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SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK AND THE NATIVITY

Sunday Evening: 6 p.m. Great Vespers for the Nativity

Monday: **THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD**

9:45 a.m. Matins

10:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Tuesday: **Synaxis of the Mother of God**

8:30 a.m. Matins and Typica

Wednesday: Protomartyr Archdeacon Stephan

7:15 a.m. Morning Prayer: Third Hour

Thursday: 7:15 a.m. Morning Prayer: First Hour

Friday: 7:15 a.m. Morning Prayer: Third Hour

Saturday: Saturday after the Nativity

6 p.m. Great Vespers

Sunday: 9:45 a.m. Matins

10:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Congratulations and happy birthday to Maya Audi (12/30). God grant you many years!

Stewardship

Last Sunday: Ordinary collection = \$586; candle offerings = \$45; donations = \$757.

Thanks for your generosity.

BISHOP'S APPEAL: As we prepare our hearts and our homes to receive the greatest gift in human history – the "New Child who is God from all eternity" – let us remember our Melkite Church by which Christ Himself comes to our families and loved ones. Christ relies upon your generosity to accomplish His great work! Extra forms are available on the back table.

Prayer List

Please remember – All those who are sick and in need: Alice & John Herro, Bill Koutris, Joe Frenn, Bill & Kathy Jones, Daphne Knowles-Thoma, Nick Langenfeld, Fr. Philaret, Henry Look, Fr. Frank Milienewicz (former pastor), Alice Nasr, Bob Peterson, Joe Radanovich, Beth Rodwell, Kathy Tomaz, David L. Toepper (David Toepper's father), Jennifer Whitmore, John Zambo, Kathy Zambo, and Dan Z. All those who have died: Andrew Geiger.

December 24, 2017 — Sunday of the Genealogy

Today's Divine Liturgy

Intention: Michele Nassif and family (Req. by the Dan and Dannie Flaherty)

Typica (p. 22ff, sung by cantor) and Beatitudes (p. 86ff)

Troparia:

1. **Resurrection tone 4 p. 74**
2. **Paramony of the Nativity:** At that time, since Mary was of the house of David, she registered with the Venerable Joseph in Bethlehem. She was with child, having conceived virginally. Her time was come and they could find no room in the inn, but the cave seemed a joyful palace for the Queen. Christ is born to renew the likeness that had been lost of old.
3. **Of the Forefathers:** Faith can accomplish great things. Through it, the Three Holy Children rejoice in the flames as if they had been in refreshing water, and Daniel in the midst of the lions is like a shepherd among his sheep. Through their intercession, O Christ God, save our souls!
4. **St. George, p. 25**
5. **Kontakion for Pre-Nativity:** Today the Virgin is on her way to the cave where she will give birth to the Eternal Word of God in an ineffable manner. Rejoice therefore, O Universe, when you hear this news, and glorify with the angels and the Shepherds, Him who shall appear as a new Child being God from all eternity.

Prokeimenon: *Blessed are you, O Lord, God of our fathers,
and your name is worthy of praise and glorious forever.*

Epistle: Hebrews 11:9-10; 32-40 (Reader: Gregory Zimmerman. Next Sunday: Teresa Zambo.)

Gospel: Matthew 1:1-25

Ushers: Said Audi, Bill Koutris. (Next Sunday: George Baho, Mark Spankowski.)