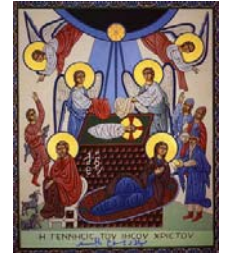


1st Sunday after Christmas



Merry Christmas to all : Meelad Majeed

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Words of Wisdom

- *The scriptures teach us the best way of living, the noblest way of suffering, and the most comfortable way of dying (J. Flavel).*



A Week Without God Is:
Sinday
Mournday
Tearsday
Wasteday
Thirstday
Fightday
Shatterday



During the frenzied pace of the Christmas season, we tend to lose sight of the message and promise that Christmas heralds. So often we're caught up in getting ready for this's and last minute that's. We rush here. We push there, and practically run over people seeking that special gift which we really cannot afford. Could all this hurrying and scurrying be Satan's vengeance against God, or his revenge against the Incarnation –the birth of the Son of God? Satan blinds us all with the glitter and gloss, sounds of bells tingling and cash registers jingling. We've lost sight of the meaning of Christmas –the message of peace among all men and women, the promise of joy to everyone of good will. Christmas' true splendor is found more often in simplicity –simplicity rooted in awareness and listening. For as we listen more to the world around us, we become increasingly aware of the troubles and pain, the anger and strain that men and women suffer. It is the message and promise of Christmas which can bring hope to the little, the lost and the least; to the bruised, the battered and the broken. One of the greatest gifts we can bring to the world, bring to each man, woman or child we meet this Christmas season, is to "practice random kindness and senseless acts of beauty." I'm reminded of the B.C. comic strip from several years ago in which cartoonist Johnny Hart has the character Wiley searching for answers to one of life's great questions. It is a question so simple and yet so timely. In the first panel Wiley asks, "Whatever happened to kindness?" He then proceeds to write the following verse:

*"Why do people go to the trouble to give other people some trouble?
Why do they burst someone's bubble, when they know it comes back to them double?
Why do we go to the effort to hurt someone we actually love?
Why can't we say something sweet 'stead of curt? A push only leads to a shove.
Why can't we treat other folks with respect? With a smile or a kind word or two?
Treat them with honor, the way you'd expect they should act when they're dealing
with you.
Why can't we overlook others' mistakes? We've all surely been there before.
Love and forgiveness is all that it takes, to boot Satan's butt out the door."*

This Christmas season, give a gift that will last, a gift that will endure long after you are gone. "Practice random kindness and senseless acts of beauty." Go ahead, try it! It will shock you only a bit. I'm sure it will astound others, too, and I am certain it will startle the world around you. Go ahead, practice kindness anyway. The world could use a jolt such as this. (Fr. B.C)



WEEKEND of Dec. 26-27 * 1st Sunday after Christmas**

Sat., Dec. 26 – 5:00 P.M. – Helen, Izzat & Anthony Melhem by Family.

Sun., Dec. 27 – 10:00 A.M. – Anthony & Shashoeaa Rizk John by family



WEEKDAYS



Monday	Dec. 28	6:00 P.M	Anna John by Nick & Georgette Ciambrone
Tuesday	Dec.29	6:00 P.M	Samuel Joseph by Mr. & Mrs. Keene Jabbour
Wednesday	Dec. 30	6:00 P.M	Marian Boulous by Marlene Bedway
Thursday	Dec. 31	5:00 P.M	Yasmaine Shortell by Julia & Mike Stevens
Friday	Jan 1	6:00 P.M	Katherine Howard by Canon & Doura Anthony & family.

WEEKEND of January 2 - 3 * The Finding of the Lord in the Temple *****

Sat., Jan. 2 – 5:00 P.M. – Joseph ,Ida Stevens & grandson / Jamy Stevens Jr. & Daughter Louise by children & GC.

Sun., Jan. 3– 10:00 A.M. – Therese Nehme by family

New Year Party

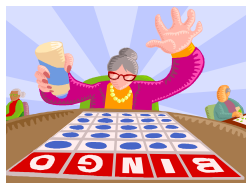
The church will be sponsoring a New Year Party in the social hall on December 31st. Only 300 seats will be available for this event. Prices are \$ 60 per adult. Bring your own alcohol. a Mediterranean Lebanese open Buffet with Dessert will be opened at 8:00 P.M.

Singer Tony Aoun and ensemble (of Boston) will be performing during this event.

Reservations can be made by contacting the Parish Council members. More info will be available inside the event's flier.

We look forward to see you celebrating as one family this wonderful night.

(proceeds will benefit Father Youakim Moubarac Memorial Scholarship Fund).



BINGO	CALLER	KITCHEN	PAYOUT
Dec. 29	Mike Boulos	Rosann Constantine, Jawhara karam & Aziz koury	Cheffie Melhem Antonios Jabbour

Readers

Saturday, Dec. 26	Cheffie Melhem
Sunday, Dec. 27	Jordan Isaac
Saturday, Jan. 2	Claire Willard
Sunday, Jan 3	Simon koorie

THANK YOU



Scripture Readings

1st Sunday after Xmas.

2 Cor 11: 1-9

Mt 23: 29 - 24: 2



	
Matilda & Son in law John Pokrivchak & grandchildren Krista & Nicholas & great-granddaughter Genevieve	Susan & Tannous Estephan
Claire Willard	Catherine & Peter Melan
Scott & Debra Reda	Ernest J. Badway
John & Josephine Thomas	Deceased members of the Thomas & Scalzo families
Mary Shumar	Katherine Howard
Beverly Karam	Agnes Pellicotti
John Melhem & family	Manor & Josephine Melhem
Frances Melhem & family	Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Baka jr. & son James & Andrew
Frank, Naomi & Jake Koerwitz Naomi Stahl	Victor & Adeline Karam Clarence Stahl
Frances Koury	Frank & Catherine Koury & son Michael Koury, sr.
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Buesing	Mr. & Mrs. Wahbe Bader & family / Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Buesing & Son / Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Jabbour & Queenie
Marlene Bedway	Deceased members of the Bedway & Shumar families
Mr. & Mrs. Lazarus Melan & family	Catherine Melan
Mary Najjar	Deceased members of the Saad, Thomas, Lewis & Najjar families.
Mr. & Mrs. Badwi Jacob	In memory of our beloved parents
Joseph J. Sergei	Youb & Sadie Joseph / Antoinette Jacob / Joseph Sergei Emily Jacob / Victor & Adeline Karam / Uncle Dick and Louis.
Anonymous	Special intention
Charlotte Assise & family	Joseph Assise Jr.
Eva Farhat	For the wellness of the Farhat family
Rose Sabra	Christina Canone
By daughters & family	George & Anna Stamets
Peter & Soumira Haddad	Yasmaine Shortell
Owtil Koury	Special Intention
Joe Melhem & family	Joseph Melhem & Myriam Kaddis
MAY OUR SAVIOR REWARD YOU HUNDRED FOLDS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY. THANK YOU.	

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The First Annual Angel Giving Tree

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU...

This year's Holy Communion Class worked with ProJect of Easton to provide youth in our community with gifts at Christmas. No child ever chooses to live in poverty. They are not responsible for their family's reduced circumstances, yet they must live each day of their young lives in ways that most of us would find unbearable.

The Angel Giving Tree brought much-needed sunshine into their lives at Christmas-time: a time when every other "good little boy or girl" they know receives gifts. Our Angel Tree provided much clothing items, special needs and other wished-for toys to some of our city's children. These gifts, in truth, give poor children "food for the soul", the hope of a brighter future and the reassurance that someone does indeed care about them.

ProJect of Easton presented us with a list of gifts ranging from small toys to bicycles, clothing to MP3 players for 49 children... no child was denied... all 49 gifts were purchased by members of parish community and delivered in time for Christmas. Your generosity was overwhelming.

Thanks so much and God bless you,

Our Lady of Lebanon First Holy Communion Class 2009-2010

Please make The Angel Giving Tree
a part of your Christmas tradition...

