

GENEALOGY SUNDAY

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GLORIOUS BIRTH OF OUR LORD

Genealogy Sunday December 20th, 2020

Sun., December 20	Genealogy Sunday 11: 30 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners	St. Ignatius of Antioch
Mon., December 21	NO DIVINE LITURGY 7 pm Christmas Novena	
Tues., December 22	10 am Divine Liturgy 7 pm Christmas Novena	
Wed., December 23	10 am Divine Liturgy for Simon Besheer 7 pm Christmas Novena	Req. by Mrs. Salma Vahdat
Thurs. December 24	12 Midnight Divine Liturgy of the Vigil of the Glorious Birth	
Fri. December 25	11:30 am Divine Liturgy of the Glorious Birth of Our Lord	
Sat., December 26	10 am Divine Liturgy for Jorge & Barbara Leon on their 35th Wedding Anniversary Felicitations to the Virgin Mary	
Sun., December 27	Sunday after the Birth of Our Lord 11: 30 am Forty Day for Marlena Azzi	Req. by the Hache Family

Financial Standing November 2020

Ordinary Income

- ♦ Sundays & Holy Days Collections: **\$9,305.33**
- ♦ Cathedral Stipends from Marriages & Funerals, Lower Hall Rent, Candles, Breakfast, Luncheon, Raffle, Dues, Religious Education, Flowers **\$8,668.00**

Total Ordinary Income: \$18,012.15

Ordinary Expense

- ♦ Payroll, Gas, Electricity, Building Insurance and Medical Insurance, Leasing Equipment, TV, Phone, Internet, Church, Hall & Office Supplies, Postage, Regular Maintenance, Charity, Eparchial Appeal, Insurance....

Total Ordinary Expense: \$14,343.96

Total Ordinary Income vs Expense: \$3,669.19

Do you know? A couple of basic monthly expenses:

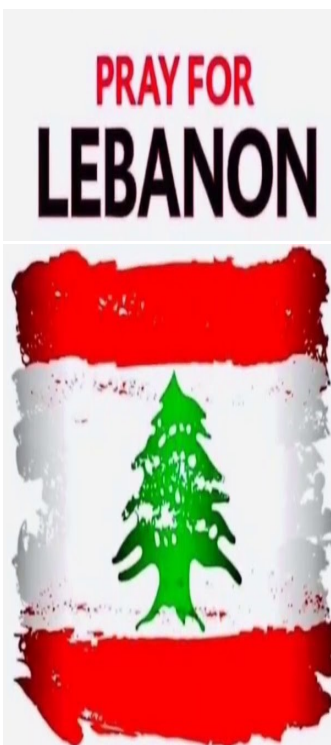
Cathedral monthly building insurance: \$3,484.00

Monthly Eparchial Assessment & Bishop's Appeal: \$2,125.00

No income was brought in as extraordinary income. The Library did not pay the May, June, July, August, September and October rents. They vacated the Church Hall at the end of October.

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Dear Parishioners & Friends:

The Genealogy Sunday that we will be celebrating this weekend helps us reflect deeply on the incarnation of the Word, the Son of God. I am sure many of you remember hearing the passage relating Jesus' family tree, since every year on the Sunday right before Christmas we read the Genealogy of Jesus, the Messiah, the Son of David and the Son of Abraham. We remember this passage very well because its literary genre of listing forty-two generations of fathers and sons and its distinctive way of naming the ancestors of Jesus is unique among all the passages that we hear throughout the liturgical year and is read once a year on this Sunday.

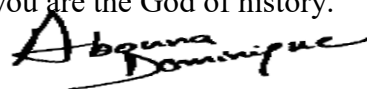
While we hear this genre of literature only once a year in our liturgical seasons from the New Testament, the Old Testament is full of such genealogies or family trees. At the end of the Book of Ruth, for example, there is a short genealogy of David (Ruth 4: 13-22) which is actually included in this genealogy. Furthermore, the first nine chapters of the Book of Chronicles enumerate the genealogies of the twelve tribes of Israel. Every year we listen attentively to the genealogy of Jesus from Matthew 1: 1-17 and try very hard to make sense of what is proclaimed but it is very hard for us to come up with a conclusion. The gospel is supposed to be a proclamation of good news, so where is the good news among all these names?

Among the thirty-nine male names, there are five women mentioned: Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, the wife of Uriah, and Mary. Usually, genealogies of the Old Testament go father to son to father without mentioning mothers and daughters in the lineage. Thus, this genealogy of Jesus is different and interrupted to make reference to five females whose role was very important and crucial in the history of salvation. These women except for Mary were not Israelites: Tamar was of foreign origin, not really known; Ruth was a Moabite; Rahab was a Canaanite from Jericho; and the wife of Uriah whose name was Bathsheba was a Hittite. To reference women in a Jewish genealogy was strange, but what was even stranger is that they are not Israelites. All of them could easily be suspected of having had an illicit sexual affair and might be considered, to one extent or another, sinners.

My friends, if it had not been for those five women, Israel's history would not have reached its ultimate goal. Now the women reading this might feel happy and important about this, but, not so fast. What I just said implies that these five women did not act on their own, but were agents of the Spirit of God. This genealogy culminates beautifully with this verse, "Jacob [was] the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called the Messiah" (Matthew 1: 16). Mary, the virgin mother, coming at the end of the genealogy really shakes the assumption that men are the only principal actors of history. When God is in charge, he can change what is traditional and conventional.

Friends, we are confronted with a genealogy that depicts a worldview which is completely different from our own. We are reminded, men and women, through this genealogy that God is the main actor in history. And life and history begin and end with him. Let us be aware that we are only agents of God, the main actor, and mere vehicles to attest to the one truth, that God is omnipotent and will direct salvation history even through our sinful human natures as with Tamar, Rahab, Ruth and the wife of Uriah. O Lord, as we move toward Christmas, place in our hearts and minds peace and tranquility knowing that you are the God of history.

Merry Christmas!



Christmas Basket Raffle

In lieu of the annual Christmas bake sale, the Confraternity is sponsoring a Christmas Basket Raffle. Tickets are available from Darine Safi, Lily Elhage, Yolla El Howayek, Mirna Abi Daher and Helen Zihenni. The drawing will take place on December 20th after the 11:30 Divine Liturgy.

Christmas Novena December 15th to 23rd

Starting on Tuesday, December 15th through Wednesday, December 23rd, the parish is praying the Christmas Novena every evening at 7:00 pm (except Sunday). The tradition of praying nine days before Christmas is a great way to be prepared to welcome God among us.

Sloan Kettering Gift Card Drive

Instead of the usual toy drive for Christmas, a Christmas Gift Card Drive for the children (newborn and up) of Sloan Kettering Cancer Center will be in effect through December 22nd. This is the best way to keep the children at Sloan safe during the pandemic. Please bring your Amazon \$25 gift card to Church and give it to Chris Safi. For more information please see Chris Safi.

Salaam Club Scholarship

The Salaam Club of New York has extended the deadline to apply for its scholarships to December 31st. High school graduates and college freshmen are welcome to apply. Please [click here](#) for the application.

Altar Server Schedule

Subdeacon Norbert is putting together a schedule for the altar servers. We will only have two servers each Sunday helping on the Altar. Please register your children with Subdeacon Norbert.

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Sunday Readings

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Genealogy Sunday

Letter to the Romans 1:1-12

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed throughout the world. For God, whom I serve with my spirit by announcing the gospel of his Son, is my witness that without ceasing I remember you always in my prayers, asking that by God's will I may somehow at last succeed in coming to you. For I am longing to see you so that I may share with you some spiritual gift to strengthen you or rather so that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine.

The Gospel according to Saint Matthew 1:1-17

An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, and Aram the father of Aminadab, and Aminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of King David. And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon. And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Salathiel, and Salathiel the father of Zerubbabel, and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called the Messiah. So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah, fourteen generations.

أحد النسبة

رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل رومة 1:1-12

يا إخوتي، من يؤلِّس عِندَ الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ، الَّذِي دُعِيَ لِيَكُونَ رَسُولًا، وَفُرِّرَ لِإِنْجِيلِ اللَّهِ، هَذَا الْإِنْجِيلِ الَّذِي وَعَدَ بِهِ اللَّهُ مِنْ قَبْلُ، بِأَنْبِيَاءِهِ فِي الْكُتُبِ الْمُقَدَّسَةِ، فِي شَأْنِ ابْنِهِ الَّذِي وُلِدَ بِحَسَبِ الْجَسَدِ مِنْ نَسْلِ دَاوُدَ، وَجُعِلَ بِحَسَبِ رُوحِ الْقُدَّاسَةِ ابْنُ اللَّهِ بِقُوَّةِ أَيْ بِالْقِيَامَةِ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، وَهُوَ يَسُوعُ الْمَسِيحُ رَبُّنَا؛ بِهِ نَلْنَا النِّعْمَةَ وَالرَّسَالَةَ لِكَيْ نَهْدِيَ إِلَى طَاعَةِ الْإِيمَانِ جَمِيعَ الْأُمَمِ، لِمَجْدِ اسْمِهِ؛ وَمِنْ بَيْنِهِمْ أَنْتُمْ أَيْضًا مَدْعُونَ لِتَكُونُوا لِيَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ؛ إِلَى جَمِيعِ الَّذِينَ فِي رُومًا، إِلَى أَجْبَاءِ اللَّهِ، الْمَدْعُوعِينَ لِيَكُونُوا قَدِيسِينَ: النِّعْمَةُ لَكُمْ وَالسَّلَامُ مِنَ اللَّهِ أَبِينَا وَالرَّبِّ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ إِقْبَلْ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ، أَشْكُرُ إِلَهِي بِيَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ مِنْ أَجْلِكُمْ جَمِيعًا، لِأَنَّ إِيْمَانَكُمْ يُنَادِي بِهِ فِي الْعَالَمِ كُلِّهِ. يَشْهَدُ عَلَيَّ اللَّهُ، الَّذِي أَعْبُدُهُ بِرُوحِي، بِحَسَبِ إِنْجِيلِ ابْنِهِ، أَنِّي أَذْكُرُكُمْ بِغَيْرِ انْقِطَاعٍ، ضَارِعًا فِي صَلَوَاتِي عَلَى الدَّوَامِ أَنْ يَنْتَسِرَ لِي يَوْمًا، بِمَشِيئَةِ اللَّهِ، أَنْ أَتِيَ إِلَيْكُمْ. فَإِنِّي أَتَشَوَّقُ أَنْ أَرَاكُمْ، لِأَشْرِكَكُمْ فِي مَوْهَبَةِ رُوحِيَّةٍ وَأَشَدِّدْكُمْ، أَيْ لِأَتَعَزَّى مَعَكُمْ وَبَيْنَكُمْ بِإِيْمَانِي وَإِيْمَانِكُمُ الْمُشْتَرَكِ.

إنجيل القديس متى 1:1-17

«كِتَابُ مِيلَادِ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ، ابْنِ دَاوُدَ، ابْنِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ: إِبْرَاهِيمُ وَلَدَ إِسْحَاقَ، إِسْحَاقُ وَلَدَ يَعْقُوبَ، يَعْقُوبُ وَلَدَ يَهُوذَا وَإِخْوَتَهُ، يَهُوذَا وَلَدَ فَارَصَ وَزَارَحَ مِنْ تَامَارَ، فَارَصُ وَلَدَ حَصْرُونَ، حَصْرُونَ وَلَدَ أَرَامَ، أَرَامُ وَلَدَ عَمِينَادَابَ، عَمِينَادَابُ وَلَدَ نَحْشُونَ، نَحْشُونَ وَلَدَ سَلْمُونَ، سَلْمُونَ وَلَدَ بُوْعَزَ مِنْ رَاخَابَ، بُوْعَزَ وَلَدَ عُوْبِيدَ مِنْ رَاعُوتَ، عُوْبِيدَ وَلَدَ يَسَّى، يَسَّى وَلَدَ دَاوُدَ الْمَلِكِ. دَاوُدُ وَلَدَ سُلَيْمَانَ مِنْ أَمْرَأَةِ أَوْرِيَا، سُلَيْمَانُ وَلَدَ رَحْبَعَامَ، رَحْبَعَامُ وَلَدَ أَبِيَا، أَبِيَا وَلَدَ آسَا، آسَا وَلَدَ يُوْشَافَاطَ، يُوْشَافَاطُ وَلَدَ يُوْرَامَ، يُوْرَامُ وَلَدَ عُوزِيَا، عُوزِيَا وَلَدَ يُوْتَامَ، يُوْتَامُ وَلَدَ أَحَازَ، أَحَازُ وَلَدَ حَزَقِيَّا، حَزَقِيَّا وَلَدَ مَنَسَّى، مَنَسَّى وَلَدَ أَمُونَ، أَمُونُ وَلَدَ يُوْشِيَّا، يُوْشِيَّا وَلَدَ يُوْكَنِيَّا وَإِخْوَتَهُ، وَكَانَ السَّبْيُ إِلَى بَابِلَ. بَعْدَ السَّبْيِ إِلَى بَابِلَ، يُوْكَنِيَّا وَلَدَ شَالْتِيئِيلَ، شَالْتِيئِيلُ وَلَدَ زُرْبَابِلَ، زُرْبَابِلُ وَلَدَ أَبِيهُودَ، أَبِيهُودُ وَلَدَ الْيَاقِيمَ، الْيَاقِيمُ وَلَدَ عَازُورَ، عَازُورُ وَلَدَ صَادُوقَ، صَادُوقُ وَلَدَ أَخِيمَ، أَخِيمُ وَلَدَ إِلِيَهُودَ، إِلِيَهُودُ وَلَدَ إِلِيْعَازَرَ، إِلِيْعَازَرُ وَلَدَ مَتَّانَ، مَتَّانُ وَلَدَ يَعْقُوبَ، يَعْقُوبُ وَلَدَ يُوْسُفَ رَجُلَ مَرْيَمَ، الَّتِي مِنْهَا وُلِدَ يَسُوعُ، وَهُوَ الَّذِي يُدْعَى الْمَسِيحَ. فَجَمِيعُ الْأَجْيَالِ مِنْ إِبْرَاهِيمَ إِلَى دَاوُدَ أَرْبَعَةٌ عَشَرَ جِيلًا، وَمِنْ دَاوُدَ إِلَى سَبْيِ بَابِلَ أَرْبَعَةٌ عَشَرَ جِيلًا، وَمِنْ سَبْيِ بَابِلَ إِلَى الْمَسِيحِ أَرْبَعَةٌ عَشَرَ جِيلًا.

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