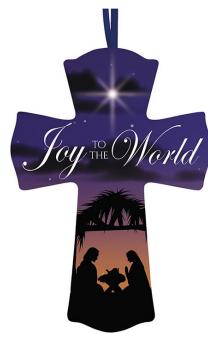


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SATURDAY VIGIL MASSES (For Sunday)

- 4:00 pm Polish: *Every 1st Saturday of the month*
4:00 pm Spanish: *Every 2nd Saturday of the month*
6:30 pm English
6:30 pm *1st and 2nd Saturday Children's Mass*
4:00 pm *3rd, 4th & 5th Saturday Children's Mass*

SUNDAY MASSES

- 8:00 am English
9:30 am Greek
10:30 am English
12:00 nn French: *Every 1st Sunday of the month*
12:00 nn Tagalog: *Every 2nd Sunday of the month*
12:00 nn Indian: *Every 3rd Sunday of the month*
12:00 nn Sinhala: *Every 4th Sunday of the month*
6:30 pm English

WEEKDAY MASSES

- 7:30 am Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday - English
7:30 am Tuesday - Greek *St. Anthony Devotion*
6:30 pm Every day - English

MASSES IN NORTH CYPRUS

- 10:30am St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Kyrenia - *Every Sunday* - English
12:00 nn St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Kyrenia - *Every Sunday* - English
5:00 pm Famagusta - *Every Sunday* - English

Merry Christmas And Happy New Year Messages 2022

New Year is always followed by Christmas. All the Christian people celebrate a long festival starting from Christmas to New Year for almost a week long. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2022 Messages come to great use in the festive season to wish precious people in our lives. The messages will let them know how significant they are to you and will make them merry on knowing it. So, it is a good thing to send them the messages for both the occasions at the same time.

It is time for the New Year and we are here with the best new year wishes you would look out for. As the Christmas and New Year celebrations go hand in hand, we are here with the wishes combinedly. These wishes will assuredly make you merry on reading them.

May the Angels bless us all on this day and shower us with peace, good health and happiness. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Fr. Andrew Arhin ofm
Parish Priest



The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of December 2021

Intention for Evangelization: - Catechists

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given:

SEASON CELEBRATIONS

ADVENT-CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME

THE PROGRAMME FOR THE ENTIRE PERIOD WILL BE PUBLISHED AND POSTED AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH VERY SOON.

BELOW WE GIVE SOME ESSENTIAL PRELIMINARY INFORMATION.

(THE PROGRAMME MAY VARY, DEPENDING ON NEW REGULATIONS DUE TO CORONAVIRUS.)

5 December: 2nd Sunday of Advent

8 December, Wednesday: The Immaculate Conception of the

BVM Holy Masses 7:30 am and 6:30pm

12 December: 3rd Sunday of Advent

16–24 December: Christmas Novena with meditation

19 December: 4th Sunday of Advent

24 December, Friday: Christmas Vigil

6:30 pm: *Christmas Vigil Mass for Children*

10:30 pm: *Reading of the Gospel of Christ's Birth and Carol Singing*

12:00 midnight: *Solemn High Mass of Christ's Nativity*

25 December, Saturday: The Nativity of the Lord

(Christmas Day)



Holy Masses as on Sundays

26 December, Sunday: Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

28 December, Tuesday: The Holy Innocents

31 December, Friday



6:30 pm: *Thanksgiving Mass for the end of the year 2021 with the proclamation of the Te Deum of Thanksgiving.*

1 January 2022, Saturday: New Year's Day

Feast of Mary, Mother of God, Θεοτόκος

6 January 2022, Thursday: Epiphany of the Lord

*The Fathers of Holy Cross Parish, Fr. Jerzy, Fr. Andrew, Fr. Danièlemosé, Fr. Peter and Fr. Zacheusz wish to all parishioners
A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year 2022*

Readings for Sunday Masses and Christmas Mass (Year C)

2nd Sunday of Advent (5/12)

Bar 5:1-9

Ps 126:1-6

Phil 1:4-6 8-11

Lk 3:1-6

3rd Sunday of Advent (12/12)

Zap 3:14-18

Is 12:2-6

Phil 4:4-7

Lk 3:10-18

4th Sunday of Advent (19/12)

Mi 5:1-45

Ps 80:2-3 15-16 18-19

Heb 10:5-10

Lk 1:39-45

Nativity of the Lord (25/12)

Readings of Vigil, Midnight, Day Masses from the proper readings.

Holy Family Sunday (26/12)

Sm 1:20-22 24-28/Sir 3:2-6 12-14 Ps 84:2-3 5-6 9-19

1Jn 3:1-2 21-24/Col 3:12-21

Lk 2:41-52

2nd Sunday of Christmas (2/1)

Ecc 24:1-2 8-12

Ps 147: 12-15 19-20

Eph 1:3-6 15-18

Jn 1:1-18

Epiphany of the Lord (6/1)

Is 60:1-6

Ps 71:1-13

Eph 3: 2-3 5-6

Mt 2:1-12

and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be:

PARISH NEWS



ECUMENICAL PRAYER WITH MIGRANTS AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS IN NICOSIA "DEC 03, 2021"

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS & MESSAGES

As Advent advances and the year 2021 draws to a close, with the festive season of Christmas and the dawn of the New Year 2022, we recall the many different experiences the Lord let us live, each one of us in our own lives, and together, united in the faith, at the Holy Cross, this year.

The year 2021 has been especially unique for us at the Holy Cross, especially with the experience of the historic event of the visit of the Pope Francis, despite the crisis of the pandemic, from 2 to 4 December 2021 and his stay in our Parish. All of us at the Parish Council were working in different ways with the organisation of the Pope's visit, the preparations and the execution of the visit itself and it has been a great honour.

The visit of Pope Francis to Cyprus, all the scheduled meetings which have been broadcast live, both within Cyprus by the state broadcasting corporation, as well as internationally by a great number of media, has proved to be a resounding success, as has been reported widely, despite the short time available for its preparation and the pandemic circumstances under which it took place - the Lord has blessed us strongly!

All the meetings and liturgies of the Pope Francis in Cyprus as transmitted live, are now available on the Holy Cross website (www.holy-cross-nicosia.com), from where you can follow and listen to the words, the homily and addresses of Pope Francis in Cyprus, translated in English, as well as Greek.

The Parish Council has also decided, the 2022 Holy Cross Calendar to be dedicated to the visit of Pope Francis in Cyprus, with pictures and appropriate extracts from his addresses during his visit. It will include too, the Church's Liturgical Calendar, references of the readings of the Holy Mass each day, the prayer of the Church and the liturgical seasons and feasts for Cyprus and our Parish of the Holy Cross. The calendar will be available as soon as possible in December - a great gift for you and your loved ones for the new year.

As we go forward through Advent, we pray we all prepare well for the coming of the Lord in our lives. In this respect, you can also find on the Holy Cross website appropriate references to Advent, its meaning and call for us as Christians, which may prove a valuable reminder, help and encouragement at this time.

We wish you, your loved ones, our priests and religious and all of us in our Parish a wonderful Advent and Christmas, and a Happy New Year 2022 full of the abundant Hope the Lord brings to each one of us and His endless mercy. We pray that the Lord may bless you and our Parish especially at this time - and do not forget to pray for us on the Parish Council too!

Akis Hjirossif (Chairman of the Parish Council - email: holcrossparishcouncil@yahoo.com)

Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

MORE NEWS

Apostolic Letter

PATRIS CORDE

OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS

ON THE 150th ANNIVERSARY OF THE PROCLAMATION OF SAINT JOSEPH AS PATRON OF THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH

In the first dream, an angel helps him resolve his grave dilemma: "Do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins" (*Mt* 1:20-21). Joseph's response was immediate: "When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him" (*Mt* 1:24). Obedience made it possible for him to surmount his difficulties and spare Mary.

In the second dream, the angel tells Joseph: "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him" (*Mt* 2:13). Joseph did not hesitate to obey, regardless of the hardship involved: "He got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod" (*Mt* 2:14-15).

In Egypt, Joseph awaited with patient trust the angel's notice that he could safely return home. In a third dream, the angel told him that those who sought to kill the child were dead and ordered him to rise, take the child and his mother, and return to the land of Israel (cf. *Mt* 2:19-20). Once again, Joseph promptly obeyed. "He got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel" (*Mt* 2:21).

During the return journey, "when Joseph heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. After being warned in a dream" - now for the fourth time - "he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth" (*Mt* 2:22-23).

The evangelist Luke, for his part, tells us that Joseph undertook the long and difficult journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem to be registered in his family's town of origin in the census of the Emperor Caesar Augustus. There Jesus was born (cf. *Lk* 2:7) and his birth, like that of every other child, was recorded in the registry of the Empire. Saint Luke is especially concerned to tell us that Jesus' parents observed all the prescriptions of the Law: the rites of the circumcision of Jesus, the purification of Mary after childbirth, the offering of the firstborn to God (cf. 2:21-24). [15]

In every situation, Joseph declared his own "fiat", like those of Mary at the Annunciation and Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. In his role as the head of a family, Joseph taught Jesus to be obedient to his parents (cf. *Lk* 2:51), in accordance with God's command (cf. *Ex* 20:12).

During the hidden years in Nazareth, Jesus learned at the school of Joseph to do the will of the Father. That will was to be his daily food (cf. *Jn* 4:34).

(To be continued)

CATECHESIS OF POPE FRANCIS

SUMMARY OF THE POPE'S CATECHESIS IN ENGLISH:

Nov 17 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In this year of Saint Joseph, today we begin a new series of catechesis on the humble carpenter of Nazareth, the foster-father of the child Jesus and the patron of the Universal Church.

In Hebrew, the name Joseph evokes God's power to bring about growth and new life. Joseph teaches us to trust in God's providence quietly at work in our world. His life is principally associated with two small towns, Bethlehem and Nazareth, reminding us that God's preferential love is for the poor and those on the margins of life. God chose Bethlehem, the city of David, as the place where his Son was to be born under the watchful care of Joseph, who was himself of the house of David.

By his life and example, Saint Joseph reminds us that, in our own day, the Church is called to proclaim the good news of Christ's coming, beginning with the existential peripheries of our world. The poor and forgotten in our midst can look to him as a sure guide and protector in their lives.

Let us ask Saint Joseph to intercede for the Church, that we may always set forth anew from Bethlehem, in order to see and appreciate what is essential in God's eyes.

I greet the English-speaking pilgrims and visitors taking part in today's Audience, especially the groups from The Netherlands, Denmark and the United States of America. In this month of November, let us pray for our deceased loved ones, and for all who have died, that the Lord in his mercy will welcome them into the Kingdom of heaven. Upon all of you, and your families, I invoke the joy and peace of Christ. May God bless you!

We would like to thank the Holy Cross Liturgical & Filipino Groups for preparing this year the manger of Christ's Nativity.

Coffee Morning in the Library

Attention!

During the time of pandemic coffee morning is suspended!!!

Notices, Contributions, etc. for the Parish Newsletter

Please send your notices and other contributions for the next newsletter to **Berna** (bernadette@cytanet.com.cy) and/or to the Parish priest (holycross@cytanet.com.cy), or leave them in an envelope in the Church Library.

Deadline for submissions: 20 December

If you wish to receive the Parish Newsletter electronically, send an email to Berna bernadette@cytanet.com.cy

Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. [Isaiah 9:6-7]