

OUR PARISH

Our Lady of Lebanon Co-cathedral - Harris Park



"50 Year Jubilee - From Generation to Generation"

Issue 10 | Sunday 8 January 2023 | First Sunday after the Epiphany "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" Jn 1: 29-34

Message from the Bishop

This Sunday, the First Sunday after Epiphany, we read about the announcement of Christ's Mystery, or the revelation of God the Son to John the Baptist in John 1: 29-34.

Now imagine for a moment John the Baptist looking up and pointing to the approaching Jesus as we read, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the World....I myself did not know Him, but the One who sent me to baptise with water told me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit descend and rest is He who will baptise with the Holy Spirit.' I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God."

John had been in the desert and out of the spotlight, preparing for something special up until the day of his manifestation. But God gave John a sure sign and he was a reliable witness regarding Jesus, because he had confirming evidence from God.

John testified to the Truth: God is on his way; He is coming to us. And while some people at the time believed that John may have been the one they had been waiting for, here he addresses this once and for all.

Through this Gospel we also understand that if the cleansing with water was associated with John's ministry, the bestowal of the Spirit was reserved for the One who is greater.

He will baptise with the Holy Spirit! The Baptism of John is not sacramental, it is for the repentance and it was before the death and resurrection of Jesus. Our baptism is sacramental as it is born from the mystery of salvation, and we receive the grace of the Holy Spirit.

This week we celebrated the Feast of the Glorious Epiphany of the Lord where we recognise that through His baptism, Jesus initiates a new life of grace for us all, and through His



First Sunday after the Epiphany
Isa 40: 6-11 | 2Cor 10: 1-11 |
Jn 1: 29-34

eventual sacrifice on the Cross, He came to make us sons and daughters of God the Father and invites us into this new life.

Through our own baptism, we are made sons and daughters of the Lord and we are called to live in union with Christ, through the Holy Spirit. This is the gift that is given to us at Baptism and if fully accepted and lived will certainly transform our lives.

So at the beginning of this New Year, let us commit to being alert to knowing Jesus, open to inspiration by the Holy Spirit and ready to do what God is asking of us. Repercussions from our faithfulness will be very great I can assure you.

This week we also farewelled the Late Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, who was a great example of this faithfulness to us. The essence of his spiritual testament which was released earlier in the week calls us with these words, "Stand firm in the faith! Do not let yourselves be confused!". Let us continue praying for the late pope, whom Pope Francis described as 'a fearless preacher'. Like John the Baptist, he did not give into compromise when it came to his love for Christ, for his Word, for his Truth.

+ Antoine-Charbel Tarabay

SUNDAY HOLY LITURGIES

OLOL Co-Cathedral, Harris Park

8am (Arabic)
9:30am (English)
11am (Ar/Eng)
5pm (Ar/Eng)
7pm (English)

Live Streaming
Through Social Media

WEEKLY HOLY LITURGIES

Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri
7am, 9am & 6pm

Wed 7am, 9am & 5:30pm(Ar)
7pm (English Youth)

Sat 7:30am & 6pm (Ar/Eng)

CONFESSIONS

Before and during Saturday
6pm and Sunday Masses or by
appointment on weekdays

WEEKDAY DEVOTIONS

Rosary:
Mon - Sat
8:30am (Arabic) | 7pm(English)

Divine Mercy followed by
Rosary Fri 7:30pm

Adoration Hour & Confessions
Thur 8 pm - 9 pm

24 Hour Adoration
Every first Friday of the month
from 9:30 a.m - Saturday 7:30

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"The Lamb of God"

There was a time when I feared those words "reborn" thinking it only referred to our Protestant brothers, the "born again Christians" and I'm sure I wasn't alone in this thought. Of course, with formation and catechesis over the years I've learned the great value of being reborn in the Spirit of God. WOW! That sums up how it feels to come to the realisation of what the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation instil into our souls. As I came to understand more deeply the power of the Blessed Trinity within my own life, there was a sense of great awe when the Holy Spirit of God revealed Himself to me, in His Gifts and in His Presence. Whether it be within the darkest moments of my life or in the brightest moments, this undeniable trust in Him has been my strength and continues to be the source of my hope, no matter what situation I am facing.

I can't help but ponder today on the servant whose master left him as 'steward' of the household in his absence and relate that parable to all vocations to which God has called each of us. We have a great responsibility when someone places their trust in us. Imagine how great then, is the weight of that trust coming from God when the Holy Spirit outpours His gifts upon us - not to be hidden but to shine like the sun, to be the salt of the earth and light of the world!

Having spent over half my life serving the Church, my heart is very much connected with the Priesthood and Religious life. I mention this here because I know that every vocation, whether married, single, or religious, requires a total

self-surrender and abandonment to God - a 'rebirth' - and this requires that we surrender to the Spirit of God within us. He has entrusted His vineyard into our care, but not without Him to guide and direct the way. Each day I ask to be reborn in His Spirit of patience to endure the frustrations awaiting me, and I pray fervently through Him for the courageous perseverance of all vocations. We cannot endure the cross of daily struggles without the strength that only the Holy Spirit can provide. As John the Baptist recognised the Lamb of God by the Spirit that rested upon Him, let us also be recognised as the sheep of His flock by the Spirit that is resting upon us and within us. The Spirit of peace, love, joy and hope who is perpetually present in the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Salwa Elias

QUESTION

What is the role of the Holy Spirit in prayer?

ANSWER

Since the Holy Spirit is the interior Master of Christian prayer and "we do not know how to pray as we ought" (Romans 8:26), the Church exhorts us to invoke him and implore him on every occasion: "Come, Holy Spirit!"



UPCOMING EVENTS



!!!We are calling for new volunteers!!!

To join the seniors committee in assisting the elderly of our parish. We gather every 2 weekd for 3 hours with the elderly for Mass, lunch and entertainment

If you are interested please contact
Yasmine on 0402 657 924

Family Picnic Day

Sunday 12th February 2023

Save the date
more details to follow



FAMILY COMMITTEE

LOL Vocations Group

"Come follow Me" - Mt 4:19



Do you feel called to serve the Lord?
Do you feel a calling to the Priesthood?

Prayer | Fellowship
First Event 4th February 2022
6PM Mass | LOL

Contact: Joseph Khoury 0405 122 064

PARISH NOTICE BOARD

Sunday 8 January:

1st Sunday of Epiphany

8:00am The late Georgette Gerges Nakhel from Becharre widow of the late Hanna Nkoula from Bekaakafra (died in Lebanon) and Seniors Committee

9:30am 40 Day Mass for the late Frank Ferris from Asnoun

11:00am 40 Day Mass for the late Mtanios Greige Youssef Nakhoul from Karem Al Mohr

5:00pm The late Mariam Youssef Jabour widow of the late Hamid Abdallah Farah from Ardeh (died in Lebanon)

Monday 9 January:

6:00pm The late Boutros Kabalan Dahdah from Zgharta (died in Lebanon)

Thursday 12 January:

6:00pm The Late Hasna Farah Saib widow of the late Elias Mikhael Hadchiti from Hadchit (died in Lebanon)

Friday 13 January:

11:00am Rosary Prayer followed by Fatima Mass

6:00pm 40 Day Mass for the late Rose Bahaa Doueih widow of the late Antoine Kandalaft from Zgharta

Saturday 14 January:

6:00pm 40 Day Mass for the late George Semaan Chami from Beirut

Sunday 15 January:

2nd Sunday of Epiphany

11:00am 40 Day Mass for the late Saad Mtanios Nassif Boumelhem from Haref Ardeh

PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION & LOANS REPAYMENTS

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS For week ending: 01/01/2023

Plates: \$8,818 | **Donations:** \$- | **Candles:** \$411

PARISH LOANS

CYPC: \$3,532,493

UNITS: \$1,165,151

MONTHLY LOAN REPAYMENTS

CYPC: \$35,387 POST-COVID INTEREST + PRINCIPAL

UNITS: \$11,745 POST-COVID INTEREST + PRINCIPAL

KIDS CORNER

The Baptism of Jesus

And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." Matthew 3:17 (NIV)

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.

C	U	A	K	I	E	V	G	W	B	Z	F	X	Q	S	R	O	L	P	H	T	D	M	Y	J	N
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

- 10-3-19-21-5-11-6 _____
- 9-3-21-6-16 _____
- 22-17-7-6 _____
- 7-17-5-1-6 _____
- 20-6-3-7-6-26 _____
- 20-17-18-24 _____
- 15-17-26 _____
- 18-17-7-6 _____

SON	DOVE	BAPTIZE	HEAVEN
HOLY	LOVE	VOICE	WATER

WHAT HAPPENED IN YOUR PARISH

What's happening in your parish? Well, it only takes a few small steps into our dorrs (& social media pages) to find out!

On Thursday

The Sodality were busy in the lower level church carpark making delicious awaymet/zincol on the Eve of the Feast of the Epiphany. They were selling all day and night in the car park and near the grotto. Thank you to all who purchased for your support as all proceeds went to assisting the needy.

On Thursday evening

our parish came together to celebrate Mass with His Excellency Bishop Antoine-Charbel Tarabay for the Eve of the Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord. Mass included the Rite of the Blessing of the Epiphany water and was sprinkled in the church and on our parishioners.

On Saturday

a commemoration Mass was held for the repose of the soul of Pope Benedict XVI. His Excellency Bishop Antoine-Charbel Tarabay celebrated the Mass. Pope Benedict was one of the great Christian minds of the past 100 years and a man of deep humility. As a professor of theology, cardinal and pope, he kept true to his own motto "Servant of Truth". We ask that you continue praying for the repose of Pope Benedict's soul and for our church. May he rest in peace!

On Friday

Masses continued in celebration of the Epiphany with the Rite of Blessing of the Epiphany water. We also held 24 hour Adoration for the first Friday of the month. Many parishioners came to spend time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

Keep up to date with all spiritual and social initiatives of your parish by checking our social media platforms, keeping your ears peeled to the latest parish announcements and being subscribed to our newsletter.



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PLEASE JOIN US FOR A
FUNDRAISING DINNER

Organised by OLOL Sodality

**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 11
7:00 PM**

all proceeds of the evening along with major
raffle, will go towards the installation of

PARISH SOLAR SYSTEM

\$100 Entry, includes Mezza, Dinner & Soft drinks,
Wine & Beer are available for purchase.

**OLOL Church Hall
40 Alice St, Harris Park**



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**Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI
1927-2022**



*"Do not be satisfied with anything less than
Truth and Love, do not be content with
anything less than Christ."*

- Pope Benedict XVI

لوحة إعلانات الرعية

الأحد ٨ كانون الثاني:

الاحد الأول بعد الدنح

٨٠٠ المرحومة جورجيت جرجس نخل من بشري أرملة المرحوم حنا نقولا من بقاعكفرا (متوفاة في لبنان) وعلى نية أعضاء لجنة المسنين وكبارنا ٩٠٣٠ أربعون المرحوم فرنك فارس من أصنون ١١٠٠ أربعون المرحوم مطانيوس جريج يوسف نخول من كرم المهر ٥٠٠ المرحومة مريم يوسف جبور أرملة المرحوم حميد عبدالله فرح من أرده (متوفاة في لبنان)

الإثنين ٩ كانون الثاني:

٦٠٠ المرحوم بطرس قبلان دحدح من زغرتا (متوفي في لبنان)

الخميس ١٢ كانون الثاني:

٦٠٠ المرحومة حسنة فرح صعيب أرملة المرحوم الياس مخائيل حدشيتي من حدشيت (متوفاة في لبنان)

الجمعة ١٣ كانون الثاني:

١١٠٠ صلاة المسبحة بلبه قداس على نية العائلات والشبيبة والمرضى لمناسبة ظهور العذراء في فاطيما ٦٠٠ أربعون المرحومة روز بهاء الدويهي أرملة المرحوم أنطوان القندلفت من زغرتا

السبت ١٤ كانون الثاني:

٦٠٠ أربعون المرحوم جورج سمعان الشامي من بيروت

الأحد ١٥ كانون الثاني:

الأحد الثاني بعد الدنح

١١٠٠ أربعون المرحوم سعد مطانيوس ناصيف بو ملحم من حرف أرده

هيرودس الفاسد ما زال يقتل أطفاله بيته لحم

صوّتُ شُمُوع في الرَّامة، بُكَاءٌ وَنَحِيبٌ كَثِيرٌ. رَاجِلٌ تَبْكِي أَوْلَادَهَا، وَقَدْ أَبَتْ أَنْ تَتَعَزَّى، لِأَنَّهُمْ زَالُوا مِنَ الْوُجُودِ

يُخبرنا القديس متى الإنجيلي (متى ٢: ١٣-١٨) عن حفلة جنون صنعها هيرودس: سمع من المجوس بأن الملك يسوع- قد وُلِدَ في بيت لحم... لقد خاف على عرشه فبدأ يتملق المجوس واهماً إياهم بأنه يُريد السجود لذلك الملك المولود... ولكن، كانت عبادته لذاته هي التي تحرّكه، وخوفه على عرشه هو الذي يُقلقه، وحب السيطرة بما فيه من فساد وبطش هو الذي يسكن فكره... لذلك: تدخل الله مع المجوس وجوّل طريقهم لإبعادهم عن هيرودس، وتدخل مع يوسف ودعاه الملاك في الحلم ليهرب بيسوع ومريم إلى مصر، ويبقوا هناك حتى وفاة هيرودس الذي كان يحدث بدقّة عن يسوع ليقّله... في هذا التدخّل، صنع الله خيراً، إذ حمى العائلة المقدّسة، والمجوس، وحمى هيرودس من عبادته لذاته... لكنّ المؤلم المُبكي حصل وفاجأ الجميع: ذلك الملك الفاسد وصل لمرحلة الجنون، وفُضِّلَ قتل كل أطفال بيت لحم من سنتين وما دون، ليطمئن ويضمن بقاءه على عرشه... لم يكثر لصرّاح الآباء والأمهات، ولا لصرّاح الأبرياء الأطفال... نفّذ مجزرة موصوفة، فقط ليطمئن ذلك العقل الفاسد...

نعم! إنّها السُّلطة التي عبدها هيرودس ويعبدها ملوك وحقّام كثيرون:

- يتلاعبون بأمالك الناس،
- يزورون كل شيء (حتّى أدوية الأطفال)،
- يقطعون المواد الغذائية عن الفقراء،
- يحرّقون بلاداً بأكملاها،
- يَدَقُّون التعليم،
- يحرمون الناس من أبسط الحقوق،
- يُسَمُّون حقوق الناس "مطالب" لتُمييعها وتسييسها،
- يحرمون المرضى من علاجهم،
- يجلبون عن الناس كل ما يحفظ حياتهم وكراماتهم...
- ينتفضون لحدث صغير وقع في إحدى بقاع الأرض بإسم الإنسانية، فيما بلادهم تغرق في ظلام الإهمال القاتل ولا حياة لمن تتأذى،
- ينتفضون للحق وشباب بلادهم فقدوا حقوقهم بين البطالة والدمار والبنوك.

وكم من هيرودس في بلادي يلبس ثياب ملك، ورئيس، ونائب، ووزير، ورجل أعمال، ورجل دين، يقتل مجدداً ومبراراً أطفال بيت لحم خوفاً على عرشه! ولكن، يورد متى الإنجيلي آية من سفر النبي إرميا: «صوّتُ شُمُوع في

الرَّامة، بُكَاءٌ وَنَحِيبٌ كَثِيرٌ. رَاجِلٌ تَبْكِي أَوْلَادَهَا، وَقَدْ أَبَتْ أَنْ تَتَعَزَّى، لِأَنَّهُمْ زَالُوا مِنَ الْوُجُودِ» (متى ٢: ١٨) صراخ الأبرياء ونحيب الأمهات يصل فوراً إلى الله، والله يسمع ويُحاسب... ولكن، مهما كان الشرّ عظيماً، تبقى الكلمة الأخيرة لله الذي يُعطي الحياة

ماذا يمكننا أن نتعلّم من مريم من أجل هذه السنة التي بدأت؟

بداية العام الجديد نوكله إلى مريم الكلّية القداسة، التي نحتفل بها اليوم بصفتها والدة الله...

ما زلنا نتأقّل في مريم في المغارة حيث وُلِدَ يسوع، ويمكننا أن نسأل أنفسنا: بأيّ لغة تكلمنا القديسة مريم العذراء؟ وكيف تتكلّم مريم؟ وماذا يمكننا أن نتعلّم منها من أجل هذه السنة التي بدأت؟ يمكننا أن نقول: "يا مريم البتول، علمينا ماذا يجب أن نعمل في هذه السنة".

...أيها الإخوة والأخوات، مثل كلّ الإقّهات، حملت مريم الحياة في بطنها، وهي تذكّرنا أنّه إن كنّا نريد حقاً أن تكون السنة الجديدة جيّدة، وإن كنّا نريد أن نُعيد بناء الأمل، فنحن بحاجة لأن نتخلّى عن اللّغات والإشارات والخيارات المستوحاة من الأنانيّة، ونتعلّم لغة الحب، التي هي لغة الاهتمام والرّعاية. الاهتمام والرّعاية هما لغة جديدة، تسير عكس لغات الأنانيّة. هذا هو الالتزام: أن نهتمّ ونعتني بحياتنا - كلّ واحد منا يجب أن يهتمّ بحياته -، وأن نهتمّ بوقتنا، وبأرواحنا، ونهتمّ بالخلقة والبيئة التي نعيش فيها، وأكثر من ذلك، نهتمّ بقريننا، والذين وضعهم الرّب يسوع إلى جانبنا، وأيضاً الإخوة والأخوات المحتاجين الذين يخطبون انتباهنا ورأفتنا. ونحن ننظر إلى سيّدتنا مريم العذراء مع الطفل، بينما هي تهتمّ وتعتني بالطفل، نتعلّم نحن أن نهتمّ بالآخرين، وكذلك بأنفسنا، ونهتمّ بصحتنا الداخليّة وحياتنا الرّوحية ومحبّتنا للآخرين...

لننتهل إلى القديسة مريم والدة الله، في هذا العصر الملوّث بعدم الثقة واللامبالاة، حتّى تجعلنا قادرين على أن نرأف ونهتمّ بالآخرين، وعلى أن "نتأثّر ونقف أمام الآخر، كلّما لزم ذلك" (الإرشاد الرسولي، فرح الإنجيل، ١٦٩).

حاضرة الفاتيكان ٢٠٢٣

عَيْتِنَا

كاتدرائية سيدة لبنان - هاريس بارك

"50 Year Jubilee - From Generation to Generation"

عدد ١٠ | الأحد ١ كانون الثاني ٢٠٢٣ | لأحد الأول بعد الدنح "ها هُوَ حَمَلُ السَّوِّ الَّذِي يَرْفَعُ خَطِيئَةَ الْعَالَمِ" يو ١٤: ٢٧ - ٣١



الأحد الأول بعد الدنح
يو ١: ٢٩ - ٣٤ | كو ١: ١٠ - ١١
أش ٤٠: ٦ - ١١



قداست البابا بندكتوس السادس عشر
يرحل مع رحيله العام ٢٠٢٢

وفي ٢٨ شباط ٢٠١٣ ، اختتمت حبرية البابا بندكتس السادس عشر بعدما أعلن تخليه عن الخدمة البطريركية بسبب المرض، ولفظ أنفاسه الأخيرة خلال ليل ٣١/٣٠ كانون الأول ٢٠٢٢ نحو الثالثة فجراً.

"يا رب، أحبك" هي الكلمات الأخيرة لتي لفظها البابا بندكتس السادس عشر.



صلاة

"الله منحنا سنة جديدة..."

لتعويض الماضي... ولتقديس الحاضر... ولإعداد المستقبل...
أبونا يعقوب الكبوشي

إهتم البابا بندكتس السادس عشر طوال حبريته بالبحث عن التقرب من الشباب وتفهم انتظاراتهم ومخاوفهم وآمالهم... وهو أول من أطلق الأيام العالمية للشبيبة. وفي رسالة وجهها إلى الشبيبة، قال "...أنتم هدية ثمينة للمجتمع. أمام الصعوبات، لا تسمحوا لأنفسكم بأن تُحبَطوا ولا تتخبطوا في حلول خاطئة. لا تخافوا من الالتزام، ومواجهة الجهد والتضحية، واختيار المسارات التي تتطلب الأمانة والثبات، والتواضع والتفاني..."

IN OUR PRAYERS

Lord, may all the faithful departed whom we entrust to Your care, be held securely in Your Loving embrace for all eternity especially those we Pray for: (A) All the departed souls, All the lost souls, All the faithful departed, All the souls in Purgatory, All souls who have no one to pray for them, Chmouni Al Hosn, Tannous Al Hosn, Hanneh & Youssef Al Hosn, Tannous Abboud & his wife Lulu (B) Youssef Boutros, Milia Bou Raidan, Sharban (Shirley) Boutros, Natieh Draybi Bayssari, Khalil Bayssari, Saidie Bazouni, Gerges & Lamia & Saide Bou Saide, Nakieh Bazouni & her husband Antonios Draybi (C) (D) Laudi Draiby, Chahide Draiby (E) Tanos Elias Elkazzi and all his faithful departed, Matthew Essey (F) (G) Helen George, Majid George (H) Maurice & Martha Jamil Haddad, Paul & Madeline Haddad & son Joseph & daughter Colleen George, Jabbour Assad Haddad & his wife Hanne, Amin Tannous Haddad & his wife Samyia, Assad Jabbour Haddad (I) Youssef Ishak, Roumonos Ishak, Bakhos Ishak, Sarkis Ishak, Julia Ishak, Souraya & Tansa Ishak (J) Youssef & Ghanajeh Joseph (K) Sarkis Chucri Khoudair, Genevieve Khoury and departed souls of Khoury & El-Zahoul families, Genevieve Badoui Khoury, Mkhalel Badoui Khoury & his wife Hanneh and sister Afife (L) Peter & Mary Lichaa, Arthur Lichaa, Youssef Lichaa (M) Youssef Maroon & his wife Ghsoun, Therese Melhem, Betty Merhi, Bachara Botrous Moussa, Robert Bachara Moussa (N) (O) (P) (Q) (R) Raymond & Atour and their son Joe Romanos, Jamil & Labibi Roumanos and all the deceased from their family, Rizk Family (S) Youssef Mikhael Shaheen, Nabih Saad & his sons Kevin & Emille, Michael & Nouhad Sukkar, Saba Family, Saeide Saba, Georges Shammass (T) Kemil & his wife Ghorra Tanna & their son Jamil Tanna, Therese Tanna, Bernadette Tanna, Tanna Family (U) (V) (W) (X) (Y) (Z) Elias Zahra, Roumanos Zahra

