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SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD Saturday, December 19 & Sunday, December 20, 2020



HOLY LITURGIES DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON:

Thursday, Christmas Eve, December 24th, 4:30 PM
Friday, Christmas Day, December 25th, 11:00 AM
Saturday, December 26th, 4:30 PM
Sunday, December 27th, 11:00 AM
Thursday, December 31st, New Year's Eve, 4:30 PM
Friday, January 1st, New Year's Day, 11:00 AM

Please continue to pray for our convalescing friends, including Maggy Atallah, Jean Benoit, Nadia Casab, Jeanette Farewege, John & Nancy Gazzal, Daniel Klockowski, Rose Pawlinga, Brian Sagrestano, and Karen Zalatan. Please notify Fr. Shofany in case of illness.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR DEC 12-18. THANK YOU!

Weekly Collection Dec 12/13: \$ 331.00 St. Pauly Textile: \$ 158.12 Christmas Flowers Donations: \$ 60.00 Christmas Donations: \$ 70.00

THIS SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

- † Eugene Hutchinson, By Remza Abbadessa
- † Julia Nassimos, By Michael & Naima Kawam-Egan
- † Angela (Yany) Mazzone, By the Community of St. Basil
- † Archdeacon George Yany, By the Community of St. Basil

THIS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

- † Eugene Hutchinson, By Remza Abbadessa
- † Julia Nassimos, By Louis & Virginia Degironemo

CHRISTMAS EVE, DECEMBER 24

- † Eugene Hutchinson, By Remza Abbadessa
- † Julia Nassimos, By Richard & Joanne Tehan
- † Julia Nassimos, By Mary Angela Fiorentino
- † Raymond & Bahia Chanatry & their deceased children,
- By Doris Hutchinson & Family

CHRISTMAS DAY, DECEMBER 25

- † Eugene Hutchinson, By Remza Abbadessa
- † Julia Nassimos, By Janet Martin Agosto



TAX DEDUCTIBLE WAYS TO HELP YOUR MELKITE CHURCH

The Bishop's Appeal: As we prepare our hearts and our homes to receive the greatest gift in human history - the Nativity of Christ our God - let us not forget our Melkite Church by which Christ comes to our families and loved ones. Support all the vital works of our Church in America, and for our suffering brothers and sisters.

Remember the Melkite Church in Your Will: Please consider giving the lasting gift of the Melkite Faith to your children or your children's children to help ensure that our beautiful Melkite heritage continues to flourish for generations to come. Simply add the following statement to your last will and testament:

I hereby bequeath to the Melkite Eparchy of Newton the following sum \$______. Contact Bishop Samra personally to inform him of your generous bequest at 3 VFW Parkway, West Roxbury MA 02132.

Sincere acknowledgment to the following parishioners for their monetary donations: Angela Elefante, Michael & Virginia Lynch in memory of Joseph & Rose Reesh, Georgia Reesh Lindfield, Michelle Roth in memory of Doris & Louis Zalatan, Anthony Zalatan, Ed & Marjory Roth. Thank you and many blessings.

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. (1 Peter 5:6-7)

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Beloved ones let us Praise the Lord, for great is his steadfast love toward us. He born of a woman, born under the Law, so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons and endure his true light, which gives peace, love faith hope and joy to every soul.

May every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning." Be upon you all our beloved parishioners.

"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God." – Luke 2:13 "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." – Luke 2:14

Fr. Saba Shofany & Family The Parish Advisory Council