



Happy New Year

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.

*Faithfully yours,
Abouna Tony*



2016

SUNDAY AFTER THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD



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Sunday after the Birth of Our Lord

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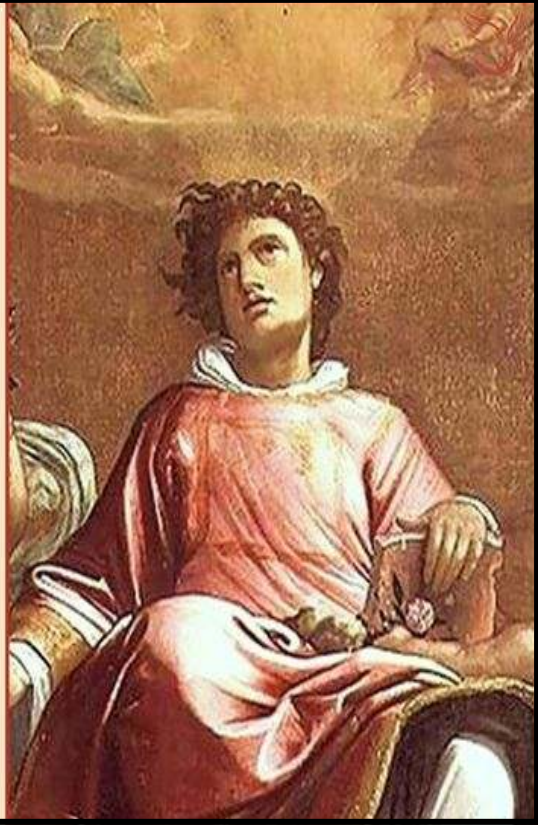
THE FEAST OF ST. STEPHEN

26TH DECEMBER

St. Stephen, the first of the Martyrs, d. c. 34AD, was a popular deacon in the early Church of Jerusalem, who distributed alms to the orphans and poor. He was falsely accused of blasphemy and stoned to death by the Jewish Authorities.

His martyrdom was witnessed by the Pharisee, Saul of Tarsus—who would later convert to Christianity and become St. Paul the Apostle.

St. Stephen is the Patron Saint of deacons, and stonemasons, and is usually shown with a martyr's palm and three stones. His Feast Day is celebrated as 'Boxing Day' in New Zealand, Canada, Australia and the United Kingdom.



The Holy Mysteries are celebrated:

Saturdays at 4:00 PM; Sundays at 10:30 AM; 7:00 PM Holydays

Holy Mystery of Reconciliation: 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. Baptism and Chrismation are scheduled Monday—Friday.

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.



Intentions for the Holy Mysteries

Sunday after the Birth of Our Lord

Sat. Dec. 26 4:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:
40 Day Liturgy for +Adwar Nassr and +Antoine Nassr by the family

Sun. Dec. 27 10:30AM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+Marie A. Nessralla by the family
+Monsignor Louis Khalil by the family



January

Holy Day of Obligation

Circumcision of the Lord/ New Year's Day

Friday, January 1, 2016

Liturgy will be celebrated at 12:00 Noon

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Finding Our Lord in the Temple

Sat. Jan. 2 4:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+Intention of the celebrant

Sun. Jan. 3 10:30AM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+George Tanios El Hayek by the family

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Feast of the Glorious Epiphany

Holy Day of Obligation

Wednesday, January 6, 2016

Liturgy will be celebrated at 7:00 PM for

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



For the Month of December

Bread & wine for the Holy Gifts are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
+Marie A. Nessralla by Nacklie Nessralla and family

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

Sanctuary candle for the Tabernacle is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
+Bolus and Rose Saba and all deceased members of the Saba families by the family

Vigil candle for Shrine of St. Theresa is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
+Peter L. Asack, Sr. by Margo Asack and family

First Reading: 2 Corinthians 11:1-9

I wish you would bear with me in a little foolishness. Do bear with me! I feel a divine jealousy for you, for I promised you in marriage to one husband, to present you as a chaste virgin to Christ. But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by its cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ. For if someone comes and proclaims another Jesus than the one we proclaimed, or if you receive a different spirit from the one you received, or a different gospel from the one you accepted, you submit to it readily enough. I think that I am not in the least inferior to these super-apostles. I may be untrained in speech, but not in knowledge; certainly in every way and in all things we have made this evident to you. Did I commit a sin by humbling myself so that you might be exalted, because I proclaimed God's good news to you free of charge? I robbed other churches by accepting support from them in order to serve you. And when I was with you and was in need, I did not burden anyone, for my needs were supplied by the friends who came from Macedonia. So I refrained and will continue to refrain from burdening you in any way.

رسالة القديس بولس الثانية إلى أهل كورنتس 1:11-9

يا إخوتي، لئنيكم تحتملوني قليلاً لأنطق بالجهالة! نعم، احتملوني! فإني أعار عليكم غيرة الله، لأني خطبتكم لرجل واحد هو المسيح، لأقدمكم إليه عذراء طاهرة. لكني أخاف لعلكم، كما أغوت الحبة بمكرها حواء، كذلك تُفسد أفكاركم وتتحول عن بساطتها وإخلاصها للمسيح! فلو جاءكم أحد يبشر ببسوع آخر غير الذي بشرناكم به، أو نلتُم روحاً آخر غير الذي نلتُموه، أو إنجيلاً آخر غير الذي قبلتُموه، لكنتم تحتملونه راضين! وأظن أنني لم أنقص في شيء عن أكابر الرسل. فإن كنت ساذجاً في كلامي، فليست كذلك في معرفتي، ولقد بينا لكم ذلك في كل شيء أمام الجميع. أتراني ارتكبت خطيئة، لأني واضعت نفسي لترتفعوا أنتم، عندما بشرتكم بإنجيل الله مجاناً! لقد سلبت كنائس أخرى، أخذاً منها النفقة لخدمتكم. ولما كنت عندكم، وأنا معوز، لم أثقل على أحد منكم، لأن عوزي قد سده الإخوة الذين جاؤوا من مقدونية. وقد حرصت في كل شيء ألا أثقل عليكم، وسأحرص أيضاً.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 23:29-39:24:1-12

‘Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you build the tombs of the prophets and decorate the graves of the righteous, and you say, "If we had lived in the days of our ancestors, we would not have taken part with them in shedding the blood of the prophets." Thus you testify against yourselves that you are descendants of those who murdered the prophets. Fill up, then, the measure of your ancestors. You snakes, you brood of vipers! How can you escape being sentenced to hell? Therefore I send you prophets, sages, and scribes, some of whom you will kill and crucify, and some you will flog in your synagogues and pursue from town to town, so that upon you may come all the righteous bloodshed on earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah son of Barachiah, whom you murdered between the sanctuary and the altar. Truly I tell you, all this will come upon this generation. ‘Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you, desolate. For I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."’ As Jesus came out of the temple and was going away, his disciples came to point out to him the buildings of the temple. Then he asked them, ‘You see all these, do you not? Truly I tell you, not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.’

إنجيل القديس متى 29:23-1:24.39-2

قال الرب يسوع: «أوليل لكم، أيها الكتبة والفرسيون المرأون! لأنكم تبنون قبور الأنبياء، وتزيّنون مدافن الأبرار، وتقولون: لو كنا في أيام آبائنا لما شاركناهم في دم الأنبياء. فإنتم تشهدون على أنفسكم أنكم أبناء قتلة الأنبياء. فاملأوا أنتم أيضاً كيل آبائكم!

أيها الحيات نسل الأفاعي! كيف تهربون من دينونة جهنم؟ لذلك ها أنا أرسل إليكم أنبياء وحكماء وكتبة، فتقتلون بعضهم وتصلبون، وتجلدون بعضهم في مجامعكم، وتطاردونهم من مدينة إلى مدينة، حتى يفع عليكم كل دم زكي سفك على الأرض، من دم هابيل البار إلى دم زكريا بن بركيا، الذي قتلتموه بين المقدس والمدبح. ألقوا قول لكم: سيقع كل ذلك على هذا الجيل!

أورشليم، أورشليم، يا قاتلة الأنبياء، وراجمة المرسلين إليها! كم مرة أردت أن أجمع أولادك كما تجمع الدجاجة فراخها تحت جناحها، ولم تريدوا! هوذا بينكم يبشركم لكم خراباً!

فإني لأقول لكم: لن تروني من الآن إلى أن تقولوا: مبارك الآتي باسم الرب! وخرج يسوع من الهيكل ومضى. فدنا منه تلاميذه يفتنون نظره إلى أبنية الهيكل. فأجاب وقال لهم: «ألا تنظرون هذا كله؟ ألقوا قول لكم: لن يترك هنا حجر على حجر إلا ويُنقض.»

Lectors' Schedule

Saturday Dec. 26, 2015 @ 4:00 PM

Thomas

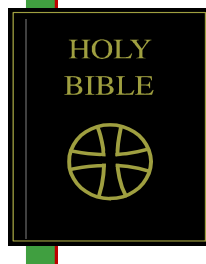
Sunday, Dec. 27, 2015 @ 10:30 AM

English

Michelle

Arabic

Sadie



Altar Server Schedule

Saturday Dec. 26, 2015 @ 4:00 PM

Thomas

Sunday, Dec. 27, 2015 @ 10:30 AM

David / Jr. Altar Servers



Religious Education Calendar

Sun. Dec. 27 No Class / Christmas Recess

Sun. Jan. 3 Class 11 / Finding of Our Lord in the Temple



Memorials 2016: If you would like to offer the Bread and Wine for the Holy Gifts, Vigil Light for the Gospel and Shrine, or the Sanctuary Lamp for the Tabernacle, the following months and items are available for the coming year.

Sanctuary Lamp-June, July, August, November

Vigil Light for the Gospel-January, April, May, July, August, September, November

Bread and Wine- April, June, July

Vigil Light for the Shrine of St. Theresa- January, February, April, June, August and November.

Call the church office to schedule your month. Donations for **each item are \$25.00 per month.** Memorials will be noted in the bulletin in the month you select.



Happy
**NEW
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2016



May the new year bring you success
happiness and prosperity.
Have a happy new year!
May each and every day of the New Year
Brings you lots of happiness and love.
Happy New Year 2016