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READINGS			December / 2022		
December 18			Genealogy Sunday		
			Epistle	Gospel	
			Rom 1:1-12	Mt 1:1-17	
December 25			The Glorious Birth of Our Lord		
			Epistle	Gospel	
			Heb 1:1-12	Lk 2:1-20	
	TIME		*LITURGY INTENTI	ONS* FROM	
Mass Intentions			Remember your loved ones with Mass Intentions		
Dec. 18	11:00 A	M	Available		
Dec. 25	12:00 A	M	All Parishioners	By: The Priest	
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Dec. 25			All Parishioners	-	
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January 1, 2023 Available

To sponsor a coffee hour pls contact Ana Franca Abi-Aad :954.806.9909, <u>abetriz@yahoo.com</u> or Amale Gebrael:919.633.3557, <u>amal1014@yahoo.com</u> Donation for coffee hour is appreciated

PARISH OFFEE December 11, 20	Important Messages	
Weekly offering	\$770.00	Daily Readings
Stipend	\$100.00	Monday: Heb 11:1-6; Jn 8:1-11
Coffee Hour	\$109.00	Tuesday: Heb 11:7-10; Jn 8:12-20
Candle Intentions	\$58.00	Wednesday: Heb 11:11-16; Jn 8:21-24
Total Income	\$1,037.00	Thursday: Heb 11:17-22; Jn 8:25-30
Thank You for your gen	Friday: Heb 11:23-31; Jn 12:44-47	
your support	Saturday: Heb 11:32-40; Jn 12:48-50	

THE SANCTUARY LAMP



Is a vigil light burning 24/7 and kept near the Blessed Sacrament. The light indicates the unfathomable mystery of the Eucharistic presence of Jesus. It reminds us of the reverence due to the Sacrament. The burning light is a pious custom as a way of prolonging our adoration and prayer to honor His presence.

Thank You for Supporting Your Church

You may do so in various ways:

- By Mail at: 600 Mount Vernon Church Rd., Raleigh NC 27614
- Via our website www.saintshatbelchurch.org by clicking on Donate
- Direct Deposit to First Citizens Bank : Routing #: 053100300, Acc # 000861430571
- Vanco: by downloading the free Vanco Mobile application

Upcoming Second Collection

December 25: Pastor's Collection

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS - 2022

December 15-23:Christmas Novena with a Divine LiturgyDecember 17:Annual Christmas DinnerDecember 17:Raffle: \$10,000 First Prize; \$2,000 Second; \$1,000 ThirdDecember 25:Glorious Birth of Our Lord

Genealogy Sunday

Qurbono P. 66; Creed P. 748; Anaphora of St. John Chrysostom p. 876

Christmas Novena

The Christmas Novena, beginning on December 15 is nine consecutive days of prayer and is a wonderful way of preparing ourselves for the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ and getting into the Christmas spirit. Historically, the Christmas Novena was not part of the traditional Maronite Liturgy. It is a tradition that was inherited from the Latin Rite Catholic Church of the West in the 1500's when the Jesuit (Latin) Monks came to Lebanon and influenced the Maronite Church in many ways. Our Maronite Fathers took this tradition and added their own **flavor** to it so that it became part of our Church's preparation for Christmas and thus our own tradition.

The incensing of the Blessed Sacrament, the prayers, the Syriac hymns and the processions all help us to worship and glorify the Word of God who is coming to save us and live among us – Emmanuel. After the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the congregation kneels in worship and the chant "Shoubho-I-how qolo" or "Glory to the Word that became flesh" starts off the Novena. Traditionally this "Ziah" is chanted in Syriac and it is a glorious experience which is guaranteed to elevate the participant into a state of grace and harmony like the sweet smelling aroma of the incense which lifts up our prayers.

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Have and enjoyable evening at our 21st Annual Christmas Dinner Saturday, December 17, 2022