Sunday, December 22nd: The Sunday Before the Nativity of Christ
  Sunday School Pageant & Luncheon
Tuesday, December 24th: 5:00 P.M.– Christmas Liturgy
Wednesday, December 25th: Christmas (church office closed)
Sunday, December 29th: The Sunday After the Nativity of Christ
Saturday, January 4th: 5:00 P.M.- Arabic Liturgy
Sunday, January 5th: The Sunday Before Epiphany
Sunday, January 12th: The Sunday After Epiphany
Monday, January 13th, 2014: Bible Study resumes
Sunday, January 19th: Twenty Ninth Sunday After Pentecost
Saturday, January 26th: Thirty Second Sunday After Pentecost
Sunday, February 2, 2014: Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord
  7 year Memorial Service for Christos Theodoridis
  General Assembly
Sunday, February 9, 2014: Sunday of the Pharisee and Publican & Leave taking of the
  Presentation of Our Lord
Sunday, February 16, 2014: Sunday of the Prodigal Son
Sunday, February 23, 2014: Sunday of Meat Fare
A Note Regarding Holy Communion:
Since we understand Communion to mean that we have all things in common, sharing an identical faith, only those who are members of the Orthodox Church and who have prepared themselves through prayer, fasting, and recent confession may participate in Holy Communion. We invite all, however, to partake of the blessed bread which is distributed at the dismissal. Confessions are heard on Saturdays, before and after Vespers, or by special appointment. The Eucharistic fast begins at midnight on Saturday and ends with the receiving of Holy Communion. Please see Fr. Elie if you have any questions or for inquiries on how to become a full member of the Church.

Prayer Requests and Bulletin News: All prayer requests and articles for the weekly bulletin must be submitted each week by noon Wednesday otherwise the requests and articles will be published the following week. Please use the envelopes provided when requesting prayers. Envelopes are available at the entrance of the Church, downstairs in the Church Hall, or in the Church Office.

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Thank you Order of St. Ignatius

December is Order of St. Ignatius Month and as an Antiochian Village Camper, I want to thank the Order of St. Ignatius because they help us to attend Camp and they helped Sayidha Phillip and our Archdiocese to buy the Village a long time ago. I would be very sad if we did not have Antiochian Village and many other people would too. Thank you to all the members of the Order of St. Ignatius. And, special thank you to the members of the Order of St. Ignatius here at St. Mary’s Church for helping me to travel there. I had the best time and really look forward to going to Camp again next summer. I met people from a lot of states and have made some new friends. I also learned a lot about our Faith. Thank you from Mary Gurghigian

Bible Study

Bible study will resume in January 2014 due to the activities the parish is involved in for the Bazaar. So mark your calendars for THE BIBLE STUDY to start up on Monday, January 13, 2014. Remember to bring your copy of The Orthodox Study Bible for referencing during the Bible Study session.

ST IGNATIUS MONTH

The month of December every year is designated as Order of St. Ignatius month, in conjunction with the feast day of St. Ignatius on December 20. The Order is the philanthropic arm of the Antiochian Archdiocese and one of its most vital lay ministries, under the guidance of Metropolitan Philip and the Archdiocese Board of Trustees. Currently, there are nearly 4,000 members supporting approximately 38% of the Archdiocese's budget, as well as a host of other worthy causes including: camping and college conference scholarships, married seminarian assistance, Antiochian Village, Teen SOYO Special Olympics, theological and religious education, clergy retirement, Project Mexico, International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC), The Treehouse Family Ministry, and Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF). Member of the Order of St. Ignatius will be serving as readers and ushers throughout the month.

Sunday, December 22, 2013

The Sunday Before the Nativity of Christ

The Sunday of Genealogy

Troparion of the Resurrection: Tone 1

The stone being sealed by the Jews, and thy pure body being guarded by the soldiers, thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. Wherefore, the heavenly powers acclaimed thee, O Giver of life, crying, Glory to thy Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to thy kingdom! Glory to thy gracious providence, O thou only Lover of mankind.

Troparion for the Forefeast: Tone 2

Make ready, O Bethlehem; for Eden hath been opened for all. Prepare, O Ephratha; for the Tree of life hath blossomed forth in the cave from the Virgin; for her belly did appear as a supersensuous paradise in which is planted the divine Plant, whereof eating we shall live and not die as Adam. Verily, Christ shall be born, raising the likeness that fell of old.

Troparion for the Fathers: Tone 2

Great are the accomplishments of faith; for the three holy youths rejoiced in the fountain of flames as thou at waters of rest. And the Prophet Daniel appeared a shepherd to the lions as though they were sheep. Wherefore, by their pleadings, O Christ God, Have mercy upon us.

Troparion of the Dormition: Tone 1

“In giving birth, Thou didst keep Thy virginity and in Thy repose, Thou didst not forsake the world, O Theotokos, for Thou art the mother of life, and Thou didst pass over into life; and through thy intercessions from death Thou dost redeem our souls.”

Kontakion Prepartory for the Nativity: Tone 3

Today the Virgin cometh to the cave to give birth in an ineffable manner to the Word before the ages. Rejoice, therefore, O universe, when thou hearest, and glorify with the angels and shepherds him who shall appear by his own will as a new babe, being God before the ages.
The Epistle
Hebrews 11:9-10; 17:23-32-40

Prokeimenon: Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our Father.
Verse: For you are just in all you have done.
The reading is from Saint Paul's Letter to the Hebrews.

Brethren, by faith Abraham sojourned in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him in the same promise. For we looked forward to the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God. And what more shall I say? For time will fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets - who through faith conquered kingdoms, and enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated - of whom the world is not worthy - wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

The Gospel
Matthew 1:1-25

The book of the genealogy 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 Aram and Aram the father of Ammin'adab, and Ammin'adab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Bo'az by Rahab, and Bo'az 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 Uri'ah, and Solomon the father of Rehobo'am, and Rehobo'am the father of Abi'jah, and Abi'jah the father of Asa, and Asa the father of Jehosh'aphat, and Jehosh'aphat the father of Jehoram, and Jehoram the father of Uzi'iah, and Uzi'iah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezeki'ah, and Hezeki'ah the father of Manas'seh, and Manas'seh the father of Amon, and Amon the father of Josi'ah, and Josi'ah the father of Jechoni'ah and his brothers at the time of the deportation to Babylon. And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoni'ah was the father of Sheal'ti-el, and Sheal'ti-el the father of Zerub'babel, and Zerub'babel the father of Abi'ud, and Abi'ud the father of Eli'akim, and Eli'akim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eli'ud, and Eli'u'd the father of Elea'zar, and Elea'zar the father of Asaf, and Asaf the father of Caleb, and Caleb the father of Jegushiel, and Jegushiel the father of Machinah, and Machinah the father of Baruch, and Baruch the father of Nashoba, and Nashoba the father of Zimri, and Zimri the father of Mattaniah, and Mattaniah the father of Iddo, and Iddo the father of David, and David the father of Solomon.

PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
Mitchell & Nellie Hallal, offered by Holly Lazieh and Sons & Bob Dessaint
Edward Hallal Sr., offered by Holly Lazieh and Sons & Bob Dessaint
Leo Hallal, offered by Holly Lazieh and Sons & Bob Dessaint
Mary Dessaint, offered by Holly Lazieh and Sons & Bob Dessaint
Wadi & Esma Matook, offered by Sam & Kay Maook
James & Helen Bellas, offered by Sam & Kay Maook
The Bellas Family, offered by Sam & Kay Maook
The Panichas Family, offered by Sam & Kay Maook
The Matook Family, offered by Sam & Kay Maook
The Allen Family, offered by Sam & Kay Maook

The Twelve Days of Christmas

Please remember that in our Orthodox Christian Tradition, the Great Feast of the Nativity is a 12 day observance that is linked directly to the Great Feast of Theophany, The Baptism of Christ, held on January 6th.

During the 12 days of Christmas there is no fasting, not even on Wednesday and Fridays. This is the true “Time of the Feast”, when visitations and family celebrations should occur.

The season of the Feast ends on January 6, with the great blessing of the Waters of Epiphany.

Christmas Liturgy

Christmas Liturgy this year will be on December 24th at 5:00 P.M.

2014 Church Calendars

The Church Calendars for the new year have arrived. Every family or household is asked to take only one calendar from the Church Hall. Please use the calendars to participate in the liturgical life of the Church.
PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
Ruth Salhany, offered by Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian
Maritza & Antranig Gurghigian, offered by Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian
Prapion & Hapet Markarian, offered by Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian
Aghavine & Charles Kazarian, offered by Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian
Boghos & Almaas Gurghigian, offered by Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian
Askanaz & Seran Postoian, offered by Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian
Thomas, Peter, Alice, Sharon & Peter Postoian, offered by Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian
Der Vartan Cassabian, offered by Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian
Rose & Vahan Cassabian, offered by Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian
Louis Josephs, offered by George & Lois Kilsy
Louis Josephs, offered by Bill and Mary Lou Catelli
Matilda Josephs, offered by Bill and Mary Lou Catelli
Joanne Abdulah, offered by Bill and Mary Lou Catelli
George and Jeannette Arees, offered by George A. Arees
Richard Arees, offered by George A. Arees
Abdo and Hysna Haddad, offered by George A. Arees
Mary Haddad, offered by George A. Arees
Lucy Haddad, offered by George A. Arees
Antonio Haddad, offered by George A. Arees
Rebecca Wylie, offered by George A. Arees
George and Jeannette Arees, offered by John Haddad
Richard Arees, offered by John Haddad
Abdo and Hysna Haddad, offered by John Haddad
Mary Haddad, offered by John Haddad
Lucy Haddad, offered by John Haddad
Antonio Haddad, offered by John Haddad
Josephine & Anne Kilsey, offered by Ethel, Audrey & Wayne Kilsey
Frederick L. Kilsey, offered by Ethel, Audrey & Wayne Kilsey
Mary Kilsey, offered by Ethel, Audrey & Wayne Kilsey
George & Alice Kilsey, offered by Ethel, Audrey & Wayne Kilsey
Ronald & Alice Maurice, offered by Ethel, Audrey & Wayne Kilsey
Michelle Y. Kilsey, offered by Ethel, Audrey & Wayne Kilsey
Anthony & Mary Agaty, offered by Elaine Swistak
John, Jeannette & Janet Swistak, offered by Elaine Swistak
Margaret & Anthony Tager, offered by Elaine Swistak
Darrell & Michelle Norris, offered by Elaine Swistak
George Hallall, offered by Holly Lazieth and Sons & Bob Dessaint
Sophie Hallall, offered by Holly Lazieth and Sons & Bob Dessaint
Ronald Gauthier, offered by Holly Lazieth and Sons & Bob Dessaint
Christopher Gauthier, offered by Holly Lazieth and Sons & Bob Dessaint
John Swistak, offered by Holly Lazieth and Sons & Bob Dessaint
George & Sarah Massiwer, offered by Holly Lazieth and Sons & Bob Dessaint
John Massiwer, offered by Holly Lazieth and Sons & Bob Dessaint
David Massiwer, offered by Holly Lazieth and Sons & Bob Dessaint
Joyce Kandalaft, offered by Holly Lazieth and Sons & Bob Dessaint
Louis Hashway, offered by Holly Lazieth and Sons & Bob Dessaint
Olga Sapag, offered by Holly Lazieth and Sons & Bob Dessaint

A VOTIVE CANDLE IS LIT FOR GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:
Paua Hallal offered by her father, Fred Hallal
Alicia Maurice, offered by her parents Glenn & Donna Maurice
Our Sisters in Christ—wishing that our prayers bring you comfort and health, offered by the Ladies Society
Parishioners and their Families who are ill—praying for your comfort and health, offered by St. Mary Parish
Francine and Julie, offered by Louis Slemon
Amy Saulen, offered by Sanny and Helen Morcos

PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:
Sgt. Thomas Schillawski, offered by Jim and Beth Schillawski
Peter Marcotte, offered by Edward and Lillian Beter
Violette Habib, offered by Emad Amirhom
Essam Amirhom, offered by Emad Amirhom
Emad Amirhom, offered by Emad Amirhom
Maria Santos, offered by Emad Amirhom
Charles and Nora Abdelahad, offered by Charles and Elaine Agaty
George & Sandra Matook, offered by Charles and Elaine Agaty
Steve, Elaine, Isabelle & the newborn child of God Elisabeth Katherine Zaback, offered by Charles and Elaine Agaty
Steve, Elaine, Isabelle & the newborn child of God Elisabeth Katherine Zaback, offered by Charles and Nora Abdelahad
George & Sandra Matook, offered by Charles and Nora Abdelahad
Mark Hashway, offered by Elaine Wilbur
Kevin Haddad, offered by Elaine Wilbur
April Gentes Robert, offered by George & Sandra Matook
Donna Slemon, offered by St. Mary Church
Nabil Khoury, offered by Salwa Khoury
Mitch, Dawn, Dean, & Kristen Hallal, offered by Georgette Hallal
Hallal & Sackall Families, offered by Georgette Hallal
Don Aubin, offered by Philip, Ben, and Phil G. Ayoub
Don Aubin, offered by Susan Warzych & Family
Don Aubin, offered by Nancy Penta & Family
Don Aubin, offered by George & Donna David & Family
Grace Baron, offered by Sanny & Helen Morcos
Mary Massiwer, offered by Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian
Cindy, Donald, Daniel & Sarah Hayes, offered by Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian
Mary, Bill, & Jon Franklin, offered by Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian
Diane Andrew and Paul Bernier, offered by Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian
Laura, Jim and Noelle Arrighi, offered by Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian
John and Patricia Massiwer and Danielle, offered by Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian
Lily Massiwer, offered by Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian
Diana Hashway, offered by Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian
Fred Hallall & Paula, offered by Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian
Holly, Jordan & Alexander Lazieth and Bob DeSaint, offered by Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian
Cheryl & Anthony Nassaney & family, offered by Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian
Nancy & Demetrios Sterpis & family, offered by Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian
Nora Matook, offered by Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian
Michael and Maria Matook & family, offered by Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian
Leah, Bianca & Johanna Macaruso, offered by Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian
Julia Vale, offered by Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian

Prayers are being offered for Good Health and Blessing of Albert and Vickie Hallal.
These prayers are being offered by Leo Saidnawey.
He would also like to offer them a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:

Flo & Phil Sperand & family, offered by Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian
Louise & Bill Osborn & family, offered by Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian
George & Sandra Matook & family, offered by Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian
Alan Matook, offered by Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian
John & Linda Matook & family, offered by Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian
Janice & Chuck Cuzzo & family, offered by Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian
Mary Lou & Bill Catelli, offered by Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian
Lois & George Kilsey & family, offered by Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian
Elaine Gauthier, offered by Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian
Stephanie & Bryan Chowning & family, offered by Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian
Elaine Swistak & family, offered by Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian
Charles & Nora Abdelelahad & family, offered by Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian
Fr. Michael and Selma Abdelelahad & family, offered by Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian
Elaine & Charles Agaty, offered by Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian
His Grace Bishop JOHN, offered by Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian
Gregory, Joseph & Maria Abdalah, offered by Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian
Gabe Saba & family, offered by Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian
Charles Slemon & family, offered by Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian
Charles & Angela Abosamra & family, offered by Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian
William & Susan Salhany & family, offered by Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian
Glenn, Donna & Alicia Maurice, offered by Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian
V. Rev. & Mrs. Elie Estephan and family, offered by Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian
Susan & Jim Harvey & family, offered by Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian
Mother Xenia, offered by Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian
Al and Vickie Hallal & Family, offered by Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian
Fred, Adele and Robert Shaverya, offered by Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian
George and Connie Matook & Family, offered by Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian
Frederick & Paula Hallal, offered by Holly Lazieh and Sons & Bob Dessaint
Cheryl, Anthony, Emma & Evan Nassaney, offered by Holly Lazieh and Sons & Bob Dessaint
Nancy, Dimitrius, Steven and Nicholas Sterpos, offered by Holly Lazieh and Sons & Bob Dessaint
Lily Massiwer, offered by Holly Lazieh and Sons & Bob Dessaint
Diana Hashway, offered by Holly Lazieh and Sons & Bob Dessaint
Kim Nassaney Culpan, offered by Holly Lazieh and Sons & Bob Dessaint
Mary & Christopher Kelsey, offered by George & Lois Kelsey
Helen Betor, offered by Edward & Lilian Betor
Fred Sabath, offered by Edward & Lilian Betor
Kelise Families, offered by Ethel, Audrey & Wayne Kelisey
Ethel, Audrey, & Wayne Kelisey, offered by Ethel, Audrey & Wayne Kelisey
Mary & George Kelisey, offered by Ethel, Audrey & Wayne Kelisey
Khouria Ruba, offered by The Arabic Class
Andrea Swistak, offered by Elaine Swistak
Stephanie & Jeff Caplan, offered by Elaine Swistak
Charles & Elaine Agaty, offered by Elaine Swistak
The Tager Families, offered by Elaine Swistak
Evelyn & Paul & Family, offered by Elaine Swistak
Dr. Nabil Khoury, offered by Elaine Swistak
Robert & Nancy Neill, offered by Elaine Swistak
James & Betsy Hoyt & Family, offered by Elaine Swistak

Special prayers of Good Health and Blessing are being offered to Claudine Webhe on the occasion of her 12th Birthday.

Prayers are being offered by: The Briggs & Webhe Families

Happy 12th Birthday!

PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:

Sam & Kay Matook, offered by Sam & Kay Maook
Bobby & Sherry Matook, offered by Sam & Kay Maook
Mackenzie & Mason Matook, offered by Sam & Kay Maook
Mark A. Matook, offered by Sam & Kay Maook
Rita Sayegh, offered by Sam & Kay Maook
George & Connie Matook & Family, offered by Sam & Kay Maook
The Nicko Family, offered by Sam & Kay Maook
The Panichas Family, offered by Sam & Kay Maook
Ida Carlos & Family, offered by Sam & Kay Maook
The Allen Family, offered by Sam & Kay Maook

PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Frances Slemmon, offered by Louis Slemmon
Stephen Pimental, offered by Lori Pimental
Atalla Amrhom, offered by Emad Amrhom
Labiba Nicola Hanna, offered by Magdy Guirguis
John Swistak, offered by His Loving Family
Ron Gauthier, offered by His Loving Wife
Christopher Gauthier, offered by His Mom
Fred Hashway, offered by Elaine Wilbur
Abraham George, offered by The George Family
George Hallal (12 years), offered by Georgette Hallal
All deceased Family, In-laws, and Friends, offered by Georgette Hallal
Ameen and Naifey Sabath, offered by Edward & Lilian Betor
Petros and Afiite Betor, offered by Edward & Lilian Betor
Fred “Fritzie” and Jimmy Sabath, offered by Edward & Lilian Betor
John Massiwer, offered by Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian
Donald Hayes, offered by Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian
Thomas Andrew, offered by Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian
Toofick, Elizabeth, George, Alma, John, Helen, Nicholas, Jane, Olga, Florence, Thomas and Leon Matook, offered by Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian
Joseph, Janette, Joe and Joan DiMarzo, offered by Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian
Richard & Evelyn McNeil, offered by Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian
Robert Vale, offered by Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian
Sarah, George, Emi & Abraham Massiwer, offered by Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian
Sophie Hallal, offered by Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian
Moses Lazieh, offered by Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian
Miguel and Olga Sapag, offered by Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian
John Swistak, offered by Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian
Matilda and Louis Josephs, offered by Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian
Joanne Abdalah, offered by Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian
Sophie and Murad Laffey, offered by Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian
Christopher Gauthier, offered by Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian
Ronald Gauthier, offered by Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian
Alice Kilsey, offered by Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian
Jacqueline Gorab, offered by Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian
Fred Hashway, offered by Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian