

## Genealogy Sunday - Sixth Sunday of Announcement December 24, 2017

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 24</b>	<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
<b>Monday</b>	<b>December 25</b>	<i>Glorious Birth of Our Lord</i> 12:00 Midnight For the Parishioners 9:00 am For the Parishioners 11:30 am For the Parishioners	Req. by: Clergy Req. by: Clergy Req. by: Clergy
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>December 26</b>	<i>Felicitations to the Virgin Mary</i> 10:00 am Henry Hamid	Req. by: Carol Hamid
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>December 27</b>	<i>Saint Stephen, the First Martyr - Martyr</i> NO LITURGY	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>December 28</b>	<i>The Adoration of the Magi</i> NO LITURGY	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>December 29</b>	<i>Flight into Egypt and the Killing of the Holy Innocents - Martyr</i> NO LITURGY	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 30</b>	<i>The Return from Egypt to Nazareth</i> NO LITURGY	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 31</b>	<i>The Finding of Our Lord in the Temple</i> 9:00 am For the Parishioners 11:30 am For the Parishioners	Req. by: Clergy Req. by: Clergy
<b>Monday</b>	<b>January 1</b>	<i>The Circumcision of Jesus (Holy Day of Obligation)</i> 10:00 am For the Parishioners	Req. by: Clergy

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*Dear Parishioners and Friends:*

*Christ is Born! Glorify Him!*

*It is with much joy and happiness that I greet you with these words of great happiness. For the Long-Awaited One is truly present to His people.*

*I wish to take this opportunity to thank all those who donated towards the decorations of our beautiful Cathedral. Secondly, a heartfelt thank you to those who sponsored the Christmas Trees out side as well.*

*Lastly, to all those who have given of themselves regularly over the past year by putting their true "Stewardship" of Time, Treasure and Talent to good use in our Cathedral.*

*Merry Christmas and the choicest of blessings for the New Year.*

*Aboona James*

#### *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*

MCF will not meet until January 7, 2018. See you all then.

#### *Congratulations*

I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate Adonis El Asmar on his acceptance into the Subdiaconate/ Diaconate Program of our Eparchy. At the same time I wish to congratulate his wife Jeanette and their children Jupiter and Fidelle. This is a great gift to his family and a great responsibility as well. Please be assured of our continued prayers.

#### *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.

#### *Capital Campaign*

We have collected \$38,650.00 as of December 17, 2017. If you have not made a pledge I encourage you to do so before the end of the year. Thank you.

#### *Saint Maron Day Celebration*

The Feast of Saint Maron will take place on Sunday, February 4, 2018 immediately following the 11:30 am Divine Liturgy. It will be held at the Hotel One at the Brooklyn Bridge adjacent to Brooklyn Bridge Park. There will be more details within the next two weeks.

#### *Memorial Christmas Trees*

**In Memory and Thanksgiving:**  
Simon and Raphael Families  
Req. by: Philomena Simon

**In Memory and Thanksgiving**  
Sahadi and Ciaccia Families  
Req. by: Marian Ciaccia

**In Memory:**  
Dr. Elie Sarkis  
Req. by: Alice Sarkis and Family

**In Memory:**  
Nofil Family  
Req. by: Lydia Gordon

**In Memory:**  
James Gordon  
Req. by: Lydia Gordon

**In Memory:**  
Violet and Mike Owen  
Req. by: The Owen Family

**In Memory:**  
Ghassan Abi-Habib  
Req. by: Zahia Abi-Habib and Family

**In Memory:**  
Youssef Abi-Habib  
Req. by: Jeanette Abi-Habib and Family

**In Memory:**  
Bichara and Laurice Nassif  
Req. by: Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nassif

**In Memory:**  
The Doyle Family  
Req. by: Patrick Doyle and Family

**In Memory:**  
Elie Safi  
Req. by: Raymond and Georgette Safi and Family

**In Memory:**  
Mae Safee  
Req. by: Aboody and Darine Safi and children

**In Memory:**  
Arthur and Laurice Matney  
Req. by: Virginia Matney

**In Memory:**  
Alia and Nassib Habib  
Req. by: Daughter Claire Habib

**In Memory:**  
The Joulwan Family  
Req. by: Mary Ann Joulwan

**In Thanksgiving:**  
Elhilow and Phillips Families  
Req. by: Logan Reid Diamond



