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Genealogy Sunday December 19th, 2021

Sun., December 19	Genealogy Sunday 9 am for Lucas Anthony Leon on his 20th birthday 11:30 am for Berte and Tofik Akel for Ibrahim Rizik Chawki	St. Athenodorus Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Jorge Leon Req. by Mrs. Vivian Akel Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Michel Chawki
Mon., December 20	NO DIVINE LITURGY 7:30 pm Christmas Novena St. Ignatius of Antioch	
Tues., December 21	10 am Divine Liturgy for Anthony & Mary Shaia 7:30 pm Christmas Novena St. Julian	Req. by Fr. & Mrs. Peter Frangie
Wed., December 22	10 am Divine Liturgy for Thomas Sanphy 7:30 pm Christmas Novena St. Anastasia of the Balkans	Req. by Mrs. Lottie Defreitas
Thurs. December 23	10 am Divine Liturgy for Marianne P. Walls & Family 7:30 pm Christmas Novena St. Eugenia	Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Barbara Leon
Fri. December 24	12 Midnight Divine Liturgy of the Vigil of the Glorious Birth for the Intentions of the Parishioners	
Sat., December 25	11:30 am Divine Liturgy of the Glorious Birth of Our Lord for the Intentions of the Parishioners	
Sun., December 26	Sunday after the Glorious Birth of Our Lord / Felicitations 9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners 11: 30 am for Seguindo Gabriel Fajardo	to the Virgin Mary Req. by the Hache Family
Mon., December 27	NO DIVINE LITURGY St. Stephen, the First Deacon & the First Martyr	req. of the fractic family
Tues., December 28	10 am Divine Liturgy for Mary & Tom Perun The Adoration of the Magi	Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Jorge Leon
Wed., December 29	10 am Divine Liturgy for Rose Perun & Thomas Perun Flight into Egypt & Massacre of the Children of Bethlehem	Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Jorge Leon
Thurs. December 30	10 am Divine Liturgy The Return from Egypt to Nazareth	
Fri. December 31	10 am Divine Liturgy for Massoud Vahdat for the Intentions of the Parishioners	Req. by Mrs. Salma Vahdat
Sat., January 1	11:30 am Divine Liturgy of the Circumcision of Jesus Sts. Basil & Gregory, Doctors of the Church	
Sun., January 2	Sunday of the Finding of Our Lord in the Temple 9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners 11: 30 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners	
Mon., January 3	NO DIVINE LITURGY Malachi the Prophet	
Tues., January 4	10 am Divine Liturgy Pope St. Caius & St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	
Wed., January 5	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Paul, the First Hermit & St. John Neumann	

Dear Parishioners & Friends:

Please find below the letter of November 19th that was mailed to all whose addresses I had on file. If you would like me to add your address to the Cathedral database, please send it to me by email.

Dear Parishioners & Friends:

Merry Christmas!

The Season of the Birth of the Lord begins in the Temple of Jerusalem with the Sunday of the Announcement to Zechariah and ends with the Sunday of the Finding of the Lord back in the Temple of Jerusalem. This carries a lot of liturgical significance in demonstrating not only the importance of the Church in our spiritual lives, but in our day-to-day lives as well. The rest of the Sunday Gospels of the Season of the Birth of the Lord generally took place in a home. It is believed that the announcement to the Virgin Mary, the visitation of Mary to her cousin Elizabeth, the birth of John and the revelation to Joseph occurred at their respective houses. As the Temple of Jerusalem-the Church in our day-has been important for God's people, this Season has taught us to make our homes little churches as well.

In the past two years, each home became a little church where the Divine Liturgy was livestreamed on our TVs, laptops and phones and people were able to participate in the different ceremonies held at the Church. But now is the time for all of us to get back to being more active in the life at the Church. The Sunday School had their annual field trip to the Shrine of St. Sharbel at St. Patrick's Cathedral followed by a visit to the zoo on Saturday, November 13th. That same day in the evening, the Maronite Young Adults (18 to 35 years old) had their Friendsgiving Dinner and the Maronite Youth Organization (12 to 18 years old) will be having an event on Saturday, November 20th.

The following are a few more ways you can participate, so you will not miss out during this Christmas Season:

- The Cathedral Christmas luncheon and Christmas pageant will be held on Sunday, December 12th in the upper hall. The Brooklyn Public Library is no longer there.
- *The Christmas Novena will be celebrated every day from December 15th to the 23rd at 7:30 pm (except Sunday, December 19th). A reflection will be given.*
- *The Knights of St. Maron are organizing their yearly Christmas Dinner which will be on December* 10th.
- The Confraternity will be having its annual Christmas Raffle.

A more detailed schedule will be in the weekly bulletin. Or go to our website: much delease

I join the various parish organizations in wishing you and your family a blessed and joyful Christmas.

Sincerely yours,



Fr. Dominique Hanna, Rector

Family Christmas Basket Raffle

The Confraternity is sponsoring a Christmas basket raffle (each basket is worth between \$100 and \$125). Tickets are available from Darine Safi, Lily Elhage, Mirna Abi Daher and Nicole Safi. The drawing will take place on December 26th in the hall after the 11:30 Divine Liturgy.

Christmas Novena December 15th to 23rd

Starting on Wednesday, December 15th through Thursday, December 23rd, the parish will pray the Christmas Novena every evening at 7:30 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 Toy Drive

A Christmas Toy Drive for the children (newborn and up) of Sloan Kettering Cancer Center will be in effect until December 17th. All toys must be brand new and unwrapped, not used, no stuffed animals, no clothes. A big box has been placed in the Cathedral to the far right of the Altar for your convenience.

Abouna Dominique Out of Town

Abouna Dominique will be out of town to celebrate a wedding from December 17th to 19th. The daily Liturgy on Friday December 17th is canceled. Bishop Gregory will be celebrating the Christmas Novena on Friday and Saturday and the Divine Liturgy on Sunday.

Pilgrimage: In The Footsteps of Paul

A 10-day/8-night trip to Greece including a 3-day cruise to the Greek Islands and Turkey, visiting Athens, Corinth, Mykonos, Ephesus, Patmos, Crete, Santorini. Meteora, Veria, Vergina, Salonica, and Philippi. Departing September 25th, 2022 - \$3,498 per person/double occupancy from New York, including fuel surcharge and port taxes. if they register with \$500 by July 29th and save \$100. For more information please call Marleine Aflak at 1-917-608 -2996 or Tony Tannousis at 1-718-987-3900.

Vocations Awareness Poster-Essay

Students grades K to 12 are encouraged to participate in the <u>Vocations Awareness Poster Essay</u> Multimedia Contest through NAM. Click here for guidelines and information. Also, you can see Subdeacon Adonis El-Asmar or Marian Ciaccia for more information. This year let us have more students take part in the contest.

Interested in Joining the Choir?

The choir of the Cathedral would like to welcome anyone interested in joining them to praise the Lord in a more dedicated way. We are also looking for someone who knows the Maronite music to play the organ. Please make sure to see Christiane Merhej after the 11:30 Divine Liturgy.

Cathedral Cedar Remembrance Tree

Parishioners and friends can now remember their deceased and honor the living with their names on the commemorative tree located in our Cathedral Chapel vestibule. Please click here for more details.

Lebanon needs our help! Lebanon is experiencing a shortage of medication due to ongoing crisis within the nation.



The MYA & MYO of Brooklyn are starting a medication drive to be delivered to Lebanon. Needed: pain relievers, allergy relief, vitamins, cardiovascular support, cold and flu, first aid supplies, or any other OTC medication. Please reach out to the MYA/MYO board members to donate. Your generosity would be greatly appreciated by those who very much need it.

Note: Medications are needed for adults and kids, expiration date must bevalid for at least 6 months.

COME & SEE

"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."

(Mt. 4:19)

WONDERING IF THE LORD IS CALLING YOU TO THE MARONITE PRIESTHOOD?

AN EVENT FOR MEN DISCERNING PRIESTHOOD AGED 18-40 TO 'COME AND SEE.' JOIN OTHER DISCERNING MEN, CURRENT SEMINARIANS, AND PRIESTS FOR A WEEKEND OF FELLOWSHIP, PRAYER & DISCUSSION

OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS ARE PROVIDED.

OUR LADY OF LEBANON MARONITE SEMINARY WASHINGTON, DC

DONATE A TOY,GIFT CHRISTMA This christmas season share your generosity To give joy to the children with cancer. Please donate a new, unwrapped gift suitable for a girl or a boy from newborn to 18 years old. Donations will benefit the children of Sloan Kettering Cancer Hospital Together we can make a difference! From: November 1 - December 17 Go Adaba MARCH 18-20 2022 MARCH FOR LIFE Hotel Details: Click Here The Mayflower Hotel Tel: 202-347-3000 1127 Connecticut Ave NW, Washington DC 20036 \$159 Standard King Bed / \$169 Double Beds

For more information please contact:

Friday January 21, 2022

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Slide to see the Schedule for the March for Life weekend.





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	ristmas Flower Donations
Mr. & Mrs. Edgar Abi Dagher	In Memory of Deceased Members of their Family
Mrs. Phyllis Simon	In Memory of the Simon & Raffael Families
Mrs. Salma Vahdat	In Memory of the Besheer & Azizi Families
Mr. Joseph Nassif	In Memory of Bichara, Laurice & Marie Nassif
Mr. & Mrs. Chaouki Eladem	In Memory of Hanna Eladem & George, Margret & Josephine Allaham
The Merhej Family	In Memory of Michel Merhej
Mr. Donald Shakal	In Memory of John & Helen Shakal
Amal & Ghassan Salem	In Memory of Jad G. Salem
Etienne & Madona Njeim	In Memory of Kamal Njeim
Pierre & Norma Haddad	For a Special Intention
Said & Victorine Habeche	In Memory of the Family
Mr. & Mrs. John Kahaly	In Memory of Jeanette Kahaly
Mr. & Mrs. Adib El Houayek	In Memory of their Beloved Family
Mrs. Marian Ciaccia	In Memory of Ronald Ciaccia & Joseph & Helen Sahadi
Mrs. Lydia Gordon	In Memory of Deceased Members of the Nofil & Gordon Families
The Shaia Family	In Memory of Philip & Lorraine Shaia
Karen Buono, Robert Shakal & Linda Case	In Memory of William Shakal
Ms. Mary Ann Joulwan	In Memory of the Joulwan Family
Mr. & Mrs. Chehade Arnaout	In Memory of the Arnaout & Chawki Families
Mrs. Gloria Faour	In Memory of Mrs. Marie Rouadi
Mr. & Mrs. Tony Aflak	In Memory of Hyat Aflak & Habib Aflak
Mr. & Mrs. Patrick O'Sullivan	In Memory of Georges T. Mouawad
Samir & Rafka Hosri	In Memory of Deceased Members of their Family
Daniel R. Interdonati	In Memory of his Uncle, Bruce Hoke

Sunday Readings قراءات الأحد

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 Matthew1:1-17

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 إخوَتِي، مِنْ بُولُسَ عَبْدِ الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعٍ، الَّذِي دُعِيَ لِيَكُونَ رَسُولاً، وفُرزَ لإِنْجِيلِ ٱلله، هذَا ٱلْإِنْجِيلِ الَّذِي وَعَدَ بَهِ ٱللهُ مِنْ قَبْلُ، بَأَنْبِيَائِهِ فَي الْكُثُبِ الْمُقَدَّسَة، فَي شَأْن ٱبْنِهِ الَّذِي وَلِدَ بِحَسَبٍ الْجَسَدِ مِنْ نَسْلُ داؤدٍ، وَجُعِلَ بِحَسَبٍ رُو حَ الْقَدَاسَةِ ٱبْنَ اللَّهِ بِقُوَّةٍ أَىْ بِالْقِيَامَةِ مِنْ بَيْنَ الأَمْوَاتِ، وَ هُوَ يَسُوحُ المَسِيحُ رَبُّنَا؛ بِهِ نِلْنَا النِّعْمَةَ والرَّسَالَةَ لِكَمى نَهْدِيَ إلى طَاعَةِ الإِيْمَانِ جَمِيعَ الأُمَم، لِمَجْدِ ٱسْمِهِ، ومِنْ بَيْنِهِم أَنْتُم أَيْضًا مَدْعُوُّ وَنَ لِتَكُونُوا لِيَسُوعَ المَسِيح؛ إلى جَمِيع الَّذَينَ في رُومَا، إلى أَحِبَّاءِ اللهُ، المَدْعُوِّينَ لِيَكُونُوا قِزِّيسِينِ: أَلْنِّعْمَةُ لَكُمْ والسَّلامُ مِنَ اللهِ أَبِينَا والرَّبِّ يَسُوعَ المَسِيح إقَبْلَ كُلّ شَيء، أَشْكُرُ إلهي بِيَسُوعَ المَسِيح مِنْ أَجْلِكُم جَمِيعًا، لأَنَّ إِيْمَانَكُم يُنَادَى بِهِ فَي الْعَالَمِ كُلِّهِ. يَشْهَدُ عَلَى الله، الْذَى أَعْبُدُهُ بِرُوحِي، بِحَسَبَ إِنْجِيلِ ٱبْنِهِ، أَنِّي أَذْكُرُكُم بِغَيْر ٱنْقِطَّاع، حَدَار عَا فَي حُلَوَاتِي عَلَى الدَّوَامِ أَنْ يتَيَسَّرَ لَي يَوْمًا، بِمَشِيئَةِ الله، أَنْ آتِيَ إلَيْكُم فَانِّي أَتَشَوَّقُ أَنْ أَرَاكُم، لأَشْرِكَكُم في مَوْهِبَةٍ رُوحِيَّةٍ وَأُشْدِدَكُم، أَيْ لأَتَعَزَّى مَعَكُم وَبَيْنَكُم بإيْمَانِي و إيْمَانِكُمُ المُشْتَرَك.

إنجيل القديس متّى 1:1-17

>> كِتَابُ ميلادِ يَسُوعَ المَسِيح، إبن دَاؤد، إبْن إبْرَ اهِيم: إِبْرَاهِيمُ وَلَدَ إِسْحِق، إِسْحِقُ وَلَدَ يَعْقُوب، يَعْقُوبُ وَلَدَ يَهُوذًا وَ إِخْوَ تَهُ، يَهُوذَا وَلَدَ فَأَرَصَ وِزَ ارَحَ مِنْ تَامَارٍ ، فَارَصُ وَلَدَ حَصْرُون، حَصْرُونُ وَلَدَ آرَام، آرَامُ وَلَدَ عَمِينَادَاب، عَمِينَادَابُ وَ لَدَ نَحْشُو نِ، نَحْشُو نُ وَ لَدَ سَلْمُو نِ، سَلْمُو نُ وَ لَدَ بُو عَزَ ۖ مِنْ رَاحَاب، بُوعَزُ وَلَدَ عُوبِيدَ مِنْ رَاعُوت، عُوبِيدُ وَلَدَ يَسَّى، يَسَّى وَلَدَ دَاؤُدَ الْمَلِكَ. دَاؤُدُ وَلَدَ سُلَيْمَانَ مِن ٱمْرَ أَةِ أَوْرِ يَّا، سُلَيْمَانُ وَلَدَ رَ حَبْعَام، رَ حَبْعَامُ وَ لَدَ أَبِيًّا، أَبِيًّا وَ لَدَ آسَا، آسَا وَ لَدَ بُو شَافَاط، يُوشَافَالْهُ وَلَدَ يُورَام، يُورَامُ وَلَدَ عُوزِيًّا، عُوزِيًّا وَلَدَ يُوتَام، يُوتَامُ وَلَدَ آحَانِ، آحَانُ وَلَدَ جِزْ قِيًّا، جِزْ قِيًّا وَلَدَ مَنَسَّى، مَنَسَّى وَلَدَ آمُون، آمُونُ وَلَدَ يُوشِيًّا، يُوشِيًّا وَلَدَ يُوكَنِيًّا وإخْوَتَهُ، وكانَ السَّبْيُ إلى بَابِل .بَعْدَ السَّبْي إلى بَابِل، يُوكنِيًّا وَلَدَ شَأَلْتِيبَيل، شَأَلْتِيبَلُ وَلَدَ زُرُبَّابِل، زُرُبَّابِلُ وَلَد أَبِيهُود، أَبِيهُودُ وَلَدَ إِلَيَاقَيِم، إِليَاقَيْمُ وَلَدَ عَازُ وَرٍ ، عَازُ وَرُ ۖ وَلَدَ صَادُوَقَ، صَادُوَ قُ وَلَدَ آخِيمٍ، آخِيْمُ وَلَدَ إلِيهُود، إلِيهُودُ وَلَدَ إلِيعَازَرِ، إلِيعَازَرُ وَلَدَ مَتَّانٍ، مَٰتَّانُ وَلَدَ يَعْقُوب، يَعْقُوبُ وَلَدَّ يُوسُفُ رَجُلَ مَرْيَم، الَّتِي مِنْهَا وُلِدَ يَسُوع، و هُوَ الَّذِي يُدْعَى المَسِيح فَجَمِيعُ الأَجْيَالِ مِنْ إِبْرَاهِيمَ إِلَى دَاَوُدَ أَرْبَعَةَ عَشَرَ جِيلاً، ومِنْ دَاؤَدِ إِلَى سَبْيِ بَابِلَ أَرْبَعَةَ عُشَرَ جِيلاً، ومِنْ سَبْي بَابِلُ إلى الْمَسِيح أَرْبَعَةَ عَشَرُ جُيلًا.



