

52 South 4th Street Renovation

We are currently seeking bids for the renovation of 52 South 4th Street. If you would like to bid or know of someone who may be interested, please contact Father Simon or Shawki Milan.

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Maronite Christian Formation (MCF)

MCF classes are held every Saturday at 3:45PM in the church hall.

THERE WILL BE NO CLASSES BEGINNING SATURDAY DEC 17 TH. THROUGH SATURDAY, JAN 1ST. CLASSES WILL RESUME ON JAN 7.

All second grade students who have not made their First Communion are asked to attend every week in order to prepare for their First Communion in Spring 2017. Parents please make it a priority to help your children by ensuring students are present for all classes.

PIONEERS OF MARY

Meetings will be held every Sunday in the hall at 6:00 PM.

Altar Servers Pizza Party

Altar servers and their parents are invited to a pizza party on Wednesday, December 28, 2016 at 4:30 PM in the church hall. Please RSVP to Father Simon or Deacon Anthony by Monday, December 26th.

PARISH MISSION:

To live our Antiochene Catholic faith and nurture our Maronite heritage in order to grow and flourish as a family of Christ in the local community.

BINGO COMMITTEE	Eva Farhat, Patty Boulous, Anthony Koury, Jr.
MCF COORDINATOR	Deanna Baurkot
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FINANCIAL AUDITOR	Ferris Koorie
HOLY NAME SOCIETY	Leonard Symia
HERITAGE DAY CHAIRPERSON	Steve Koorie
MYA	Selana Koorie
PARISH ORGANIST	Patty Boulous
MYO/PIONEERS	Alexa Koorie
ARABIC CLASS COORDINATOR	Rita Bassil

CONFESSIONS:

SUNDAY: 9:30 am to 9:50 am (before mass)

SATURDAY: 4:30 pm to 4:50 pm (before mass)

Also Available by Appointment

OCTOBER TO MAY

Religious Education: Saturday 3:45 pm - 4:45 pm

BAPTISMS:

Please Call The Parish Rectory

(non-parishioners sponsors must

provide a certificate from their Catholic church)

MARRIAGES:

Please Notify The Pastor

At Least 6 Months Ahead of Time



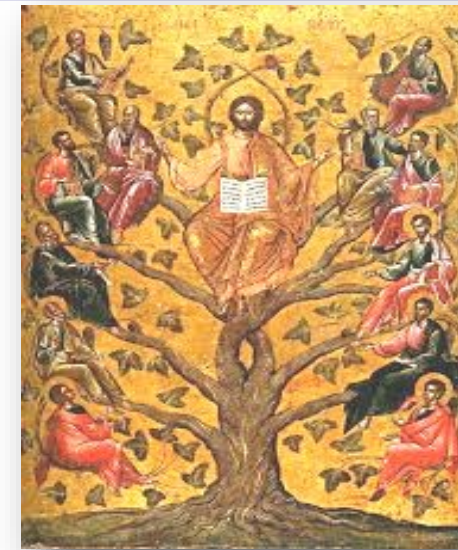
Week 50 - 52

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Dec 17 - Jan 1, 2017

Season of the Glorious Birth of Our Lord Genealogy Sunday



The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew 1,1-17.

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.

CLERGY

Father Simon El Hajj, Pastor
Deacon Anthony Koury

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday through Thursday
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

No office hours or Liturgy on Fridays.

LITURGY:

Saturdays: 5:00 PM

Sundays: 10:00 AM and 12 Noon

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WEEKEND of Dec 17 - Dec 18

***** Genealogy Sunday *****

Saturday, Dec 17 - 5:00 PM - MICHAEL JABBOUR (40 Day Mass) by the Family. Coffee Hour to follow.
 Sunday, Dec 18 - 10:00 AM - RENEE JABBOUR (40 Day Mass) by the Family
 Sunday, Dec 18 - 12 NOON - Available

Monday	Dec 19	7.00 PM	CHRISTMAS NOVENA
Tuesday	Dec 20	7.00 PM	CHRISTMAS NOVENA
Wednesday	Dec 21	7.00 PM	CHRISTMAS NOVENA
Thursday	Dec 22	7:00 PM	CHRISTMAS NOVENA
Friday	Dec 23	7:00 PM	CHRISTMAS NOVENA

WEEKEND of Dec 24 - Dec 25

*****The Glorious Birth of Our Lord*****

Saturday, Dec 24 - 5:00 PM - **CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS offered for the Children of the parish by Fr. Simon**
 Sunday, Dec 25- 10:00 AM - **CHRISTMAS DAY FOR ALL PARISHIONERS by Fr. Simon, Coffee hour to follow.**
 Sunday, Dec 25 - 12 NOON - **CHRISTMAS DAY FOR ALL PARISHIONERS by Fr. Simon, Coffee hour to follow.**



Monday	Dec 26	7:00 PM	FELICITATIONS TO THE VIRGIN MARY AZIZ KOURY by Mr. & Mrs. Brad Superka & Family
Tuesday	Dec 27		NO MASS
Wednesday	Dec 28		NO MASS
Thursday	Dec 29		NO MASS

WEEKEND of Dec 31 - Jan 1

*****The Circumcision of Jesus*****

Saturday, Dec 31 - 5:00 PM - ELIAS & ANNA SHUMAR by Daughters, Maureen Geosits & Renee Carrigan
 Sunday, Jan 1 - 11:00 AM - WORLD DAY OF PEACE

LECTORS



Saturday, Dec 17	Family
Sunday, Dec 18	Family
Saturday, Dec 24	TBD
Sunday, Dec 25	TBD
Saturday, Dec 31	Family
Sunday, Jan 1	TBD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genealogy Sunday
Rom 1:1-12 / Mt 1:1-17

The Glorious Birth of Our Lord
Heb 1:1-12 / Lk 2:1-20

The Circumcision of Jesus
Eph 2:11-22 / Lk 2:41-52

BINGO	FLOOR - 7:00 PM START TIME	KITCHEN - 5:30 PM START TIME
Dec 20	Frank Farhat	Rosann Constantine, Jawhara Karam
Dec 27	John Isaac	Jenny Vaccaro



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

God is almighty, and yet he chose to become small, to enter his world humbly, to accept suffering and death, to show mercy to his enemies, and to reveal his extravagant love for us. If we are truly his sons and daughters, then we are, by our very nature, like him. Christmas, God's coming among us, makes us even more like him because we see with the eyes of our heart who he really is: Emmanuel, God among us. Christmas makes us new again.

Lebanon has a new President, so does the United States. Soon we will have a New Year. In the midst of all this "newness" we celebrate Christmas, when God became man and dwelled among us (John 1:14). For over two thousand years, our God, or as Saint Augustine refers to him in his *Confessions*, "Beauty, Ancient, yet Ever New", dwells with us.

At Christmas time, what is true for us today has also been true for every age since his first coming. Because of Christmas we too become small, enter our world more humbly; we too accept suffering and death, and show mercy to our enemies, we too witness to a God who became small in order to raise us up. "O Beauty, Ancient, yet Ever New", make us new again; reshape us in your image and likeness. Be for us the source and inspiration of our coming and going, and set us on the straight path that leads to you.

To you be glory forever!

Merry Christmas everyone!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Gregory John Mansour
 GJM/rl

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Saturday, December 31, 2016
 8:00 PM - 2 AM

Featuring:

Said Abi Akl & Ensemble

\$50 Adults - \$20 Children (4-14)

Free Under 3



Mezza and Buffet

BYOB/Cash Bar

For information contact:

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CHAMPAGNE TOAST AT MIDNIGHT

Condolences

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the family of

HABIB NEHME

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen



2016 CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Christmas Novena:	Thursday, Dec 15 th through Friday, Dec 23 rd at 7:00 PM
Children's Christmas Pageant:	Sunday, December 18 th after 10:00 AM Liturgy
Children's Christmas Party:	Sunday, December 18 th from 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM
Confession:	Saturday, December 24 th from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Christmas Eve Liturgy:	Saturday, December 24 th at 5:00 PM
Christmas Day Liturgy:	Sunday, December 25 th at 10:00 AM and 12:00 Noon
New Year's Eve Liturgy:	Saturday, December 31 st at 5:00 PM
New Year's Eve Hafli:	Saturday, December 31 st at 8:00 PM
New Year's Day Liturgy:	Sunday, January 1 st at 11:00 AM

