



Our Lady of the Cedars Maronite Church
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Genealogy Sunday

أحد النسبة

Divine Liturgy

Sunday 9:30 AM & 11:00 AM
Daily Mass: Tue - Sat at 6:30 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession

30 minutes before Mass upon request

Sacrament of Crowning – Marriage

Notify the Pastor four months in
advance for arrangements

Sacrament of Baptism

Parents should meet with the Pastor one
month ahead to make arrangements

Sick and Hospitalized

Contact the Pastor for visitation

Church Office

Monday–Friday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Daily Readings

Sunday December 20: Rom 1:1-12 Mt 1:1-17
Genealogy Sunday – أحد النسبة

Monday December 21: Heb 11:1-6 Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday December 22: Heb 11:7-10 Jn 8:12-20

Wednesday December 23: Heb 11:11-16 Jn 8:21-24

Thursday December 24: Heb 11:17-22 Jn 8:25-30
ذكري وفاة مار شربل - Death of St. Charbel

Friday December 25: Heb 1:1-12 Lk 2:1-20
الميلاد المجيد - Birth of Our Lord

Saturday December 26: Eph 1:3-14 Lk 1:46-55
تهنئة العذراء - Praises To The Mother Of God

Sunday December 27: 2Cor 11:1-9 Mt 23:29-24:2
إسطفانس الشهيد الأول - First Martyr Stephen
الأحد بعد الميلاد - Sunday After the Glorious Birth

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Family Altar Offering

Our Parish has started a new program for presenting the offerings during the 11 o'clock Mass. Two members of a family will carry the offerings in a procession with the Altar servers. Other family members may join the procession if desired. Interested families can call the Church office during the week to sign-up. The Church secretary, Mrs. Michelle Fuentes, who maintains the calendar, will schedule families based on available Sundays, and then remind each family the week before. Families will be expected to be in Church on time, and dress appropriately.

Altar Server Program

Children who have had their First Communion, both boys and girls, are encouraged to join the Altar Server Program. Just like CCE, this program benefits the spiritual growth and maturity of your children, by specifically providing an opportunity for them to practice Christian values. Please contact the Church office at 281-568-6800 for additional information.

The Genealogy of Jesus

We find that there are two versions of the genealogy of Jesus in the New Testament. One is in Matthew (1:1-17) and another is in Luke (3:22-38). The basic aim of any such list of descendants in the scriptures, is the connection of each era to God's progressive plan of salvation which reaches its fulfillment in Christ.

The genealogy of Matthew emphasizes that Jesus is the fulfillment of all the promises God made to Abraham and David. One notes that there are four women, perhaps all gentiles, in the list. The inclusion of these women may serve to indicate that Jesus came to save all mankind and not just the Jews (Mt. 28:19). David, a sinner guilty of adultery and murder (2 Samuel 11:6), is also included in the list, thus indicating that Jesus, who was without sin, was fully immersed in the sinfulness of humanity.

The genealogy of Luke's gospel is even more obvious in indicating the universal mission of Jesus. He goes back from Jesus, to Abraham, and all the way back to Adam, the son of God; thus he shows Jesus as the New Adam, who begets a new humanity.

The genealogies call us to trust in God's plan of salvation: all will be brought to fulfillment by the Lord in his own time and in his own way. In spite of difficulties, we are called to trust in the promises of the Lord. Jesus himself, the Son of the Father promised, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not".

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“Let Them PLAY”

The contract for the playground has been signed, and delivery of the structure is expected next month (January 2010). The playground will be community constructed so those who are interested in participating in the assembly should submit their names for consideration; 20 volunteers will be needed for a full day (10 hours) of sweat and joyful labor.

Financial participation is also encouraged; our goal is to reach 100% participation from all families with children under 13 years of age. Pledges to contribute are needed as soon as possible.



The complete project will include:

1. A playground system accommodating 75 children
2. An additional swing set
3. Ground cover and borders
4. Benches for parents to sit and watch the children comfortably
5. Shades for the benches
6. Water fountains