our Reality: The Incarnation is about God becoming man, God descending into the world, but more so He descends into the deeper reality of our hearts – our life. The reality of our weakness. Christ becomes the very center of our life, the source of our energy in the world and the purpose of our life in this world. The sin of



Adam banished him from Paradise and today that exile is banished and man is set free and Christ unites in His Person what is fallen in man and what is perfect in His. Today Eden is opened and the fullness of salvation is made manifest: "salvation enters the world, and the curse is destroyed."

The Feast that Refuses to Compel Us: God has given Himself away so completely that we meet Him in poverty and weakness, with no splendor or glory. The whole of creation "lives by a love that refuses to

bully us or force us or compel us, it is the love of the cradle and the cross." Christ is the "the fire in the equations" that sustain everything. We live in a world where power is everything, in fact we are so obsessed with power that as Christians we have failed to see the two most vivid images of love – that of the helpless babe in the manger and the dying man on the cross. God empties Himself in the manger and the cross. He gives away all that He is to restore mankind. We live in Him, from Him, and through Him. God never held back His love, instead extended it unconditionally to man. "The eternal God, utterly unknowable, unfathomable, incomprehensible in His innermost being, deigned to enter into the sphere of our daily life, to assume the burdens and suffering of people like ourselves, He did so for one purpose only: to rescue us from the consequences of our sinful rebellion against the Author of Life, and to raise us up from death and corruption."

Conclusion

St. Ephrem the Syrian writes, "The Lord of David and Son of David hid His glory in swaddling clothes. His swaddling clothes gave a robe of glory to human beings." The Son of God is a gift to mankind, and He take up residence in the world. "This dwelling in the midst of Creation, as a part of it, makes God the Son close to, and available to, the surrounding creatures in a way that was not possible before. The presence of the Son here is a "personal" one that involves Him as a complete whole." Exchanging gifts has become a universal Christmas tradition. I leave you with a question – "What is the best Christmas gift you can give another person?" For what God has given to us, what do we have to give back to Him and to His world?

I personally think the best gift we can give another person is ourselves. I am sure that I will not win many friends by such a statement, what I mean is love and genuine relationship. "The best gift is the gift of self, because in giving oneself, one is giving everything else." This is what Christ Himself did. In His Incarnation, He gives Himself. He is Immanuel – God With Us. The real meaning of Christmas is to have Christ born in us, indwelling in our hearts.

The Nativity of Jesus Christ is a "crossing of paths" where God meets humanity and in love transforms the fallen human condition. The love of God lays in a manger in the House of Bread (Bethlehem), to feed humanity that hungers for love. It is the birth of that love into our world that we celebrate today. Christ becomes the very center of our life, our faith and our existence. The babe in the manger becomes the light of the world, even when the world is in shambles, for in Christ the Divine and the human cross paths. "No matter where we are in life, no matter in what condition we find ourselves, no matter how far we might stray away, or how unfaithful we are, God, the supreme lover, will pursue us in love for eternity!" God's love never stops shining on us, and never stops searching for us.

"On this day when the Rich One was made poor for our sake, let the rich man also make the poor man a sharer at his table. On this day a gift came out to us without our asking for it; let us then give alms to those who cry out and beg from us. This is the day when the high gate opened to us for our prayers; let us also open the gates to the seekers who have stayed but sought [forgiveness]."

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

تأمل في عيد الميلاد



قال لهم الملاك : لاتخافوا ، فهذا أنا أبشركم
بفرح عظيم يكون لجميع الشعب ، إنه ولد
لكم اليوم في مدينة داود مخلص هو المسيح
الرب !!

فرح الملائكة بميلاده. وأنشدوا نشيدهم
الخالد "المجد لله في الأعالي، وعلى الأرض
السلام. وفي الناس المسرة".

ودعوا الرعاة أيضا للاشتراك معهم في الفرحة.
لأنه فرح لجميع الشعب. والعدراء فرحت وخطيبها يوسف فرح أيضا ..

قلوب الناس الأغنياء ..فدعونا في شهر الميلاد
نعيش البساطة ونتشبه بالمجوس والرعاة
بسطاء القلب لأنهم عندما سمعوا بالبشارة
صدقوا وآمنوا وفرحوا. وذهبوا إلى المزود
وقدموا هداياهم..

أما الناس الكبار والأغنياء فلم تكن قلوبهم
مستعدة ولا بسيطة ومثال ذلك هيرودس
الملك الذي لما سمع الخبر "أضطرب وكل
أورشليم معه". وأستخدم كل الحيل والدهاء
لكي يعرف مكان المولود لكي يقتله ..فأمثال

ذلك قلوبهم مملوءة بالحقد والضغينة...

فتصوروا كم كانت مريم العذراء تلك الفتاة البتول الفقيرة بسيطة القلب وتحب
الصدق ..فهي لبساطتها وطيبه صدقت وأمنت بما قيل لها من قبل الرب عن
طريق ملاكه. وصدقت أنها ستلد وهي عذراء. فكانت لها هذه البركة.. وكذلك يوسف
النجار أيضا آمن بأنها حبل من الروح القدس..والمجوس على الرغم من أنهم كانوا
حكماء وعلماء إلا أنهم كانوا أيضا بسطاء في قلوبهم

ولبسطة قلوبهم أستحقوا أن يروا طفل المغارة وينالوا بركته. وعلى الرغم من أنهم
رأوه في مزود إلا أنهم آمنوا وقدموا هداياهم...

ولاتكفي فقط البساطة في القلب في شهر الميلاد إن لم يتوج القلب بالإيمان
أيضا ..فنحن نعيش في زمن فيه الكثير من التعقيد باسم العلم ! فكثيرون مازالوا
ينكرون المعجزات. وينكرون صحة الرؤيا المقدسة. لذلك إذا ما حدث أمامهم لا
يصدقونها! ومازال ينكر بعضهم الحبل عن طريق روح القدس بل بعضهم ينكر
القيامة أيضا. وهكذا وجدت فجوة بين الدين. وبعض الفلاسفة والعلماء ..إننا نؤمن
بالعلم. ولكننا يجب ألا نخلط مفهوم العلم ومعجزات الله متذكرين أن أعلى
التجارب العلمية قادت إلى نتائج وجود الذرات الإلهية..إذا في الميلاد ومع بسطة
قلوبنا لا بد من أن ندرك أن البساطة هي عدم التعقيد. وليست عدم التعقل حتى
يكون القلب مفعما بالإيمان ونقبل بمعجزات الرب ..

في شهر الميلاد لا بد من التذكر لكل المبادئ السامية التي ولد من أجلها طفل المغارة
وهي المحبة والسلام ..جاء المسيح لينشر الحب بين الناس. وبين الناس والله. ويقدم
الله للناس أباً محباً. يعاملهم لا كعبيد. بل كأبناء. ويصلون إليه قائلين "أبانا الذي في
السموات". وهم في الحرص على محبته. يعملون بوصاياه. لا خوفاً من عقوبة. بل
حبا للخير. وهكذا قال السيد المسيح إن جميع الوصايا تتركز في وصية واحدة وهي
المحبة "تحب الرب إلهك من كل قلبك. ومن كل فكرك. ومن كل قدرتك. وتحب
قريبك كنفسك" بهذا تتعلق جميع الوصايا...وهو بالمحبة يريد أن ينشر السلام بين
الناس وسلام بين الإنسان والله. وسلام في أعماق النفس من الداخل. سلام من الله
يفوق كل عقل.

وعلم بأن الصلح أفضل من تقديم القرابين. فقال : إن قدمت قربانك على المذبح.
وهناك تذكرت أن لأخيك شيئا عليك. فترك قربانك قدام المذبح. وذهب أولاً
اصطلاح مع أخيك".

وفي سبيل السلام بين الناس. دعته تعاليم المسيح أن يكونوا مقدمين بعضهم بعضاً
في الكرامة..وهكذا نجد أنه حتى نستقبل يوم الميلاد بقلوبنا البسيطة المتواضعة
الصادق والمحبة المفعمة بالإيمان.

علينا أن نتذكر دوما الظروف التي ولد فيها طفل المغارة ..ونهيأ أنفسنا داخليا قبل
خارجيا لكي نعيش مع من حولنا بقلوبنا البسيطة المليئة بالمحبة والعاطفة والإيمان
والتواضع لنجد بعيد الميلاد حبا لطفل المغارة ونجد روحنا من الداخل مع قدوم
العام الجديد لكي نحقق لنا ولمن حولنا من الأحبة أجمل الأمنيات .وكل عام وأنتم
بألف خير أعاده الله على جميع الأمم بالخير واليمن والبركة والمحبة والسلام .

وفرح كل الناس الذين يعرفون أسرة العذراء مريم وأسرة خطيبها يوسف وأسرة زكريا
واليصابات وكل الكهنة ..

بل مازال الفرحة عند الشعب إلى الآن من ذلك اليوم لأنه كان بداية عهد جديد للبشرية
جمعا وفي حوالي أسبوعين من أسبوعين يوم الميلاد نجد أن الناس في كافة أنحاء
العالم تبدأ بشرء الزينات وأشجار الميلاد والأضواء وتزين الساحات وواجهات
المحلات والكنائس والمنازل والشرفات ..

وكل ذلك لا بد من أن يزين الإنسان نفسه من الداخل بالمحبة والتسامح قبل أن يفكر
بالمظاهر الأخرى لأن ميلاد طفل المغارة أعطانا درسا أبديا يجب أن نتعلمه

فهو ولد في بلدة صغيرة تدعى بيت لحم. وفي مكان حقير هو مزود بقرة وليس
مستشفى فخم فيه تدفئة. ولد في وفي يوم لم يعلن للناس مازالوا يختلفون على
موعدده..

كما ولد بدون احتفالات أرضية كما تعمل كل الناس اليوم .

كما ولد من أسرة فقيرة وفي رعاية رجل نجار.وقيل عن يوم ميلاده "لم يكن له موضع
في البيت". وحتى الآن لا تزال صور الميلاد تبين المزود وما يحيط بالفراش القش من
حيوانات.

ولد في يوم شديد البرد ولم يجد فيه أقمطة كافية ولا دفئا.. كما يجهز معظم الناس
لأطفالهم أفخر الملابس في الوقت الحالي ..

إذا من لحظة ولادته أعطانا درسا روحيا في التواضع يجب أن لاننساه

وهو أننا يجب البعد عن المظاهر الخارجية ندخل في مشاعر الميلاد. بعيداً عن
العظمة والترف العظيمة الحقيقية ليست في المظاهر الخارجية من غني وملابس
وزينة..

وباقى أمثال هذه الأمور التي فيها إعلان عن الذات.. إنما العظمة الحقيقية هي في
القلب المنتصر المملوء بالفضائل

هذا الأمر لا بد أن يتذكره كل مؤمن بآءن يزين قلبه الداخلي بالتواضع لا بالترف في
شهر الميلاد وليتذكر كل واحد منا أنه حقا لازال هناك أولاد فقراء حتى لايجدون
مذودا كمذو البقر ينامون فيه.

فما أجمل التواضع في شهر الميلاد وبدون التواضع يفقد الميلاد جوهره فما أجمل
التواضع خلال 30 يوم متذكرين أنه عاش متواضعا 30 عاما ونييف في عائلة
متواضعة بين ناس متواضعين.

ومن ميلاد طفل المغارة وحياته لا بد من أن نتشبه ببساطته أيضا فهو الذي ذهب مع
أمه العذراء مريم على حمار إلى مصر وكذلك ساعد يوسف النجار في النجارة والرعي
ولما كبر وفتحت له أعين السماء وبدأ رسالته أختار له تلاميذ بسطاء غالبيتهم من
الصيادين. ولكنهم كانوا أبرارا ولهم قلوب مستعدة لحمل الرسالة. كما أن بشارة
الميلاد أعلنت لجماعة من الرعاة البسطاء. ولكن كانت لهم بسطة الإيمان وعمقه.
ولم تعلن هذه البشارة لكثيرين من القادة كالكتبة والفريسيين وكهنة اليهود وشيوخ
الشعب ولا للناس الأغنياء ..وقلوب الناس البسطاء تفرح وتشعر بالسعادة أكثر من

St. Basil's Fellowship Organization



Layla's Dream

Layla Angela Charette was granted her angel wings February 12, 2017 following a sudden illness(SEPSIS). She was only five years old but left a lifetime of loving memories. She was a dreamer with a gracious smile and eyes that could melt your heart. Layla was a creative, kind, imaginative, and giving spirit who truly loved being with her family and friends. She has a giving and nurturing way about her and we want to spread that love to others in need. "Layla's Dream" was created as a way to honor her and all the things she loved. Any money raised will go directly towards bringing joy and a little hope to those going through difficult times at Hasbro Childrens' Hospital. As a family, we will shop for things like dolls, stuffed animals, books, play doh, etc. and donate our time to brighten the days of those going through tough times like our sweet Layla did. Thank you and God Bless.

In lieu of monetary donations we would graciously accept new and packaged...

dolls	action figures	play doh
baby rattles	baby toys	kids blankets
themed pillow cases	hand-held games	kids wall decals

...or anything that a child confined to a bed/hospital room would be able to hold or play with. Please refrain from donating stuffed animals that are not in sealed packages, as they can bring germs into the hospital.

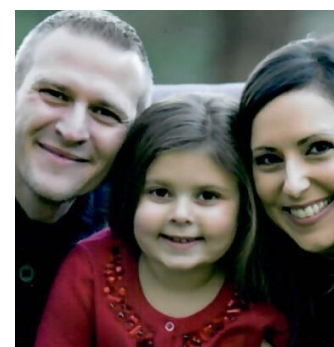
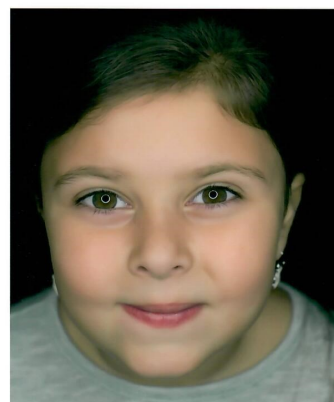


Layla Charette is the daughter of BJ and Alaina (Kayata) Charette,

Grand-daughter of Nicholas and Joyce Kayata

Niece of Joe and Meghan Kayata

Great-Niece to Michael & Barbara O'Rourke and Tom and Joanne Sabbagh





LITURGICAL CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Holy Prophet Nahum 1 Timothy 5:11-21 Luke 19:45-48	2 Holy Prophet Habakkuk 1 Timothy 5:22-6:11 Luke 20:1-8	3 Holy Prophet Zephaniah 1 Timothy 6:17-21 Luke 20:9-18	4 St Barbara St John the Damascene Galatians 3:23-4:5 Mark 5:24-34	5 St Sabbas the Sanctified Galatians 5:22-6:2 Matthew 11:27-30
6 St Nicholas of Myra 10 th Sunday after Holy Cross الأحد العاشر بعد عيد الصليب Hebrews 13:17-21 Luke 13:10-17	7 St Ambrose of Milan 2 Timothy 2:20-26 Luke 20:27-44	8 Prep of Maternity of Anne, grandmother of our Lord 2 Timothy 3:16-4:4 Luke 21:12-19	9 Maternity of Anne Galatians 4:22-27 Luke 8:16-21	10 Beginning of the Nativity Fast بدء صوم الميلاد Titus 1:5-14 Luke 21:28-33	11 St Daniel the Stylite Titus 1:15-2:10 Luke 21:37-22:8	12 St Spyridon the Wonderworker Ephesians 5:8-19 John 10:9-16
13 Holy Ancestors of Christ أحد الأجداد القديسين Colossians 3:4-11 Luke 14:16-25	14 St Thyrces and his companions Hebrews 3:5-11, 17-19 Mark 8:11-21	15 St Eleutherios 2 Timothy 1:8-18 Mark 2:23-3:5	16 Holy Prophet Haggai Hebrews 5:11-6:8 Mark 8:30-34	17 Holy Prophet Daniel Hebrews 7:1-6 Mark 9:10-15	18 St Sebastian and his companions Hebrews 7:18-25 Mark 9:33-41	19 Saturday before the Nativity السبت الذي قبل الميلاد Galatians 3:8-12 Luke 13:19-29
20 Genealogy of Christ أحد نسب السيد المسيح Hebrews 11:9-10, 32-40 Matthew 1:1-25	21 St Juliana of Nicomedia Hebrews 8:7-13 Mark 9:42-10:1	22 St Anastasia Hebrews 9:8-23 Mark 10:2-12	23 Ten Holy Martyrs of Crete Hebrews 10:1-18 Mark 10:11-16	24 Paramony of Christmas بارمون الميلاد Hebrews 1:1-12 Luke 2:1-20	25 Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ ميلاد سيدنا يسوع المسيح Galatians 4:4-7 Matthew 2:1-12	26 Synaxis of the Theotokos محفل مقدس إكراما لوالدة الإله 1 Timothy 6:11-16 Matthew 12:15-21
27 St Joseph the Betrothed St Stephen Sunday after the Nativity الأحد الذي بعد الميلاد Acts 6:8-7:5; 74-80 Matthew 2:13-23	28 Holy Martyrs of Nicomedia Hebrews 11:17-31 Mark 10:46-52	29 Holy Innocents in Bethlehem Hebrews 12:25-27, 13:22-25 Mark 11:11-23	30 St Anysia James 1:1-18 Mark 11:22-26	31 Leave-taking of the Nativity وداع الميلاد James 1:19-27 Mark 11:27-33	Liturgical Symbols: Abstain from meat Church Major Feasts Fast from midnight until noon Lenten Season	

Jesus Christ, you travelled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness.”

At your command, the sick were made well.

Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another.

Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

Stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow. Be with those who have died from the virus.

May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace. Be with the families of those who are sick or have died.

As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace.

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Be with our priests and spiritual care givers. May they know that they are loved and cared for.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks.

May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.

Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few,

Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace.

For You are a God of mercy, kindness, and love, and we glorify You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.

CHRISTMAS-NEW YEAR-THEOPHANY

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE





























































- * **Eve of the Nativity of our Lord, Thursday, December 24th:**
4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
- * **Nativity of our Lord, Friday, December 25th:** 11:00 a.m.
- * **Synaxis of the *Theotokos*, Saturday, December 26th:** 4:00 pm.
- * **New Year's Eve, Thursday, December 31st:** 4:00 pm.
- * **New Year's Day, Feast of St. Basil the Great, Friday, January 1st:** 11:00 am.
- * **Feast of the Theophany, Wednesday, January 6th:** 9:00 am.
- * **Solemnity of the Theophany, Saturday, January 9th:** 4:00 pm.
- * **Solemnity of the Theophany, Sunday, January 10th:** 11:00 am.

FOLLOWING JESUS—KIDS BULLETIN



THE CHRISTMAS STORY FROM A CHILD'S PERSPECTIVE // CHRISTMAS EVE 5 PM



More than  thousand years ago, Heavenly Father sent the  Gabriel   a young woman in the  of Nazareth. Gabriel told  that she  give birth  a  who was the Son of God. The 's name  Jesus.  married  a carpenter. He,  had been told by an  that 's  the Savior. Later, the emperor of Rome commanded everyone  pay a tax.  journeyed   the city of their ancestor,   pay the tax. It was time   have her  but all the   s were full.  had  live in a . There  gave birth  Jesus  laid Him in a  used  feeding . That night an  appeared  nearby . The  told the  that the Savior, Jesus Christ, was born in  that they  find Him in a . Many heavenly beings joined the  praising God  declaring peace on . The  went   the  then told others about Him. Later, the  were led by a   the place where Jesus was. They worshiped Him  gave Him precious . A time long  told by  s had finally come.

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2 COR 9:7

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Thank you and God bless you and yours.

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"I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live" John 11:25

Remember me in your Kingdom

You are invited to the Divine Liturgy for the departed
in the Lord in the Hope of Resurrection
On the last Wednesday of the Month at 6:30 pm

أَنَا هُوَ الْقِيَامَةُ وَالْحَيَاةُ. مَنْ آمَنَ بِي وَلَوْ مَاتَ فَسَيَحْيَا. (يو 11: 25)

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Alerts and Latest Guidance

- **Social Gatherings:** as of October 30, the indoor and outdoor social gathering limit is 10 people because social gatherings have been the source of many positive cases.
- **Early closures:** All restaurants, bars, gyms, recreational facilities, and personal services must close at 10 p.m. Sunday – Thursday and at 10:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. (*Effective November 8, 2020*)
- **Stay-at-home advisory** is in effect from 10 p.m. – 5 a.m. Sunday – Thursday and from 10:30 p.m. – 5 a.m. on Friday and Saturday. (*Effective November 8, 2020*)
- **Venues of assembly:** The capacity limit for indoor venues (performing arts venues, movie theaters, houses of worship) is 50% of normal capacity with a maximum of 125 people. The limit for outdoor venues is 66% of normal capacity with a maximum of 150 people. (*Effective November 8, 2020*)
- **Catered events:** The capacity limit for indoor catered events is 25 and for outdoor catered events is 75, with exceptions for previously scheduled weddings. (*Effective November 8, 2020*)
- **Large retailers:** The capacity limit for big box stores (more than 30,000 square feet of space) is one person per 150 square feet. (*Effective November 8, 2020*)
- **Business travel:** Businesses are asked to cancel any non-essential, work-related travel. (*Effective November 8, 2020*)
- **Masks** are required any time you're near people who don't live with you, including at the gym.

REOPENING RI

Wear a mask that protects you and others

Wearing a face covering in public places helps protect you and anyone near you from COVID-19. **Your mask should fit snugly but comfortably over your nose, mouth, and chin without any gaps.**



RECOMMENDED

- Face mask worn the right way and at least two layers thick
- * N-95 respirators are critical supplies that should be reserved for healthcare providers and other first responders



NOT RECOMMENDED

- Face shield alone
- Loose-fitting bandana
- Face mask with valve
- Face mask worn the wrong way
- Neck gaiter only one layer thick

Always wash your hands after handling or touching a used mask. Wash and dry cloth face coverings after use each day. Learn more about how to handle and care for your mask at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html

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