SEASON OF THE GLORIOUS BIRTH OF OUR LORD

Genealogy Sunday



The Glorious Birth of Our Lord عيد ميلاد الربّ يسوع بحسب الجسد



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LITURGIES INTENTIONS

SEASON OF THE GLORIOUS BIRTH OF OUR LORD

Genealogy Sunday

Saturday, December 20

St. Ignatius of Antioch

4:00 pm +John G. & Ida Thomas, *By their Family*

Sunday, December 21

St. Julian of Tarsus

8:00 am Private Intention

9:30 am +Robert J. & Evon Danus, & Maria Moujaes, *By the Rembis Family*

11:00 am +Elias Saab, *By his Family*

CHRISTMAS LITURGIES The Glorious Birth of Our Lord

Wednesday, December 24

Vigil of the Glorious Birth

4:00 pm Christmas Vigil Liturgy (English)

Midnight Christmas Liturgy (Arabic & English)

Thursday, December 25

The Glorious Birth of Our Lord

9:30 am Christmas Liturgy (Arabic)

11:00 am Christmas Liturgy (Arabic & English)

CHRISTMAS NOVENA December 15-23 6pm - Confessions 7pm - Novena English & Arabic

Daily Liturgies

Monday, December 22

St. Anastasia of the Balkans/Heb 11:1-6/Jn 8:1-11

9:00 am Private Intention

Tuesday, December 23

St. Eugenia/Heb 11:7-10/Jn 8:12-20

9:00 am +Larry & Dora M. Pereira, By Dora Pereira

Wednesday, December 24

OFFICE CLOSED

Vigil of the Glorious Birth/Heb 11:11-16/Jn 8:21-24

Thursday, December 25 - OFFICE CLOSED

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Friday, December 26 - OFFICE CLOSED

Felicitation of the Virgin Mary/Eph 1:3-14/Lk 1:46-55

6:00 pm In Honor & Blessings of all our parishioners

SUNDAY AFTER THE GLORIOUS BIRTH OF OUR LORD

The Adoration of the Magi

Saturday, December 27

St. Stephen, the First Martyr, the First Deacon

4:00 pm +Rosemary Nuccitelli, By Deacon &

Sunday, December 28

St. Marina (Margaret) in Pisidia

8:00 am Private Intention

9:30 am Private Intention

11:00 am +Saadallah Azzi, By his wife, Nabiha & his daughter, Rita & Family

+Tanos Sadek, by his wife, Nouhad, Children & their Families



Meelad: When a Parish Becomes One Family

Dear Parishioners,

As we celebrate the joy of Christmas, my heart is filled with gratitude and hope as I look back on all that we lived together during these blessed days. The First Meelad Christmas Festival was truly an unforgettable experience for our parish and for our city. What we shared was more than a festival; it was a living testimony of unity, faith, courage, and love.

For three days, our parish became a place of joy and encounter. The Christmas Tree Lighting crowned the fruit of countless hours of work, sacrifice, and prayer. We may be one of the very few churches bold enough to hold an outdoor Christmas festival in December, in the cold New England winter—and yet, we did it together. The snow on the final day was not an inconvenience; it was a blessing from God, a gentle sign that heaven itself was rejoicing with us (cf. Isaiah 55:10–11).

I extend my heartfelt thanks to all who made this Meelad possible: the Parish Council and the Financial Committee for their guidance and support; the organizers of the Sook and Bazaar, especially Mary Francis and Mounira Daher; the MYA, led by John and Lena El Helou, who served food with love despite the freezing temperatures; and all our volunteers across every ministry.

Thank you to Nisrine Safi for face painting; Nancy Abi Moussa for decorations; our Marketing and Social Media team—Elizabeth Ganem, Diana Hadi, Carla Khoder, Fadi Saroufim, and Pierre Youness; and to Mayor Brian A. DePeña and the City of Lawrence for their presence, cooperation, and support.

I am grateful to the Knights of Columbus for the outdoor decorations and our beautiful Christmas tree; to the team that decorated the church altar and foyer, especially Tony Aboujaoude for building the Creche, and Our Lady of Lebanon Sodality, led by Bassima Aboujaoude; to Fadi Francis for painting our church hall; to the Bar team led by Zeidan & Reine Ata; to the Logistics team, led by George Kalil and Nabil Daher for the heated tent and electricity; to the Financial team led by Kurt Bistany and Elias Azzi; to the Knights of Mary advisors, led by Gretta Merheb, for the kids' Christmas party; to our Adult Choirs and their directors, especially the Children's Choir directed by Wissam Merheb, and our CCD students, led by Nadwa Arruda and Lucia Sadek; and to all our vendors who trusted us.

We also rejoice for the many other Christmas events in our parish: the Ladies Christmas Party organized by M-Wine, the Men's Christmas Party led by Fred Corey, and the Seniors Christmas Party led by Mirna Abou-Ezzi and Huguette Sfeir.

Our motto—One Family, One Faith, One Mission—was not just words; it became flesh among us. The lights on our Christmas tree represent every family, every child, every volunteer, and every person who walked through our doors. May the Light of Jesus Christ shine in every heart and every home. May He bring peace where there is worry, healing where there is pain, reconciliation where there is division, and love where there is loneliness. Christ is Emmanuel—God with us—now and always (cf. Matthew 1:23).

I wish you all a Blessed and Holy Christmas, filled with faith, joy, and hope.

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 PRIEST:

Fr. Edgard -Neemtallah- Oneissy pastor@stanthonylawrence.org

MEET OUR DEACONS:

Nadim Daou, James T. Demers & David Leard **Sub-Deacons:** Antoine Nammour & George Merheb

CLERGY DAY OFF

Fr. Neemtallah: Fridays

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.

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SANCTUARY LAMPS

In Memory of John G. Thomas In Memory of Ida Thomas By their Family

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BIRTHDAY WISHES

December 20: Isabel Bailin, Jose-Antoinette Chantiri, George Feghali, Eileen Getchell, Luay Kosseifi, Luke Pellerin, Molly Puchtler, Jesse Ramey, August Switala

December 21: Jayden Escobales, Joshua Gilman, Eliane Yammine

December 22: John Abourjeili, Georgio Bassil, Tamar Bou-Mitri, Navy Davis

December 24: John Abraham, John Merheb

December 25: Milad Chamoun, Benjamin George, Joseph Saade

December 26: Rana Ata, Joseph Iskandar

ANNIVERSARY WISHES

December 20: Kurt & Cindy Bistany

December 23: Adel & Raymonda Abouhamad, Adam & Brittany Souza

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UPCOMING 2ND COLLECTION

Pastor's Collection - December 24 & 25

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

12/14/2025

Due to Christmas holidays and the bulletin printing deadline, the collection report, for the week of December 14, 2025, will be published in next week's bulletin.

LECTORS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 20

4:00 pm - Christine Ryan

Sunday, December 21

8:00 am - Hitaf Nammour

9:30 am - Angela Dahbour

11:00 am - (Eng) Mary Saab

(Ar) George Saab

LECTORS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 24

4 pm - (Eng) Susan Kalil

Thursday, December 25

12:00 am - (Eng) Elias P. Azzi

(Ar) Dcn Antoine Nammour

9:30 am - (Ar) Roula Nassar

11:00 am - (Eng) Merita Merheb

(Ar) Leila Merheb

Thursday, December 26

6:00 pm - (Eng) Elias Azzi

(Ar) Marcel Saade

LECTORS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 27

4:00 pm - Patricia Ferguson

Sunday, December 28

8:00 am - Sub-deacon Antoine Nammour

9:30 am - Angela Dahbour

11:00 am - (Eng) Rebecca Merheb

(Ar) Gretta Merheb



IN MEMORY OF

Name

Elham Azzi

William "Skip" Dunbar

Zazie Awil

John G. Thomas

Joseph & Lucy Sardella, Ida & Teo Thomas

John G. Thomas

John G. Thomas

Janet Maroun

Our Teta, Jeannette Lahod Nasr

Our Teta, Sonia Abou-Ezzi

Teta Akle AbiSleiman Mikael

Jeddo Antoine Abou-Ezzi

Bechara Rizkallah

Maroun Bouchrouche

Jido Marou Bouchrouche

Daad Ramy Cherabie

Teta Daad Ramy Cherabie

Ghassan Raad

George C. Maroun

MaryAnn & Maurice Hatem

Charles Tarness

Maroun Mouawad

Romanos Nammour & Joseph Bou Sanayeh

Jido Tanos Sadek

Elton McGray

Elizabeth Cipriani

Mr. & Mrs. James Yameen

Ginger Maroon

John Maroon

Violette Maroon

Maryanne Maroon

Salem & Julia Hassan

Anastasia & Bernard Navaretta

Mary Elaine Yameen

Bomar Kramer

Philip Nastasia

Mr. Ed Wright, Jr.

Mrs. Gladys George

Mr. Donald A. George

Mr. & Mrs. Khalil Azzi

Fred & Stephanie Schiripo

Mary Shadeed

Offered By

Her grandchildren

His grandchildren

Her nieces

Phyllis Thomas

Phyllis Thomas

Bill & Christine Ryan

John D. & Patty Thomas

Robert & Joanne Comtois

Marc, Monica, Mikey & Mia Abou-Ezzi

His godson Marc Abou-Ezzi

His sons & their families

His grandchildren

Her children & their spouses

Her grandchildren

His friends

Edith Maroun

Pierre & Alyce Sader & family

Pauline & Mike Jesionowski & family

Habouba Mouawad

Deacon & Mrs. Antoine Nammour

His granddaughters Lucia, Cecilia & Amelia

Mr. Rani Sadek & family

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Victor C. Azzi

Stephen & Bethany Pellerin

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John & Lesilie Hassan

John & Leslie Hassan

Donna Yameen & family

His wife, Barbara Kramer

His godmother, Barbara Kramer

Mr. & Mrs. Christopher George

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Victor C. Azzi

Love, Beverly & Bob

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IN MEMORY OF

Name

Peter & Rose Lucchesi Duayne Habib The Shadeed Family Maurice Geha & Claire Ata

Mr. & Mrs. Edmond & Theresa Solomon

Mr. & Mrs. Fred & Mary Faris

Deceased Members of the Solomon & Hatem Families

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MaryAnn & Maurice Hatem

Joseph Getchell John D'Angelo

Jesser & Rahhal Family Velma & Ray Faunt Fred & Carmela Corey Dr. Edward & Mary Moore,

Our sister, Gina

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Love, Beverly & Bob

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Tim & Emily Getchell & family

Loving family Loving family Loving family Fred & Lori Corey Fred & Lori Corey Fred & Lori Corey

IN HONOR OF

Offered By Name

Phyllis Thomas Bill & Christine Ryan John D. & Patty Thomas

Our son, Marc & his wife, Dr. Brigitte Kazzi

Our son, Mikey

Our daughters, Monica & Mia Our grandfather, Joseph Nasr

My godfather, Chorbishop Elie Mikhael Our parents, Samih & Hoda Hasbani

Our sons, Christopher, Anthony & Matthew Our parents, Mounir & Najat Rizkallah

Bill & Christine Ryan

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Marc, Monica, Mikey & Mia Abou-Ezzi

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Jihad & Hillda Rizkallah Jihad & Hilda Rizkallah Jihad & Hilda Rizkallah

POINSETTIA DONATIONS

Due to the Christmas holidays and the upcoming bulletin printing deadline, the list of poinsettia donations will be published in the bulletin over the next few weeks. Additional names will be included as they are received.

Thank you for your generosity and support.

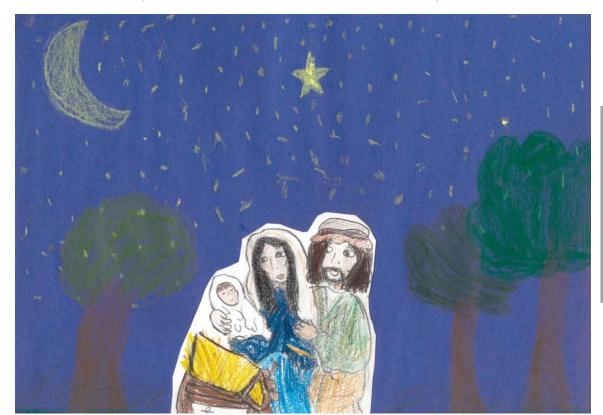
CHRISTMAS DRAWING COMPETITION 2025



FIRST PLACE Maria Abi-Samra Age 9

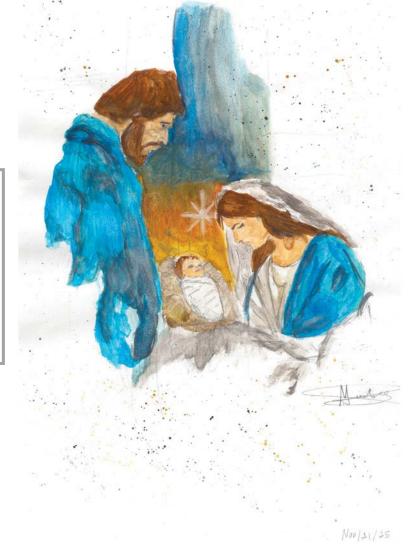
Sophia Pereira Age 12





Juliana Saad Age 11

Merita Bassil Age 11



Genealogy Sunday

Book of Isaiah 11:1-4a. 6-9

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

Letter to the Romans 1: 1-12

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed throughout the world. For God, whom I serve with my spirit by announcing the gospel of his Son, is my witness that without ceasing I remember you always in my prayers, asking that by God's will I may somehow at last succeed in coming to you. For I am longing to see you so that I may share with you some spiritual gift to strengthen you or rather so that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine.

Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew 1:1-17

An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, 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 Aminadab, and Aminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of King David. And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon. And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Salathiel, and Salathiel the father of Zerubbabel, and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called the Messiah. So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah, fourteen generations.

أحد النسبة

سفر أشعيا 1:11 9-6.4 سفر

ويخْرُجُ غُصنٌ مِنْ جِذْعِ يَسَّى وَيَنْمِي فَرعُ مِنْ أُصُولِهِ وَيَحِلُّ عَلَيْهِ رُوحُ الرَّبِّ: رُوحُ الْحِكْمَةِ وَالْفَهْمِ، رُوحُ الْمَعْرِفَةِ وَتَقوى الرَّبِ ويوحى لهُ تَقْوى الرَّبِ فَلاَ يَقْضِي بِحَسَبِ رؤيةِ عَيْنَيْهِ، وَلاَ يَحْكُمُ لِبَائِسِي الأَرْضِ بِالإستِقامة. فَيَسْكُنُ الذِّئْبُ مَعَ الْحمَل، وَيَحْكُمُ لِبَائِسِي الأَرْضِ بِالإستِقامة. فَيَسْكُنُ الذِّئْبُ مَعَ الْحمَل، وَيَرْبُضُ النَّمِنُ مَعَ الْجَدْيِ، وَيعلفُ الْعِجْلُ وَالشِّبْلُ مَعًا، وَصَبِيُّ صَغِيرٌ يَسُوقُهما. تَرْعَى الْبَقَرَةُ وَالدُّبُ مَعًا، ويَرْبُضُ النَّمِنُ مَعَ الْجَدْيِ، وَيعلفُ الْعِجْلُ وَالشِّبْلُ مَعًا، وَصَبِيًّ صَغِيرٌ يَسُوقُهما. تَرْعَى الْبَقَرَةُ وَالدُّبُ مَعًا، ويَرْبُضُ أَوْلاَدُهُمَا مَعًا، وَالأَسَدُ يَأْكُلُ التِبْنَ كَالْثَور، ويَلْعَبُ الرَّضِيعُ عَلَى حُجْرِ الأَفْعى، وَيَضَعُ الْفَطِيمُ يَدَهُ في ويَرْبُضُ الْأَرْقِمِ. لا يُسِيئُونَ وَلاَ يُفْسِدُونَ فِي كُلِّ جَبَلِ قُدْسِي لأَنَّ الأَرْضَ تَمْتَلِئُ مِنْ مَعْرِفَةِ الرَّبِ، كَمَا تَعَمُّلُ الْمِياهُ الْمَعْمِ الْمَعْدِرُ الْمُعَلِيمُ مِنْ مَعْرِفَةِ الرَّبِ، كَمَا تَعَمُّلُ الْمِياهُ الْبَحْرَ.

رسالة القدّيس بولس إلى أهل رومة 1:1-12

انِجيل القدّيس متّى 1:1-17

»كِتَابُ ميلادِ يَسُوعَ المَسِيح، إِبنِ دَاوُد، إِبْنِ إِبْرَاهِيم: إِبْرَاهِيمُ وَلَدَ إِسْحَق، إِسْحَقُ وَلَدَ يَعْقُوب، يَعْقُوبُ وَلَدَ عَمِينَادَاب، وإِخْوَتَهُ، يَهُوذَا وَلَدَ فَارَصَ وزَارَحَ مِنْ تَامَار، فَارَصُ وَلَدَ حَصْرُون، حَصْرُونُ وَلَدَ آرَام، آرَامُ وَلَدَ عَمِينَادَاب، وَلَدَ يَحْشُونُ وَلَدَ سَلْمُونُ وَلَدَ بُوعَزَ مِنْ رَاحَاب، بُوعَزُ وَلَدَ عُوبِيدَ مِنْ رَاعُوت، عُمِينَادَابُ وَلَدَ يَحْشُون، نَحْشُونُ وَلَدَ سَلْمُون، سَلْمُونُ وَلَدَ بُوعَزَ مِنْ رَاحَاب، بُوعَزُ وَلَدَ عُوبِيدَ مِنْ رَاعُوت، عُمِينَادَابُ وَلَدَ يَعْشُونُ وَلَدَ مَاوُدُ وَلَدَ سَلْمُونُ وَلَدَ بُورَام، يُومَزَام، وَلَدَ عُوزِيًا، سُلْيْمَانُ وَلَدَ يُوتَام، يُوتَامُ وَلَدَ آرَام، يُورَامُ وَلَدَ عُوزِيًا، عُوزِيًا وَلَدَ يُوتَام، يُوتَامُ وَلَدَ آجَار، وَلَدَ أَسِنًا وَلَدَ يُوشِيًا وَلَدَ يُوشِيًا وَلَدَ يُوتَام، يُوتَامُ وَلَدَ آمُون، آمُونُ وَلَدَ يُوشِيًا، يُوشِيًا وَلَدَ يُوتَام، يُوتَام، يُوتَامُ وَلَدَ آجَار، وَلَدَ عَوزِيًا وَلَدَ يُوتَام، يُوتَام، يُوتَامُ وَلَدَ آجَار، وَلَدَ عَوزِيًا وَلَدَ يَسُوعَ وَلَدَ آلِيهُودُ وَلَدَ آلِي بَالِل. بَعْدَ السَّبْيُ إِلَى بَالِل، يُوكَنِيًا وَلَدَ مَنَسَى، مَنَسَى، مَنَسَى، مَنَسَى، مَلَاتِيمُ وَلَدَ آلِيهُودُ وَلَدَ آلِيهُونُ وَلَدَ عَارُور، عَازُورُ وَلَدَ صَادُوقُ وَلَدَ آخِيم، آلِيهِ وَلَدَ إليه هُود، إليه هُود، إليه هُود، وهُو الَّذي يُدُوسُونَ وَلَدَ آخِيم، آلِيه وَمَنْ وَلَدَ مَنَانُ وَلَدَ يَعْفُوب، يَعْفُوبُ وَلَدَ يَسُوعُ وَلَدَ يَسُوعَ اللَّذي يُدعَقُوب، وهُو الَّذي يُدعَقُ عَشَرَ جِيلًا، ومِنْ دَاوُدَ إلى سَبْعِي بَالِلَ إلى المَسِيح أَرْبَعَة عَشَرَ جِيلًا، ومِنْ دَاوُدَ إلى سَبْعِي بَالِلَ أَلْ بَعَة عَشَرَ جِيلًا.

The Glorious Birth of Our Lord

Book of Isaiah 8: 23.9:1-5

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a son has been born for us, a son has been given to us, and dominion has been laid on his shoulders; and this is the name he has been given, 'Wonder-Counsellor, Mighty-God, Eternal-Father, Prince-of-Peace'.

Letter to the Hebrews 1: 1-12

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 sceptre is the sceptre 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.'

Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke 2: 1-20

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 Saviour, 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 favours!' 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.

عيد ميلاد الربّ يسوع بحسب الجسد

سفر أشعيا 8: 23: 9: 1-5

لَيسَ لَيلٌ لِلَّتِي كانت في الضِّيق. في الزَّمَانِ الأَوَّل، أَذلَّ أَرْضَ زَبُولُونَ وَأَرْضَ نَفْتَالِي وأَمَّا في الزَّمان الأَجْير فسيُمَجِّدُ طريقَ الْبَحْرِ عَبْرَ الأُرْدُنِّ، جَلِيلَ الأُمَمِ. الشَّعْبُ السَّالِكُ فِي الظُّلْمَةِ أَبْصَرَ نُورًا عَظِيمًا والمُقيمونَ فِي بُقعَةِ الظَّلاَمِ أَشْرَقَ عَلَيْهِمْ النُور. كَثَرْتَ لَه الأُمَّةَ وفَرْتَ لَهَا الْفَرَحَ، يَفْرَحُونَ أَمَامَكَ كَالْفَرَحِ فِي الْحَصَادِ، كَابَتِهاجِ الَّذِينَ الظَّلاَمِ أَشْرَقَ عَلَيْهِمْ النُور. كَثَرْتَ لَه الأُمَّةَ وفَرْتَ لَهَا الْفَرَحَ، يَفْرَحُونَ أَمَامَكَ كَالْفَرَحِ فِي الْحَصَادِ، كَابَتِهاجِ اللَّذِينَ يَتَقاسَمُونَ الغَنِيمَة. لأَنَّ نِيرَ ثِقْلِها وَعَصَا كَتِفِها وَقَضِيبَ مُسَخِّرِهِا قد كَسَّرْتَها كَمَا فِي يَوْمِ مِدْيَن. إذ كُلُّ حِذاءٍ يُحدِثُ يَتَقاسَمُونَ الغَنِيمَة. لأَنَّ نِيرَ ثِقْلِها وَعَصَا كَتِفِها وَقودًا لِلنَّارِ. لِأَنَّه قد وُلدَ لَنا وَلَدُ وأُعطِي لَنا آلنُ فصارَتِ الرِّئاسةُ عَلَي عَرْمُ مُونَ المَّلَامِ. وَقودًا لِلنَّارِ. لِأَنَّه قد وُلدَ لَنا وَلَدُ وأُعطِي لَنا آلنُ فصارَتِ الرِّئاسةُ عَلَي اللهَ عَجيباً مُشيرًا إِلهًا جَبَّارًا، أَبا الأَبَد، رَئيسَ السَّلام.

رسالة إلى العبرانيين 1:1-12

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