

Revelation to Joseph - Fifth Sunday of Announcement

December 17, 2017

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
Monday	December 18	<i>Fourth Day of Christmas Novena</i> 10:00 am NO LITURGY 7:30 pm NOVENA ONLY	
Tuesday	December 19	<i>Fifth Day of Christmas Novena</i> 10:00 am NO LITURGY 7:30 pm NOVENA ONLY	
Wednesday	December 20	<i>Saint Ignatius of Antioch - Martyr and Sixth Day of Christmas Novena</i> 10:00 am NO LITURGY 7:30 pm NOVENA ONLY	
Thursday	December 21	<i>Seventh Day of Christmas Novena</i> 10:00 am NO LITURGY 7:30 pm NOVENA ONLY	
Friday	December 22	<i>Eighth Day of Christmas Novena</i> 10:00 am In Honor of Saint Sharbel 7:30 pm Marjorie and Thomas Finn	Req. by: Cathedral Parish Req. by: Norbert and Leila Vogl
Saturday	December 23	<i>Ninth Day of Christmas Novena</i> 10:00 am Norma Halpin	Req. by: William Halpin
Sunday	December 24	<i>Genealogy Sunday - Sixth Sunday of Announcement</i> 9:00 am World Peace 11:30 am Simon Besheer	Req. by: Clergy Req. by: Salma Vahdat

<i>Weekly Offering</i>	
Collection:	\$ 1,476.00
Second Collection:	\$ 341.00
Candles:	\$ 194.00
Debt Reduction:	\$ 55.00
Dividends:	\$ 43.50
Total:	\$ 2,109.50

<i>Readings</i>	
December 17, 2017	<i>Revelation to Joseph</i> <i>Fifth Sunday of Announcement</i>
Reading:	Ephesians 3: 1 - 13
Gospel:	Matthew 1: 18 - 25
Lectors:	9:00 am Raymond Gill 11:30 am Denise Abou Chrouch - English 11:30 am Mary Eladem - Arabic

<i>Yearly Budget – 2017</i>	
<i>Annual Operating Budget:</i>	\$ 375,000.00
Collections to Date:	\$ 129,783.00
Candles to Date:	\$ 8,153.00
Donations to Date:	\$ 13,285.00
Cathedral Stipends to Date:	\$ 10,500.00
Memorials to Date:	\$ 3,280.00
Dividends to Date:	\$ 1,365.59
Rentals to Date:	\$ 241,449.99
Fund Raising/Advertising:	\$ 285.00
Debt Reduction to Date:	\$ 4,840.00
Easter /Christmas Flowers:	\$ 2,835.00
Bishop's Appeal to Date:	\$ 5,005.00
Total:	\$ 420,789.58 (+ 45,789.58)

December 24, 2017	<i>Genealogy Sunday</i> <i>Sixth Sunday of Announcement</i>
Reading:	Romans 1: 1 - 12
Gospel:	Matthew 1: 1 - 17
Lectors:	9:00 am Raymond Gill 11:30 am Subdeacon Norbert - English 11:30 am Leila Vogl - Arabic
December 25, 2017	<i>Glorious Birth of Our Lord</i>
Reading:	Hebrews: 1: 1 - 12
Gospel:	Luke 2: 1 - 20
Lectors:	12:00 Midnight Marise Frangie - English 12:00 Midnight Norma Haddad - Arabic 9:00 am Raymond Gill 11:30 am TBA

Each Quarter we must generate \$93,750.00 in revenue to stay on budget.

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

I wish to extend my sincerest gratitude to all of you for the many texts and emails as well as phone messages in reference to the passing of my father, Peter Root.

My father lived a long and good life. His last year was difficult for him but he was surrounded by the love of our family, both the Lebanese as well as his German relatives.

Dad was one of eight children, the second youngest and the last one to go back to God. If my mother were still alive they would have been married 71 years. There wasn't a day that would go by where he talked about her. Their love was real and sincere. Now he joins all his loved ones in Heaven. I ask that you keep us in your prayers as I assure you that you are in ours. On behalf of my brother John and my sister-in-law Christine and the family, thank you for the outpouring of love.

We will have a 40 Day Liturgy here at the Cathedral on Sunday, January 21, 2018.

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Coffee Hour

There will not be Coffee Hour on Sunday, December 24th or on December 31st. The next Coffee Hour will be on January 7, 2018.

Maronite Christian Formation

Classes will be held today, December 17, 2017 at the regular time.

The next MCF Class will be on January 7, 2018.

Pilgrimage

We are still accepting reservations for our trip to the Holy Land April 23, 2018 to May 2, 2018.

The absolute deadline for registering is January 23, 2018.

Reconciliation

We encourage all the parishioners to go to Confession. Confessions will be heard from 10:30 am to 11:00 am. If necessary we will also hear Confessions immediately following the 11:30 am Divine Liturgy.

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.

Christmas Novena Schedule

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

Sunday and Christmas Liturgical Schedule

December 24, 2017

Sunday Liturgy at 9:00 am and 11:30 am

Midnight Liturgy beginning with Choral

Music at 11:30 PM followed by a Social in the Lower Hall.

December 25, 2017

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

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

New Year Liturgical Schedule

January 1, 2018

10:00 am Liturgy (Only)

Please note that all Sundays are days of Obligation. Also, Christmas Liturgy at the Vigil of 6:00 pm or 7:00 pm or even Midnight do not count for both Sunday and Christmas. They are two different celebrations and both are obligatory. The same is so for New Year's Day.

Thought for the Week

"Your angel was sent to righteous Joseph to dispel his fear. Now confirm us in your truth and make us worthy of your salvation. Keep us from doubt and protect our faith, that we may profess your miraculous birth and honor your pure mother Mary and righteous Joseph". - Opening Prayer for Revelation to Joseph Sunday



