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Sunday, December 10, 2023, Birth of John the Baptizer

Sunday, December 10, 2023 at 11:00 o'clock

Boulos Yammuny and Faris and Mona Zahrah

Thursday, December 14, 2023 at 7:30 P.M. (St. N. El Hardini)

Bishop Stephen Hector Doueihy

Friday, December 15, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

Divine Liturgy and Christmas Novena

Sunday, December 17, 2023 at 11:00 o'clock

Josephine Nahra and deceased family members and her daughter Salma Merza

Sunday, December 24, 2023 at 11:00 o'clock (Sunday Liturgy)

Sunday, December 24, 2023 (Christmas Eve) at 5:30 P.M.

Members of the parish, both living and deceased

Monday, December 25, 2023 (Christmas Day) at 11:00 o'clock

Private intention

Saturday, December 30, 2023 at 1:00 P.M.

Salam Mikhael Hanna Elmur (40 day anniversary, requested by Elham Khoury and Alain and Christian Khoury)

Sunday, December 31, 2023 at 11:00 o'clock

Reconciliation (Confession) is available every Sunday between 10:15 and 10:45 a.m. before the Divine Liturgy.

Let us Pray the Rosary

Please join fellow parishioners as we pray the Holy Rosary every **Sunday at 10:15 a.m.** in preparation for the Divine Liturgy and in honor of our Blessed Mother, Mary.

Ushers for Sunday, December 10, 2023

Halim Younes, Victor Beasley, Rafah Elias

Ushers for Sunday, December 17, 2023

Halim Younes, Anthony Beasley, John Nadder and Fawzi Abouchabke

Altar Servers for Sunday, December 17, 2023

George Beasley and Marek Oszwaldowski

Thank you for your generosity

Summary of the Collection for Sunday, December 3, 2023

Regular collection \$ 3443

Pledge \$ 1400

Donation by mail \$ 500

End of the year contribution \$ 1000

Thank you for your generosity and may God bless you all.

Choir Meeting

On Sunday, December 10, 2023, at 10:20 a.m. (before the Divine Liturgy), there will be a meeting for the choir members and for all those who are interested in joining the Choir. Thank you for your cooperation.

Holy Days of Obligation

Feast of the Circumcision of the Lord

Monday, January 1, 2024, Feast of the Circumcision of the Lord, is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Liturgy will be at **11:00 o'clock**.

Scripture Readings

Sunday, December 10, 2023, Birth of John the Baptizer

Gal 4:21-5:1; Lk 1:57-66

Sunday, December 17, 2023, Revelation to Joseph

Eph 3:1-13; Mt 1:18-25

Sunday, December 24, 2023, Genealogy Sunday

Rom 1-12; Mt 1:1-17

Baptism of the Lord (Epiphany)

Saturday, January 6, 2024, Feast of the Epiphany of the Baptism of the Lord, is Holy Day of Obligation. The Divine Liturgies with the Blessing of the Epiphany Water will be on:

◆ **Friday, January 5, 2024 at 7:30 PM**

◆ **Saturday, January 6, 2024 at 11:00 o'clock**

Celebration of the Nativity

Join us for a parish celebration of the Nativity of the Lord **on Sunday, December 17, 2023, following the 11:00 o'clock Divine Liturgy**. There will be a Nativity Story by the children of the Maronite Faith Formation Program (Sunday School), Christmas Caroling, Pictures with Santa and Potluck Coffee Hour

2024 Contribution Envelopes

The **2024 Contribution envelopes** are available in the back of the church. If you have been using the envelope system in 2023, you will have the same number in 2024. **Using the envelope system** makes it easier on us to keep track of your donations and to properly acknowledge your generosity at the end of the year.

While we welcome everyone to worship with us, we encourage you to contact the Church Office at (202) 291-5153 if you would like to register in the Parish.

If your address or phone number has changed, please call the church office and update your file. Thank you for your cooperation.

Canned/Non-perishable Food Drive

On Sunday, November 26, 2023, the MYO started a canned/non-perishable food drive to be given to a food shelter for Christmas. To all those interested in donating, there is a box in the social hall to drop off your donations. Please do not bring any perishable items. Thank you for your generosity.

FYI

What are the essential elements of the sacrament of Reconciliation?

The essential elements are two: the acts of the penitent who comes to repentance through the action of the Holy Spirit, and the absolution of the priest who in the name of Christ grants forgiveness and determines the ways of making satisfaction. [For further reading Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) 1440-1449]

December Liturgical Schedule

Thursday, December 14, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.: Feast of St. Nimatullah El Hardini

Friday, December 15, 2023

★ Divine Liturgy and Christmas Novena at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 16, 2023

★ No Divine Liturgy or Novena

Sunday, December 17, 2023

★ Divine Liturgy at 11:00 o'clock (Christmas Novena following the Divine Liturgy)

Monday - Friday, December 18, - 22, 2023

★ Divine Liturgy and Christmas Novena at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 24, 2023

★ 11:00 A.M. Sunday Divine Liturgy

Christmas Eve (December 24, 2023)

★ 4:15 p.m. - 4:45: Reconciliation (Confession) will be available

★ 5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Divine Liturgy

Please note that there will be no Midnight Divine Liturgy this year.

Monday, December 25, 2023 (Christmas Day)

★ 11:00 A.M. Christmas Divine Liturgy

Sunday, December 31, 2023

★ 11:00 A.M. Sunday Divine Liturgy

Monday, January 1, 2024

Feast of the Circumcision of the Lord (***A Holy Day of Obligation***)

★ 11:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Friday, January 5, 2024 (Eve of the Epiphany or the Baptism of the Lord)

★ 7:30 P.M. Divine Liturgy and Blessing of the Epiphany Water

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★ 11:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy and Blessing of the Epiphany Water



The Birth OF John the Baptist

