

**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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| 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 | BAPTISMS: Please Call The Parish Rectory (non-parishioners sponsors must provide a certificate from their Catholic church) |
| OCTOBER TO MAY Religious Education: Saturday 3:45 pm - 4:45 pm | MARRIAGES: Please Notify The Pastor At Least 6 Months Ahead of Time |

Maronite Christian Formation (MCF)

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

Contact Father Simon with any questions.

PIONEERS OF MARY

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

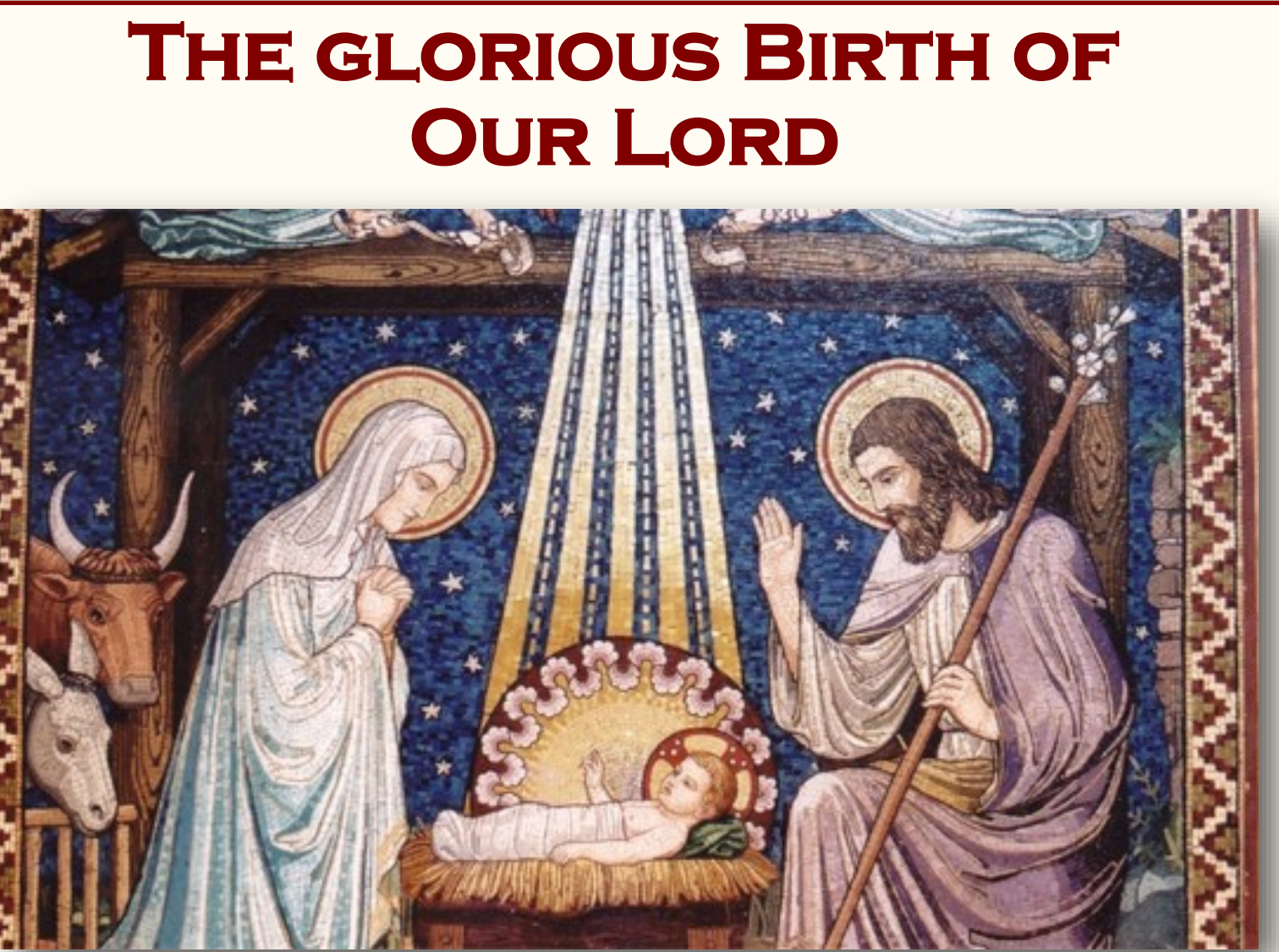
Altar Servers Pizza Party

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.

**AWAMAT SALE
(Lebanese Donuts)**

Awamat will be available for sale after the 10:00 AM & 12 Noon Liturgies on Sunday, January 8th. Volunteers are welcome to help beginning at 8:00 AM. *Proceeds will benefit Catholic Education.*

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| BINGO COMMITTEE | Eva Farhat, Patty Boulous, Anthony Koury, Jr. |
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The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke 2:1-20

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered.

Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; for see I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.’ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ‘Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!’

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, ‘Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.’ So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

WEEKEND of Dec 24 - Dec 25

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

Saturday, Dec 24 - 5:00 PM - *CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS FOR ALL PARISH CHILDREN by Fr. Simon*

Saturday, Dec 24 - 11:00 PM - *CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS FOR ALL PARISHIONERS by Fr. Simon*
Coffee hour to follow

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.



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| Monday | Dec 26 | 7:00 PM | <i>FELICITATIONS TO THE VIRGIN MARY</i> 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

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| Monday | Jan 2 | | NO MASS |
| Tuesday | Jan 3 | | NO MASS |
| Wednesday | Jan 4 | | NO MASS |
| Thursday | Jan 5 | 7:00 PM | <i>VIGIL MASS - FEAST OF THE GLORIOUS EPIPHANY (Holy Day of Obligation)</i> DIMITRA GIACOU MOPOULOS ACHI by Deacon & Mrs. Anthony Koury |

WEEKEND of Jan 7 - Jan 8

****First Sunday after Epiphany****

Saturday, Jan 7 - 5:00 PM - ANDREW & MARY BAKA by Mr. & Mrs. John J. Melhem & Family

Sunday, Jan 8 - 10:00 AM - RACHIDI GHANEM & TONY SAADE by Bassil & Rouhana Families. Coffee hour to follow

Sunday, Jan 8 - 12 Noon - Available

LECTORS

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| Saturday, Dec 24 | TBD |
| Sunday, Dec 25 | TBD |
| Saturday, Dec 31 | Family |
| Sunday, Jan 1 | TBD |
| Saturday, Jan 7 | Family |
| Sunday, Jan 8 | Family |

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

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

First Sunday after Epiphany
2 Cor 10:1-11 / Jn 1:29-34



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|  | BINGO | FLOOR - 7:00 PM START TIME | KITCHEN - 5:30 PM START TIME |
| | Dec 27 | John Isaac | Jenny Vaccaro |
| | Jan 3 | Mike Boulos | Volunteer |

2016 CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA DONATIONS

| In Honor/Memory | From |
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| Manor & Josephine Melhem and Andrew & Mary Baka, John & Frances Melhem and Anthony & Shirley Comito | Mr. & Mrs. Maynard Melhem & Family |
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| Dimtra Giacomopoulos Achi | Mr. & Mrs. Nick Giacomopoulos |
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| Anton Koury | Mr. & Mrs. Owtil Koury |
| Chaharban Estantheeen Dib | Rosann Constantine |
| Deceased members of the Thomas & Scalzo Families | John & Josephine Thomas |
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| Edward Edell, Munir Al-Kudi | The Hon. Judge & Mrs. Robert Ellwood |
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| Aunt Emily & Uncle Louie, Aunt Naomi & Uncle Dick Stahl, | |
| Yacob & Saada Youseef, Uncle Steve Goldstein | |

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