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From Monday to Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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## AVAILABLE

Tuesday and Thursday Without appointment from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



# Our Lady of Peace Parish Maronite Catholic Church رعية سيدة السلام - كالغاري كنيسة كاثو ليكية مار و نية



Weekly Bulletin

January 27, 2019

"Third Sunday After The Epiphany"

"إعتلان سر المسيح لنيقوديمس وللشعب اليهودي"



## **MASSES & CELEBRATIONS**

SUNDAYS – 11:30 a.m.

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

BLESSED SACRAMENT ADORATION EVERY 1<sup>st</sup> FRIDAY 7:00 – 8:00 P.M.

## **CONFESSIONS**

45 minutes before each mass
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.

## "THE PROCLAMATION OF THE MYSTERY OF CHRIST TO NICODEMUS OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE"

"Nicodemus does not understand: "How can a man be born, being old? Can he a second time enter the womb of his mother and be born?"

To his astonishment, which can turn into perplexity and unbelief, Jesus responds firmly: "You are a teacher in Israel, and these things, you do not see them?" This is what Jesus speaks of goes against all the representations that were of God.

In a few words, Jesus reveals to Nicodemus the figure of a God Father, whose Son became son of man, and this for the reason of love for all men: "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son".

Jesus also reveals the Passion he will suffer: "as Moses raised the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be raised", and he indicates the reason for this gift to the end that all have eternal life. To this thirsty man, Jesus reveals in a few words the plan of love of God, his benevolent plan: that every man has eternal life.

How do I receive this revelation of God's plan of love for all men? For me?

## "Pope Francis"

To live by accusing the other and looking for faults is not Christian, more like "the worldly style". The Pope evokes those Catholics who recite the Creed but live on vanity, pride, clinging to money, believing themselves as self-sufficient. Francis challenges them: The Lord has offered you the new wine, but you have not changed from any other wines, you did not change and worldliness ruins so many people. They are good people but who enter this spirit of vanity, of pride, who want to be seen ... There is no humility. But humility is part of the Christian style. We must learn from the teachings of Jesus, the Virgin and Saint Joseph who were humble.

The Pope evokes another behavior that is found "in our communities" and is not Christian: "the selfish style" requalified by Francis "spirit of indifference". People believe they are good Catholics but act without concern for others and their problems. They do not worry about wars, diseases, and peoples suffering ... their neighbor. This is the hypocrisy that Jesus reproached the doctors of the law. But what is the true Christian style? It is the Beatitudes, ensures Francis. He lists "gentleness, humility, patience in suffering, love for justice, the capacity to endure persecution, not to judge others". The Pope invites those who wish to avoid being accusers, worldly or selfish, to read the Beatitudes that are our new wine and the way. To be a good Christian, he concludes, one must have the capacity to recite with heart the Creed, but also the Our Father.

## من أقوال القديسين

أعطِ كرامة للكهنة كوكلاء صالحين أعطِهم الكرامة اللائقة ولا تبحث في أعمالهم فالكاهن: من حيث درجته هو ملاك ومن حيث أعماله هو إنسان وبالرحمة صار وسيطاً بين اللـــه والناس. "القديس افرام السرياني"

## "SUNDAY READINGS"

Reading (Galatians 3:23 –29) Gospel (John 3:1-16)

## "Next Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 " 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF THE EPIPHANY

Reading (Romans 7:1-6) - Gospel (John 4:5-7, 9-26)

## "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 "FORM" at the back of the church.

## "ARABIC CLASS"

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

## "SUGGESTIONS!"

If you have any suggestions to enhance the spiritual, educational, or physical needs of the parish, please let us know. Thank you!

## "FAMILY NIGHT"

You are all invited to gather every Friday at the Church hall. We start by thanking God in the Holy Mass at 6:30 pm

#### 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 MARONITE CATHOLIC PARISH OF CALGARY IN YOUR WILL

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#### OUR LADY OF PEACE

### MARONITE CATHOLIC PARISH OF CALGARY

DONATIONS SUMMARY (JANUARY 20, 2019) "SECOND EPIPHANY SUNDAY"

COLLECTION: \$865.35



## تقسير أيقونة "كتاب ميلاد الرب"

أيقونة الإشراق هذه، عناصرها موجودة في معظم أيقونات الدنح لدى كل التقاليد الإيقونو غرافية. العنصر الثالوثي، الآب بظهور اليد (خيروفانيا)، رمز للخالق ولصوته الذي سمعناه ولم نره إلا بصورة الإبن المتحسد، المعتمد في الأردن على يد سابقه وصابغه. الروح بشكل حمامة تنحدر من الأعالي، فوق رأس الإبن. الملائكة هرعوا حاملين المناديل لتنشيف الجمرة المعتمدة والتي يُرمز لها بشعلة النار الطافية على المياه. إنها ميزة خاصة بتقليدنا السرياني الماروني، اذ أن جمع النار والماء هو صورة لجمع اللاهوت والناسوت، بشخص ابن الله المتأنس، بكمال ألوهيته وانسانيته.



Saint Maron Novena begins Friday, February 1, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

# "SAINT MARON" THE PATRON OF THE MARONITE CHURCH

We will celebrate the Feast of Saint Maron on Sunday February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 start with the Holy Mass at 11:30 am and we will meet our dignitary guests at the Church Hall after the Holy Mass.

Please join us and come to celebrate with us the Feast of Saint Maron and the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Priesthood to Our Pastor Father Michel Nadim Kassas.



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## "JANUARY 2019 FEASTS"

Day 28: Saint Ephrem, a Doctor in the Church Day 29: Saint Baladius & Saint Apiolitos, a martyr Day 30: Saint Maximus, the confessor Day 31: Don John Bosco

## FEBRUARY 2019 FEASTS

Day 1: Saint Fionos, the martyr & pope OticanosDay 2: The Entrance of Christ to the Temple.Day 3: Simon the elder & Anna the prophetess

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