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The Circumcision of Our Lord

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Happy
New Year



March For Life Schedule

Thursday 1/19

- 5:30 PM Prayer for Life Vigil Mass at Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
- 7:30 PM Bishop leads opening prayer in Maronite Chapel (Lower level of Basilica)
- 8:00 PM On your own for dinner
- 9:00 PM Social outing

Friday 1/20

- 11:00 AM Meet at Starbucks
Walk over to the March for Life together!
- 5:00 PM Post March dinner and discussion at Seminary
- 9:00 PM Drinks and dancing

Saturday 1/21

- 10:30 AM Maronite Liturgy at Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
- 12:00 PM Lunch
- 3:00 PM Outing to the Museum of the Bible
- 6:00 PM On your own dinner
- 9:00 PM Social outing

Sunday 1/22

- 11:00 AM Divine Liturgy at Our Lady of Lebanon in DC
- 12:30 PM Brunch at Parish hall
- 2:00 PM Group photo and tour monuments



Liturgy Schedule

The Holy Mysteries are celebrated:

Saturdays: 4:00 PM
Sunday: 10:30 AM

Holy Days: 7:00 PM

Daily Liturgy: To be announced
Arabic Liturgy : To be announced

Holy Mystery of Reconciliation

The sacrament of Reconciliation is available by appointment.

Ministry of 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 Mystery of Crowning

Please consult with the pastor to make arrangements at least 6 months in advance of proposed date in order to avoid difficulty in scheduling



*"My mission - to make God loved - will begin after my death.
I will spend my heaven doing good on earth.
I will let fall a shower of roses."
~Saint Theresa of Lisieux~*

Religious Education

Classes are held on Saturdays
September through April
For registration please see
Mirna Issa

Holy Mysteries of Baptism and Chrismation

Please make arrangements with the pastor at least one month in advance. Sponsors must meet particular requirement of church law; parents must consult with the pastor before inviting someone to serve as a sponsor. To schedule your baptism call the church office.

Adoration

You are invited to spend some time before our Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament to grow in faith and love.

*"Your heart is made to love Jesus, to love Him passionately; pray so that the beautiful years of your life may not pass by in chimerical fears."
Saint Therese of Lisieux*

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
First Thursday of the month from
6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

MYO—MYA

MYO—MYA meet
September through April

Schedule for New Year's Liturgies



Sat. Dec. 31 at 4:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+Intention available on request

Holy Days

Circumcision of the Lord/ New Year's Day

Sunday, January 1, 2023 at 10:30 AM

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Feast of the Glorious Epiphany



Thursday, Jan. 5 @ 7:00 PM Vigil Liturgy Celebrated for:

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



First Sunday after Epiphany

Sat. Jan. 7 @ 4:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:

1 Year Memorial for + John E. Samia, III and
all deceased members of the family as requested by the family

+For the souls of Remember Me In Your Kingdom

Sun. Jan. 8 @ 10:30 AM Liturgy Celebrated for:

40 Day Memorial for +Hilda Jizmejjan as requested by the family



We are asking for volunteers to assist in **Snow plowing / Snow shoveling** 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 in time for both Liturgies*. If, you are able to lend a hand please contact Abouna as soon as possible. God bless.



**Happy
New Year!**

Join

BISHOP GREGORY J. MANSOUR

FR. VINCENT FARHAT

&

OUR LADY OF PURGATORY PARISH

to pray the Rosary

for our faithful departed

EVERY THURSDAY

5:00PM - VIA ZOOM

*May the souls of the
faithful departed
rest in peace*

Meeting ID:

890 3889 9691



Scan the QR code
to join the meeting



From your computer use the Meeting ID plus
Pass Code 011387

**TIME, TALENT & TREASURE
STEWARDSHIP: A WAY OF LIFE**

Parish Support

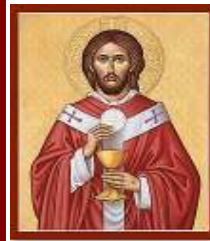
Offertory needed each week \$ 2,000.00. Our offertory is needed for the following: Parish Assessment, paid monthly from Feb. thru Nov: \$900.00. Parish Building Insurance, paid monthly from Jan. thru Nov: \$970.00. 12/25/22 \$1,786.00.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

O Divine Ocean of Mercy and Compassion, be with us in our time of trial and difficulties. Today I make an act of spiritual communion with you, the Life-Giving Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. At this time I am not able to receive the sacred body and blood of my Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ, but I choose to live in union with him and in the unity of the Holy Spirit. I offer my day, my daily life, my joys and sorrows to you, for those around me, and for the whole world. Be with us O life-giving Triune God, for we know that nothing in this world has power over us. O Lover of all people, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

For the Month of January

Bread and Wine



Bread & wine for the Holy Gifts are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:

+Tofie and Theresa Samia

by the family

Vigil Candle for the Blessed Mother



Vigil candle for the Blessed Mother is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:

+All deceased members of the Feghali families

by Madeleine Asack and family

Vigil Candle for the Shrine of St. Theresa



Vigil candle for Shrine of St. Theresa

is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of :

+Geraldine George

by Manthala George, Jr. and family

Sanctuary candle for the Tabernacle



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 candles for the Gospel Throne



Vigil candle for the Gospel Throne

is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:

+ John E. Samia, III, and all deceased members of the family

by the family

May **GOD** be with you
through **NEW YEAR,**

and fill your life with

COMFORT, LOVE and **CHEER.**

May this day and the days ahead,

Hold many **BLESSINGS**

for you and yours.

Happy New Year!



Saint Theresa

Maronite Catholic Church



The Circumcision of Our Lord

December 31, 2022-Jan. 1, 2023

عيد رأس السنة

Book of Micah 4,1-4

In days to come the mount of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest mountain; it shall be raised above the hills, and peoples shall stream to it: a many nations shall come, and say, "Come, let us climb the LORD's mountain, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may instruct us in his ways, that we may walk in his paths." For from Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between many peoples and set terms for strong and distant nations; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; one nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again. They shall all sit under their own vines, under their own fig trees, undisturbed; for the LORD of hosts has spoken.

Letter to the Ephesians 2,11-22.

Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision" - a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—remember that you were at the time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple, in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

Holy Gospel :Saint Luke 2,21.

After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

سفر ميخا 4: 1-4

وَيَكُونُ فِي آخِرِ الْأَيَّامِ أَنَّ جَبَلَ بَيْتِ الرَّبِّ يُوَدَّدُ فِي رَاسِ الْجِبَالِ وَيَرْتَفِعُ فَوْقَ اللَّيَالِ، وَتَجْرِي إِلَيْهِ الشُّعُوبُ، وَيَنْطَلِقُ أُمَّمٌ كَثِيرُونَ وَيَقُولُونَ: هَلُمُّوا نَصْعَدُ إِلَى جَبَلِ الرَّبِّ، وَبَيْتِ إِلَهٍ يَغُفُوبُ، وَهُوَ يُعَلِّمُنَا طَرِيقَهُ فَتَسِيرُ فِي سُبُلِهِ، لِأَنَّهَا مِنْ صِهْيُونِ تَخْرُجُ الشَّرِيعَةُ، وَمِنْ أُورُشَلِيمَ كَلِمَةُ الرَّبِّ. وَيَحْكُمُ بَيْنَ الشُّعُوبِ الْكَثِيرِينَ، وَيَقْضِي لِلْأُمَّمِ الْأَقْوِيَاءِ حَتَّى فِي الْبَعِيدِ، فَيَضْرِبُونَ سُيُوفَهُمْ سِكِّكًا، وَرِمَاحَهُمْ مَنَاجِلَ، فَلَا تَرْفَعُ أُمَّةٌ عَلَى أُمَّةٍ سَدِيقًا، وَلَا يَتَعَلَّمُونَ الْحَرْبَ مِنْ بَعْدِ. وَيَقِيمُ كُلُّ وَاحِدٍ تَحْتَ كَرْمَتِهِ، وَتَحْتَ تِينَتِهِ وَلَا أَحَدٌ يُقْلِفُهُ، لِأَنَّ فَمَ رَبِّ الْقُوَاتِ قَدْ تَكَلَّمَ.

الرسالة القديس بولس الى أهل أفسس 2: 11 - 22

يَا إِخْوَتِي، تَذَكَّرُوا، أَنْتُمْ الْوَتَنِيِّينَ فِي الْجَسَدِ سَابِقًا، أَلْمَدْعُوعِينَ أَهْلَ عَدَمِ الْخِتَانَةِ عِنْدَ الْمَدْعُوعِينَ أَهْلَ الْخِتَانَةِ، بِفِعْلِ الْيَدِ فِي الْجَسَدِ، تَذَكَّرُوا أَنَّكُمْ كُنْتُمْ فِي ذَلِكَ الْوَقْتِ يَدُونَ مَسِيحِ، مُبْعَدِينَ عَنِ رَجِيَّةِ إِسْرَائِيلَ، وَغُرَبَاءَ عَنِ عَهْدِ الْوَعْدِ، لَا رَجَاءَ لَكُمْ فِي الْعَالَمِ وَلَا إِلَهٍ؛ أَمَّا الْآنَ فَبِالْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ أَنْتُمْ الَّذِينَ كُنْتُمْ مِنْ قَبْلِ بَعِيدِينَ، صِرْتُمْ بِدَمِ الْمَسِيحِ قَرِيبِينَ. قَائِلُهُ هُوَ سَلَامُنَا، هُوَ جَعَلَ الْأَثْنَيْنِ وَاحِدًا، وَفِي جَسَدِهِ نَقَضَ الْجِدَارَ الْفَاصِلَ بَيْنَهُمَا، أَيِ الْعَدَاوَةِ، وَأَبْطَلَ شَرِيعَةَ الْوَصَايَا بِمَا فِيهَا مِنْ فَرَائِضَ، لِيَخْلُقَ الْأَثْنَيْنِ فِي شَخْصِهِ إِنْسَانًا وَاحِدًا حَدِيدًا، بِإِحْلَالِهِ السَّلَامِ بَيْنَهُمَا، وَبِصَالِحَهُمَا مَعَ اللَّهِ، كِلَيْهِمَا فِي جَسَدٍ وَاحِدٍ، بِالصَّلِيبِ، قَاتِلًا فِيهِ الْعَدَاوَةَ بَيْنَهُمَا. فَلَمَّا جَاءَ بَشَرَكُمْ بِالسَّلَامِ أَنْتُمْ الْبَعِيدِينَ، وَبَشَرِ السَّلَامِ الْقَرِيبِينَ، لِأَنَّنا بِهِ نَلْنَا نَحْنُ الْأَثْنَيْنِ فِي رُوحٍ وَاحِدٍ الْوُصُولَ إِلَى الْآبِ. إِذَا فَلَسْتُمْ بَعْدَ غُرَبَاءَ وَلَا نُزْلَاءَ، بَلْ أَنْتُمْ أَهْلُ مَدِينَةِ الْقَدِيسِينَ وَأَهْلُ بَيْتِ اللَّهِ، بِنَيْتِهِمْ عَلَى أُسَاسِ الرُّسُلِ وَالْأَنْبِيَاءِ، وَالْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ نَفْسُهُ هُوَ حَجَرُ الزَّاوِيَةِ. فِيهِ يَتِمَّاسِكُ الْبِنَاءُ كُلُّهُ، فَيَرْتَفِعُ هَيْكَلًا مُقَدَّسًا فِي الرَّبِّ، وَفِيهِ أَنْتُمْ أَيْضًا تُبْنُونَ مَعًا مَسْكِنًا لِلَّهِ فِي الرُّوحِ.

الانجيل القديس لوقا 2: 21

لَمَّا تَمَّتْ ثَمَانِيَّةُ أَيَّامٍ لِخِتَانِ الصَّبِيِّ، سُمِّيَ «يَسُوعَ»، كَمَا سَمَّاهُ الْمَلَائِكَةُ قَبْلَ أَنْ يُحْبَلَ بِهِ فِي الْبَطْنِ.



St. Theresa Church Christmas Giving Tree Program Thank You



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December 22, 2022

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

On behalf of our Joseph Plouffe students and their families, we would like to thank you for the generosity and care that you have collectively shown to our school community this Christmas Season. The Giving Tree gift certificates were given to students right before the Christmas vacation, and they were received with excitement, enthusiasm and JOY! We witnessed smiles upon smiles and heard many grateful "Thank You"s as students received their gift cards.

Kindness ripples outwards and its power affects others in a multitude of ways. You definitely made this Holiday Season happier and so much more festive for many families.

Please accept our warmest gratitude and deepest appreciation for your collective generosity and kindness. We wish you and your families a New Year filled with Joy and Good Health.

Sincerely yours,

Michelle A. Nessralla
Principal

Bonnie Brady
Associate Principal

Eric Wescott
Assistant Principal

Maria Lobo
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