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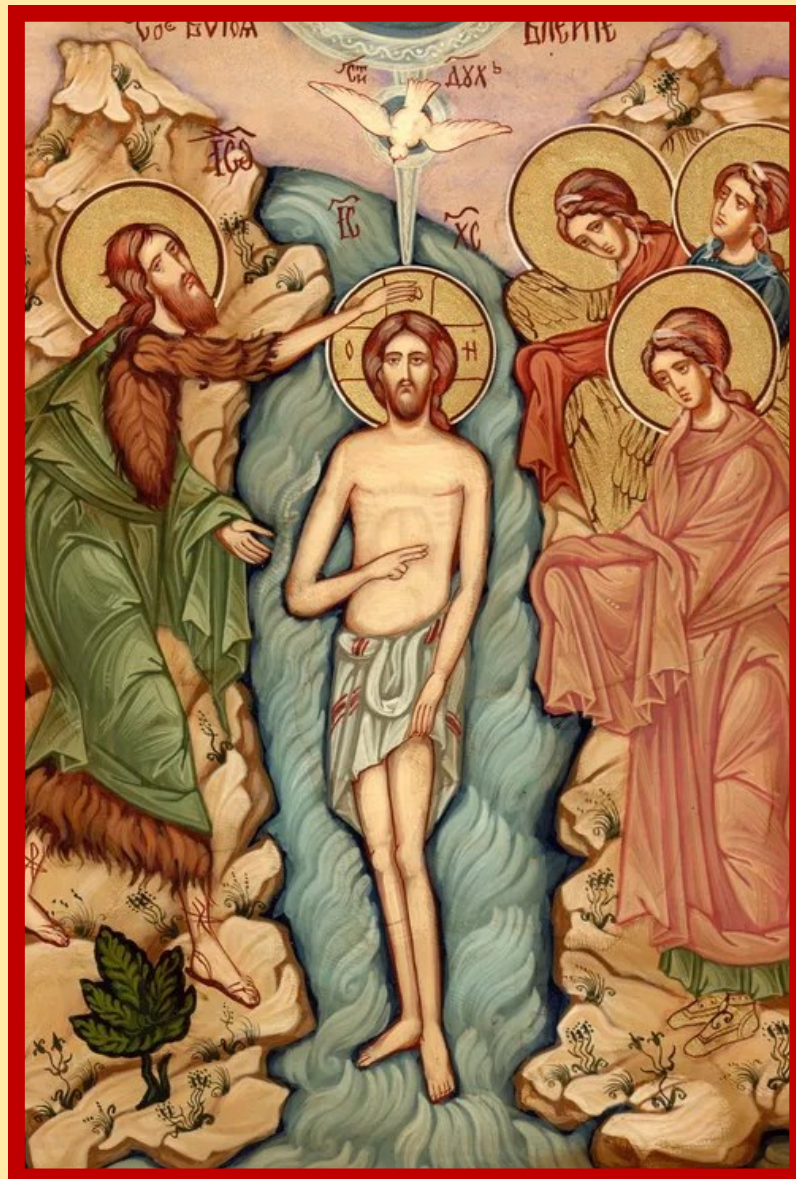
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Sunday, Jan. 12, 2025
Sunday After the Theophany of Our Lord




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Liturgy Intentions

Sun. Jan. 12, 2025. Sunday after the Theophany.

9:30 AM:

Good Health of Fr. Alexei Wolternist.
+Robert Gamel by Richard Bachese.
+Alfred N. Naddaff & +Katherine "Josie" Y. Naddaff (21 years) by their Family.
+Rev. Basil Samra by his Family. 
+Fr. Michel Bardaouil.
+Fr. Ananias Boury.

11:30 AM:

+Ghazi Wadih Samaha by Gracia Skaf.
+Btlm Astlianids & +Costy Khoukaz by Mona Bekandi.
+Thérèse ElKhoury by her Family.
+Marie Mansour by her sister Mayada (Mansour) Manzo & Joe Manzo and Family.
+Alfred N. Naddaff & +Katherine "Josie" Y. Naddaff (21 years) by their Family.
+Fr. Athanasius Gannam.
+Fr. Jean Ghaby.

Wed. Jan. 15, 2025.

7:00 PM: Divine Liturgy - Memorial Service. 

Sat. Jan. 18, 2025.

5:00 PM: Vespers.

Sun. Jan. 19, 2025. 12th Sunday after Holy Cross.

9:30 AM: Good Health of Fr. Alexei Wolternist.

+Robert Gamel by Maurice Daaboul.

+Fr. John W. Haddad. 

+Fr. Oreste Kerame.

11:30 AM:

+Btlm Astlianids & +Costy Khoukaz by Mona Bekandi.
+Thérèse ElKhoury by her Family.
+Marie Mansour by her sister Mayada (Mansour) Manzo & Joe Manzo and Family.
+Fr. Nicholas Medawar.
+Fr. Nemetallah Saliba.

MAYA Reorganization

MAYA is the Melkite Catholic Diocesan Group for Young Adults, aged 18-30. It is currently being reorganized by Father Musil Shihadeh of Yonkers, NY. We need someone to be a contact person for our parish for this group. If you can help, please let Father Philip know.

Spiritual Evening

There will be a Spiritual Evening and Discussion on Tuesday, January 28, at 7 PM. Everyone is welcome to attend. There will be refreshments available.

Planning Ahead:

Are you planning your calendar for 2025? Here are some very important dates to keep in mind:
Monday, March 3 - 1st Day of Lent
Friday, April 11 - Annual Lenten Charity Supper
Sunday, April 13 - Palm Sunday
Sunday, April 20 - Holy Pascha (Easter)
Sunday, June 8 - Pentecost Sunday, 1st Confession Celebration and Sunday School Graduation
Friday, August 15 - Feast Day of the Mother of God with Procession, Divine Liturgy and Hafli.

Sunday Readings: Eph. 4:7-15 MT. 4:12-17

Please pray for the health and divine protection of

Tony Abdi, Michele Domaney, Elizabeth Higgins, Saleem Ghazaleh, Daniel Jabbour, Harry McKannon, Teresa Mattar, Theresa Quinn, Jim Reardon, Edward Rezek, Maggie Rosenthal.

Parish Financial Support Jan. 5, 2025

(Weekly donations needed for budget: \$3,000)

Candles:	\$ 223.00
9:30 Liturgy:	\$ 1,732.00
11:30 Liturgy:	\$ 711.00
New Year Liturgy:	\$ 400.00
Mail:	\$ 590.00
Memorials & Lit. Int. :	\$ 570.00
Total:	\$ 4,003.00

Many thanks to all of you for your weekly contributions. We depend greatly on your steady stewardship. God bless you for your generous support.



The Sanctuary Lamp
Keeps vigil this week for
In Loving Memory of all deceased Parishioners
Please remember them in your prayers.



Glory to God for all things. In order to initiate fundraising appeals in a parish, mission, or outreach of the Diocese of Newton, explicit permission from the bishop is required. Our brothers and sisters in Lebanon are suffering, as are many of our brethren in the Middle East and throughout the world. Thank you for your compassion and open hearts. Bishop François would like our diocese to cooperate to collect donations in a "Lebanon Relief Fund." If you are already collecting donations for another organization, kindly convert your efforts toward the diocesan "Lebanon Relief Fund." If you are not yet collecting donations, prayerfully consider participating in this effort. Each week, deposit donations intended for the "Lebanon Relief Fund" in your parish/mission/outreach's operating fund and send a check in the same amount to the "Diocese of Newton" with "Lebanon Relief Fund" in the memo. If anyone makes a direct donation to the "Diocese of Newton" through your community, kindly forward it to 3 V.F.W. Parkway, West Roxbury, MA 02132. In the coming days, we will create a link on the melkite.org website to collect donations for the "Lebanon Relief Fund" online. In the future, we plan to provide a report to you of how much is raised and how the monies are allocated. God bless the work of your hands.

Weekly Liturgy Schedule

Sunday:

Orthros 8:45 a.m.

Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday:

Divine Liturgy 7:00 p.m.

Saturday:

Vespers 5:00 p.m.

Feast Days:

Great Vespers: 7:00 p.m. Evening before Feast

Divine Liturgy: 7:00 p.m. Day of the Feast.



Rector's Committee

The January Rector's Committee Meeting will be on Tuesday, January 14 at 7 PM via Zoom. If anyone would like to volunteer to serve on the Rector's Committee, please submit your name to Father Philip. Also, submit to him why you would like to serve on the Committee.



Holy Day Thanks

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Theophany celebration on January 6. A special thanks to those who arranged the reception that was held after the Divine Liturgy.

For House Blessing, Please call the office :
617-323-5242 or 617-323-5248.

Shattuck Shelter Thanks

Deacon Abe and Laila Zeinieh delivered our gifts to the Shattuck Shelter and they were received with great joy and thanksgiving. Many thanks to all who contributed items for the Shattuck Shelter Christmas Drive.

Sunday Coffee Hour: The Coffee Hour after the 11:30 Divine Liturgy is now going very well. We thank Claude Ataya for organizing it and all of the families who are cooperating with her. Usually, one family per week is responsible for the refreshments. Everyone is doing a good job.

Remember Me In Your Kingdom: The Liturgy & Memorial Service for the departed is on the third Wednesday of the month (Jan. 15) at 7 PM.



God With Us +ONLINE+ is a collaborative outreach of the Eastern Catholic Bishops and eparchies of the United States to provide educational resources for the faithful in our Eastern Christian traditions. Go to EASTERNCATHOLIC.ORG to find many excellent talks, the opportunity to sign up for live educational webinars and other resources! *All resources are offered free of charge.*



THE BISHOP'S APPEAL 2024

Many thanks to all who sent already their offering to the Bishop's Appeal, if by any change you did not receive your envelop, you can now get one from the Narthex at the main entrance of the Church. We appreciate your generosity. **Extended to Jan. 31. Please help us achieve our goal.**

There are many forces in the world today that seek knowingly or unwarily to obliterate the reality of Christ and His Incarnation and Kingdom. Secularism, the "woke" movement and unbridled individualism are only a few. As a Church, we are the Body of Christ in the world, making His good news and salvation known and available to all. The Bishop's Appeal is an important part of our identity and ministry. We should support and participate in it. ****Our parish has raised \$34,983.56 and our goal is \$40,000.-.** Appeal envelopes and reply cards are available in our parish. Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish and to the Diocese of Newton. You may also donate online at: melkite.org/appeal or scan the QR code below:



Annual Lenten Charity Supper

Our Annual Lenten Charity Supper will be on Friday, April 11 at 6 PM. Ghassan Samaha has graciously agreed to chair this event, please cooperate with him, and help in any way that you can. Our goal is to have 400 people in attendance. With your cooperation it will happen.

Holy Water

Holy Water is available from the Theophany blessing. We have a limited number of bottles, but you may also bring a bottle from home.

The Building Committee is working on a master plan for the maintenance of the parish plant. If you notice anything to repair, or think one project should take precedence over another, please let them know. The members are: Jeffrey Bashara, Alan Crede, Neil Foley and Ron Kfoury, email rk4e@aol.com

PRAY FOR OUR PARISH: A successful parish is the parish that prays, not just at formal church services, but at home as well. Prayer keeps us connected to God and each other. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for people to pray for the parish. You sign up for the same date each month. If you sign-up for the 10th, then on Jan 10, Feb. 10 & March 10 etc... you would pray for the parish. You pray at home and remember the clergy, parishioners, parish activities, and groups. We all need each other's spiritual support. Please sign up so that not a day goes by when our parish is without prayer.

PASTORAL STAFF

Rector: Rt. Rev. Philip Raczka, PhD.
Weekend Ministry: Rev. Thomas Moses
Deacons: Rev. Deacon John Moses
 Rev. Deacon Ibrahim Zeinieh
 Rev. Subdeacon George Saikali
Administrative Assistant: Gracia Skaf

✠ **Sacramental Guidelines** ✠

HOLY MYSTERY OF CONFESSION: Before or after any service, or by appointment.
HOLY MYSTERIES OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION: Please contact the clergy in advance to arrange for the required baptismal instructions.
HOLY MYSTERY OF CROWNING (Marriage): Please contact the clergy to arrange for the required interview and instructions.
HOLY MYSTERY OF ANOINTING (and Communion) OF THE SICK: Please contact the rectory to arrange a home or hospital visit.



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