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EPARCHIE SAINT MARON CANADA

Our Lady of Peace

Maronite Catholic Parish of Calgary — Established 1990



Weekly Newsletter

January 7, 2018

SPIRITUAL MESSAGE

"EPIPHANY"

This icon of the Epiphany retakes common elements from the representation of the Epiphany in the iconographical tradition. The Trinitarian element is thus represented: the Father by the chirophany (the appearance of the hand), symbol of the Creator and his voice. He is seen by His incarnate Son, baptized in the Jordan by the Forerunner. The Holy Spirit, in the form of a dove, descends from the heights and rests on the head of the Son. The angels hasten to carry towels to dry the Ember who has been baptized, symbolized by the flame coming out from the water. This is particular to the Syro-Maronite tradition. The fire and the water are the image of the divinity united to humanity through the person of the incarnate Son of God in the perfection of his two natures.



MASSES & CELEBRATIONS

SUNDAYS – 11:00 a.m.

Daily Mass (Monday, Wednesday and Friday) at 6:30 p.m.

EVERY 1st FRIDAY 7:00 – 8:00 P.M.

<u>CONFESSIONS</u> 45 minutes before each mass

BLESSED SACRAMENT ADORATION

In case of emergency, contact the priest.

VISITING THE SICK

If you, or someone you know is ill, please contact the Priest and he will arrange to visit the sick.

BAPTISMS

Please contact the Priest at least *two weeks* prior to the baptism date.

MARRIAGES

Please contact the Priest a minimum of four months in advance of the desired date of marriage.



SAINT ANTHONY THE GREAT

was the first Christian to live a coenobitic

consecrated life of solitude. As a hermit in the desert he lived a long and saintly life that influenced countless people both in his time and for generations thereafter, even to this day. Many of his ideas are still used to this day by modern monks and nuns nowadays. His life had a tremendous impact on the history of early Christianity, which is the basic history of all Christian churches all over the world. Most of what we know about St. Anthony comes from the writings of Saint Athanasius the Apostolic, a disciple and close friend of St. Anthony's, who wrote the story of his life.

SAINT ANTHONY THE GREAT FEAST

WENDSDAY, January 17th Arabic - English mass at 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, January 21ST, Arabic - English mass at 11:30 a.m.

(We will provide HALAWA after the Holy Mass)

JANUARY FEASTS

Day 8: Saint Caritarius, a priest and martyr

Day 9: Saint Austratius

Day 10: Saint Gregory, bishop of Nisis (a city in Cappadoccia)

Day 11: Saint Theodosius

Day 12: Saint Tasiana, a martyr & Memorial of the Holy Ecumenical

Council of Trent.
Day 13: Saint Jacob, bishop of Nisibin

Day 14: Saint Hilarius (Hilary), bishop of Poitier (France)

Day 15: Our Lady of plants

DONATIONS SUMMARY (December 31st 2017) THE FINDING OF THE LORD IN THE TEMPLE SUNDAY **COLLECTION:** \$ 988.65 Next Sunday, January 14th, 2018 2nd Sunday of the Epiphany

Reading (1Timothy 4:6-16) - Gospel (Luke 12:42-48)

OUR LADY OF PEACE

MARONITE CATHOLIC PARISH OF CALGARY

FIRST COMMUNION If your child will be receiving their First Holy Communion this year, please add your name, your child's name, and your phone number to the "sign up" sheet at the back of the church.

ARABIC SCHOOL Every **SATURDAY** from 2:30 p.m. till 4:30 p.m.; Encourage your

children from 5 years to 12 to learn our native language WELCOME! We welcome all parishioners back for another year of cooperation and

prosperity in our Lord, Jesus Christ. Our Lady of Peace pastor and parishioners would like to welcome all visitors and families who are new to the parish family. PLEASE REMEMBER OUR LADY OF PEACE

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IN YOUR WILL FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE www.maronitecalgary.com