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The Glorious Birth of Our Lord

Christ is Born!

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: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, 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.

2nd Collection Reminder - Pastor's Collection - December 25, 2018

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Mon., Dec 24 - 5:00 PM - CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS FOR ALL PARISH CHILDREN by Fr. Youssef.

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

Tues., Dec 25 - 10:00 AM - CHRISTMAS DAY FOR ALL PARISHIONERS by Fr. Youssef. Coffee hour to follow.

Wednesday, Dec 26 - 7:00 PM - FELICITATIONS TO THE VIRGIN MARY



Thursday	Dec 27	No Mass	No Mass
Friday	Dec 28	No Mass	No Mass

WEEKEND of Dec 29 - Dec 30 ***The Finding of Our Lord in the Temple***			
Saturday, Dec 29 - 5:00 PM - DIMITRA GIACOUPOLOUS ACHI, PETER & LILLIAN KARAM, BETTY KARAM BHUIYAN & HABIB NEHME by Mr. & Mrs. Nick Giacomopolous			
Sunday, Dec 30 - 10:00 AM - KATHRYN ISAAC by John & Josephine Thomas & Family. Coffee hour to follow.			

Monday	Dec 31	5:00 PM	VIGIL MASS - THE CIRCUMCISION OF JESUS (Holy Day of Obligation) FRANCES MELHEM by Dr. & Mrs. George Nassoor
Tuesday	Jan 1	12 Noon	THE CIRCUMCISION OF JESUS (Holy Day of Obligation) QUEENIE JABBOUR by Georges Moussa
Wednesday	Jan 2	9:00 AM	CATHERINE SHAHEEN by Marlene Bedway
Thursday	Jan 3	9:00 AM	CANON ANTHONY by Rosann Constantine
Friday	Jan 4	9:00 AM	JOHN SHAHEEN by Sanna Baurkot

WEEKEND of Jan 5 - Jan 6 ***Feast of the Glorious Epiphany***			
Saturday, Jan 5 - 5:00 PM - DONNA JABEIR by Lila Melan			
Sunday, Jan 6 - 10:00 AM - JOSEPH MELHEM (1st Anniversary) by Mrs. Joumana Melhem & Children			



BINGO	FLOOR - 7:00 PM START TIME	KITCHEN - 5:30 PM START TIME
Dec 25 & Jan 1	No Bingo	No Bingo

LECTORS

Saturday, Dec 29	Family
Sunday, Dec 30	Family
Saturday, Jan 5	Family
Sunday, Jan 6	Family

SCRIPTURE READINGS



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

The Finding of Our Lord in the Temple
Heb 7:11-19 / Lk 2:41-52

Feast of the Glorious Epiphany
Tit 2:11-3:7 / Lk 3:15-22



Christmas Letter from Fr. Youssef



Dear Beloved Parishioners,

It has been six months since my appointment as Administrator to Our Lady of Lebanon Church. As your spiritual guide I take this opportunity to write a few words from the bottom of my heart.

Christmas is the most wonderful time of the year. It brings joy and peace. It brings together family, friends and fellowship. But beyond all the hustle and bustle of preparation, decoration, shopping and extravagant dinners; Christmas also has a touch of sacredness and holiness; of meekness and kindness. It reveals for us the attainment of God's promise in Jesus Christ as the Emmanuel, God is with us

Let us ponder this Christmas on the love of God incarnate in the divine infant Jesus. Let us be inspired by the love of Our Lady and the trust of Joseph in putting their faith in the word of God, the word became flesh. Let us be guided by the star that led the Magi to worship the Divine Infant. But above all let us live and be enlightened through the love, humility and forgiveness shown for us by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

If Jesus is the reason for the season, let him be the reason for all seasons. May the spirit of Christmas live on in our hearts and families, but fundamentally in our church. In Jesus Christ divinity and humanity is united. Let Christmas bind us together in faith love and forgiveness.

On behalf of our dear Bishop, his Excellency Gregory Mansour and Deacon Anthony, I would like to extend my best wishes to all our dear parishioners.

Let us sing with the Angelic choir: Glory to God in the highest and on Earth peace and goodwill to all humankind.

Have a blessed and joyful Christmas and New Year!

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Youssef