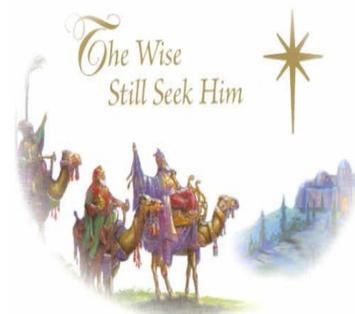


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January 2022

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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*
4:00 pm 3rd, 4th & 5th Saturday Children's Mass
6:30 pm 1st and 2nd Saturday Children's Mass
6:30 pm English Mass

SUNDAY MASSES

- 8:00 am English
9:30 am Greek
10:30 am English
12:00 nm French: *Every 1st Sunday of the month*
12:00 nm Tagalog: *Every 2nd Sunday of the month*
12:00 nm Indian: *Every 3rd Sunday of the month*
12:00 nm Sinhala: *Every 4th Sunday of the month*
6:30 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 nm St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Kyrenia - *Every Sunday* - English
5:00 pm Famagusta - *Every Sunday* - English

Arise and shine all my Catholic faithful,

A new year is a powerful occasion, it is a time when we reflect on our gratitude for the past and our hope for the future. And it's a chance to welcome a fresh start to reinvigorate our enthusiasm for chasing goals and dreams. With so much pressure at the moment, it can be hard to come up with just the right words to express new year wishes for friends, family, and loved ones.

Ring in the New Year is a cause for celebration, for spending time with God.

Wishing you all a happy New Year with the hope that you will have many blessings in the year to come.

Rev. Fr. Andrew Arhin, ofm
Parish Priest

The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for the Month of January 2022

Intention for Evangelization: - Human Fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.



January 18-25

We Saw His Star in the East, and We Came To Worship Him
Matthew 2:2

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

At least once a year, Christians are reminded of Jesus' prayer for his disciples that "they may be one so that the world may believe" . John 17 .21.

Like the Magi who braved the perils of a long and dangerous journey to find the Christ child, our Christian brothers and sisters in the Middle East face many hardships as they strive to live out their faith in Christ. Our prayer in solidarity with their suffering is a light of hope and communion.

Father of light, unchanging God, you reveal to men of faith

January Calendar

CELEBRATIONS

Saturday 1st January

Mary, the Holy Mother of God
Solemnity



MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

"Mary, the all-holy ever-virgin Mother of God, is the masterwork of the mission of the Son and the Spirit in the fullness of time. For the first time in the plan of salvation and because his Spirit had prepared her, the Father found the dwelling place where his Son and his Spirit could dwell among men. In this sense the Church's Tradition has often read the most beautiful texts on wisdom in relation to Mary. Mary is acclaimed and represented in the liturgy as the "Seat of Wisdom." — *Catechism of the Catholic Church* 721

Thursday 6th January

Epiphany of the Lord
Solemnity



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Epiphany means manifestation. What the Church celebrates is the manifestation of our Lord to the whole world; after being made known to the shepherds of Bethlehem He is revealed to the Magi who have come from the East to adore Him. Christian tradition has ever seen in the Magi the first fruits of the Gentiles; they lead in their wake all the peoples of the earth, and thus the Epiphany is an affirmation of universal salvation. St Leo brings out this point admirably in a sermon, read at Matins, in which he shows in the adoration of the Magi the beginnings of Christian faith, the time when the great mass of the heathen sets off to follow the star which summons it to seek its Saviour.

Sunday 9th January

Baptism of the Lord
Feast



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

In the Eastern Church this feast is called Theophany because at the baptism of Christ in the River Jordan God appeared in three persons. The baptism of John was a sort of sacramental preparatory for the Baptism of Christ. It moved men to sentiments of repentance and induced them to confess their sins. Christ did not need the baptism of John. Although He appeared in the "substance of our flesh" and was recognised "outwardly like unto ourselves", He was absolutely sinless and impeccable. He conferred upon the water the power of the true Baptism which would remove all the sins of the world: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him Who takes away the sin of the world".

Monday 25th January

Conversion of St Paul
Feast



THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL

St Paul, named Saul at his circumcision, a Jew of the tribe of Benjamin, was born at Tarsus, the capital of Cilicia. He was a Roman citizen. He was brought up as a strict Jew, and later became a violent persecutor of the Christians. While on his way to Damascus to make new arrests of Christians, he was suddenly converted by a miraculous apparition of Our Lord. From a fierce persecutor he became the great Apostle of the Gentiles. He made three missionary journeys which brought him to the great centres of Asia Minor and southern Europe, and made many converts. Fourteen of his Epistles are found in the New Testament. He was beheaded in Rome around 66 A.D., and his relics are in the Basilica of St. Paul Outside-the-Walls near the Ostian Way.

Readings for Sunday Masses

<i>2nd Sunday of Christmas (2/01)</i>	Ecc 24:1-2 8-12	Ps 147:12-15 19-20	Eph 1:3-6 15-18	Jn 1:1-18
<i>Epiphany (6/01)</i>	Is 60:1-6	Ps 72:1-13	Eph 3:2-3 5-6	Mt 2:1-12
<i>Baptism of the Lord (9/01)</i>	Is 40:1-5 9-11	Ps 103:1-4 24-25 27-30	Titus 2:11-14 3:4-7	Lk 3:15-16 21-22
<i>2nd Sunday of OT (16/01)</i>	Is 62:1-5	Ps 95:1-3 7-10	1 Cor 12:4-11	Jn 2:1-11
<i>3rd Sunday of OT (23/01)</i>	Neh 8:2-6 8-10	Ps 18:8-10 15	1 Cor 12:12-30	Lk 1:1-4 4:14-21
<i>4th Sunday of OT (30/01)</i>	Jer 1:4-5 17-19	Ps 70:1-6 15 17	1 Cor 12:31 13:13	Lk 4:21-30

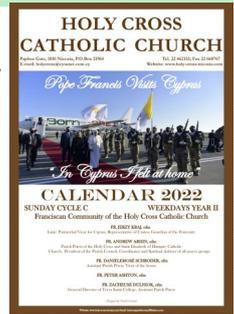
the resplendent fact of the Word made flesh. Your light is strong, Your love is near.

PARISH NEWS

The Fathers of the Holy Cross Church wish to all parishioners

2022
HAPPY NEW YEAR

The 2022 Holy Cross Parish Calendar commemorating the apostolic journey of Pope Francis to Cyprus is available for sale (€2.00)



"We are made for service" Thanks to all who work w/us "MANAGER 2021"



ONE IN MIND, ONE IN HEART & ONE IN THE SPIRIT



CHILDREN'S MASS & MIDNIGHT MASS

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS & MESSAGES

ΧΡΟΝΙΑ ΠΟΛΛΑ! ΕΥΛΟΓΗΜΕΝΟ ΤΟ ΝΕΟ ΕΤΟΣ 2022! May the hope the coming of Christ brings, be always with us, not only in the festive season of Christmas, but every day of every year, in 2022 and beyond, with the power and mercy of the Risen Lord Jesus strong in our lives. May we live every day with unconditional trust in Him, as did the Saints and countless people of faith, throughout their life, through the ages!

We note here, that the Holy Cross website (at www.holy-cross-nicosia.com) is running, since the beginning of the pandemic, instead of the monthly Movie Nights, a series entitled "Life of a Saint", with videos and references to a different saint every month, to inspire us in our call to be true disciples of Jesus Christ. This series will continue with a monthly publication dedicated to the life of a different saint each time throughout 2022.

On our website can also be found, all the meetings held during the visit in Cyprus of the Pope Francis last month, with videos of the live broadcasts and simultaneous translations, from his arrival at Larnaca airport on 2 December 2021 until his departure to Greece on 4 December 2021. This includes all the addresses of the Pope in Cyprus translated into English as well as Greek.

To the historic visit of the Pope Francis to Cyprus is also dedicated the 2022 Holy Cross Parish Calendar, which we hope everyone can obtain to accompany us every day over the next twelve months. It is a valuable reference with information, pictures and extracts from the Pope's addresses during his meetings while in Cyprus. It was made available just before Christmas, with information also about the daily mass readings, the liturgies, the daily prayers and the feasts of our Church and is still available although copies are limited.

The Parish Council at its first meeting this year, in addition to reviewing the situation with respect to the pandemic as it develops with its new wave now and the measures as decided by the authorities which may be affecting us too, will also be considering its Annual Plan accordingly.

As this new year begins, above all we trust in the Lord and His power, for our Parish, our priests and religious, our families and children, for every parishioner and for us on the Parish Council too. May His mercy always be with us and may He protect and strengthen us with His Holy Spirit every moment during 2022 and throughout our lives! Once more, may you have a Happy New Year full of blessings from the Risen Lord!

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

draw us beyond the limits which this world imposes

MORE NEWS

New Apostolate at POURNARA REFUGEE CAMP Mass at 3:00pm Every Saturday



“LOOK HOW IT IS GOOD WHEN BRETHREN ARE TOGETHER”

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

Even at the most difficult moment of his life, in Gethsemane, Jesus chose to do the Father's will rather than his own, [16] becoming "obedient unto death, even death on a cross" (*Phil* 2:8). The author of the Letter to the Hebrews thus concludes that Jesus "learned obedience through what he suffered" (5:8).

All this makes it clear that "Saint Joseph was called by God to serve the person and mission of Jesus directly through the exercise of his fatherhood" and that in this way, "he cooperated in the fullness of time in the great mystery of salvation and is truly a minister of salvation." [17]

4. *An accepting father*

Joseph accepted Mary unconditionally. He trusted in the angel's words. "The nobility of Joseph's heart is such that what he learned from the law he made dependent on charity. Today, in our world where psychological, verbal and physical violence towards women is so evident, Joseph appears as the figure of a respectful and sensitive man. Even though he does not understand the bigger picture, he makes a decision to protect Mary's good name, her dignity and her life. In his hesitation about how best to act, God helped him by enlightening his judgment". [18]

Often in life, things happen whose meaning we do not understand. Our first reaction is frequently one of disappointment and rebellion. Joseph set aside his own ideas in order to accept the course of events and, mysterious as they seemed, to embrace them, take responsibility for them and make them part of his own history. Unless we are reconciled with our own history, we will be unable to take a single step forward, for we will always remain hostage to our expectations and the disappointments that follow.

The spiritual path that Joseph traces for us is not one that *explains*, but *accepts*. Only as a result of this acceptance, this reconciliation, can we begin to glimpse a broader history, a deeper meaning. We can almost hear an echo of the impassioned reply of Job to his wife, who had urged him to rebel against the evil he endured: "Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?" (*Job* 2:10).

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Attention!

Morning coffee during the pandemic is

SUSPENDED!!!

to the life where Your Spirit makes all life complete. [Epiphany prayer]