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WEEKLY BULLETIN - 12/22/2024

Season of the Glorious Birth of Our Lord



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TUESDAY – FRIDAY 10:30AM - 4:00PM

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SUNDAY READINGS

1st Reading:

Romans 1:1-12

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 1:1-17

6th Sunday - Genealogy Sunday

"But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them." (Wisdom 3:1)

Dear parishioners and friends,

On behalf of my entire family, we wish to thank each and every one for your thoughtful care and love. You made this tough time a little easier to bear. We send you great thanks for your guidance and kindness during this difficult time.

May God Bless You and Keep You Safe and may this Blessed Season of the Glorious Birth of Our Lord be an opportunity for us to remain united in love, joy and hope.

Fr. Andrawos

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SANCTUARY CANDLE: This week, the sanctuary candle burns in loving memory of Peter Koway. May its light be a reminder of God's promise of the joy of eternal life to all who believe. As we remember him, we commend Peter to the mercy of our risen Savior, and may the Lord fill our hearts with hope, confirming that death is not the end but the doorway to life eternal in God's presence. In Jesus'name, we pray. Amen.

BIBLE STUDY

Every Thursday at 10AM

Via Google Meet:



https://meet.google.com/eit-bfvm-jit

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CHURCH ENVELOPES ARE NOW AVAILABLE

You can find the Church Envelopes at the entrance of the hall.

If you don't have envelopes and wish to receive them, please contact the Office.

DIVINE LITURGIES

Saturday, December 21, @ 4:00PM, liturgy is offered for the repose of soul of Estephan El Tabchi (Father of Abouna Andrawos). May his soul rest in peace.

Sunday, December 22, @ 11:00AM liturgy is offered for the repose of soul of Estephan El Tabchi (Father of Abouna Andrawos). May his soul rest in peace.

Tuesday, December 24, @ 4:00PM, Christmas Eve Liturgy; liturgy is offered for the safety and well-being of our parishioners.

And in memory of RoseAnne and Michael Anthony requested by family. May their souls rest in peace.

Wednesday, December 25, @ 11:00AM, Christmas Day Liturgy; liturgy is offered for the safety and well-being of our parishioners.

Thursday, December 26, @ 4:00PM, Felicitation to Mary

Saturday, December 28, @ 4:00PM, liturgy is offered for a Special Intention.

Sunday, December 29, @ 11:00AM liturgy is offered in memory of Peter Koway requested by Terri Koway. May his soul rest in peace.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

December 14-15, 2024

Collection	\$ 2,454.00
Immaculate Con.	\$ 25.00
Online	\$ 500.00
Total	\$ 2,979.00

Coffee Hour	\$ 63.00
Bishop's Appeal	\$ 0.00
Assessment	\$ 0.00
Insurance	\$ 0.00
Fuel	\$ 0.00
Initial Offering	\$ 0.00

COFFEE HOUR

This Sunday, all donations toward coffee hour will go towards Tele Lumière and Caritas.

Last collection (in October) \$45

OFFICE CLOSED

The office will be closed on the following days:

Monday, December 23, 2024 Tuesday, December 24, 2024 Wednesday, December 25, 2024

> Merry Christmas to all.

IN OUR PRAYERS Please keep in your prayers

Ed and Theresa Gussin, Barbara Impriano, Paige Moderski, Rita Fortina, Jason Gushue, Lily Gushue, Joann Fontana, Jay O'Donnell, Allison Auld, Carmen Sansweet, Janet Labar, Krystal Valianti, Anne Mgrdichian, Carol Bevelhymer, Mary V. (Nelson) Scotti, Mike Devinney, Debbie Freedenberg, Allan Emilio Domingez, Rev. Subdeacon Dr. Mallard T. George, Landon Reid, Tamara Lewis, Michael Thomas, Mary McKinney, Jessica McKinney, Angela McKinney, Skyla Simon, Peter Labaki, Nancy Murphy, Marentha Young-Heart, Allison Tretina, Stephanie Devinney, Angela Anderson, Scorza Raymond Fitzpatrick, Linda Yeckes, Frankie Olivieri, Marie Eddis, Mia Andrilla, Ashley Iaconelli, Elissar Ayoub, Joanne Simon-Turing, Suzanne Haney, Linda DiBernardo, Joan Speck, Dennis Strelchuk, Gladys Dalcourt, Denise Furey, Mirta Ruiz, Rita Impo, Jade Kellam, Marion Thomas Branca, Francesca Impo, Lucy DiLuce, Laurent Chidiac, Tom Hart, John Hart, Fadi Jaber, Joseph Realdine, Lisa Alestra, John Nader, Joey Gdowick, Francis Joseph Kerns, Samer Chokeir, Kathy Newman, Rita Arrigale, Maryann Bratton, Renee Sahar, Sister Nahida Al-Sawa, James Stacey Fuentes, Noel Cordisio. Andjuhar, and Angel Salerno.

CCD & MYO CORNER

CHRISTMAS BY THE KIDS

NEIGHBORHOOD CAROLING Friday December 20, 2024

Following the CHRISTMAS NOVENA at 6:30pm

Everyone is welcome to join us!

Let us spread the Cheers of Christmas in our neighborhood

MYO GET TOGETHER CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE



Thank You to everyone who supported this year's Giving Tree. May God reward you abundantly for your love and mercy towards those in need.



MYA Theology on Tap with Bishop Gregory



Christmas Party



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December 2024 At a Glance

SAT – Nov 30			Visitation
SUN – Dec 1	Visitation to Elizabeth		to Elizabeth
SAT – Dec 7			Birth of John
SUN – Dec 8	Birth of John the Ba	Birth of John the Baptist	
	The Immaculate Cor	nception	the Baptist
SAT – Dec 14	MYA Theology on T	MYA Theology on Tap with Bishop Gregory	
SUN – Dec 15	Christmas Novena	Christmas Potluck and kids' concert	Revelation
	Begins	Bishop's Pastoral Visit	to Joseph
MON – Dec 16	Christmas Novena	Christmas Giving Tree Gifts pickup	
TUE – Dec 17	Christmas Novena		
WED – Dec 18	Christmas Novena		
THU – Dec 19	Christmas Novena		
FRI – Dec 20	Christmas Novena	CCD & MYO	
		Christmas Novena and Caroling	
SAT – Dec 21	Christmas Novena		Canadagy Sunday
SUN – Dec 22	Christmas Novena	Tele Lumiere & Caritas Coffee Hour	Genealogy Sunday
MON – Dec 23	Christmas Novena		
TUE – Dec 24	Christmas Eve		
WED – Dec 25	The Glorious Birth of Our Lord		Christmas
THU – Dec 26	Felicitation to Mary		
SAT – Dec 28			Sunday After
SUN – Dec 29	The Finding of Our	Lord in the Temple	Glorious Birth of
	-	-	Our Lord

Christmas Novena: December 15 – 23, 2024

Feast: Sunday, December 8, 2024: The Immaculate Conception Wednesday, December 25: The Glorious Birth of Our Lord

Sunday Coffee Hour: December 22, 2024: Tele Lumiere and Caritas

January 2025 at a Glance

WED – Jan 1	New Year's Day The Circumcision of Jesus			
SAT – Jan 4		The Finding of		
SUN – Jan 5	CCD & MYO Classes Resume	our Lord in the Temple		
MON – Jan 6	Feast of the Glorious Epiphany	Holy Day of Obligation		
SAT – Jan 11	MVO Cat Tagathan	1st Sunday after		
SUN – Jan 12	MYO Get Together	Epiphany		
SAT – Jan 18	MYA Game Night	2 nd Sunday after		
SUN – Jan 19		Epiphany		
MON – Jan 20	MLK Jr Day: CCD & MYO Service Project			
SAT – Jan 25		3 rd Sunday after		
SUN – Jan 26		Epiphany		
Feast: Wednesday, January 1, 2025: The Circumcision of Jesus				

Feast: Wednesday, January 1, 2025: The Circumcision of Jesus Sunday, January 5, 2025: Epiphany

2ND Collection: January 26, 2025 - USCCB





Thursday, December 19, 2024 @ 6:30 PM Divine Liturgy and Christmas Novena

Friday, December 20, 2024 @ 6:30 PM Evening Prayer and Christmas Novena

Saturday, December 21, 2024 @ 4:00 PM Divine Liturgy and Christmas Novena

Sunday, December 22, 2024 @ 11:00 AM
Divine Liturgy and Christmas Novena

Monday, December 23, 2024 @ 6:30 PM Evening Prayer and Christmas Novena

MYA JANUARY EVENT

GAME NIGHT JANUARY 18, 2024

@8:00 PM

Have Fun With Friends

Bring Your Favorite
Game With You



First Reading Romans 1:1-12

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans. Your blessing father...

Brothers and Sisters:

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.

Praise be to God always.

Gospel Reading

Saint Matthew 1:1-17

The Apostle Writes:

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.

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ القِدِّيسِ متّى

حقًّا والأمان لجميعكم.

مَتَّانُ وَلَدَ يَعْقُوب، يَعْقُوبُ وَلَدَ يُوسُفَ رَجُلَ مَرْيَم، الَّتي مِنْهَا وُلِدَ | وَأُشَدِّدَكُم، أَيْ لأَتَعَزَّى مَعَكُم وَبَيْنَكُم بإيْمَانِي وإِيْمَانِكُمُ المُشْتَرَك. يَسُوع، وهُوَ الَّذي يُدْعَى المَسِيح. فَجَميعُ الأَجْيَالِ مِنْ إِبْرَاهيمَ إِلى والتسبيح لله دائمًا. دَاوُدَ أَرْبَعَةَ عَشَرَ جِيلاً، ومِنْ دَاوُدَ إِلَى سَبْيِ بَابِلَ أَرْبَعَةَ عَشَرَ جِيلًا، ومِنْ سَبْي بَابِلَ إِلَى المَسِيحِ أَرْبَعَةَ عَشَرَ جيلاً.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل رومة

كِتَابُ ميلادِ يَسُوعَ المَسِيح، إِبن دَاوُد، إِبْنِ إِبْرَاهِيم: إِبْرَاهِيمُ وَلَدَ لا إِخْوَتِي، مِنْ بُولُسَ عَبْدِ المَسِيح يَسُوع، الَّذي دُعِيَ لِيَكُونَ إِسْحق، إِسْحقُ وَلَدَ يَعْقُوب، يَعْقُوبُ وَلَدَ يَهُوذَا وإِخْوَتَهُ، يَهُوذَا وَلَدَ رَسُولاً، وفُرِزَ لإِنْجِيلِ ٱلله، هذَا الإِنْجِيلِ الَّذي وَعَدَ بِهِ ٱللهُ مِنْ فَارَصَ وزَارَحَ مِنْ تَامَار، فَارَصُ وَلَدَ حَصْرُون، حَصْرُونُ وَلَدَ قَبْلُ، بَأَنْبِيَائِهِ في الكُتُبِ المُقَدَّسَة، في شَأْنِ آبْنِهِ الَّذي وُلِدَ بِحَسَبِ آرًام، آرَامُ وَلَدَ عَمِينَادَاب، عَمِينَادَابُ وَلَدَ نَحْشُون، نَحْشُونُ وَلَدَ الجَسَدِ مِنْ نَسْلِ داؤد، وَجُعِلَ بِحَسَبِ رُوح القَدَاسَةِ ٱبْنَ اللهِ بِقُوَّةٍ سَلْمُون، سَلْمُونُ وَلَدَ بُوعَزَ مِنْ رَاحَاب، بُوعَزُ وَلَدَ عُوبِيدَ مِنْ أَيْ بِالقِيَامَةِ مِنْ بَيْنِ الأَمْوَات، وهُوَ يَسُوعُ الْمَسِيحُ رَبِّنَا؛ بِهِ نِلْنَا رَاعُوت، عُوبِيدُ وَلَدَ يَسَّى، يَسَّى وَلَدَ دَاوُدَ المَلِك. دَاوُدُ وَلَدَ سُلَيْمَانَ النِّعْمَةَ والرّسَالَةَ لِكَى نَهْدِيَ إِلَى طَاعَةِ الإِيْمَان جَميعَ الأُمَم، لِمَجْدِ مِن ٱمْرَأَةِ أُورِيًّا، سُلَيْمَانُ وَلَدَ رَحَبْعَام، رَحَبْعَامُ وَلَدَ أَبِيًّا، أَبِيًّا وَلَدَ | آسْمِهِ؛ ومِنْ بَيْنِهِم أَنْتُم أَيْضًا مَدْعُوُونَ لِتَكُونُوا لِيَسُوعَ المَسِيح؛ آسَا، آسَا وَلَدَ يُوشَافَاط، يُوشَافَاطُ وَلَدَ يُورَام، يُورَامُ وَلَدَ عُوزِيًّا، إلى جَمِيع الَّذينَ في رُومَا، إلى أَحِبَّاءِ الله، المَدْعُوِّينَ لِيَكُونُوا عُوزيًا وَلَدَ يُوتَام، يُوتَامُ وَلَدَ آحَازُ، آحَازُ وَلَدَ حِزْقِيًا، حِزْقِيًا وَلَدَ قِرِيسِين: أَلنِّعْمَةُ لَكُم والسَّلامُ مِنَ اللهِ أَبينَا والرَّبِّ يَسُوعَ المَسِيح! مَنَسَّى، مَنَسَّى وَلَدَ آمُون، آمُونُ وَلَدَ يُوشِيًّا، يُوشِيًّا وَلَدَ يُوكَنِيًّا قَبْلَ كُلِّ شَيء، أَشْكُرُ إِلهِي بِيَسُوعَ المَسيح مِنْ أَجْلِكُم جَمِيعًا، وإِخْوَتَهُ، وكانَ السَّبْيُ إِلَى بَابِل. بَعْدَ السَّبْي إِلى بَابِل، يُوكَنِيًّا وَلَدَ الأَنَّ إِيْمَانَكُم يُنَادَى بِهِ في الْعَالَم كُلِّهِ. يَشْهَدُ علَيَّ الله، الَّذي أَعْبُدُهُ شَأَلْتِيئيل، شأَلْتِيئيلُ وَلَدَ زُرُبًابِل، زُرُبًابِلُ وَلَدَ أَبِيهُود، أَبِيهُودُ وَلَدَ إِبرُوحِي، بِحَسَبِ إِنْجِيلِ آبْنِهِ، أَنِّي أَذْكُرُكُم بِغَيْر آنْقِطَاع، ضَارِعًا إِلْيَاقِيم، إِلْيَاقِيمُ وَلَدَ عَازُور، عَازُورُ وَلَدَ صَادُوق، صَادُوق وَلَدَ في صَلَوَاتِي على الدَّوَام أَنْ يتَيَسَّرَ لي يَوْمًا، بِمَشِيئَةِ الله، أَنْ آتي آخِيم، آخِيمُ وَلَدَ إِلِيهُود، إِلِيهُودُ وَلَدَ إِلِيعَازَر، إِلِيعَازَرُ وَلَدَ مَتَّان، | إِلَيْكُم. فإنِّي أَتَشَوَّقُ أَنْ أَرَاكُم، لأُشْرِكَكُم في مَوْهِبَةٍ رُوحِيَّةٍ



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