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The Finding of Our Lord in the Temple

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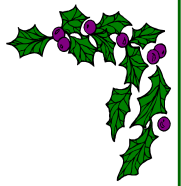
“I will let fall from Heaven a Shower of Roses.”

~Saint Theresa of Lisieux~ “The Little Flower”



‘WHY WERE YOU SEARCHING FOR ME? DID YOU NOT KNOW THAT I MUST BE IN MY FATHER’S HOUSE?’

LUKE 2:49



Finding Our Lord in the Temple

Sat. Dec. 29 @ 4:00 PM Liturgy Celebrated for:

+Frederick M. McDermott, Jr. as requested by a Lon and Matthew Elliot

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

1 Year Memorial for + Boulos Abdu Saab and

1 Year Memorial for + Michel Saba Massoud as requested by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Saab and family



Schedule for New Year's Liturgies

Holy Day of Obligation

Circumcision of the Lord/ New Year's Day

Tuesday, January 1, 2019

Liturgy will be celebrated at 11:30 AM- One Time Change ONLY for this day!

Holy Day of Obligation

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



For the Month of December

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

+Bolus and Rose Saba and all deceased members of the family by the family

Vigil candle for the Gospel Throne is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of +John and Amanda Nessralla by Shirley, Diane and Joyce

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

Vigil candle for Shrine of St. Theresa is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of +Nacklie and Marie Nessralla by the family



Lectors' Schedule

Saturday, Dec. 29, 2018

English: Kevin

Sunday, Dec. 30, 2018

English:

Arabic:





Reading: Hebrews 7:11-19

If perfection had been attainable through the Levitical priesthood for the people received the law under this priesthood what further need would there have been to speak of another priest arising according to the order of Melchizedek, rather than one according to the order of Aaron? For when there is a change in the priesthood, there is necessarily a change in the law as well. Now the one of whom these things are spoken belonged to another tribe, from which no one has ever served at the altar. For it is evident that our Lord; was descended from Judah, and in connection with that tribe Moses said nothing about priests. It is even more obvious when another priest arises, resembling Melchizedek, one who has become a priest, not through a legal requirement concerning physical descent, but through the power of an indestructible life. For it is attested of him, 'You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.' There is, on the one hand, the abrogation of an earlier commandment because it was weak and ineffectual (for the law made nothing perfect); there is, on the other hand, the introduction of a better hope, through which we approach God.

الرسالة إلى العبرانيين

يا إخوتي، لو كان الكمال قد تحقق بالكهنوت اللاوي، وهو أساس الشريعة التي أُعطيت للشعب، فأبي حاجة بعد إلى أن يقوم كاهن آخر على رتبة ملكيصادق، ولا يقال على رتبة هارون؟ فمتى تغير الكهنوت، لا بد من تغيير الشريعة أيضا. فالذي يقال هذا في شأنه، أي المسيح، جاء من سبط آخر، لم يلازم أحد منه خدمة المذبح، ومن الواضح أن ربنا أشرق من يهوذا، من سبط لم يصفه موسى بشيء من الكهنوت. ويزيد الأمر وضوحا أن الكاهن الآخر الذي يقوم على مثال ملكيصادق، لم يتم وفق شريعة وصية بشرية، بل وفق قوة حياة لا تزول. ويشهد له: أنت كاهن إلى الأبد، على رتبة ملكيصادق! وهكذا يتم إبطال وصية الكهنوت السابقة، بسبب ضعفها وعدم نفعها، لأن الشريعة لم تبلغ شيئا إلى الكمال، ويتم أيضا إدخال رجاء أفضل، به نقرب من الله.

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52


Every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

إنجيل القديس لوقا

كان أبوا يسوع يذهبان كل سنة في عيد الفصح إلى اورشليم. ولما بلغ يسوع اثنتي عشرة سنة، صعدوا معكمما هي العادة في العيد. وبعد انقضاء أيام العيد، عاد الأبوان، وبقي الصبي يسوع في اورشليم، وهما لا يدريان. وإذ كانا يظنان أنه في القافلة، سارا مسيرة يوم، ثم أخذوا يطلبانه بين الأقارب والمعارف. ولم يجداه، فعادا إلى اورشليم يبحثان عنه. وبعد ثلاثة أيام، وجداه في الهيكل جالسا بين العلماء، يسمعونهم ويسألهم. وكان جميع الذين يسمعونهم منذ هليلن بدكاية وأجوبته. ولما رآه أبواه بهتتا، وقالت له أمه: يا ابني، لماذا فعلت بنا هكذا؟ فما أنا وأبوك كنا نبحث عنك متوجعين. فقال لهما: لماذا تطلباني؟ ألا تعلمان أنه ينبغي أن أكون في ما هو لأبي؟ أما هما فلم يفهما الكلام الذي كلمهما به. ثم نزل معهما، وعاد إلى الناصرة، وكان خاضعا لهما. وكانت أمه تحفظ كل هذه الأمور في قلبها. وكان يسوع ينمو في الحكمة والقامة والنعمة عند الله والناس.

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: \$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

 Eucharistic Adoration will take place on **Thursday, Jan. 3, 2019**. Liturgy will take place at 7:00 PM followed by Eucharistic Adoration. Doors are opened at 6:00 pm.


Please Note: Eucharistic Adoration will not take place on Thursday, Jan. 10, 2019, it will resume on Thursday, Jan. 17, 2019.

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. We **NEED** your Help!



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*



May the faith of God be with you this year.
May the peace of God surround you,
and may you be blessed each day!

Happy New Year

