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Feast of the Glorious Epiphany

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“I will let fall from Heaven a Shower of Roses.”

~Saint Theresa of Lisieux~ “The Little Flower”



The Baptism of Jesus

Feast of the Glorious Epiphany

Sat. Jan. 5 @ 4:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+Intention of the celebrant

Sun. Jan. 6 @ 10:30 AM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+Nacklie and Marie Nessralla as requested by the family

+All deceased members of the Feghali families as requested by Madeline Asack and family

+Emile Saba as requested by Mr. and Mrs. George Lattouf and family



First Sunday after Epiphany

Sat. Jan. 12 @ 4:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+Theodore Greggis as requested by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Magner

Sun. Jan. 13 @ 10:30 AM Liturgy Celebrated for:

40 Day Memorial for + Mary Matook as requested by the family



For the Month of January

Bread & wine for the Holy Gifts are

given to the glory of God and in loving memory of

+*Dr. William, Abraham, Joseph, Michael and*

Margaret George ,

Mary George Davin, daughter Debbie Davin Sperre

by the family

Vigil candle for the Gospel Throne is given to the

glory of God and in loving memory of

+*Mr. and Mrs. Manthala George, Sr. by the family*

Sanctuary candle for the Tabernacle is given to the

glory of God and in loving memory of

+*Tofie and Theresa Samia, son John by the family*

Vigil candle for Shrine of St. Theresa is given to the

glory of God and in loving memory of

+*Geraldine George by Mr. Manthala George and family*



Lectors' Schedule

Saturday, Jan. 5, 2019

English: Cauna

Sunday, Jan. 6, 2019

English: Michelle

Arabic: Sadie

The Holy Mysteries are celebrated: Saturdays at 4:00 PM; Sundays at 10:30 AM; 7:00 PM Holydays

Holy Mystery of Reconciliation: Please Note: The sacrament of Reconciliation is available one hour before each Liturgy. And, is available any time on request.

Ministry to the Sick: If a parishioner is seriously ill at home or in the hospital, please call the church office to arrange for Communion or the Anointing of the Sick.

Holy Mysteries of Baptism and Chrismation: Please make arrangements with the pastor at least one month in advance. Sponsors must meet particular requirements of church law; parents must consult with the pastor before inviting someone to serve as a sponsor.

Holy Mystery of Crowning: Please consult with the pastor to make arrangements at least 6 months in advance of proposed date in order to avoid any difficulty in scheduling.

Welcome New Parishioners: If you are new to our parish, please fill out a registration form, which may be found on the table in the lobby of the church, and return it to us, so you may be added to our mailing and email list. We extend a warm welcome to you and your family to our parish family.

Reading: Titus 2:11-3:7

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds. Declare these things; exhort and reprove with all authority. Let no one look down on you. Remind them to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarrelling, to be gentle, and to show every courtesy to everyone. For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, despicable, hating one another. But when the goodness and loving-kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس إلى تيطس

يا إخوتي، إِنَّ نِعْمَةَ اللَّهِ قَدْ ظَهَرَتْ خَلاصًا لِجَمِيعِ النَّاسِ، وَهِيَ تُؤَدِّبُنَا لِنَحْيَا فِي الدَّهْرِ الحَاضِرِ بِرِزَاةٍ وَبِرٍّ وَتَقْوَى، نَابِذِينَ الكُفْرَ وَالشَّهَوَاتِ العَالَمِيَّةَ، مُنْتَظِرِينَ الرَّجَاءَ السَّعِيدَ، وَظُهُورَ مَجْدِ إِلَهِنَا وَمُخْلِصِنَا العَظِيمِ يَسُوعَ المَسِيحِ، الَّذِي بَدَلَ نَفْسَهُ عَنَّا، لِيَقْتَدِينَا مِنْ كُلِّ إِنْتِمٍ، وَيُطَهِّرَنَا لِنَفْسِهِ شَعْبًا خَاصًّا، غَيْرًا عَلَى الأَعْمَالِ الصَّالِحَةِ. تَكَلَّمْ بِهَذِهِ الأُمُورِ وَعَظْ بِهَا، وَوَبِّخْ بِكُلِّ سُلْطَانٍ. وَلَا يَسْتَهِنْ بِكَ أَحَدٌ. ذَكَرْهُمْ أَنْ يَخْضَعُوا لِلرِّئَاسَاتِ وَالسَّلَاطِينِ، وَيُطِيعُوهُمْ، وَيَكُونُوا مُسْتَعِدِّينَ لِكُلِّ عَمَلٍ صَالِحٍ، وَلَا يُجَدِّفُوا عَلَى أَحَدٍ، وَيَكُونُوا غَيْرَ مُمَاجِكِينَ، حُلَمَاءَ، مُظْهِرِينَ كُلَّ وَدَاعَةٍ لِجَمِيعِ النَّاسِ. فَخُنْ أَيْضًا كُنَّا مِنْ قَبْلِ أَغْيِيَاءَ، عَاقِينَ، ضَالِّينَ، مُسْتَعْبِدِينَ لِشَهَوَاتٍ وَلذَاتٍ شَتَّى، سَالِكِينَ فِي الشَّرِّ وَالحَسَدِ، مَمْقُوتِينَ، مُبْغِضِينَ بَعْضُنَا بَعْضًا. وَلَكِنْ لَمَّا تَجَلَّى لَطْفُ اللَّهِ مُخْلِصِنَا، وَمَحَبَّتُهُ لِلبَشَرِ، خَلَّصَنَا، لَا بِأَعْمَالٍ بَرٍّ عَمَلْنَاهَا، بَلْ وَفَّقَ رَحْمَتِهِ، بِغَسْلِ المِيلَادِ الثَّانِي، وَتَجْدِيدِ الرُّوحِ القُدُسِ، الَّذِي أَفَاضَهُ اللَّهُ عَلَيْنَا بِغَرَازَةٍ، بِيَسُوعَ المَسِيحِ مُخْلِصِنَا. فَإِذَا تَبَرَّرْنَا بِنِعْمَتِهِ، نَصِيرُ وَارِثِينَ وَفَقًّا لِرَجَاءِ الحَيَاةِ الأَبَدِيَّةِ.



Gospel: Luke 3:15-22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people. But Herod the ruler, who had been rebuked by him because of Herodias, his brother's wife, and because of all the evil things that Herod had done, added to them all by shutting up John in prison. Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

من إنجيل القديس لوقا

فِيمَا كَانَ الشَّعْبُ يَنْتَظِرُ، وَالجَمِيعُ يَسْأَلُونَ فِي قُلُوبِهِمْ عَنْ يُوْحَنَّا لَعَلَّهُ هُوَ المَسِيحِ، أَجَابَ يُوْحَنَّا قَائِلًا لَهُمْ أَجْمَعِينَ: "أَنَا أُعَمِّدُكُمْ بِالمَاءِ، وَيَأْتِي مَنْ هُوَ أَقْوَى مِنِّي، مَنْ نَسْتُ أَهْلًا أَنْ أَحِلَّ رِبَاطَ جِدَائِهِ. هُوَ يُعَمِّدُكُمْ بِالرُّوحِ القُدُسِ وَالنَّارِ. فِي يَدِهِ المِذْرَى يُنْقِي بِهَا بَيِّدَرَهُ، فَيَجْمَعُ القَمْحَ فِي أَهْرَائِهِ، وَأَمَّا التَّنُّنُ فَيُحْرِفُهُ بِنَارٍ لَا تُطْفَأُ". وَبِأَقْوَالٍ أُخْرَى كَثِيرَةٍ كَانَ يُوْحَنَّا يَعِظُ الشَّعْبَ وَيُبَشِّرُهُمْ. لَكِنْ هِيرُودُسُ رَئِيسَ الرُّبْعِ، وَقَدْ كَانَ يُوْحَنَّا يُوبِّخُهُ مِنْ أَجْلِ هِيرُودِيَّا أَمْرَاةِ أَخِيهِ، وَمِنْ أَجْلِ كُلِّ الشُّرُورِ الَّتِي صَنَعَهَا، زَادَ عَلَى تِلْكَ الشُّرُورِ كُلِّهَا أَنَّهُ أَلْقَى يُوْحَنَّا فِي السِّجْنِ. وَلَمَّا أَعْتَمَدَ الشَّعْبُ كُلُّهُ، وَأَعْتَمَدَ يَسُوعُ أَيْضًا، وَكَانَ يُصَلِّي، انْفَتَحَتِ السَّمَاءُ، وَنَزَلَ عَلَيْهِ الرُّوحُ القُدُسُ فِي صُورَةٍ جَسَدِيَّةٍ مِثْلَ حَمَامَةٍ، وَجَاءَ صَوْتُ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ يَقُولُ: "أَنْتَ هُوَ ابْنِي الحَبِيبِ، بِكَ رَضِيْتُ".

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STEWARDSHIP: A WAY OF LIFE

Parish Support : Offertory needed each week \$ 2,000.00. Our offertory is needed for the following: Parish Assessment, paid monthly from Feb. thru Nov: \$750.00. Parish Building Insurance, paid monthly from Jan. thru Nov: \$970.00. **Offertory received:** 12/23/18 \$1,040.00, 12/25/18 \$1,787.00, 12/30/18 \$1,209.00

Eucharistic Adoration **Please Note:** Eucharistic Adoration **will not** take place on **Thursday, Jan. 10, 2019**, it will resume on Thursday, Jan. 17, 2019. Doors are opened at 6:00 pm.

Religious Education Calendar



Saturday, Jan. 19, 2019
Class 5 9:00 AM—12:00 Noon

Coffee Hour Volunteers: If you are able to lend a hand in sponsoring a Sunday morning Coffee Hour please see Abouna. **The following Sunday's are open for volunteers: Jan. 27, Feb. 3, Feb. 10, Feb. 17, Feb. 24, 2019**



St. Theresa Church: MYA

[Maronite Young Adults] welcomes everyone between the ages of 18-35. We invite all young adults to join us on **Sunday, Jan. 6, 2019** for Liturgy at **6:00PM**. A Young Adult Liturgy will be celebrated on the First Sunday of each month at 6:00PM. All young adults are welcome to attend and we especially welcome our brothers and sisters from neighboring parishes.



We are asking for volunteers to assist in **Snow Shoveling / Snow Plowing** to remove the snow from each entry way of the church. When a snow storm falls on a **weekend the entry ways / parking lot must be cleared by the time of both liturgies**. If you are able to lend a hand please contact Abouna as soon as possible. God bless.



2019

I take this opportunity to offer my sincere appreciation to all of you for your support, generosity and cooperation throughout the year. The accomplishments and hard work would have never been completed if it was not for each and every one of you. You demonstrated your love, dedication and loyalty to your faith and to Saint Theresa Church.

I offer my best wishes to you and your families for a Happy, Healthy New Year.

*May God bless you all,
Father Joseph*





Thank You Messages
For Christmas Gift



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December 17, 2018

Dear Father Daiff and Parishioners of St. Theresa's,

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity to the students at the Barrett Russell Early Childhood Center. As you may know, we are now an Early Childhood Special Education Program. Your kind donations went to the youngest and most vulnerable of learners in the Brockton Public Schools. We have many families who are experiencing homelessness and fiscal uncertainty. The parents are so grateful to be able to provide their children with gifts during these difficult times. Many parents find themselves financially strapped and do not know what they will do. They frequently turn to the school for help. The generosity of our community partners, especially your parish, is inspiring. The joy that you have brought to our students and their families is profound. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. You have truly touched the lives of many children.

God Bless you and your families.

Sincerely,

Joanne Camillo
And the families of the Barrett Russell School



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December 20, 2018

Dear Abouna Joseph and the Parish Family of Saint Theresa Church:

On behalf of our Plouffe Academy students and their families, we would like to thank ALL of you for your overwhelming generosity and care that you have collectively shown to our school community this Christmas Season. Abouna, thank you for being with us on Wednesday morning. As you saw, the Giving Tree gift certificates were given to dozens of students right before the Christmas vacation, and once again, we all experienced their MASSIVE JOY; mere words cannot properly convey the excitement and enthusiasm that filled the cafeteria! We witnessed beaming faces and received so many grateful and heartfelt "Thank You's" as students were given their gift cards, knowing that their Christmas Season is made brighter and happier.

Kindness ripples outwards and its power affects others in a multitude of ways. You and the parish family definitely made this Christmas season happier and so much more festive for so many families.

Please accept our warmest gratitude and deepest appreciation for your collective generosity and kind-heartedness. We wish you and your families a New Year filled with Joy, Prosperity, and Good Health. Happy 2019!!

Sincerely yours,


Michelle A. Nessralla
Principal


Bonnie J. Brady
IB Department Head


Eric Wescott
Assistant Principal


Maria Lobo-Andrade
School Adjustment Counselor


John MacDonald
Guidance Counselor

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