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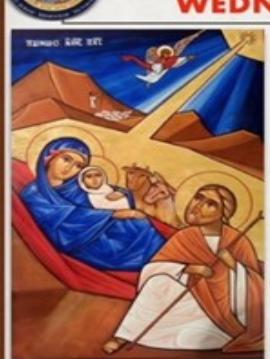
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Liturgies during the month of January

ST. GEORGE'S COPTIC ORTHODOX CHURCH

GLORIOUS FEAST OF NATIVITY
WEDNESDAY 06/01/2021



PARAMONE OF THE FEAST OF NATIVITY
WEDNESDAY (06/01) 8 -10 AM

FEAST OF NATIVITY
Matins 6:00 - 7:00 pm رفع بخور باكر

TWO DIVINE LITURGIES RUNNING FROM 7:00 - 9:00 PM

Arabic - St George Church
English - Church Hall

3rd Divine Liturgy 10:00 pm - 12:30 am القدس الذهبي

Booking opens:
SUNDAY 03/01/2021 at 8 pm

ST. GEORGE'S COPTIC ORTHODOX CHURCH

GLORIOUS FEAST OF EPIPHANY
MONDAY 18/01/2021



Paramone Liturgy	5-7 am	قدامون البرامون
Vespers	5:30-6:00 PM	عشيه
Liturgy of the water	6:00-7:00 PM	لقان
Matins	7:00-8:00 PM	باكر
Liturgy	8:00 - 10:30 pm	القدس الإلهي

PLEASE NOTE: TWO SERVICES RUNNING SIMULTANEOUSLY

Arabic - St George Church
English - Church Hall

Booking opens:
SUNDAY 10/01/2021 at 8 pm

Other liturgical feasts are at the usual times:

Feast of Circumcision: Thurs 14 Jan 7-9am

Feast of Wedding at Cana: Thurs 21 Jan 7-9am

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Freedom of choice

H.H. Pope Tawadros II

Prepared by GG

As we prepare to welcome in the new year, we should do so with great hope. Reflecting back on what has been a very memorable year for the history books. We find that many choices and decisions that we made daily, were a real test of our faith. For it is these choices and decisions that have shaped us into who we are today. It is the freedom to make these choices which determine the path our journey in life will take us.



Everything we do in Life is a choice. We can choose to love or hate. We are all capable to choose to love in every situation. Forgiveness is another example. Where we can choose to forgive deeply from our heart, or we can choose to be selfish and judgmental to others in arrogance by our thoughts and the words we speak.

Hatred and un-forgiveness are both choices. However, if we choose this path, it will only lead to one outcome. We will end up hurting ourselves and not the people who our negative emotions are targeted towards.

There can only be two paths in life. We can repent, gain knowledge and understanding to right our wrongs, where we learn and grow from our mistakes. Or we can choose to ignore our wrongs and live a life without repentance. This path can only lead you to become an obstruction in people's lives.

We should choose positive words of encouragement from the Holy Bible, to build up and lift people, instead of tear them down and break them with negative words. Like farmers who plant seeds, we should choose to plant positive words in the hearts of others, for its reap shall be plentiful.

Another important choice we make on a daily basis, is prayer. Prayer shapes our lives and who we are as individuals. When we choose to pray, and who we pray for strengthens our faith. It humbles us before the Lord.

If you choose not to pray, and choose to gossip, and judge others, this path will lead you away from eternal life with God. It is during times of prayer and meditation that you are changing the world, one prayer at a time.



Having this freedom of choice is extremely important. The Bible bears witness to many accounts. For example, the story of Moses the prophet, (Exodus 2). It was ordered the killing of all newborn boys. A time where there was so much pain and suffering in the land, yet one mother chooses differently. She chose to save her son, because she believed that the Lord will look after her especially in times of tribulation. The Lord always delivered her safely and she made the decision that changed baby Moses' journey and the future of the Hebrew people.

With this freedom of choice, we see Our blessed St. Mary chose to surrender her heart into God's hands completely when she said to the angel "Behold the maid servant of the lord! Let it be to me according to your word "(Luke 1:38)

The story of Joseph also shows the power of choice. He chose to see Gods hand in his life. He chose to escape, speak the truth, to serve every where he went. From a slave, to a prisoner, to the second most powerful man in the kingdom. Even when he had no freedom, he still had the freedom of choice. He chose to be a face of love, faith and chose to believe in God.

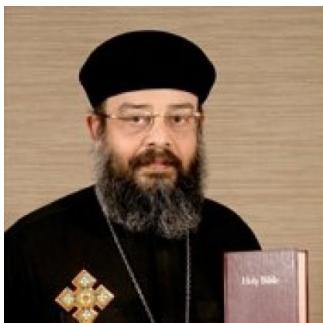
Joseph chose obedience and wisdom (Matt 1:18-25). The Shephard's listened and obeyed the angel when they appeared and told them to go to Bethlehem to (Luke 2:8-20). The three wisemen choose to see the newborn king and went with gifts (Matt 2:1-12). Could you image had they not chosen this path, just how different the world would be today. In more modern times, we see parents, teachers, Sunday school servants make big choices when dealing with us. Their choices, actions and words is how the younger generation are shaped.

Our choices, decisions and the freedom to make them determine who we are and the path we take in this life and on to the next. So, as we embark on the new year, may we continue to pray and rejoice in the Lord's name. As St. Paul said "Rejoice in the Lord always" (Philippians 4:4) and Prophet David speaks about choosing to glorify God always (Psalm 150).

**All things are lawful for me, but not all things are helpful;
all things are lawful for me, but not all things edify. (1Cor 10:23)**



سنہ 2021 الرجاء والنجاة



القمحص / مرقس يسى

دائماً يتكلم الله مع الإنسان يرسل رسائل كثيرة ومتعددة إلينا يتكلم من خلال الطبيعة .. من خلال السموات التي تحدث بمجده وفلك الذي يخبر بعمل يديه.... من خلال الضمير الذي يبكي ... والروح القدس الذي يرشد ... والآباء والوعاظ والمعلمون الذين يعلمون... الله يتكلم من خلال الصحة والمرض والموت ... ومن خلال الكوارث والأوئلة.. من خلال الحاجة والعز .. بالضيق وبالعجز لأن الفاهمون يتلمسون يد الله والجاهل يعتبرها الغاز.

الله يتكلم معنا أيضاً من خلال الأرقام . فهي خاضعة لخطبة معينة وإشارات واضحة في كل الكتاب المقدس :

﴿ كمثال رقم 3 فهو رقم الثالوث القدس . وهو رقم كمال الكمال الإلهي . هو رقم القيمة ورقم التسبيح الكامل حيث نقول قدوس قدوس قدوس .

﴿ وأيضاً رقم 7 هو رقم الكمال الروحي والزماني . رقم الراحة Sabbath . أليلاً استراح بعد ظهور الغمامات في صلاته السابعة ، ونعمان السرياني شفي بعدها أغتنس في النهر 7 مرات . أسوار أريحا سقطت بعد الدورة السابعة في اليوم السابع . وأخنوح السابع الذي صعد إلى السماء .

هو رقم الفرح المسيحي Rejoice الذي هو ثمر الروح القدس الذي يعمل في أسرار الكنيسة السبعة . وثمر الاحتفال بالأعياد السيدية السبعة وصلوات الكنيسة السبعة .

﴿ رقم 2 يشير للتجسد وإلى الأقوام الثاني الذي هو المسيح الكلمة وهو سلامنا الذي جعل الاثنين واحداً (أفسس 2 : 14)

﴿ رقم 10 كمال الوصايا ، وكمال البشرية كما ذكر في العذارى العشرة .

السنة الجديدة 2021 = (3 × 7) + (2 × 10) (وهذه السنة تذكرنا بالآتي : □



فرحنا وراحتنا بالعلاقة بالثالوث القدس والتسبيح له . إن الحصول على السلام هو من شخص المسيح وتنفيذ كل وصياته .

السنة الجديدة 2021 تذكرنا بأن $20 + 21 = 41$ وهي تذكرة دائماً بالآلام المسيح الكفارية التي بذلها من أجل خلاصنا ومن خلالها نلنا النجاة والرجاء . ولذا لنا ثقة إن هذه السنة هي سنة نوال التدبير الإلهي لراحة الإنسان .

سنة حلوة مع يسوع



The gift of Incarnation

Fr Samuel E

During this glorious festive season, we focus on the Nativity, during which many people think of the birth of Christ. Whilst it is undeniable that Christ's birth is intimately associated with His incarnation, yet the mystery of Incarnation is much more than simply a miracle of a virgin birth. Indeed, the church fathers appreciated it as a much more glorious event- A marriage between God and man.

The story of God's redemption of man began as soon as man fell from God's glory. Man's grave sin was the first sign of idolatry. St Athanasius recognised in his book 'Against The Heathens' that man was created to do righteous works, since He knew no evil, relating His nature only to God's goodness. Evil later proceeded when man turned from God and related evil to himself, preferring the sensual, rather than the spiritual nature of his creation. By the time Christ came to the world, man had been enveloped in sin, living in 'darkness' and 'in the shadow of death'. This was the 'Fulness of time', in which Christ had to come: 'The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light has dawned' (Mat 4: 16).

According to St Athanasius, since creation had begun in 'nothingness', it tended to return to 'nothingness'. Christ, in His great love had to accomplish His plan to mankind at this very time. He came 'just in time' to save us, and thereby also giving us His greatest gift, the gift of Incarnation. The term 'fullness of time' here then refers to the manner by which God works to save man 'just when man most needed God', as God often works.

If we think of the great honour that a city receives when a significant person lives in it, we can likewise appreciate Christ who has glorified man's humanity by taking it to be His own. By doing so, He has effectively been 'married' to our souls, adjoining to us and uniting us to Himself. This was indicated in His prayer to the Father: "*that they also may be one in Us*" (Jn 17: 21). Bishop Epiphanius (of blessed memory) also noted that, in previous translation of John 1: 14, the verse was translated as: '*The Word became flesh, and dwelt IN US*', a similar idea of Christ uniting us to Himself. This was indeed the understanding of our holy church fathers throughout the centuries. St Basil says of the feast of Nativity: '*Let us celebrate the salvation of the world; let us celebrate the birth of humanity*'. In the Wednesday Theotokia, we express this mystical union between God and man, as we sing: '*Hail to the bridal chamber, decorated in every way, for the true Bridegroom, who united with humanity*' (5th verse)- A verse depicting St Mary's womb as the bridal chamber in which God united Himself to humanity in glorious marital love of perfect union. All these certainly reflect a biblical Pauline understanding of the significance of the incarnation: "*That you may be filled with all the fulness of God*" (Eph 3: 19).





Through the incarnation God has granted humanity the perfect gift of being united to Himself. At the same time, God achieved many of His promises needed by man for salvation:

To see God directly, be taught by Him and believe He is the image of the Father;
To be sanctified in Him and in His teachings'
To regain the incorruptible nature, we had been created with;
To join with Christ in His incorruption to be victorious over our worst enemy, death.

**May we all receive this greatest of gifts from God with appreciation and joy
during this holy feast.**



تاريخ الكنيسة - المجامع المسكونية المقدسة

2. مجمع القسطنطينية 381 م

د. جورج جوزيف

انفصال الطوائف المسيحية

في القرن الخامس حدث الانشقاق الكبير بين الكنسيتين الشرقية والغربية بسبب مجمع خلقيدونية (عام 451 م) ، فأصبحت كنائس الشرق تحت قيادة كنيسة الإسكندرية تعرف بالكنائس الأرثوذكسية وكنائس الغرب تحت قيادة كنيسة روما وسميت بالكنائس الكاثوليكية.

إلى أن جاء القرن الحادي عشر حيث انفصلت كنائس القسطنطينية واليونانية وشقيقتها عن الكنيسة اللاتينية وأصبحت هي الأخرى تعرف بالكنيسة الأرثوذكسية

في القرن السادس عشر (سنة 1529م) قام مارتن لوثر بثورة ضد الكنيسة الكاثوليكية واطلقوا على أتباعه البروتستانت.

+ ملحوظة هامة: لا تعتبر طوائف الارافنت أو شهود يهوه مسيحيون .

الأرثوذكسيّة: كلمة يونانية تعني الرأي الحق أو المستقيم

الكاثوليكيّة: كلمة يونانية تعني عام أو جامعة لأنها جمعت كل الكنائس الغربية

البروتستانتيّة: معناها الاحتجاج او المعارضة



Bethlehem and The Church

Nabil Mesiha

"Hail to you O Bethlehem, the city of the prophets, who has foretold of the birth of Emmanuel."

(Doxology of Nativity)

There is some resemblance between Bethlehem and the Church.

The Bread of Life

Bethlehem is the place where the Lord was born. It is interpreted "House of Bread," because the Son of God Who was born here is the Bread of Life, as He Himself said in His Gospel, "*I am the Living Bread that came down from heaven*". The "Korban" (bread) is also prepared with great solemnity, in a special building attached to the Church, called "Bethlehem".



The House of Angels

At the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, there was a great shouting in Bethlehem; for the Angels came down, and gave praise there. Their voices were a great thunder: at that voice of praise the shepherds came, and gave praise to the Son. We also call the Church "The House of Angels". Praises are always chanted with great joy. We say – before doxologies – "Let us praise with the angels saying: Glory to God in the highest..." (Luke 2:14)

"Blessed are you, Bethlehem, that the towns envy you and the fortified cities! As they envy you, so the women envy St Mary, and the virgins daughters of princes. Blessed the maiden in whom He deigned to abide and the city wherein He deigned to sojourn a poor maiden, and a small city, He chose Him to humble Himself." (St Ephrem The Syrian)

Oblations and Gifts to The King of Kings:

In Bethlehem, the shepherds came laden with the best gifts of their flock: sweet milk, clean flesh, befitting praise! They gave Joseph the flesh, Mary the milk, and the Son the praise! They brought and presented a suckling lamb to the Paschal Lamb, a first-born to the First-born, a sacrifice to the Sacrifice, a lamb of time to the Lamb of Truth. The Magi also presented unto Him gifts: gold, frankincense and myrrh, praising with the rest, worshipping Him.



In our Church people present offerings to the Church. In "The Litany of the Oblations", the deacon respond: "Pray for those who care for the, offerings, first-fruits, ..., that Christ our God may reward them in the heavenly Jerusalem, and forgive us our sins."

Immanuel, "God with us"

Blessed are you, O Bethlehem, for lo! Over you Isaiah exults in his prophecy "Lo a Virgin shall conceive and bear a Son Whose name is great mystery! Its interpretation is revealed in the Church! Two names that were joined and became one "Emmanuel", God be with you ever, Who joined you with His members!"

The Martyrs of Bethlehem:

When King Herod saw that he was deceived by the wise men, he sent forth and put to death all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its districts from two years old and under. Herod's intention was for Jesus to be slain among the children who were slain.

As Bethlehem has presented these young innocent children to God, our Church also celebrates the feasts of millions of other martyrs who gave their lives for the Lord and Master.



بيت لحم والكنيسة نبيل مسيحه



"السلام لك يا بيت لحم، مدينة الانبياء، الذين تنبأوا، عن ميلاد عمانوئيل." (ذكولوجية الميلاد)

بميلاد السيد المسيح في بيت لحم ، أصبحت تلك المدينة مثل كنيسة ، دعا الرب إليها الأمم (المجوس) بواسطة النجم العجيب لكنى يأتوا ويعدوه. ورغم أن بيت لحم كانت صغيرة ولم يكن حضنها يكفى ليضمهم جميعا ، اتسع حضن الكنيسة ليحتوى كل أبنائها.

خبز الحياة:

كلمة بيت لحم من أصل عبرى ، وتترجم "بيت الخبز" ، وهى المكان الذى ولد فيه السيد المسيح ، خبز الحياة الحقيقى. وقد أطلق على نفسه فى الإنجيل المقدس "أنا هو خبز الحياة الذى نزل من السماء". ويتم عمل القربان (الخبز المستخدم فى قداس الإفخارستيا) بطقس مقدس - تتنى فيه المزمير - فى حجرة خاصة ملحقة بالكنيسة يطلق عليها "بيت لحم".

بيت الملائكة والتسبيح:

عند ميلاد السيد المسيح ، سمعت أصوات التسبيح فى بيت لحم ، فقد ظهر جمهور من الجن السماى مسبحين الله. ولما سمعهم الرعاة أتوا هم أيضا ليسبحوا الأبن المولود. ونحن نطلق على الكنيسة أيضا "بيت الملائكة". وترنم التسابيح فى الكنيسة ببهجة وفرح عظيمين. ويردد الشعب قبل ترتيل الذكولوجيات تسبيحة الملائكة التى نردد

فيها: فلنسبح مع الملائكة قائلين: "الْمَجْدُ لِلّهِ فِي الْأَعْلَى، وَعَلَى الْأَرْضِ السَّلَامُ، وَبِالنَّاسِ الْمَسَرَّةُ.." (لو 2: 14) "مباركة أنت يا بيت لحم ، فالبلاد تحسدك وكذا المدن الحصينة! كما تحسد النسوة أيضاً مريم وكذا العذارى وبنات الأمراء. طوباك أيتها البتول التي ارتضى أن يحل في أحشائها والمدينة التي ارتضى أن يسكن فيها. لقد اختار فتاة فقيرة، ومدينة صغيرة لكنى ما يتضاع" (مار أفرام السريانى)

القرايبين والهدايا لملك الملوك:

فى بيت لحم أتى الرعاة محملين بأفضل الهدایا مما لديهم من القطعان: اللبن الحليب واللحم وأيضا التسابيح اللانقة ، فأعطوا اللحوم ليوسف النجار والبن لمريم ، والتسابيح للبن المولود. لقد أحضروا أيضا حملار ضيقا ليقدموه لحمل الفصح ، قدموها ذبيحة للذبيحة الحقيقة ، حملأ زمنيا للحمل الحقيقى. أما المجوس فقدموا له هدايا ذهبا ولبانا ومرا ، مسبحين مع البقية وساجدين له". (الأسبسمس الواطس للميلاد).

وفى الكنيسة يقدم الشعب القرابين. وفي أوشية القرابين يردد الشمامس "اطلبوا عن المهتمين بالصعائد، والقرابين، والبكور، ، لكي المسيح إلينا يكافهم في أورشليم السماوية، ويعفر لنا خطيانا."

عمانوئيل "الله معنا" ومفهوم الكنيسة:

مباركة أنت يا بيت لحم التي تنبأ أشعيا عما سيحدث فيك بابتهاج قائلا: "ولكن يعطيكم السيد نفسه آية: ها العذراء تحبل وتأتى ابنا وتدعوه اسمه عمانوئيل" أش (7 : 14). وتفسير اسم عمانوئيل "الله معنا" يتحقق في المفهوم الصحيح للكنيسة! الله معنا للأبد ، رأس الكنيسة والأعضاء ثابتة فيه.

شهداء بيت لحم:

لما رأى هيرودس الملك أنَّ المجوس سخروا به غضب . فقتل جميع الصبيان الذين في بيت لحم وفي كل ثخومها، من ابن سنين فما دون . وكان يظن أن يسوع سيكون معهم. وكما قدمت بيت لحم هؤلاء الأطفال الأبراء الشهداء لله ، تعيد الكنيسة أيضا في إحتفالات جليلة بذكر استشهاد الملائين من الشهداء الأبرار الذين بذلوا حياتهم من أجل محبتهم في الملك السماى.



Cana of Galilee meeting

Producing Godly Families!

Godly families are the bedrock of any spiritual community, and having godly children is a blessing that many parents long for. The big question many are asking is how does one actually produce a godly family.

Principle One: Godly Families Begin with Godly Marriages

"It is critical to begin with a right understanding about the subject of families, and that is this: God is FOR family, and God is for you. The Godhead is a family, and it is clear throughout scripture that it's God's desire to extend this family. Family begins with the marriage of a man to a woman. Marriage is a God covenant, a God idea—it was not just a good idea thought up by someone down the centuries. The permanency of such a covenant, in an age where marriage is anything but permanent, is the primary foundation to create a good bedrock for a godly family."

Principle Two: Raising Godly Children Is a Parent's Mandate and Responsibility

"God said to the first married couple, 'Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth.' As man was made in the image of God, His desire was that His offspring would also be reproduced in His image. This injunction from God has not changed. Christian couples must always be mindful that God desires them to send out kingdom offspring, in His image, and as lights into a dark world. This is a big responsibility that God has given to married couples."

"It can never be emphasised too strongly that bringing up children in the nurture and love of God is a divine call and command. There is always a danger that couples, perhaps unconsciously, consider their children to be appendages and burdens which bring restrictions upon their own personal plans and lives. The reality is that in the span of eternity (and let's be honest, even the span of an adult life), the time taken to raise a child from birth to adulthood is very brief. In these years, the influence that parents will have on their children, for good or bad, is incalculable. The Word says, 'Train up a child in the way he should go, and . . . he will not depart from it.' Remember—however you act as a parent, will train your child."

"Further, a married couple who are Christian must always be aware that it is their own responsibility as parents to bring their children up in the love and nurture of the Lord. So many couples abdicate this responsibility, and seek to transfer it onto their church leaders and church communities. Other influences can be good, but cannot replace parental responsibility before God."

Principle Three: Discipline in a Godly Family

"Discipleship is about living in obedience to God's will and purpose; many people find it difficult to live in obedience to God when they have never learnt to be obedient to their parents in the first place."

"People often equate discipline and punishment as being the same thing; it is not. A couple must be united, one together, with the disciplines they place around their family for safety and protection. Punishment only occurs when children flagrantly



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disobey what they have been clearly told by their parents to do, or not to do. We always found when our children understood this, there was rarely any need for punishment.”

Principle Four: Maintaining a Right Attitude

“One important family value, which we have built in as a discipline, has been that we do not argue or carry bad attitudes with each other—the child is taught from an early age to resolve conflict with a right attitude. These issues were often what we talked and prayed about at the ‘family altar’, and this was how issues were generally settled.”

Principle Five: Praying as a Family

“It can be cliché, but it is true—the family that prays together, stays together. Parents must pray together as a couple, and with their children. The importance of such a family altar can never be emphasized enough. Many have asked us through the years, ‘At what age do you start to pray with your children?’ The truth is that couples should already be praying together before the children arrive, as part of a healthy marriage, so that when children are born, they are brought into the correct environment. Children should never be in an environment where family prayer is not a normal part of family life. A family’s life in God together should never be underestimated—it is the foundation of a strong family in an ungodly world.”

Families who pray, pull, and play together stay together, and shine out as a bright light in a dark and confused world





Year 10-12

The Many Gifts of Christmas

The giving of gifts at Christmas is a tradition we all enjoy and partake in. Although it may have started as a pagan ritual held during the winter months, when Christianity incorporated this ritual into Christmas, it was focused on the Magi (Three wise men), when they visited the Baby Jesus bearing gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh.



The birth of Christ is an invaluable gift to us, a fulfilment of a promise, a great demonstration of Love to mankind, a reigniting of hope for everlasting life, and an unconditional state of joy.

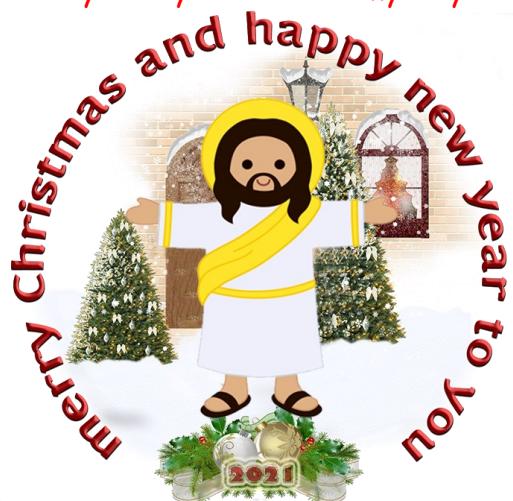
The Gift of Love: The greatest gift of all is that of God's love for each of us. His birth was a fulfilment of a promise made hundreds of years previously that He will not let us perish, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son..." John 3:16, but rather He took on our sins to become our Saviour, "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends" John 15:13

The Gift of Life: The birth of Jesus and His death meant the gift of everlasting life. Although Christ died on the cross to pay the price of our sin, His resurrection overcame death, and re-opened the gates of heaven for us all "... that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life". If it wasn't for Christmas, we would not be living in the hope for the life to come.

The Gift of Joy: "But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will bring great joy for all people" Luke 2:10. Joy is a sense of being irrespective of any circumstances. Joy transcends whatever happens in the world around us. Joy is the infallible sign that God is present in our lives, and comes through our relationship with Him.

These and many more are wonderful gifts from God, but like the wise men that gifted Jesus with precious gifts, what could we possibly present to Christ on His birthday?

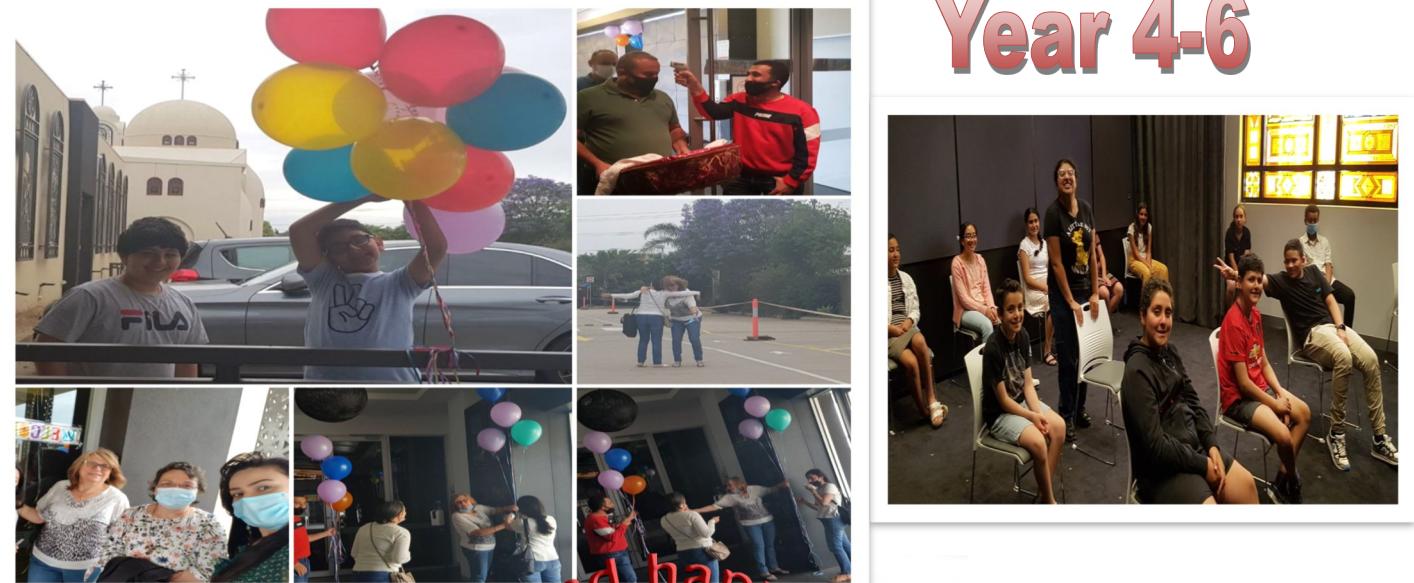
"My son, give me your heart, and let your eyes observe my ways" Prov 23:26





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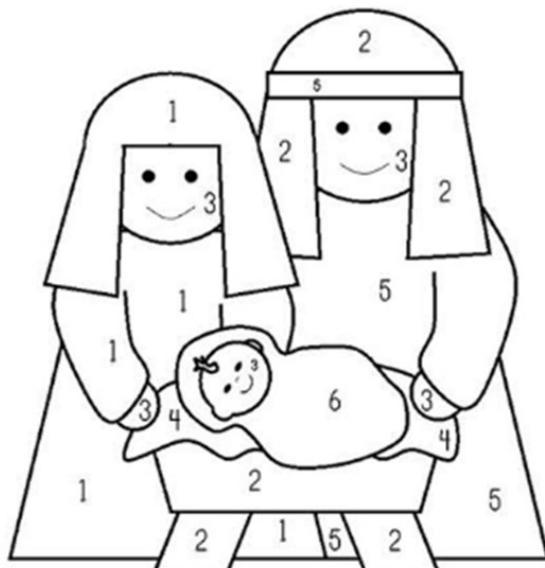




Prep Sunday school classes

"By the Grace of God. The toddlers, kinder and prep Sunday school classes have returned back to church. We thank you Lord for hearing our prayers. Thank you to all the parents for your support in Sunday school during this past year. God bless you all"

Nativity Color by Number



1-blue 2-brown 3-skin 4-yellow 5-orange 6-white

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Church news

Weddings

“They are no longer two, but one flesh” (Mk 10: 8)

St. George's Congratulates the recently married couples:



**Mina Farag
& Mary-Charmaine**



**Mina Tawfik
& Nicole Polini**



May the Lord bless them with a joyful and harmonious life together for many years to come



Baptisms

“Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God” (Jn 3: 5)

St George's congratulates the blessed families on their children's baptism

George and Sara Yassa for their son Joseph.



Daniel and Fibi Atia for their son Philopateer

Michael and Nermene Henin for their daughter Elana (bapt Demiana)



May they all mature to become true children of God.



Our VCE champions

St George's church priests and committee congratulates all our VCE champions who have successfully completed their high school studies. May the lord guide and support them in getting to their chosen career and be a shining light to the world.



Nativity feast celebration for Sunday School

Thursday 7 Jan

Prep class at 10:30-11 am

Grades 1-6 at 11:30-12:45

Sunday 10 Jan

**High School Years 7-12 at
5-8pm**





From the Church Committee

The committee is happy to announce the approval of major works of the playground area, with the laying down of proper foundation and drainage, synthetic grass, area for soccer, basketball (and other activities), fencing and lighting, all made to professional standards. This is expected to be started late Jan till end March 21 at cost of about \$150,000.

Icon work: A night-lit glass-decorated icon will be replacing the previously damaged mosaic of St George at the church entrance

Factory purchase: Unfortunately, the owners have withdrawn their decision to sell for now.

Australia Day Church outing & BBQ

Come for another fun day out with the family to enjoy another outing to Rye on the next public holiday (see poster page on this magazine):

Fun activities on bus and at the beach with many prizes to be won

Luxury transport with familiar friends

Sumptuous BBQ lunch at the beach- Chops, sausages, Kofta, salads, rice, fruits

Prizes to be won

When? Tues 26 January 8:30am from St George's church, returning around 6:30pm

Options available:

Option 1: Fully catered (transport and BBQ lunch)- Cost: \$40 (Adults); \$30 (children)

Option 2: BBQ Lunch only (own transport): Adults \$20; children: \$12 (booking still required for catering purposes)

All invited

bookings will be accepted only by finalising a non-refundable payment till 19 January.



Includes:

Travel by Coach bus.
Park for the kids.
Fun activities and prizes.
BBQ lunch (meat and kofta, salad, rice, fruit and sweets, drinks)
Or travel in your own car and have lunch with us.

See you there!

COST

Travel by coach bus including lunch.
\$40 per Adult. \$30 per Child over 12yrs.

Bring your own car option.

\$20 per Adult and \$12 per child, we will include your Lunch. Bookings essential to allow for catering.
(Selection of BBQ , kofta, rice , salad, sweets, fruit,water and soft drinks)

ST GEORGE CHURCH AUSTRALIA DAY OUTING

Rye Foreshore Park

2376 Point Nepean Rd, Rye VIC 3941



**JAN 26
DEPART 9AM SHARP
RETURN 6PM**

Booking end date
19 Jan 2021
spots are limited.



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