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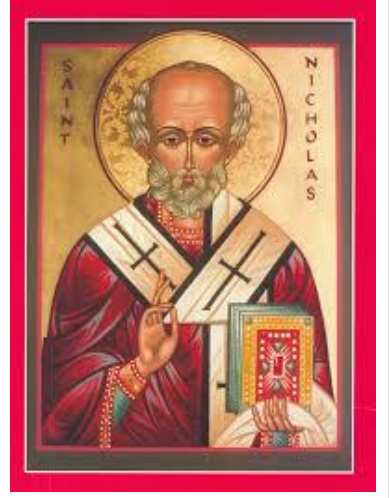
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Sunday, November 22nd , 2015

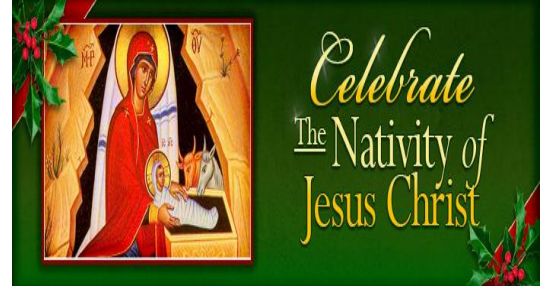


This Sunday Nov 22nd (40-Day) memorial service for the handmaiden of God **Georgette Baba** offered by her family. May her memory be eternal!



NATIVITY FAST: November 15th - December 25th

Nativity Fast (Advent) is the period proceeding the Christmas season in which we abstain from meat and dairy products. Eating fish is allowed except Wednesdays and Fridays, and we can eat all the regular meals like breakfasts, lunches, and dinners. The purpose of this fast is seeking the spirituality and the preparation for the feast of the advent of our Lord on December 25th.



بدء صوم الميلاد: يبدأ صوم الميلاد 11/15 وهو صوم يسمح فيه أكل السمك (عدا الأربعاء والجمع) لغاية نهار 12/20
هذا الصوم تهيئة للاحتفال بعيد ميلاد ربنا يسوع المسيح. نتمنى للجميع صوماً مباركاً وكل عام وأنتم بخير.

THE EPISTLE :St. Paul to the Ephesians. (4:1-7)

Brethren, I, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, Who is above all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

الرسالة: أفسس 4:1-7

يا إخوة أطلب اليكم انا الأسير في الرب ان تسلكوا كما يحقّ للدعوة التي دُعيتُم بها بكل تواضع ووداعة وبطول أناة، محتملين بعضكم بعضاً بالمحبة، ومجتهدين في حفظ وحدة الروح برباط السلام، فانكم جسد واحد وروح واحد كما دُعيتُم الى رجاء دعوتكم الواحد، رب واحد وايمان واحد ومعمودية واحدة وإله أب للجميع واحد هو فوق الجميع وبالجميع وفي جميعكم، ولكل واحد منا أُعطيَتِ النعمة على مقدار موهبة المسيح.

THE GOSPEL: St. Luke. (12:16-21)

The Lord spoke this parable: "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." As He said this, Jesus called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

الإنجيل: لوقا 12:16-21

قال الرب هذا المثل: إنسان غنيّ أخصبت أرضه ففكر في نفسه قائلاً: ماذا أصنع فإنه ليس لي موضع أأخزن فيه أثماري. ثم قال: أصنع هذا. أهدم أهراثي وأبني أكبر منها وأجمع هناك كل غلاتي وخيراتي. وأقول لنفسي: يا نفس ان لك خيرات كثيرة موضوعة لسنين كثيرة فاستريح وكني واشربي وافرحي. فقال له الله: يا جاهل، في هذه الليلة تُطلب نفسك منك. فهذه التي أعددتها لمن تكون؟ فهكذا من يدخر لنفسه ولا يستغني بالله. ولما قال هذا نادى: من له أذنان للسمع فليسمع

Holy Bread of oblation offered by:

- ❖ St. Nicholas church for the good health of those who have celebrated their birthdays this week: Michel Rantissi, Charlie Rantisi, Diana Kehrig., Happy Birthdays. Many Years!

Alter Candle offered by:

- ❖ Salma Habeeb and Family--At Thanksgiving time, and always, we give thanks to our Dear Lord for his many blessings. And, we remember, with love, Elias Habeeb, devoted husband of Salma, dear father of Michael (Reem), Dolores (Paul), and Julierose, and sweet grandfather (Jiddo) of Praxia Sally, Elisa, Nicole, Elias, and Athena Julie. May his loving memory be eternal!
- ❖ Salma Habeeb and Family---In loving memory of sweet Sister-in-Law and Aunt, Barbara Habib. May her dear memory be eternal.

Mark your Calender

- ❖ Men's' Fellowship Monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday November 24th at 7:00 p.m with our guest speaker **Fr. Bernard Poggi**

Thanksgiving Family Night:

St. Nicholas Church is hosting a Thanksgiving Dinner on **Friday November 20th at 7:00pm** at the church hall.

With the musician and singer **Rami Kaileh**

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\$10 for Kids under 12...



- ❖ **Youth Meeting:** Next Youth meeting will take place on **Tuesday December 1st**.

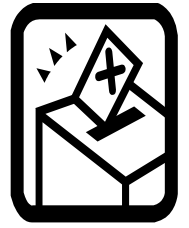
Parish Council Election December 13th after the Divine Liturgy

On Sunday, December 13th, there will be a parish council election meeting for the sole purpose of electing some members of the Parish Council for the coming term. Three are to be elected and one to be appointed by the Pastor.

Anyone interested in serving or nominating someone to serve on the Parish Council must be fully pledged and spiritually qualified.

Please submit your candidate's name to the pastor by Dec 7th.

In order to vote in the elections, members must be in spiritual and financial good standing with the church.



Christmas Party

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Christmas Play

To all Sunday school's parents and students! St. Nicholas Christmas play will be held on Sunday December 20th. Everyone is invited to attend and have fun.



Pledge Commitments & Archdiocese Fees

For this 2015 fiscal year, there are many things that need to be done in the Church. With your help we will be able to meet our financial obligations! Please honor your pledge commitments and archdiocese fees. God bless you!

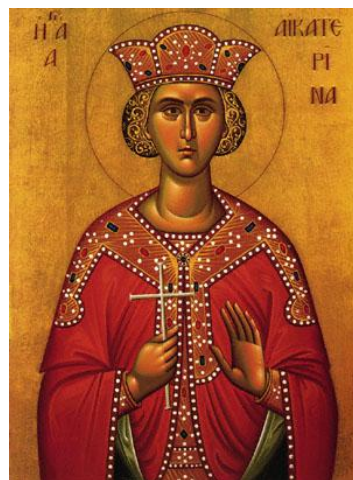
Note: Our dear beloved ones in Christ

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Katherine the Great Martyr of Alexandria

November 25

Saint Catherine, who was from Alexandria, was the daughter of Constas (or Cestus). She was an exceedingly beautiful maiden, most chaste, and illustrious in wealth, lineage, and learning. By her steadfast understanding, she utterly vanquished the passionate and unbridled soul of Maximinus, the tyrant of Alexandria; and by her eloquence, she stopped the mouths of the so-called philosophers who had been gathered to dispute with her. She was crowned with the crown of martyrdom in the year 305. Her holy relics were taken by Angels to the holy mountain of Sinai, where they were discovered many years later; the famous monastery of Saint Catherine was originally dedicated to the Holy Transfiguration of the Lord and the Burning Bush, but later was dedicated to Saint Catherine. According to the ancient usage, Saints Catherine and Mercurius were celebrated on the 24th of this month, whereas the holy Hieromartyrs Clement of Rome and Peter of Alexandria were celebrated on the 25th. The dates of the feasts of these Saints were interchanged at the request of the Church and Monastery of Mount Sinai, so that the festival of Saint Catherine, their patron, might be celebrated more festively together with the Apodosis of the Feast of the Entry of the Theotokos. The Slavic Churches, however, commemorate these Saints on their original dates.



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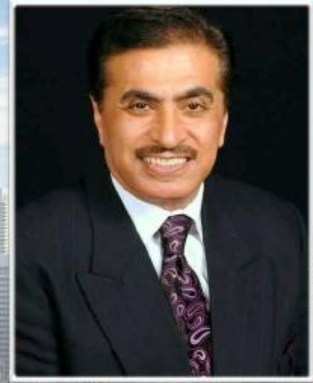


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