

## Christmas Intentions

### CHRISTMAS EVE

**WEDNESDAY | DECEMBER 24 | 5:00PM**

- †Deceased Clergy of St. Ann . *Community of St. Ann*
- †Baby Albert Harraka . *Birthday Remembrance His Family*
- †Victor Kattak . *8 Year Remembrance M/M Gregg Kattine*
- †Deceased Members of the Kilanowski Family *M/M George Stronghilos*
- †Deceased Members of the Stronghilos Family *M/M George Stronghilos*
- †Deceased Members of the Howell Family *M/M George Stronghilos*
- †Deceased Members of the Davis Family *M/M George Stronghilos*
- †Norman & Laurice Dikdan . *Their Daughters*

- †Lois Lozy . *Husband Fred & Family*
- †Fred & Anna Lozy . *Their Children*
- †Joseph & Emelie Agia . *Their Family*
- †Edward & Yvonne Hatem . *M/M John Gorny & Family*
- †Robert & Gladys Gorny . *M/M John Gorny & Family*
- †Gregory Messer . *Suzie & Cammy Messer*
- †John & Mary Tahan . *Their Family*
- †John & Marie Yabroudy . *Their Family*
- †Vincent Magliarditi . *Wife Rita & Family*
- †Joseph & Mary Borsina . *M/M John Nagel*
- †Sam & Evelyn Kaspar . *Their Family*
- †Alvera Dakak . *Her Family*

**WEDNESDAY | DECEMBER 24 | 8:00PM**

- †Deceased Clergy of St. Ann . *Community of St. Ann*
- †Khalil & Amira Alimir . *Their Family*
- †Rana Alimir Haddad . *Alimir Family*
- †Georgie Batikha . *Parents Abboud & Lena Batikha*
- †Mayla Gabriel Sabeh . *Parents Michel & Maha Gabriel*
- †Joseph & Tony Ghandour . *M/M Khamis Khamis*
- †Geriouss & Josephine Khamis . *M/M Khamis Khamis*
- †Chehadeh & Neda Khamis . *M/M Khamis Khamis*
- †John Baladi . *M/M Abboud Batikha & Family*
- †George & Nazira Konboz . *Antoinette Konboz*

### CHRISTMAS DAY

**WEDNESDAY | DECEMBER 25 | 10:00AM**

- †Deceased Clergy of St. Ann . *Community of St. Ann*
- †Mary & John Coussa . *Adrianne Kattak & Family*
- †William Kattak . *Wife Adrianne & Family*
- †Renee Sekula . *Adrianne Kattak & Family*
- †Florence Kattak . *Adrianne Kattak & Family*

## ST ANN CHURCH

### CHRISTMAS DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
5:00PM (English)  
8:00PM (Arabic/English)

**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
10:00AM (English)

### CONFESION TIMES

**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
4:00-5:00PM  
7:00-8:00PM

**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
9:00-9:30AM

### *Our Community is Served By:*

- Rev Musil Shihadeh *Pastor*
- Rev Sayed Kozhaya *Parochial Vicar*
- Rev Choukri Sabbagh
- Rev Archdeacon Edward Bsarany
- Rev Deacon Roland Basinski
- Rev Deacon Robert Shalhoub

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In the hush of Bethlehem, the Infinite Love of God humbles itself into human frailty, teaching our restless hearts that salvation comes not by thunder, but by surrender. O kneel, my soul, before this holy poverty, where the Creator weeps, the Virgin wonders, and heaven bends low to kiss the dust of our humanity.

**FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD**  
December 25, 2025

# FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

## Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom . *The Nativity of Christ* PAGES 156-161

### ANTIPHON PRAYER

O Christ, Eternal God, by Your birth from the Virgin, You appeared on earth as a man and enlightened the whole Creation. Steady our footsteps in the way of your Commandments. Infuse in our hearts the grace of knowing You and loving You, through the intercession of Your All-pure Mother and Ever-Virgin Mary and all your Saints.

For You are our Light and our Redemption, O Christ God, and to You we render glory and to Your Eternal Father and Your All-holy, Good and Life-giving Spirit, now and always and forever and ever.

### ANTIPHON OF THE FEAST pg. 156

*O Son of God who were born of the Virgin, save us who sing to You, Alleluia!*

1. The Lord has said to my Lord: sit at my right until I make of your enemies of a footstool.

*O Son of God who were born of the Virgin...*

2. The Lord shall send you from Sion a scepter of power: be the master in the midst of your enemies.

*O Son of God who were born of the Virgin...*

3. With You was the beginning, on the day of your might in the splendor of the holy ones.

*O Son of God who were born of the Virgin...*

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and always and forever and ever. Amen.

### SPECIAL PETITIONS

1. That the Nativity of Christ may be a realization of the hymn of the Angels, glory to God, peace on earth and joy for mankind, let us pray to the Lord.

2. That Christ may restore us to our Paradise dwelling and grant us the grace of divine adoption, let us pray to the Lord.

3. That through the salvific Nativity of Christ, the

world may be enlightened by justice, reconciliation, and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

4. That we may advance in age, wisdom and grace; and that the civilization of Christian love may grow in the world, so that we may attain the full stature of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

### ENTRANCE HYMN pg. 157

From before the morning star, I have begotten you. The Lord has sworn and will not repent. You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek. O Son of God, who were born of the Virgin, save us who sing to You, Alleluia!.

### TROPARION OF THE NATIVITY

(Tone 4 - sung 3 times) pg. 157

Your Nativity, O Christ our God, has shed the light of knowledge upon the world. Through it, those who had been star-worshipers learned through a star to worship You, O Sun of Justice, and to recognize in You the One Who rises and Who comes from on high. O Lord glory to You!

### HYPAKOI OF THE NATIVITY (Tone 8)

O Little Child lying in a manger, by means of a star, heaven has called and led to You the Magi, the first-fruits of the Gentiles, astounded to behold, not scepters and thrones, but extreme poverty. What, indeed, is lower than a cave? What is humbler than swaddling clothes and yet the splendor of your divinity shone forth in them resplendently. O Lord, glory to You!

### KONDAKION OF THE NATIVITY

(Tone 3) pg. 158

Today the Virgin gives birth to the Transcendent in Essence, and the earth presents a cave to the Inaccessible. The angels with the shepherds sing His glory, and the Wise Men with the Star travel on their way, for to us is born a New Child, who is God from all eternity.

### TRISAGION pg. 118

All of you who have been baptized into the Christ, have put on Christ. Alleluia. (3 times)

### EPISTLE: GALATIANS 4:4-7

**Prokimenon:** Let all on earth worship and sing praise to You, sing praise to Your name.

**Stichon:** Shout joyfully to God, all you on earth; sing praise to the glory of His name.

### A Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians:

Brethren, when the fullness of time had come, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, that He might redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba, Father!" So that one is no longer a slave, but a son; and if a son, an heir also of God through Jesus Christ.

### Alleluia

The heavens declare God's glory, and the firmament proclaims the work of His hands.

**Stichon:** Day pours out the word to day, and night to night imparts knowledge.

### GOSPEL: MATTHEW 2:1-12

(Visit of the Magi)

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, Magi came from the East to Jerusalem saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? For we have seen His Star in the East and have come to worship Him." But when King Herod heard this, he was troubled, and so was all Jerusalem with him. And gathering together all the chief priests and Scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. And they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for thus it is written by the prophet, *And you, Bethlehem, of the land of Judah are by*

*no means least among the princes of Judah; for from you shall come forth a leader who shall shepherd my people Israel.*" Then Herod summoned the Magi secretly, and carefully ascertained from them the time when the star had appeared to them. And sending them to Bethlehem he said, "Go and make careful inquiry concerning the Child, and when you have found Him, bring me word, that I too may go and worship Him." Now they, having heard the king, went their way. And behold, the star they had seen in the East went before them, until it came and stood over the place where the Child was. And when they saw the star they rejoiced exceedingly. And entering the house, they found the Child with Mary His mother, and falling down they worshipped Him. And opening their treasures, they offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they went back to their own country by another way.

### HIRMOS Hymn to the Theotokos pg. 159

Magnify, O my soul, the Virgin more glorious than the heavenly Powers. Behold a strange and wonderful Mystery: the cave is heaven, the Virgin a Cherubic throne, the manger a noble place where reposes Christ the Uncontainable God. Let us praise and magnify Him!

**KINONIKON** pg. 160 The Lord has sent redemption to His people: He has established His covenant forever. Alleluia

**POST-COMMUNION** pg. 157 Your Nativity, O Christ our God, has shed the light of knowledge upon the world. Through it, those who had been star-worshipers learned through a star to worship You, O Sun of Justice, and to recognize in You the One Who rises and Who comes from on high. O Lord glory to You!