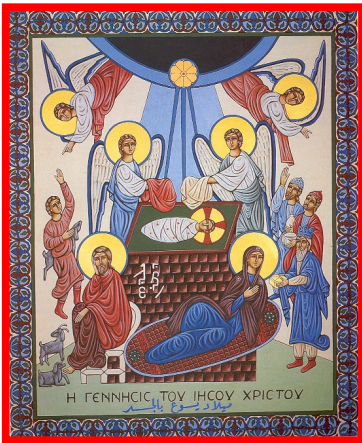


# Genealogy Sunday & Glorious Nativity of Our Lord



December 24/25, 2017

## Saint Joseph Maronite Catholic Church



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*"The Eastern Rites are the Treasure of the Catholic Church"* Saint John XXIII, Pope

- Qoorboneh (Masses):** Saturday 4:00 p.m.; Sunday 10:00 a.m.; Tues. – Fr. 9:00 a.m. in the St. Jude Chapel  
The Miraculous Medal and the St. Jude Novenas are on Tuesday following the 9 a.m. Liturgy
- Sick Calls:** To receive the Eucharist and/or the Anointing of the Sick, please call the rectory.
- Confessions:** One half-hour before weekend Liturgies and by appointment.
- Baptisms:** **Parents** should refer to the website and then contact the parish through the parish e-mail address.
- Marriage:** Please refer to the parish website and contact the parish **a minimum 6 months before** finalizing the date of your wedding.
- Mass Intentions:** For *specific* dates requested, please submit **three months in advance**. Recommended stipends:  
weekday intentions \$10; weekend intentions \$15
- Monthly Memorials:** Sanctuary Candles \$20; Altar Bread \$25; Wine \$45

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**Choir Director:** Fefa Deeb **Parish Secretary:** Paula Mitchell **Catechists:** Lenore Boles, Director & K-1<sup>st</sup>; Jane Lee, 2<sup>nd</sup>; Shana Page, 3-5<sup>th</sup> **Parish Council:** Sheila Bonenfant, Lisa Grard, Lowell Hawes, Rosanna Joseph, David Lee, Ruth Lunn, Kevin Michaud, Paula Mitchell, Elizabeth Wilson **Ex-officio council members:** Subdeacon Steve Crate; Lenore Boles, Catechism; Shana Page, Rosary Sodality; Larry Mitchell, Knights of Columbus

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### THIS DAY'S GOSPEL St. Matthew 1; 1-17

The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, 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 Ram. And Ram 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 David, the king.  
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 Asa.  
And Asa 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 Shealtiel, and Shealtiel 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 Christ.

So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah fourteen generations.



## ABOUNA'S REFLECTIONS

**Praise to the Hidden Son,  
the One Who has come to restore us to Life**

*Blessed be the Child Who today delights  
Bethlehem.*

*Blessed be the Newborn,*

*Who today made humanity young again.*

*Blessed be the Fruit,*

*Who bowed Himself down for our hunger.*

*Blessed be the Gracious One*

*Who suddenly enriched all of our poverty  
and filled our need.*

*Blessed be He Whose mercy inclined Him  
to heal our sickness.<sup>1</sup>*

We rejoice today in healing brought and a path restored. The original order, grace and beauty of creation was marred in its beginning by the choices made by humanity. We each labor under the handicaps of this tragedy.

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<sup>1</sup> Saint Ephrem, "Hymns on the Nativity," III in Ephrem the Syrian: Hymns, tr. By Kathleen McVey

Once ruined by a choice of "fruit," the original justice has been fundamentally restored by the Divine Fruit of the Eternal One. Come to us through the most holy Virgin of Nazareth, born in time and a specific place, the Divine Fruit replaced the created fruit of bad decisions, and now allows us – for those who listen and partake – to re-enter the Paradise of Light. Praise be to the Holy and Compassionate One for so doing, restoring humanity to its youth.

The divine Voice – the direct Radiance of the Eternal God – entered into time so that we might hear His word and in listening follow, and in following, to be transformed into the children of God.

Blessed be the Divine Logos, Origin and Exemplar of the created order, Who came to restore health to the wounded and sick nature of mankind. Restored in Jesus, born of the Mother of God,<sup>2</sup> men enter His incarnate Life through faith and baptism.

The initiative is His from all eternity, but it remains up to each of us, within time, to act freely in response to this Gift in order to be healed.

The Nativity of Christ was a gift to all mankind, but each person must respond individually in order to receive the Gift and be transformed by grace. Each must live freely and faithfully in the Gospel.

May the Incarnate Light of the Most Holy shine upon you and your families through these Twelve Days of Christmas, and continuing throughout this coming new year of grace!

Most Blessed and Merry Christmas to you all!

*Praise, glory and honor to the Holy Child,  
Who has blessed us by His joyous Nativity;  
He purified us by His Holy Baptism;  
exalted us by His total humiliation,  
saved us by His wondrous Cross,  
gave us life by His luminous Death,  
renewed us by His glorious Resurrection,  
and sanctified us by His living and Holy Spirit.*

*To Him is due glory and honor  
all the days of our lives,*

*now and forever.*

*Amen.*

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<sup>2</sup> *Yoldat Aloho*, in the Syrian

# HOLYDAY SCHEDULE

## Genealogy Sunday

Sunday, December 24                      10:00 a.m.

## Glorious Nativity of Our Lord

Sunday, December 24                      4:00 p.m.

Monday, December 25                      10:00 a.m.

## The Finding of Our Lord in the Temple

Saturday, December 30                      4:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 31                      10:00 a.m.

## Circumcision of the Lord

Sunday, December 31                      4:00 p.m.

Monday, January 1                      10:00 a.m.

## The Glorious Epiphany

Friday, January 5                      6:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 6                      10:00 a.m.

## First Sunday after Epiphany

Saturday, January 6                      4:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 7                      10:00 a.m.

blessing might be given. Simply fill it out, put it in an envelope, and place it in the collection basket. Contact will be made later to schedule a day and time for the blessing.

AM+DG

Yes, Father, I would like to have the Epiphany Blessing for my home.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

**Regular Collection:    \$2220.00**

*Blessed be the Hidden One Who gives us the ability to sustain the apostolate of our Savior*

### EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSINGS

Epiphany is the great day of baptisms and renewal in the Syriac tradition. It is a celebration of the historical appearance of the Hidden One among us. It thus commemorates God's *manifestation* ("epiphany") to the world.

As the appearance of God among men, it is thus also known as the "Theophany." It is a time of renewal, and there is among the eastern traditions a special blessing for homes at the season of the Epiphany. It is something of an annual spiritual renewal for the home. These blessings can take place from January 6<sup>th</sup> - the actual feastday - through the second half of January.

For those who may wish, the form following can be used to sign up for a visit to your home that the

### VOCATION ICON

*"Request therefore the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into His harvest."* St. Matthew 9:38

Sat	December 23	Lenore Boles
Sat	December 30	Audrey Yotides
Sun	January 7	Chris & Diane Wyder
Sun	January 14	Greg Gillespie
Sun	January 21	Larry & Paula Mitchell
Sun	January 28	Lowell & Mary Hawes
Sun	February 4	Larry & Lisa Gard
Sun	February 11	Chris & Diane Wyder

INTENTIONS FOR THE QURBONEH (MASSES)

- Sat 23 For the members of the Parish
- Sun 24 For the Catholic Extension & Donors
- Mon 25 4:00 For the members of the Parish  
10:00 †Theresa Nemer  
(Fefa Deeb)
- Tue 26 -----
- Wed 27 †Lester Giguere  
(Ann Giguere)  
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Thu 28 †Richard Talbot  
(Knights of Columbus)  
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Fri 29 Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Sat 30 †Joseph & Mary Smus  
(Pat, David & Paula Smus)
- Sun 31 For the members of the Parish
- Mon 1 4:00 Catholic Extension Society & Donors  
10:00 For the members of the Parish
- Tue 2 -----
- Wed 3 †Theresa Lee  
(Lowell & Mary Hawes)  
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors

Liturgical notes: † = Deceased, SI = Special Intention, AV = Anniversary, H = Health

**THERE WILL BE NO PARISH COUNCIL IN JANUARY**

THIRD PRAYER FROM WEDNESDAY SAFRO

O Lord, grant peace to the world.  
 May wars and battles cease throughout the earth,  
 protect the churches and monasteries;  
 unite them in the unity of the true Faith.  
 Support and care for the people Thou hast acquired  
 through Thy Precious Blood.  
 Thus, strengthened by Thy calm and peace,  
 we shall render glory and thanksgiving unto Thee, now  
 and forever. Amen

**READERS' SCHEDULE**

GENEALOGY SUNDAY

Ro 1; 1-12	St. Matthew 1; 1-17
December 23	Lila Hollowell

THE FINDING IN THE TEMPLE OF OUR LORD

Heb 7; 11-19	St. Luke 2; 41-52
December 30	Ruth Lunn

*Grant them health, and raise them up  
 from their illness and make them  
 to have perfect health of body and soul  
 and strengthen them in spirit;  
 for Thou art the Savior and Benefactor,  
 the Lord of lords and Weaver of crowns,  
 Thou art Lord and King of all. Amen*

Those for whom we pray: Jerry Fortin, Albert Joseph, Doreen Nader, Tala Poulin, Virginia Poulin, Beverly Rideout, Gordon Webber, Melissa Karter, Maxine Morrisette and Paul Mitchell

**COFFEE SCHEDULE 2017-2018**

Dec 24	<i>No Coffee Hour</i>
Dec 31	Lisa Grard & Mary Hawes
Jan 7	Elaine Hoag & Mary Jo Hodgkin
Jan 14	Laya Joseph & Rosanna Joseph
Jan 21	Alice Lachance & Jane Lee





**CENTURY 21 – SURETTE REAL ESTATE**  
Pam Casavant -- Partner/ Associate Broker  
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e-mail: pcasavant@surette-realestate.com

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207-873-7813

**GALLANT FUNERAL HOME INC.**  
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Tel: 207-873-5101 www.ghmagency.com

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**SII Investments, Inc.**  
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**Waterville Florist**  
287 Upper Main Street  
Tel: 207-872-7422 also 888-616-4880

## Genealogy Sunday

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**Lighting of the Church:** SB\* p 21 #135/LB p 5  
Jesus, Christ, O Source of Light

**Entrance Hymn:** LB p #68A *Shareero*

**Glory:** SB p 1 #2 *Glory (English)*

**Qolo/Hymn:** LB\* p #69 *B'safro*

Creed p 748

### PRE-ANAPHORA:

**Transfer of Gifts:** LB p 750 *The Lord Reigns*

**Incense Hymn:** SB p 3 #8 *Ikbal*

### ANAPHORA:

**St. John:** LB p 815

**Sign of Peace:** SB p *Tooba lisa*

**Communion:** SB *O Body of My Savior*  
*Mary did you know?*

**Recessional:** SB p *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

\*LB=Liturgical Book SB=Song Book

