Six months before his appearance in Nazareth to the All-holy Virgin Mary, the great Gabriel, the archangel of God, appeared to Zacharias the high priest in the Temple at Jerusalem. Before announcing the miraculous conception by the unwedded virgin, the archangel announced the miraculous conception by the childless old woman. Zacharias did not immediately believe the words of the herald of God, and thus his tongue was bound by dumbness and it remained thus until eight days after the birth of John. On that day the relatives of Zacharias and Elizabeth gathered for the young child’s circumcision and naming. When they asked the father what name he wished to give to his son, since he was mute he wrote on a tablet, “John.” At the moment, his tongue was loosed and he began to speak. The home of Zacharias was on the heights between Bethlehem and Hebron. Throughout all Israel there was spread the news of the appearance of the angel of God to Zacharias, as well as that of his dumbness and the loosing of his tongue at the moment he wrote the name “John.”

The news of this even reached Herod. Therefore, when Herod sent soldiers to slay the children in Bethlehem, he directed men to the hills, to the dwelling place of the family of Zacharias, to kill John also. But Elizabeth promptly hid the child. Enraged at this, King Herod sent his executioners to Zacharias in the Temple to slay him (for it happened that it was again Zacharias’s turn to serve in the Temple of Jerusalem). Zacharias was slain between the court and the temple and his blood coagulated and petrified on the paving stones and remained a perpetual witness against Herod. Elizabeth hid with the child in a cave, where she died soon after. The young child John remained alone in the wilderness under the care of God and His angels.
THE EPISTLE

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us.
Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

The Reading is from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans
Chapter 2:10-16

Brethren, glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality. All who have sinned without the Law will also perish without the Law, and all who have sinned under the Law will be judged by the Law. For it is not the hearers of the Law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the Law who will be justified. When Gentiles who have not the Law do by nature what the Law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the Law. They show that what the Law requires is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness and their conflicting thoughts accuse or perhaps excuse them on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew
Chapter 4:18-23

At that time, as Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And He said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.” Immediately they left their nets and followed Him. And going on from there He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and He called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him. And He went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the Kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.
Thank You

The following parishioners and friends of the Basilica of St. Mary have given special donations to the Church in the past few weeks:

- **$100** - For the health and well being of Abdelnour Abdelnour on the occasion of his 92nd birthday offered by his wife, Naimeh Abdelnour.

- **$100** - Anonymous donation towards Food for the Hungry.

- **$500** - For the health and well being of newlyweds Jerry and Jenny Dababneh offered by parents Shaden and Ikhlas Dababneh.

- **$600** - For the health and well being of newlyweds Jerry and Jenny Dababneh offered by parents Shaden and Ikhlas Dababneh.

- **$1000** - For the continued health of Giselle Farah and her children and in loving memory of George Farah.

**HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION**

Holy Bread of Oblation is offered by the families, for the month of June, in loving memory of:

- Albert Abdelnour
- Alex and Miriam Kandah
- Hilda Naser

Holy Bread of Oblation is offered by the families, for the month of June, for the health and well being of:

- Abdelnour Abdelnour
- Tara, Aimee and Rocky Dudum

**Upcoming Events for St. Mary Parishioners**

- **June 22** - Ladies Society Portofino Cruise
- **June 26** - Senior Heritage trip

**Senior Heritage News**

The Senior Heritage Fellowship will be going to Greektown on Thursday, June 26th. Bus leaves the church at 9:30am and returns at 4:00pm. Please call Ayda Mughannem at 734-464-1872 to reserve a seat. First come, first served as the bus seats are limited. Everyone is welcome to attend this event.

**MEMORIALS**

**Thank you!!**

Thank you to our sponsors, the organizers, those who stood behind the grills/frying the falafel and Zalabia, those who sold tickets, made sandwiches and minded the refreshment stand and ran the charity room. Thanks to those who placed all the signs, orange barrels and flags, those who kept us in light, those who collected money, our security and the parking lot attendants. Above all, thanks to all of you who came and supported the work of your church. To all the volunteers, we give a huge hug of gratitude. Your labor paid out not only financially, but for the fellowship we enjoyed. And this is God’s greatest gift to all of us. This year was successful and once all financial information is turned in, we will issue a full report. So on behalf of Fr. George Shalhoub, Fr. Jim King, the Parish Council, Salem Samaan, Chairman, and my committee, I can only say thank you.

Freddy Sackllah
Festival Chairman

**“A Vigil Light is Burning” In Loving Devotion**

For The Health and Well Being Of:

In Memory Of: Joseph Michael Mouaikel; George Abodeely;

From the Heart

In making others happy, we will be happy too.
For the happiness you give away returns to shine on you.

Make thy face shine upon thy servant, and teach me thy statutes.

Psalm 119:135

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Lord, you are the physician of our souls and body. We pray You grant the following parishioners good health and blessings:

- Metropolitan PAUL Yazigi
- Archbishop Youhanna Ibrahim
- Norma Samir Khoury
- Nehad Bannoura
- Robert George Kaoud
- Dr. John Dalack
- Sami Oudeh

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قال يسوع: أنا القيامة والحياة من آمن بي يحيى إلى الأبد .

I am the Resurrection and the Life. He who believes in Me shall never die.”

(John 11:25)

**June 22nd** - 40 day memorial in loving memory of Hani Wadid Khouri offered by Georgette Khouri and children Eddie Khouri, Nina (Howard) Lang and Louie Khouri.

**June 22nd** - 6 month memorial in loving memory of Yousef Kaldani offered by the family.

**June 29th** - 40 day memorial in loving memory of Takla Malouf Ghareeb from Lebanon, offered by her daughter Honaini and Fareed Kaadi.

**July 6th** - 6 month memorial in loving memory of Badia Hassan offered by Anton and Laila Hassan and family.

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Week of June 22, 2014

**Upcoming Events**

Every Wednesday: Mother-Toddler Group  
(10:00am-12:00pm)

Every Tuesday: Camp St. Mary (10am-8pm)

June 26: Senior Heritage trip  
June 26-29: Parish Life Convention (Fort Wayne, IN)  
August 11-15: Vacation Bible School

If you have any questions regarding any of these events, please call Fr. Jim King at the Department of Youth and Outreach office.  
The life of the Basilica depends on you. Get involved today!

**Michigan Fun Fest**  
Picture taken by Alex Shalhoub from the swing ride

More pictures on back page and on our facebook page.

Please visit our website for details about all the Basilica of St. Mary events and activities.  
www.saintmarylivonia.com