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The Glorious Birth of the Lord Jesus

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Isaiah 8: 23+9:1-5

There is no gloom where there had been distress. Where once he degraded the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, now he has glorified the way of the Sea, the land across the Jordan, Galilee of the Nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; Upon those who lived in a land of gloom a light has shone. You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing; They rejoice before you as people rejoice at harvest, as they exult when dividing the spoils. For the yoke that burdened them, the pole on their shoulder, The rod of their taskmaster, you have smashed, as on the day of Midian. For every boot that tramped in battle, every cloak rolled in blood, will

be burned as fuel for fire. For a child is born to us, a son is given to us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace.

Hebrews 1:1-12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you"? Or again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"? And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him." Of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire." But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, and the righteous scepter is the scepter of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions." And, "In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands; they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing; like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will never end." Praise be to God always!

Luke 2:1-20

The Evangelist said: In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. This the truth. Peace be with you.

Office Hours

Weds - Friday from 9am-12pm.

Liturgical Schedule

Wednesday through Friday 09:00am

Saturday 4:00 pm (*Maronite rite*)

Sunday 8:30 am (*Roman rite*)

10:30 am (*Maronite rite*)

Exposition of the Holy Eucharist

Every Thursday 7:00pm and Saturday 2:00pm

Liturgical Intentions

12/24 4:00pm	GLORIOUS BIRTH OF THE LORD JESUS
12/25 8:30am 10:30am	GLORIOUS BIRTH OF THE LORD JESUS
12/31 4:00pm	Tenth anniversary memorial for Samira Thomas , requested by her loving family.
1/1/2023 8:30am 10:30am	New Year's Day World day of Prayer for Peace
1/7/2023 4:00pm	Twelfth anniversary for Kay Budway– Murphy and Twentieth anniversary for Kaleemy Badway , requested by Anthony and Maureen Budway.
1/8/2023 8:30am 10:30am	Fifty year anniversary memorial for Guido Gargani and Rita Gigon , by Peter Gazilli Second Anniversary for Chawki Khalil , requested by his wife Roula and her loving family.
1/14 4:00pm	Eight year anniversary for George Thomas, JR. requested by his loving family.
1/15 8:30am 10:30am	One Year Memorial liturgy for Jeanette Assaker Farah , requested by her son Roy.
1/21 4:00pm	
1/22 8:30am 10:30am	Memorial liturgy for Hoda Keirouz , requested by the Holy Rosary Sodality.
	<i>Prayers and best wishes to everyone for a Blessed Christmas and a New Year full of Prayer, Faith, Joy, and Strength!</i> <i>From the whole pastoral team!</i>

"There is no perfect family. We have no perfect parents, we are not perfect, do not get married to a perfect person, neither do we have perfect children.

We have complaints about each other. We are disappointed by one another. Therefore, there is no healthy marriage or healthy family without the exercise of forgiveness.

Forgiveness is vital to our emotional health and spiritual survival. Without forgiveness the family becomes a theater of conflict and a bastion of grievances. Without forgiveness the family becomes sick.

Forgiveness is the sterilization of the soul, cleansing the mind and the liberation of the heart.

Anyone who does not forgive has no peace of soul and communion with God. Pain is a poison that intoxicates and kills. Maintaining a wound of the heart is a self-destructive action. It is an autophagy.

He who does not forgive sickens physically, emotionally and spiritually. That is why the family must be a place of life and not of death; an enclave of cure not of disease; a stage of forgiveness and not of guilt.

Forgiveness brings joy where sorrow produced pain; and healing, where pain caused disease."
(Pope Francis)



Weekly collections

Saturday 4:00pm

\$448.00

Sunday 8:30am

\$326.00

Sunday 10:30am

\$1034.00



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