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Genealogy Sunday

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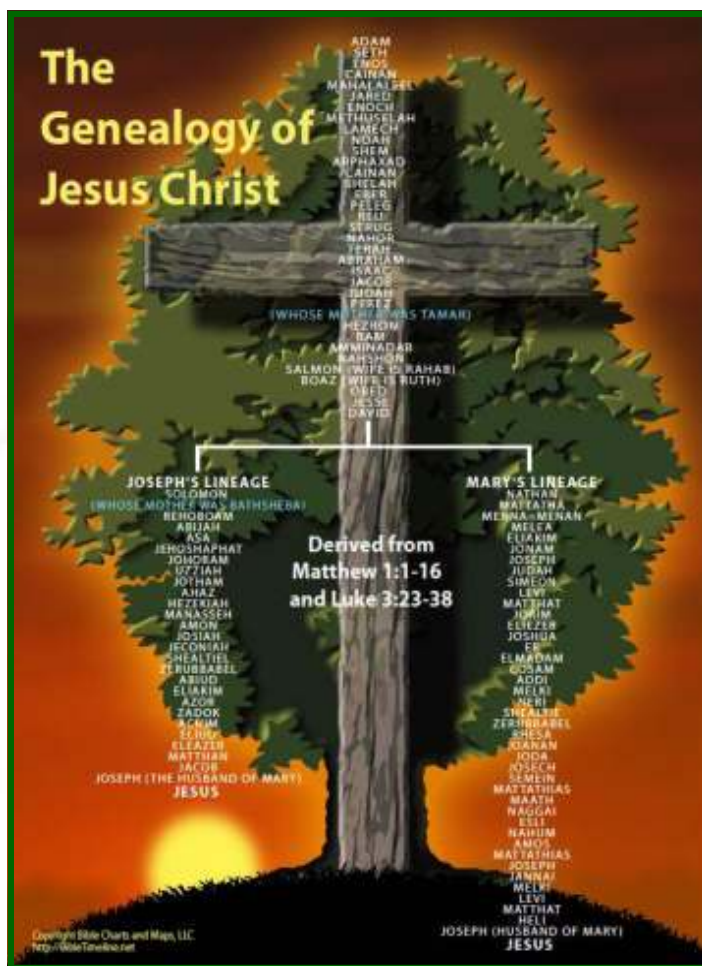


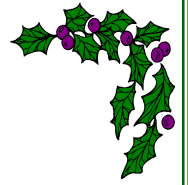
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“I will let fall from Heaven a Shower of Roses.”

~Saint Theresa of Lisieux~ “The Little Flower”





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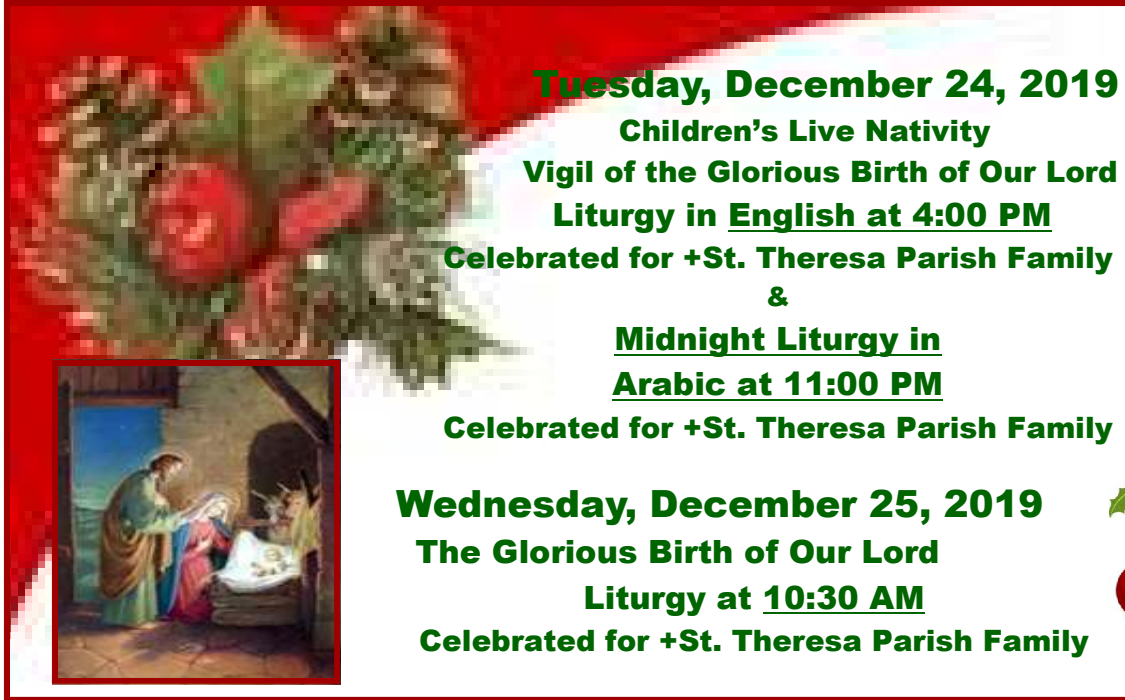
Sat. Dec. 21 @ 4:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:
+Fred and Violet Mather and +Robert Rothwell by Gail Mather

Sun. Dec. 22 @ 10:30 AM Liturgy Celebrated for:


+Salwa Lahoud Chehwan as requested by the family




Schedule for Christmas Liturgies



Tuesday, December 24, 2019
Children's Live Nativity
Vigil of the Glorious Birth of Our Lord
Liturgy in English at 4:00 PM
Celebrated for +St. Theresa Parish Family
&
Midnight Liturgy in
Arabic at 11:00 PM
Celebrated for +St. Theresa Parish Family



Wednesday, December 25, 2019
The Glorious Birth of Our Lord
Liturgy at 10:30 AM
Celebrated for +St. Theresa Parish Family




For the Month of December

Bread & wine for the Holy Gifts are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
+Margaret George by the family

Vigil candle for the Gospel Throne is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
+Naja and Samera Nessralla by the family

Sanctuary candle for the Tabernacle is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
+Nacklie and Marie Nessralla by the family

Vigil candle for Shrine of St. Theresa is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
+Geraldine George and all deceased members of the George family by Manthala George and family



Lectors' Schedule

Saturday, Dec. 21, 2019

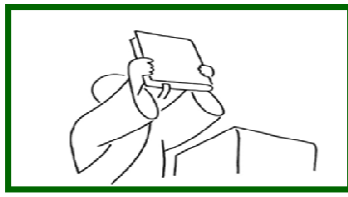
English: Gail

Sunday, Dec. 22, 2019

English: Gordon

Arabic: Alison





Reading: Romans 1: 1-12

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed throughout the world. For God, whom I serve with my spirit by announcing the gospel of his Son, is my witness that without ceasing I remember you always in my prayers, asking that by God's will I may somehow at last succeed in coming to you. For I am longing to see you so that I may share with you some spiritual gift to strengthen you or rather so that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل رومة

يا إخواني، من بولس عبد المسيح يسوع، الذي دُعِيَ لِيَكُونَ رَسُولًا، وَفَرَزَ لِإِنْجِيلِ
الله، هَذَا الْإِنْجِيلِ الَّذِي وَعَدَ بِهِ اللهُ مِنْ قَبْلُ، بِأَنْبِيَاءِهِ فِي الْكُتُبِ الْمُقَدَّسَةِ، فِي
شَأْنِ ابْنِهِ الَّذِي وُلِدَ بِحَسَبِ الْجَسَدِ مِنْ نَسْلِ دَاوُدَ، وَجُعِلَ بِحَسَبِ رُوحِ الْقَدَاسَةِ
أَبْنًا لِلَّهِ بِقُوَّةِ أَيْ بِالْقِيَامَةِ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، وَهُوَ يَسُوعُ الْمَسِيحُ رَبُّنَا؛ بِهِ نَلْنَا
النَّعْمَةَ وَالرَّسَالَةَ لِكَيْ نَهْدِيَ إِلَى طَاعَةِ الْإِيمَانِ جَمِيعَ الْأُمَمِ، لِمَجْدِ اسْمِهِ؛ وَمِنْ
بَيْنِهِمْ أَنْتُمْ أَيْضًا مَدْعُورُونَ لِنَكُونُوا لِيَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ؛ إِلَى جَمِيعِ الَّذِينَ فِي رُومًا، إِلَى
أَحِبَّاءِ اللهِ، الْمَدْعُورِينَ لِيَكُونُوا قَدِيسِينَ: النَّعْمَةُ لَكُمْ وَالسَّلَامُ مِنَ اللهِ أَبِيْنَا وَالرَّبِّ
يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ! قَبْلَ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ، أَشْكُرُ إِلَهِي بِيَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ مِنْ أَجْلِكُمْ جَمِيعًا، لِأَنَّ
إِيمَانَكُمْ يُنَادِي بِهِ فِي الْعَالَمِ كُلِّهِ. يَشْهَدُ عَلَيَّ اللهُ، الَّذِي أَعْبُدُهُ بِرُوحِي، بِحَسَبِ
إِنْجِيلِ ابْنِهِ، أَنِّي أَذْكُرْكُمْ بِغَيْرِ انْقِطَاعٍ، ضَارِعًا فِي صَلَوَاتِي عَلَى الدَّوَامِ أَنْ
يَتَيَسَّرَ لِي يَوْمًا، بِمَشِيئَةِ اللهِ، أَنْ آتِيَ إِلَيْكُمْ. فَإِنِّي أَتَشَوَّقُ أَنْ أَرَاكُمْ، لِأَشْرِكْكُمْ فِي
مَوْهِبَةٍ رُوحِيَّةٍ وَأَسَدِّدْكُمْ، أَيْ لِأَتَعَزَّى مَعَكُمْ وَبَيْنَكُمْ بِإِيمَانِي وَإِيمَانِكُمْ الْمَشْتَرَكِ.

Gospel: 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 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.

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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:** 12/15/19 \$ 1,171.00, Special Collection for Lebanon sent to Eparchy \$676.00

Eucharistic Adoration **Please Note:** Eucharistic Adoration will take place on **Thursday, Dec. 26, 2019.** Liturgy will take place at 7:00 PM followed by Eucharistic Adoration. On Fridays Liturgy will be celebrated in Arabic at 7:00PM. Doors are opened at 6:00PM

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! 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.

**Thank You...Thank You...Thank You...
Shukran Jazeelan!**

 Our very special thanks to each of you who helped make our **Thanksgiving Food Drive and Giving Tree Program** a huge success. This year we were able to assist **76 families** to receive a **Thanksgiving Dinner**, and enjoy the holidays through the **Giving Tree Program.** May Almighty God bless you for your continued support of St. Theresa Church and her programs.



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