



SAINT ANTHONY MARONITE CHURCH

A Parish Family of the Eparchy of St. Maron of Brooklyn, NY

كنيسة مار أنطونيوس المارونية

December 24-25, 2017

25-24 كانون الأول 2017

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OFFICE HOURS

M-TH: 9 AM - 4PM

Friday: Office is Closed

Saturdays: By Appointment

LITURGIES

Daily Liturgies:

M & W: 9 AM

T & TH: 7 PM

Weekend Liturgies:

Saturday

Vigil Liturgy @ 4 PM

Sunday Liturgies:

8:30 AM - Arabic

9:30 AM - English

11:30 AM - English & Arabic

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Vigil Liturgy @ 7 PM

Feast Day @ 9 AM

Sacraments of

Baptism & Confirmation

1 month in advance with the Pastor

Sacrament of Matrimony

*Couples should make arrangements
six months prior to the wedding date*

Sacrament of

Reconciliation

One hour Before Thursday &

Saturday Liturgies,

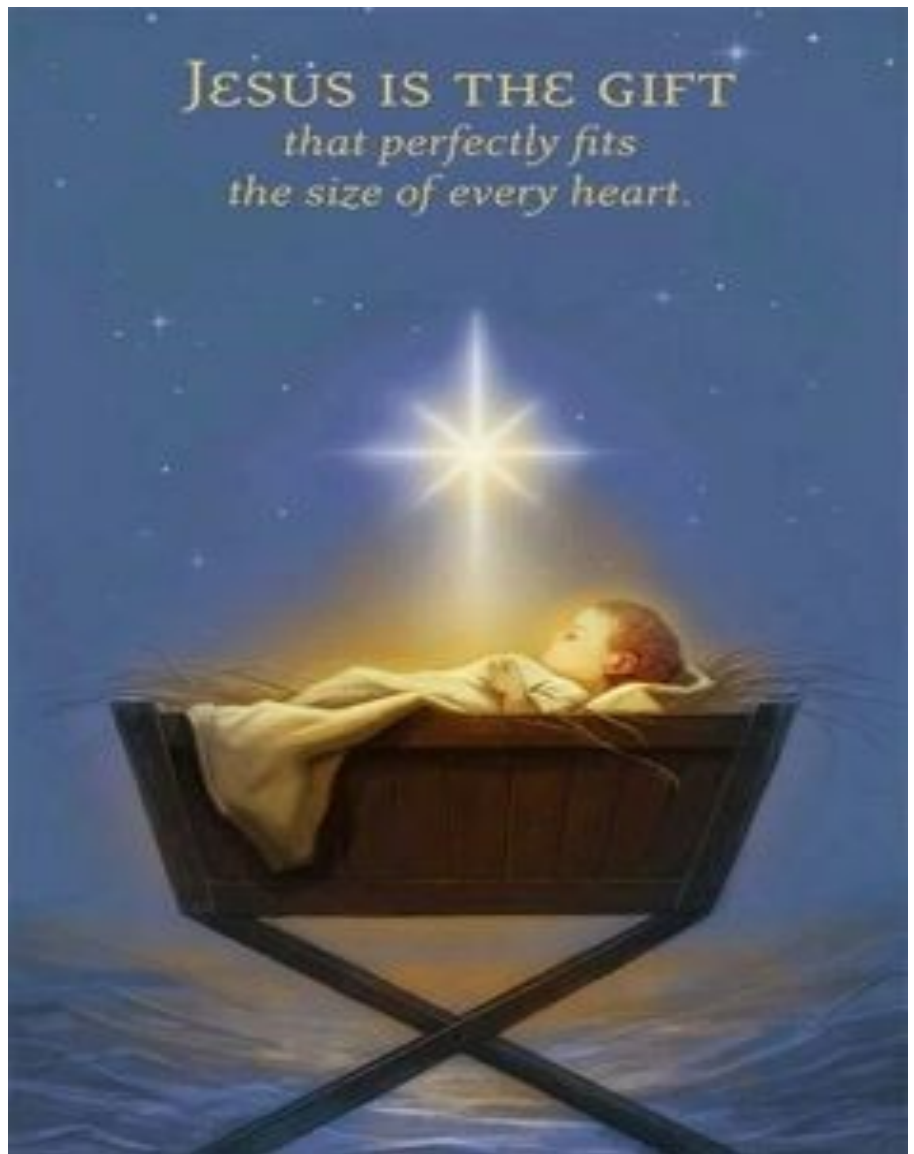
or by appointment

Anointing of the Sick

*Please notify the Rectory if a
member of your family is ill,
hospitalized, or unable to come to
Church and would like to receive
communion at home*

*Please refer to our website for more
Sacrament Celebrations Guidelines*

Christ is Born !! Alleluia!!!
Merry Christmas- ميلاد مجيد



Facebook: Saint Anthony Maronite Church Lawrence, MA



Liturgies Intentions



Meet our staff:

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Parish Ministries

- ◆ Religious Education
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- ◆ Publishing: Bulletin
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- ◆ Choirs (English, Arabic & Syriac)
 - ◆ Kids Choir
 - ◆ Knights of the Altar
 - ◆ Knights of Mary
 - ◆ Maronite Youth : MYO
 - ◆ Maronite Young Adults
 (Coming Soon)
 - ◆ Bereavement Ministry
 - ◆ Cenacle of the Rosary
 (Thursdays @ 6PM)
 - ◆ Cenacle of Divine Mercy
 (Sundays Before the Liturgies)
 - ◆ Sacristan (s)

Genealogy Sunday

أحد النسبة

Saturday, December 23	4:00 PM	For: + 1 st Anniversary-John G. (Lahoud) Thomas by His Wife Phyllis Thomas
Sunday, December 24	11:30 AM	For: + Marwan Ksaifi By His Sister Tania wife of Mr. Eddy Sfeir and Family

Christmas Liturgies

عيد الميلاد المجيد

Sunday, December 24	4:00 PM	Christmas Vigil Liturgy (English) For Good Health and Blessings of Parishioners by The Pastor
Monday December 25	12:AM	Christmas Midnight Liturgy For Good Health and Blessings of Parishioners by The Pastor
	10:00 AM	Christmas Liturgy (Arabic) For Good Health and Blessings of Parishioners by The Pastor
	11:30 AM	Christmas Vigil Liturgy For Good Health and Blessings of Parishioners by The Pastor

Christmas Week

أسبوع الميلاد المجيد

Tuesday, December 26 @ 7 PM	<i>Felicitations to Mary</i> <i>Private Intentions.</i>
Tuesday, December 27 @ 7PM	<i>St. Stephen, the First Martyr, M</i> <i>For : Good health of</i> <i>Stephanie Ota By the Pastor</i>
Wednesday, December 28@9AM	<i>The Adoration of the Magi</i> <i>For: In Honor of Baby Lucas</i> <i>Cohen, By The Pastor</i>
Thursday, December 29 @ 7PM	<i>Holy Innocents</i> <i>Private Intentions.</i>
Friday, December 30	<i>The Return from Egypt to</i> <i>Nazareth</i>

Please refer to page 4 for the New Year's weekend Schedule.



myEoffering

www.stanthonylawrence.org



Weekly offering envelopes for 2018 will be mailed to your home on a quarterly basis. You will receive envelopes every 3 months. For those who have signed up for online donations, you may disregard them or drop your empty envelope in the collection basket.

Online Donation—Contribute to Our Parish Growth

Apply Online: <http://stanthonylawrence.org/donate-now/>

Electronic Consent Form Or Print Form:

Last Name		First Name	
Envelope #		Email	
Address		Phone	
City	State	Zip	
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New Year's Week End - قدايس عيد رأس السنة

Occasion	Day	Date	Time	Language
Divine Liturgy	Saturday	December 30th	4 PM,	English
Divine Liturgy	Sunday,	December 31st	8:30 AM,	Arabic
Divine Liturgy	Sunday,	December 31st	9:30 AM,	English
Divine Liturgy	Sunday,	December 31st	11:30 AM,	English - Arabic
Ney Year's Liturgy	Monday	January 1, 2018	5 RM	English - Arabic

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Banns of Marriage



3rd Banns of Marriage :
David Bechara and Emily Gaunuscio.

POPE PRAYER INTENTIONS DECEMBER 2017

THE ELDERLY: That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.



Message from Father Allawi

المجد لله والله معكم يا ابي.
بدي أقول لكل سيدة حضرت وطبخت، ولكل اولادكم
ولكل عيالكم ولكل الناس و أبونا المسؤول بالكنيسة
والرعية، شكرا. شكرا باسم كل مشرد وأم معتفة،
وجوعان، ومحتاج، وسجين، ومدمن. باسم طفل المغارة
بشكركم! واذكروني
بصلواتكن. خادم جمعية
سعادة السما الأب مجدي
علاوي!
صلولي، صلولي!



Glory be to God. May
God be with you. I
would like to say to every lady who prepared and
cooked, and to all your families and to all the
parish and the Father, the official of the Church;
Thank you! Thank you on behalf of every
homeless person, battered woman, helpless
victim, needy person, prisoner and addict. On
behalf of the child Jesus, thank you!
Father Majdi Allawi! Keep me in your prayers!

BE IN TOUCH!! STAY CONNECTED !!

Membership Registration:

<http://stanthonylawrence.org/member-information-form/>

Online Donation:

<http://stanthonylawrence.org/donate-now/>

Upcoming Events:

<http://stanthonylawrence.org/upcoming-events/>

Monthly Calendar:

<http://stanthonylawrence.org/upcoming-events/calendar/>

MYO Ugly Christmas Sweater





December 17, 2017

Sunday Collection	\$ 3,838.00
Online Donations	\$75.00
Candles	\$ 137.00
Fuel	\$ 395.00
Immaculate Conception	\$72.00
Christmas Pastor Charities	\$195.00
Christmas Offering	\$2,705.00
Christmas Flowers	\$410.00
Christmas Decorations	\$253.00
Women's Christmas Party (Gross)	\$1,415.00
Christmas Bake Sale	\$6,296.00
Sunday Coffee Hours	\$77
Total Deposit	\$ 15,818.00

Left Sanctuary Lamp
In Loving Memory of John G. (Lahoud) Thomas
Offered by his loving wife, Phyllis, and family.

Right Sanctuary Lamp
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Guidelines:

Baptismal Guidelines: *(Check our Website)*

- ◆ Guidelines & Registration Form

Marriage Guidelines: *(Check our Website)*

- ◆ Guidelines & Check List Forms

Banquet Hall Guidelines:

- ◆ Contract Form *(Check our Website)*
- ◆ Banquet Hall Usage Donations:
 1. \$500 (For 6 Hours)
 2. \$250 For Registered & Active parishioners *(with contribution history)*
 3. Security Deposit \$250 *(Returned after the event, if no Damages)*
 4. Cleaning Donations: \$100

ALTAR SERVERS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
Saturday, December 23	4:00 PM	Elias Saab Sharbel Saab
Sunday, December 24 11:30 AM		Charbel Sadek, George ElHachem Jonathan Merheb, Joseph Mansour

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
Saturday, December 30	4:00 PM	Jacob Godfrey Youssef Chahine
Sunday, December 31	8:30 AM	Volunteers
Sunday, December 31	9:30 AM	Anthony Hassan Mark Bejjani
Sunday, December 31 11:30 AM		Anthony Sadek, Charbel Merheb Charbel Yamine, Elie Daou



Lectors

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Lectors</u>
Saturday, December 23	4:00 PM	Christine Ryan
Sunday, December 24 11:30 AM		Volunteers

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Lectors</u>
Sunday, December 24	4:00 PM	Elizabeth Frias
Monday, December 25	12 AM Midnight	Mansour Chaya Charbel Cherfane
Monday, December 25	10 AM	Tony Nammour
Monday, December 25 11:30 AM		English: Michael Mouawad Arabic: Sleiman Ramey

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Lectors</u>
Saturday, December 30	4:00 PM	Phyllis Thomas
Sunday, December 31	8:30 AM	Guita Bou Habib
Sunday, December 31	9:30 AM	Josephine McDougall
Sunday, December 31 11:30 AM		English: Michael Mouawad Arabic: Ajia Elia

PARISH MINISTRIES & NEWS

Religious Education - Sunday School

Thank you !!! I would like to thank the children and their families that participated in The Knights of Columbus poster contest. The posters were picked up yesterday. The winners will be celebrated on December 31. Stay tuned for more details.

There will be **no CCD** on **December 24 or 31.**

Classes will resume in January.

From the entire staff of the CCD program, we would like to wish you Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your families!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Susan Veilleux,

ccd@stanthonylawrence.org

MYA - Save the Date

Christmas Gathering

December 29th @ 7:30 PM

KNIGHTS OF MARY SCHEDULE

All Events run from 5PM - 7PM

After 4PM Liturgy

Dates are Subject to change

2017-2018

January 6

January 20



Children's Choir

January 13

Practices will be held from 5:00PM - 6:30PM

Will be reserved to the Christmas Novena during the month of December

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



SAINT ANTHONY MARONITE CHURCH

PRESENTS



VALENTINE PARTY ST MARON CELEBRATION

DATE:

SATURDAY

FEBRUARY 10, 2018

DOORS OPEN: 7PM

LOCATION:

ST ANTHONY BANQUET HALL



FEATURING:

DORIS & ENSEMBLE



FOR RESERVATION:

Wissam Merheb@ 978.853.5145

Mounira Daher@ 603.235.0801

TICKETS are available FOR SALE:

Adults \$50 (\$75 after January 15)

Students: \$30 (\$50 after January 15)

Dinner Included - Cash Bar Only

ONLINE RESERVATION—SPECIAL EVENT DONATION: <http://stanthonylawrence.org/donate-now/>

Rosary Group Every Wednesday @ 6PM

صلاة المسبحة الوردية: الأربعاء من كل أسبوع الساعة السادسة مساء

Bible Study

everyone is welcome

Bible Studies will resume on Tuesday January 9th
تعاود السهرات الأتجيلية نشاطها في 9 كانون الثاني

Christmas Poinsettias: In Honor / In Loving Memory of

Given By	In Memory Of
Beverly & Bob Schiripo	Rose & Peter Lucchesi , Mary Shadeed, Stephanie & Fred Schiripo
Mrs. Theresa Solomon	Mr. Edmond J. Solomon - Mr. Fred & Mrs. Mary Faris - Mr. Joseph & Mrs. Emily Solomon & Mr. Phillip & Mrs. Rose Hatem
Amal Feghali	Raymond Feghali & Gebran Najem
Abou Raad Family	Nehme Abou Raad and Micheline Azzi
Christine Kattar	Thomas and Victoria Kattar- Frances (Kattar) Coccozza
Mabel Beshara	George Beshara Family
Roy & Donna Rossi	Joseph & Yvonne Ellis
Touma Family	Mel & Joe Touma - Shia & Sarah Touma
George & Mirna Abou Ezzi	In Memory of Antoine Abouezzi, Jeanette Lahoud Nasr, Fr. Robert Stacick, Mike and Marie Noel Nassar
Phyllis Thomas	John Thomas
Michael G. Faris & Family	George & Elsie Faris
Tuffic, Venize & Rosine	Diane Hatem
Jason & Amanda Azzi	Said and Chafica Azzi, Joseph and Nancy Azzi, and Melhem Antar
Sami & Clara Atie	Selim & Afify Barakat /Jamal & Marie Atie
B. Spencer & Cecelia Hatem	Sleiman Bou Karam / Ana Casilda Pichardo
James Hajj	Billy Hatem
Elaine A. Ferris	Margaret Hajj (wife)
Abdallah Children & Their Families	Ferris Family & Ricci Family
J. Ganem	Albert H. & Anna R. Abdallah
Roseanne Ganem	Fred J. Ganem
Victor C. Azzi	Fred J. Ganem
Tony & Hitaf Nammour	Mr. & Mrs. Kahlil S. Azzi / Mr. & Mrs. Elias Naffah
	Romanos Nammour /Joseph Bou Sanayeh

Given By	In Honor Of
John & Leslie Hassan	Fr. Joe Abisaad
Anonymous	The Family of Rev. Elie Mikhael
Beshara and Huguette Sfeir	Tia Sfeir by her loving Parents
Hugette Sfeir	For the good Health of all Cancer Patients at Saint Anthony
Jason & Amanda Azzi	Saadallah Azzi & Mariam Azzi
Elaine A. Ferris	Jennie & Toufie Ferris

Knights of Columbus Poster Contest Winners

All winners will be recognized and awarded at the 9:30AM Liturgy on Sunday, December 31st

Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest Winners: Jason Demers & Gabrielle Abdelnour

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest Winners:

**Christien Abimoussa
Laura Wazen
3rd Grade CCD Class
Maria Wazen**

**Amelia Jesionowski
Christopher Azzi
Brady Ata
Rebecca Naamani**

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 for ever 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.'

يا إخواني، إن الله كلم الآباء قديماً في الأنبياء، مرّاتٍ كثيرة، وبأنواعٍ شتى، وفي آخر هذه الأيام، كلمنا في الابن، الذي جعله وارثاً لكل شيء. وبه أنشأ العالمين. وهو شعاع مجده وصورة جوهره، وضابط الكل بكلمة فذرتيه. فبعدما أتمّ تطهير الخطايا، جلس عن يمين الجلالة في الأعالي، فصار أعظم من الملائكة، بمقدار ما الأسم الذي ورثه أفضل من أسمائهم. فلمن من الملائكة قال الله يوماً: «أنت ابني، أنا اليوم ولدتك»؟ وقال أيضاً: «أنا أكون له أباً، وهو يكون لي ابناً»؟ أمّا عندما يدخل ابنة البكر إلى العالم فيقول «فلتسجد له جميع ملائكة الله!». «وعن الملائكة يقول: «الصانع ملائكته أرواحاً، وخدامه لهيب نار». «أمّا عن الابن فيقول: «عرشك يا الله، لدهر الدهر، وصولجان الاستقامة صولجان ملكك. أحببت البرّ وأبغضت الإثم. لذلك مسحك الهك، يا الله، بدهن البهجة أفضل من شركائك». «ويقول أيضاً: «أنت، يا رب، في البدء أسست الأرض، والسموات صنع يدك. هي تزول وأنت تبقى، وكلها كالثوب تبلى، وتطويها كالرداء، والكلوب تتبدل، وأنت أنت وسئوك لن تفتى

From the Bereavement Ministry Desk

DRYNESS IN PRAYER: GRIEF

Praying during a season of loss can be hard. When I think of my own seasons of loss or of listening to others' prayer during their seasons of grief, I can think of multiple descriptions of prayer that sounded something like:

- ✦ *I cannot even sit down to pray, because my mind races everywhere when I try to pray.*
- ✦ *Being still is hard, because so much hits me at once that I don't know where to start.*
- ✦ *I am not even sure if God is there or hearing me in my pain.*
- ✦ *Prayer feels dry and empty.*
- ✦ *I cannot be still or even sit still.*

As with most things, it's always easier for me to reflect back on these seasons and remember what worked than to figure it out when I am in the middle of living a season of loss and trying to continue to grow in my prayer life. Here are three things that I try to remember myself and also offer to others who are in this season.

1. Pray as you can, not as you can't: ... How I used to be able to pray might not work right now. ... While the stillness of prayer did not work for me, physically moving and talking to God or just being in nature and walking did.

2. Try puttering prayer: [Puttering prayer](#) is a prayer method shared with me by a friend and colleague. She gave herself permission to "putter," and when she felt called, she would turn her attention to God in the moment and then carry on with her day. I find this way of praying very helpful when grief has a hold of me and I cannot sit down to a long prayer period.

3. Talk to God openly and honestly, even if in short spurts.

Our tendency sometimes is to stop prayer all together when it no longer feels the same or our prayer life changes. This can spin us into desolation when we stop praying all together. When facing a loss, I find it is helpful simply to talk to God often in heartfelt, honest conversation. Upon hearing a friend died, I held on to this type of prayer for weeks after her death. I would go about my day and remember her and then talk to God briefly about what was on my mind. Maybe it was a prayer of thanksgiving for a memory or the gift of her friendship. Other times, I might feel angry she was gone. Sometimes, I would simply weep and talk to God about how much I missed her. All our conversations were short but honest.

Eventually, the rawness of a new loss subsides a bit, and as it does, we can return to a season of prayer in which we can sit still longer, and we can face the silence again. Until that time comes, though, we can continue on in our prayer lives as gently as possible, trusting that God will welcome us back every time we come.

Becky Eldredge is a writer and spiritual director in Baton Rouge, LA.

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.

في تلك الأيام، صدر أمرٌ من أغوستس قيصرٍ بإحصاء كلِّ المعمورة. جرى هذا الإحصاءُ الأوَّل، عندما كان كيرينئوس والياً على سورياً. وكان الجميع يذهبون، كلُّ واحدٍ إلى مدينته، ليكتبوا فيها. وصعد يوسف أيضاً من الجليل، من مدينة الناصرة، إلى اليهودية، إلى مدينة داود التي تُدعى بيت لحم، لأنه كان من بيت داود وعشيرته، ليكتب مع مريم خطيبته، وهي حامل. وفيما كانا هناك، تمت أيامها لتلد، فولدت ابنها البكر، وقمطته، وأضجعه في مذود، لأنه لم يكن لهما موضعٌ في قاعة الضيوف. وكان في تلك الناحية رعاةٌ يقيمون في الحقول، ويسهرون في هجعات الليل على قطعانهم. فإذا بملك الرب قد وقف بهم، ومجد الرب أشرق حولهم، فخافوا خوفاً عظيماً. فقال لهم الملاك: «لا تخافوا! فها أنا أشرِّكم بفرحٍ عظيمٍ يكون للشعب كلِّه، لأنه ولد لكم اليوم مخلص، هو المسيح الرب، في مدينة داود. وهذه علامة لكم: تجدون طفلاً مقمطاً، مضجعا في مذود! وأنضمَّ فجأةً إلى الملاك جمهورٌ من الجنِّ السماويِّ يسبحون الله ويقولون: المجد لله في العلى، وعلى الأرض السلام، والرجاء الصالح لئبي البشر. ولما أنصرف الملائكة عنهم إلى السماء، قال الرعاة بعضهم لبعض: «هيا بنا، إلى بيت لحم، لنرى هذا الأمر الذي حدث، وقد أعلمنا به الربُّ وجاؤوا مسرعين، فوجدوا مريم ويوسف، والطفل مضجعا في المذود. ولما رأوه أخبروا بالكلام الذي قيل لهم في شأن هذا الصبي. وجميع الذين سمعوا، تعجبوا مما قاله لهم الرعاة. أمّا مريم فكانت تحفظ هذه الأمور كلها، وتتأملها في قلبها. ثم عاد الرعاة وهم يمجِّدون الله ويسبحونه على كلِّ ما سمعوا ورأوا، حسبما قيل لهم

Christmas Pageant & Kids Choir

