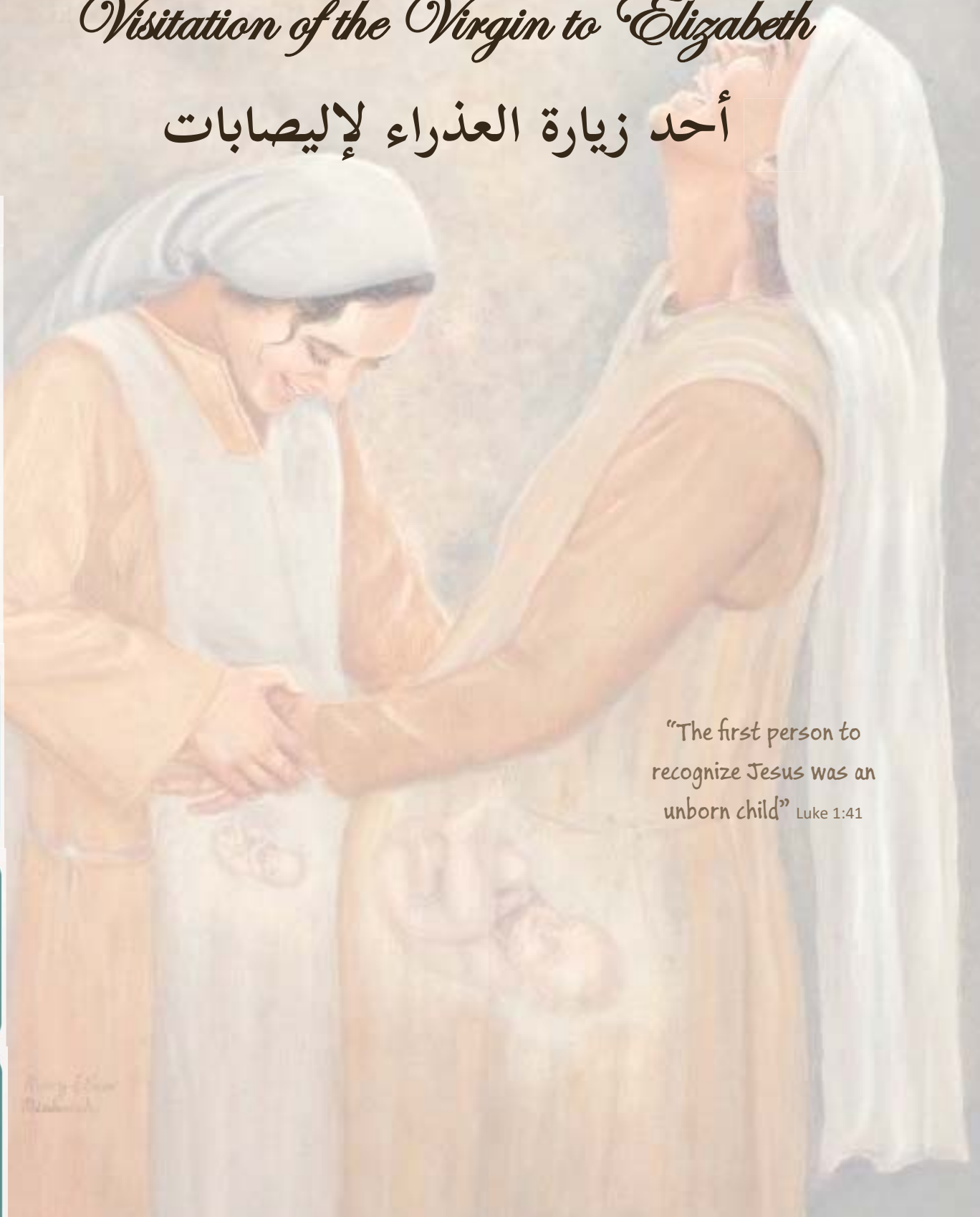


Visitation of the Virgin to Elizabeth

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“The first person to recognize Jesus was an unborn child” Luke 1:41

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LITURGIES INTENTIONS

Daily Liturgies

VISITATION OF THE VIRGIN TO ELIZABETH

Monday, December 2 (Ar.)

Habakkuk the Prophet / Eph 1:15-23 / Lk 1:46-56

Saturday, November 30 (Eng.)

St. Andrew

9:00 am

In Honor of Anthony, Rebecca, & Ivan Merheb, *By their parents, Mr. & Mrs. Wissam Merheb*

4:00 pm + Private Intentions

Tuesday, December 3 (Eng.)

St. Francis Xavier / Eph 2:1-10 / Lk 10:38-42

Sunday, December 1

Nahum the Prophet

9:00 am

+ Deceased members of the Goulart & Pereira Families, *By Dora Pereira*

8:00 am + Private Intentions

9:30 am + **40 Day Anniversary** - Violette Maroon, *By her son, James Maroon, & family*

Wednesday, December 4 (Ar.)

St. Barbara / Eph 2:11-16 / Lk 19:1-10

11:00 am + Bechir & Hadla Faris, *By their sons, Robert & Carl Faris, their spouses, & their families*

9:00 am

+ Deceased family members, *By Mr. & Mrs. Walid Awad*

+ Salim Sawan, *By his wife, Samia, daughter, Sylvie, wife of Carl Faris, & family*

Thursday, December 5 (Eng.)

St. Saba the Hermit / Eph 2:17-22 / Jn 4:39-42

5:00 pm For the good health & well being of our parishioners

9:00 am

+ Larry & Dora M. Pereira, *By Dora Pereira*

9:30 am - Noon

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, December 6

OFFICE CLOSED

St. Nicholas / Eph 3:14-21 / Mk 7:24-30

6:00 pm

+ Antoine & Therese Bou Mitri, *By their children & grandchildren*

BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

Feast of The Immaculate Conception

Saturday, December 7 (Eng.)

St. Ambrose

4:00 pm + Private Intentions

Sunday, December 8

The Immaculate Conception

8:00 am + Private Intention

9:30 am In Honor of Mr. & Mrs. Charlie Daher, their children, & their families

11:00 am + Hanane Merheb, Hanna & Farha Daccache, *By Mr. & Mrs. Wissam Merheb, & family*

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTION

**Pastor's Collection—
December 25, 2024**

Please remember to remit your Fuel/Utilities Envelope. Your contribution helps us keep the Heat on in the Winter and the AC on in the Summer. Thank you!

PLEASE NOTE

40 Day Liturgies are considered a priority. When necessary, they will be scheduled with other previously reserved intentions.



Dear Parishioners,

In his homilies and writings, especially in his letter "*Deus Caritas Est*" (God is Love), and his famous book "*Jesus of Nazareth: The Infancy Narratives*", Pope Benedict XVI described the Visitation as a moment where **faith becomes tangible and love becomes active**.

Reflecting on this encounter, he stated, "*Faith is not merely an interior attitude. It always leads to action. It transforms us, impels us to go forth and share the joy of the Gospel.*" Mary, bearing the Word made flesh, does not remain in isolation but journeys in haste to serve her cousin. **This action teaches us that faith naturally leads to charity—believing in God compels us to love others.**

Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, greets Mary with the prophetic words, "*Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!*" (Luke 1:42). Benedict XVI reflected on this proclamation, saying that Elizabeth's words affirm Mary's unique role in salvation history. He wrote, "*Mary is blessed because she believed in God's promises, and her faith enabled the Word to become flesh within her.*" Mary's visit is not merely a social gesture but a profound act of bringing Christ into the lives of others. **This reminds us of the Christian vocation: to carry Christ within us and to bring Him to the world.** Another key insight from Pope Benedict XVI comes from his meditation on Mary's Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55). He pointed out that Mary's song of praise is not only an expression of gratitude but a prophetic vision of God's justice and mercy: "*The Magnificat is an explosion of joy, a declaration that God works in history to lift the lowly and humble the proud.*" **Mary's words remind us that God's salvation upends worldly values, affirming the dignity of the poor and oppressed.** The Visitation also invites us to reflect on community and mutual support. As Pope Benedict XVI observed, "*Mary and Elizabeth represent the Church in miniature: a community centered on Christ, united by love, faith, and mutual service.*" In their encounter, we see a model of Christian communion that encourages and strengthens faith. As we prepare ourselves for Christmas, I know it must be a very busy season for all, let us always find a place for our spiritual needs and be part of this great mystery. As one family and one community, let us ask for the grace to emulate Mary's faith and Elizabeth's recognition of God's presence, so that we too may carry Christ to others and proclaim, with joyful hearts, His greatness and mercy.

In Christ's love,

Fr. Neemtallah (Edgard) Oneissy

OFFICE HOURS:

M-TH 10:00 am-3:00 pm

FRI OFFICE CLOSED

SAT By Appointment

DAILY LITURGIES @ 9 am

MON & WED (Ar)

TUE & THU (Eng)

WEEKEND LITURGIES

SAT 4 pm (Eng)

SUN 8am(Ar) 9:30 am (Eng)

11 am (Eng.& Ar)

Holy days of obligation:

Vigil Liturgy @ 7:00 pm

MEET OUR PRIESTS:

Chorbishop Elie Mikhael

(305) 807-9087

Fr. Edgard -Neemtallah- Oneissy

(857)390-4838

pastor@stanthonylawrence.org

MEET OUR DEACONS:

Nadim Daou, James T. Demers,

& David Leard

Sub-Deacon: Antoine Nammour

CLERGY DAY OFF

Fr. Neemtallah: **Wednesdays**

SACRAMENTS

Baptism & Confirmation:

1 month in advance with the Pastor,

Donations: Church: \$200

Priest: Free Will

Matrimony: Arrangements should be made by couples six months prior to the wedding date

Donations: Church \$500

Priest: Free Will

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.



Family of St Sharbel & Our Lady of Lebanon Ladies Guild



Thursday, December 19, 2024: Rosary @ 6:30pm followed by The liturgy & procession

Every Tuesday—Zoom Prayer @ 8pm
Zoom ID: 335616991
Passcode: 816342

Or you can join by clicking this link:
<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/335616991>

For more information email:
communications@familyofsaintsharbel.org

M-WINE

“We Serve Better Together”



Next event:
Monday, December 16, 2024
6pm - 7:30pm @ Church Hall



Purpose:

Form a Men of Saint Joseph (MSJ) group at Saint Anthony’s church taking the earthly father of Jesus as a guide and intercessor, and create the opportunity to pray, share our experience and grow in faith together on our journey to eternal life promised to us by Jesus the crucified.

Monthly Meeting Schedule

Third Saturday of every month @ 8 am at Saint Anthony Maronite Church Hall.

OBSERVANCES

Feast of The Immaculate Conception -
Holy Day of Obligation
OFFICE CLOSED - Monday, December 9, 2024

SANCTUARY LAMPS



In Memory Of Youssef Youssef, By Mr. Mrs. Ghassan Abou Ezzi

Book your Sanctuary lamp Online:

www.stanthonylawrence.org/sanctuary-lamp/

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Next Sessions:

Saturday, December 7 & 21 @ 5 - 7 pm

On **Saturday, December 21**, we warmly welcome all Religious Education families to join us for a festive evening:

- * **4:00 PM:** Attend the Liturgy
- * **After Liturgy:** Enjoy the Christmas Pageant, presented by our talented 5th and 6th graders
- * **Following the Pageant:** Celebrate with us at the Christmas Party in the parish hall

Let's come together to celebrate the joy of Christmas with faith, community, and holiday cheer.

KNIGHTS OF THE ALTAR

Next Meeting:

Saturday, December 7, 2024,
11 am– 12:30 pm @ Church hall

Remember to bring your handbooks to the meetings.
New applicants are always welcome!

KNIGHTS OF MARY

Next Session:

Saturday, November 30, 2024 @ 5 - 7 pm
www.stanthonylawrence.org/events-2/

MARONITE YOUTH ORGANIZATION-MYO

Next Meeting:

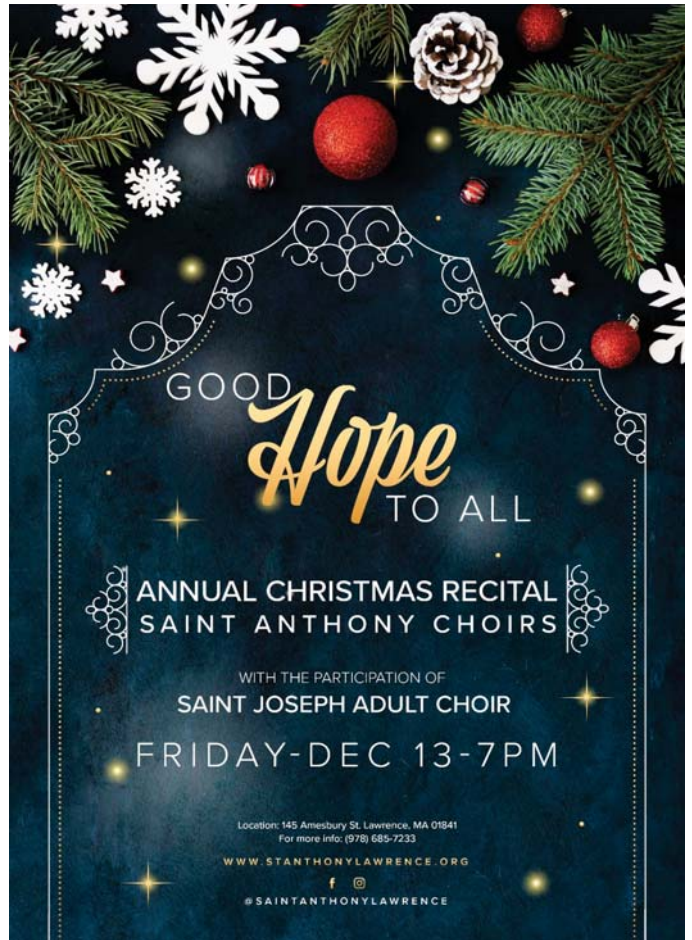
Sunday, December 1, 2024 @ 6 - 7:30 pm
www.stanthonylawrence.org/myo/



Sunday December 8th 2024
3-6 PM
St. Anthony's Church

Christmas Tree Lighting

- Live Band
- Santa & Elves
- Food & Drinks
- Face Painting & Raffles
- Clown, Magician, Juggler



GOOD Hope TO ALL

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS RECITAL
SAINT ANTHONY CHOIRS

WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF
SAINT JOSEPH ADULT CHOIR

FRIDAY-DEC 13-7PM

Location: 145 Amesbury St. Lawrence, MA 01841
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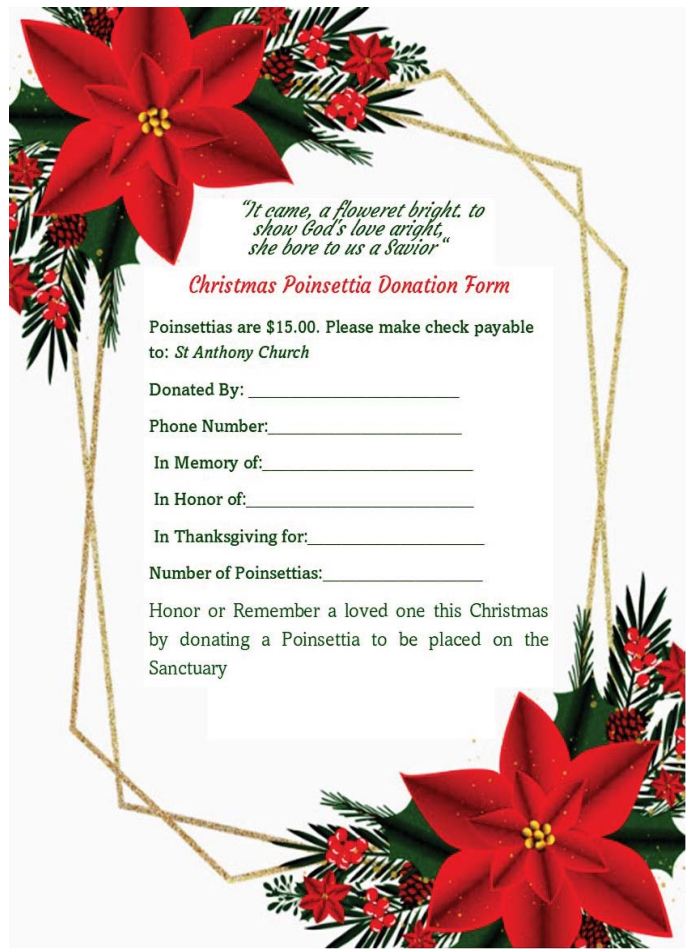
OH WHAT FUN!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A
Seniors Christmas Jubilee

DECEMBER 21 11 AM - 2 PM
Saint Anthony's Church

Parishioners, 70 +, are invited to a special event featuring:
Divine Liturgy @ 11am followed by
Holiday Lunch & Christmas Fun

RSVP by December 14th
Katy Abraham (978-682-2571) or Mirna Abou-Ezzi (978-807-5308)



"It came, a floweret bright, to show God's love aright, she bore to us a Savior"

Christmas Poinsettia Donation Form

Poinsettias are \$15.00. Please make check payable to: *St Anthony Church*

Donated By: _____

Phone Number: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Thanksgiving for: _____

Number of Poinsettias: _____

Honor or Remember a loved one this Christmas by donating a Poinsettia to be placed on the Sanctuary

YOU ARE INVITED TO



LADIES CHRISTMAS PARTY

FEATURING DJ ROY C.
DINNER, RAFFLE BASKETS,
ENTERTAINMENT & MUCH MORE!!!

\$100 PER LADY


DECEMBER 6 AT 7:00 PM
FRIDAY

ATKINSON RESORT & COUNTRY CLUB
85 COUNTRY CLUB DR | ATKINSON, NH 03811

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AMALE CHANTIRI (978) 835 7382
NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR

you are invited to

Christmas Celebration
By CCD



December **21** After 4 PM
Mass/Pageant

Drop off your children to the hall and pick up at 7 PM

St Anthony's Maronite Church
Lawrence, MA



SAINT ANTHONY'S CHURCH

KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY

CRAFTS & GAMES | 14 DECEMBER
CHRISTMAS MUSIC | FROM 5 TO 7 PM

PICTURES WITH SANTA CLAUS

Parents are kindly requested to accompany their children and stay with them throughout the Christmas party.

SAINT ANTHONY MARONITE CHURCH LAWRENCE PRESENTS

MENS CHRISTMAS PARTY

MUSIC - GAMES - FUN - CASH BAR

\$55

NO TICKETS AT DOOR

10TH DEC AT

PHOENICIAN RESTAURANT
MICHAEL'S FUNCTION HALL
12 ALPHA STREET
HAVERHILL, MA

DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM
DINNER SERVED AT 7:45PM

MENU INCLUDES:
APPS: HUMMUS, TABOULI, BABA, RAW KIBBEE, VEGETABLE PLATTER, FRIES
MAIN: CHICKEN KABOB OVER RICE PILAF, TENDERLOIN WITH PEPPERS & ONIONS

FOR INFO OR TICKETS CONTACT:
FRED COREY | ROD PICA | WISSAM MERHEB | ELIAS AZZI | DANNY AZZI

Angel Tree




Let us give the gift of HOPE this season and help us make Christmas brighter for others.

Please visit the Angel Tree in the foyer, pick up a name tag, and if you would like to, replace it with one of your own ornaments

New wrapped gifts, with angel tag attached, must be turned in to the church by Wednesday, December 18th

THIRD & FINAL BANS OF MARRIAGE



George (Guy) Kassas & Katherine O'Neil

BIRTHDAY WISHES

November 30: Claydon Daher, Elie Daou, Yorgo El Hachem, Christopher Rizkallah

December 1: Julian Bouchrouche, Najib Bourouphael, Michael Mouawad, Thomas Sader, Antonia Santos

December 2: Rami Kattar, Georjina Maroun, Raymond Maroun, Joyce Maroun, Roger Matar, Giovanni Nassar, Kristin Tarabay

December 3: Noah Jefferson, Renee Murphy, Sara-Maria Saab, Alex Sheperd

December 4: Isabel Ata, Bobbie Corey, Stephen Deschene, Meaghan Twing

December 5: Paolo Abou-Ezzi, Fadi El Zaklit, Rimonda Hanna, Remonda Maroun, William Shea, Nancy Shepherd

December 6: Ayiman Ata, Caden Haddad, George Maroun, Lisa Prezzano

ANNIVERSARY WISHES

December 1: Ronald & Cynthia Abraham

December 5: Jad & Karyn Ramey

Weekly Contributions:
11/24/2024

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday and the bulletin printing deadline, the collection report for the week of November 24 will be published in next week's bulletin.
Thank you for your understanding!

LECTORS SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 30 - 4 pm - Susan Kalil
Sunday, December 1st -

8:00 am - Sub-Deacon Antoine Nammour
9:30 am - Brady Barry
11:00 am - (Eng) Anthony Merheb
(Ar) Gretta Merheb

LECTORS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 7 - 4 pm - Lisa Abdallah
Sunday, December 8 -

8:00 am - Hitaf Nammour
9:30 am - David Brousseau
11:00 am - (Eng) Angela Dahbour
(Ar) Giselle Dahbour

"A Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration helps to bring everlasting peace to earth." - St. Teresa of Calcutta

Begins Saturday, November 30 at 4:00pm with Mass
Concludes December 2 at 8:00am



METHUEN CATHOLIC
THE PARISHES OF ST. LUCY & ST. MONICA

40 HOUR DEVOTION

Saturday, Nov 30 - Monday, Dec 2
Gethsemane Chapel at St. Monica Church
212 Lawrence St. | Methuen, MA

Please contact Maureen 978-683-0589 or email at twigg57mcs@gmail.com
Sign up as a family or Partner with a friend

Sunday of the Visitation of The Virgin to Elizabeth

2nd book of Samuel 6:9-15, 17, 18b

David was afraid of the LORD that day; he said, 'How can the ark of the LORD come into my care?' So David was unwilling to take the ark of the LORD into his care in the city of David; instead David took it to the house of Obed-edom the Gittite. The ark of the LORD remained in the house of Obed-edom the Gittite for three months; and the LORD blessed Obed-edom and all his household. It was told King David, 'The LORD has blessed the household of Obed-edom and all that belongs to him, because of the ark of God.' So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing; and when those who bore the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. David danced before the LORD with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet. They brought in the ark of the LORD, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt-offerings and offerings of well-being before the LORD. When David had finished offering the burnt-offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts.

Letter to the Ephesians 1: 1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To the saints who are in Ephesus and are faithful in Christ Jesus: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke 1:39-45

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

أحد زيارة العذراء لإليصابات

سفر صموئيل الثاني 6: 9-15.17b

خَافَ دَاوُدُ مِنَ الرَّبِّ فِي ذَلِكَ الْيَوْمِ وَقَالَ: «كَيْفَ يَنْزِلُ تَابُوتُ الرَّبِّ عِنْدِي؟» وَلَمْ يَشَأْ دَاوُدُ أَنْ يُمَالَ إِلَيْهِ بِتَابُوتِ الرَّبِّ إِلَى مَدِينَةِ دَاوُدَ، فَأَخَذَهُ دَاوُدُ إِلَى بَيْتِ عُوبِيدَ أَدُومَ الْجَتِّيِّ. فَبَقِيَ تَابُوتُ الرَّبِّ فِي بَيْتِ عُوبِيدَ أَدُومَ الْجَتِّيِّ ثَلَاثَةَ أَشْهُرٍ، فَبَارَكَ الرَّبُّ عُوبِيدَ أَدُومَ وَكُلَّ بَيْتِهِ. فَأَخْبَرَ الْمَلِكُ دَاوُدَ وَقِيلَ لَهُ أَنَّ الرَّبَّ قَدْ بَارَكَ عُوبِيدَ أَدُومَ وَكُلَّ مَا لَهُ بِسَبَبِ تَابُوتِ اللَّهِ. فَمَضَى دَاوُدُ وَأَصْعَدَ تَابُوتَ اللَّهِ بِفَرَحٍ مِنْ بَيْتِ عُوبِيدَ أَدُومَ إِلَى مَدِينَةِ دَاوُدَ. وَلَمَّا خَطَا حَامِلُو تَابُوتِ الرَّبِّ سِتَّ خَطَوَاتٍ، ذَبَحَ ثُورًا وَعِجْلًا مُسَمَّنًا. وَكَانَ دَاوُدُ يَرْفُصُ وَيَدُورُ عَلَى نَفْسِهِ بِكُلِّ قُوَّتِهِ أَمَامَ الرَّبِّ، وَكَانَ دَاوُدُ مُتَمَنِّطًا بِأَفُودٍ مِنْ كَتَّانٍ. وَأَصْعَدَ دَاوُدُ وَكُلَّ بَيْتِ إِسْرَائِيلَ تَابُوتَ الرَّبِّ بِالْهُتَافِ وَصَوْتِ الْبُوقِ. وَأَدْخَلُوا تَابُوتَ الرَّبِّ وَأَقَامُوهُ فِي مَكَانِهِ، فِي وَسَطِ الْخَيْمَةِ الَّتِي نَصَبَهَا لَهُ دَاوُدُ، وَأَصْعَدَ دَاوُدُ مُحْرَقَاتٍ أَمَامَ الرَّبِّ وَذَبَائِحَ سَلَامِيَّةٍ، وَبَارَكَ الشَّعْبَ بِأَسْمِ رَبِّ الْقُوَّاتِ.

رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل أفسس 1: 1-14

يا إخوتي، مِنْ بُولُسَ، رَسُولِ الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ بِمَشِيئَةِ اللَّهِ، إِلَى الْقَدِيسِينَ الَّذِينَ هُمْ فِي أَفْسُسَ وَالْأَمْنَاءِ فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ: الْنُعمَةُ لَكُمْ وَالسَّلَامُ مِنَ اللَّهِ أَبِيْنَا وَالرَّبِّ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ! تَبَارَكَ اللَّهُ أَبُو رَبِّنَا يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ، الَّذِي بَارَكَنَا بِكُلِّ بَرَكَاتِهِ رُوحِيَّةٍ فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ فِي الْمَسِيحِ؛ فَإِنَّهُ اخْتَارَنَا فِيهِ قَبْلَ انْشَاءِ الْعَالَمِ، لِنَكُونَ فِي حَضْرَتِهِ قَدِيسِينَ، لَا عَيْبَ فِيْنَا؛ وَقَدْ سَبَقَ بِمَحَبَّتِهِ فَحَدَدْنَا أَنْ نَكُونَ لَهُ أَبْنَاءَ بِالنَّبِيِّ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ، بِحَسَبِ رِضَى مَشِيئَتِهِ، لِمَدْحِ مَجْدِ نِعْمَتِهِ الَّتِي أَنْعَمَ بِهَا عَلَيْنَا فِي الْحَبِيبِ؛ وَفِيهِ لَنَا الْفِدَاءُ بِدَمِهِ، أَيِ مَغْفِرَةِ الزَّلَّاتِ، بِحَسَبِ غِنَى نِعْمَتِهِ، الَّتِي أَفَاضَهَا عَلَيْنَا فِي كُلِّ حِكْمَةٍ وَفَهْمٍ؛ وَقَدْ عَرَفْنَا سِرَّ مَشِيئَتِهِ، بِحَسَبِ رِضَا الَّذِي سَبَقَ فَجَعَلَهُ فِي الْمَسِيحِ، لِيُحَقِّقَ تَدْبِيرَ مَلَأِ الْأَزْمَنَةِ، فَيَجْمَعَ فِي الْمَسِيحِ تَحْتَ رَأْسٍ وَاحِدٍ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ، مَا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ وَمَا عَلَى الْأَرْضِ؛ وَفِيهِ أَيْضًا اخْتَارَنَا مِيرَاثًا لَهُ، وَقَدْ سَبَقَ فَحَدَدْنَا بِحَسَبِ قَصْدِهِ، هُوَ الَّذِي يَعْمَلُ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ بِقَضَاءِ مَشِيئَتِهِ، لِنَكُونَ مَدْحًا لِمَجْدِهِ، نَحْنُ الَّذِينَ سَبَقْنَا فَجَعَلْنَا فِي الْمَسِيحِ رِجَاءً؛ وَفِيهِ أَنْتُمْ أَيْضًا، بَعْدَ أَنْ سَمِعْتُمْ كَلِمَةَ الْحَقِّ، أَيِ انْجِيلِ خَلَاصِكُمْ، وَأَمَنْتُمْ، خُتِمْتُمْ بِالرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ الْمَوْعُودِ بِهِ، وَهُوَ عُرْبُونُ مِيرَاثِنَا، لِفِدَاءِ شَعْبِهِ الَّذِي أَقْتَنَاهُ، وَلِمَدْحِ مَجْدِهِ.

إنجيل القديس لوقا 1: 39-45

فِي تِلْكَ الْأَيَّامِ (بَعْدَ الْبَشَارَةِ بِيَسُوعَ)، قَامَتِ مَرْيَمُ وَذَهَبَتْ مُسْرِعَةً إِلَى الْجَبَلِ، إِلَى مَدِينَةِ فِي يَهُودَا. وَدَخَلَتْ بَيْتَ زَكَرِيَّا، وَسَلَّمَتْ عَلَى الْيَصَابَاتِ. وَلَمَّا سَمِعَتْ الْيَصَابَاتُ سَلَامَ مَرْيَمَ، أَرْتَكَضَ الْجَنِينُ فِي بَطْنِهَا، وَأَمْتَلَأَتْ مِنَ الرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ. فَهَتَفَتْ بِأَعْلَى صَوْتِهَا وَقَالَتْ: «مُبَارَكَةٌ أَنْتِ فِي النِّسَاءِ، وَمُبَارَكَةٌ ثَمْرَةٌ بَطْنِكَ! وَمِنْ أَيْنَ لِي هَذَا، أَنْ تَأْتِيَ إِلَيَّ أُمُّ رَبِّي؟ فَهَا مُنْذُ وَقَعَتْ صَوْتُ سَلَامِكَ فِي أُذُنِي، أَرْتَكَضَ الْجَنِينُ ابْتِهَاجًا فِي بَطْنِي! فَطُوبَى لِلَّتِي آمَنَتْ أَنَّهُ سَيَتِمُّ مَا قِيلَ لَهَا مِنْ قِبَلِ الرَّبِّ!»

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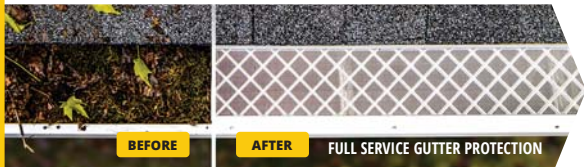
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