

Birth of John the Baptist - Fourth Sunday of Announcement

December 10, 2017

Sunday	December 10	<i>Birth of John the Baptist - Fourth Sunday of Announcement</i> 9:00 am For the Unborn 11:30 am First Year Anniversary of Laure and Elias Dib	Req. by: Msgr. James Req. by: Dib Family
Monday	December 11	NO LITURGY	
Tuesday	December 12	<i>Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe</i> 10:00 am In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Guadalupe	Req. by: Maria Villegas
Wednesday	December 13	10:00 am Philip and Lorraine Shaia	Req. by: Shaia Family
Thursday	December 14	<i>Saint Nemtallah El-Hardini - Confessor</i> 10:00 am Celia Ferris	Req. by: Root Family
Friday	December 15	<i>First Day of Christmas Novena</i> 10:00 am Norma Halpin	Req. by: William Halpin
Saturday	December 16	<i>Second Day of Christmas Novena</i> 10:00 am World Peace	Req. by: Anonymous
Sunday	December 17	<i>Revelation to Joseph - Fifth Sunday of Announcement</i> <i>Third Day of Christmas Novena</i> 9:00 am Henry Hamid 11:00 am <i>Christmas Novena</i> 11:30 am 40 Day Liturgy for Ester Sahlani	Req. by: Carol Hamid Req. by: Family

<i>Weekly Offering</i>	<i>Readings</i>																																				
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Dear Parishioners and Friends:

For the past several months we have focused in on 'discipleship'. The word disciple comes from the word discipline. So to be a disciple is to develop the disciplines of your teachers (i.e. Saints or holy ones of the Church). An easy way to remember these disciplines is to call them H.A.B.I.T.S. - the habits of the Saints.

H - Holy Hour: Start with 10 minutes of daily prayer and watch it grow over time to an hour or more.

A - Accountability: Be transparent with at least one friend who will hold you accountable to being a disciple.

B - Bible prayer and study: Let God's Word transform your mind and connect you to Jesus in prayer.

I - Invest in your parish: Tithe and serve in the mission of the parish.

T - Tell: Boldly tell others about your faith and invite them to faith in Jesus Christ.

S- Sacraments: Participate as frequently as you can.

It is never too late to start putting on the HABITS of the Saints.

Aboona James

Maronite Christian Formation

Classes will be held today, December 10, 2017 at the regular time.

Pilgrimage

We are still accepting reservations for our trip to the Holy Land April 23, 2018 to May 2, 2018. There will be a meeting for the group this Sunday, December 10, 2017 immediately following the Divine Liturgy in the Library.

The absolute deadline for registering is January 23, 2018.

Reconciliation

In order to properly prepare ourselves for the Birth of Jesus, the Mystery (Sacrament) of Reconciliation will be available next Sunday for all the children of the MCF Program, their parents and family members.

We encourage all the parishioners to go to Confession as well. Confessions will be heard from 10:30 am to 11:20 am. If necessary we will also hear Confessions immediately following the 11:30 am Divine Liturgy.

Thought for the Week

Our Lady of Guadalupe Pray for us!

Capital Campaign

We have collected \$37,750.00 as of December 4, 2017. If you have not made a pledge I encourage you to do so before the end of the year. Thank you.

Parish Census

We are updating our records. Please help us with this task. We will explain at the Coffee Hour.

Children's Christmas Party

We are taking reservations for the Annual Children's Christmas party. It will be held next Sunday, December 17th during the Coffee Hour.

It is open to all children of the parish between the ages of New Born to 9 years of age. It is free for all children registered in the MCF Program and \$20.00 per child for all others. Please sign up no later than December 12, 2017.

Attention all Young Adults

There will be a special Liturgy for all Young Adults at Saint Patrick's Cathedral in Manhattan this Wednesday, December 13th at 7:30 pm. The Liturgy will be celebrated by His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Dolan at the Main Altar of the Cathedral. Holy Hour begins at 6:30 along with the Rosary and Confessions.

I will attend this Liturgy and hope that many of our Young Adults will follow suit. I plan on seeing you there.

Christmas Novena Schedule

December 15	10:00 am and 7:30 pm
December 16	10:00 am (Only)
December 17	11:00 am (before the 11:30 Liturgy)
December 18	10:00 am and 7:30 pm
December 19	10:00 am and 7:30 pm
December 20	10:00 am and 7:30 pm
December 21	10:00 am and 7:30 pm
December 22	10:00 am and 7:30 pm (With Devotions to Saint Sharbel)
December 23	10:00 am (Only)

NB: Adoration for Priests and Vocations to Religious Life for the month of December will be remembered each day at the Christmas Novena. Let us pray for an increase in Vocations as well as good marriages.

Christmas and New Year Liturgical Schedule

December 24, 2017

Midnight Liturgy beginning with Choral Music at 11:30 PM

December 25, 2017

Christmas Day at 9:00 am and 11:30 am

December 31, 2017 at 9:00 am and 11:30 am

January 1, 2018

10:00 am Liturgy (Only)