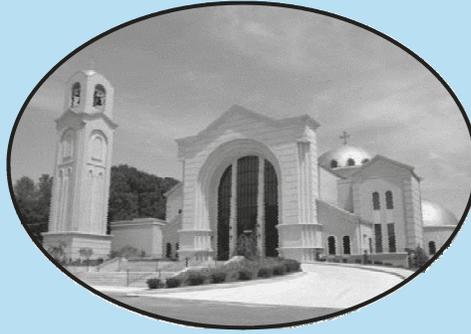


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ودعي التلاميذ مسيحيين في انطاكية أولاً

"And the disciples were first called  
Christians in Antioch." Acts 11:26

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## PHILIP THE APOSTLE

November 14

St. Philip was a native of the city of Bethsaida, the city of St. Andrew and St. Peter, near the Sea of Galilee. He may have been a fisherman. He was one of the first Disciples whom Jesus called (John 1:43-51). St. Philip was present when Jesus fed the five thousand who had come to hear Him preach (John 6:5-14), and again with the other Disciples in Jerusalem before the Last Supper, when Jesus uttered the famous words, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:1-11).

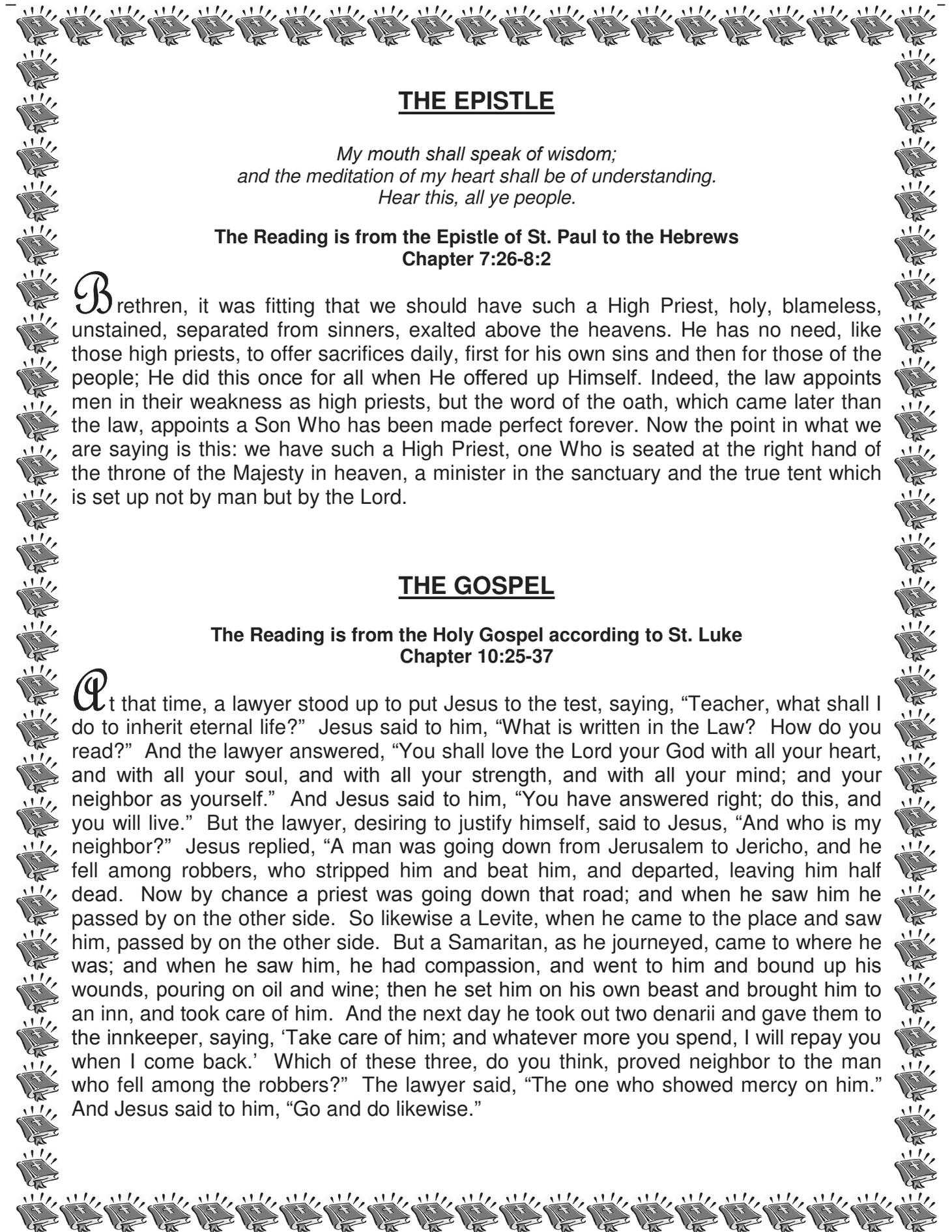
St. Philip was married, like St. Peter, and had several daughters who became Christians and worked for the Kingdom of Christ. After the Ascension, he went into Asia Minor on a mission of preaching and teaching, and finally came to the city of Hierapolis in Phrygia, a stronghold of idolatry. There the people worshipped a huge serpent, which Philip finally destroyed as a result of his prayers. At first he tried to convert the citizens of Hierapolis by his preaching, but they paid no attention; then he turned to God in prayer and won his victory in that way. The people were so enraged at the death of the serpent which they regarded as divine, that they threw Philip into prison and scourged him, and finally killed him.

St. Philip is usually portrayed as a young man, and often in pictures of him, the loaves and fishes mentioned in St. John's Gospel (6:5-7) are shown with him, in reference to that miracle.

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**THE CLERGY AND PARISHIONERS OF THE BASILICA OF ST. MARY WISH  
TO EXTEND THEIR PRAYERS AND BEST WISHES TO HIS EMINENCE,  
METROPOLITAN PHILIP ON THE OCCASION OF HIS FEAST DAY.  
MAY GOD GRANT HIM MANY, MANY YEARS.**

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A decorative border of small book icons surrounds the text. The books are arranged in a rectangular frame, with some at the corners and others along the edges. Each book icon has a cross on its cover and rays emanating from the top, suggesting light or inspiration.

## THE EPISTLE

*My mouth shall speak of wisdom;  
and the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding.  
Hear this, all ye people.*

**The Reading is from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews  
Chapter 7:26-8:2**

**B**rethren, it was fitting that we should have such a High Priest, holy, blameless, unstained, separated from sinners, exalted above the heavens. He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; He did this once for all when He offered up Himself. Indeed, the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son Who has been made perfect forever. Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a High Priest, one Who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, a minister in the sanctuary and the true tent which is set up not by man but by the Lord.

## THE GOSPEL

**The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke  
Chapter 10:25-37**

**A**t that time, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read?" And the lawyer answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And Jesus said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live." But the lawyer, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" The lawyer said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

**PRAYER CORNER**

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

**HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION**

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

- Faraj Freij
- Albert Abdelnour
- Janine Kashou
- Musa Rabah
- Samir Hassan

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

- Nabeeh and Hilda Beshara
- Dr. Mathew Beshara
- Deanna VanGestel
- Julie Kashou
- Suzanne Karibian
- Brandon
- Danielle

**From Your Treasurer's**

We wish to remind you that payment of Archdiocese dues is very important. The annual dues are now \$25.00 per member with a family maximum of \$100.00. Collection of Archdiocese dues from individual parishioners is a major part of our budget. Please help us meet our obligations by making your payment of Archdiocese dues.

Sincerely,  
*Andrew Ansara and Don Hayes*  
 Co Treasurer's

**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 Natalie, Drs. Nicholas and Julean and Lena Qandah offered by their parents Basem and Norma Qandah,
- \$100-**For the health and well being of Victoria Salam Saba offered by her grandparents George and Itidal Saba,
- \$200-**In loving memory of Samir Hassan offered by the Hasan family,
- \$300-**In loving memory of Shawqi Ghannam offered by his wife Lorice Ghannam and family,

**OUR NEW ARRIVALS**

Congratulations and best wishes to George and Laura Banna on the birth of their baby girl, Lillie Nicole. Proud grandparents are Dr. Elie and Barbara Banna and Wayne and Cindy Harris and Jerry and Janet Dotson. May God bless parents, grandparents and child.

Congratulations and best wishes to Drs. John and Jennifer Kulish on the birth of their baby boy, Caden John. Proud grandparents are Jack Freij and Yasmin Freij and John and Joyce Kulish. May God bless parents, grandparents and child.

**UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ST. MARY PARISHIONERS**

**Dec. 5-**Christmas Extravaganza

**MEMORIALS**

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

I am the Resurrection and the Life. He who believes in Me shall never die." (John 11:25)  
**Nov. 13th-**6 month memorial in loving memory of Hanna Zarou offered by the family,

فليكن ذكركم مؤبدا

**"A Vigil Light is Burning" In Loving Devotion**

**For The Health and Well Being Of:** Gerry and Minerva Basila,  
**In Memory Of:** Joseph Michael Mouaikel; George Abodeely; Maxine Koury, Ken Biedron,

**Sermon On-Line**

If you missed Fr. George's sermon last Sunday, you can now listen to him or you can see the full Liturgy at [www.saintmarylivonia.com](http://www.saintmarylivonia.com) click on multimedia and go to videos

Last few week's sermons:

**With Faith and Belief, Draw Near**  
 By: Fr. Jim King

**Don't Let Your Habits Dictate Your Salvation**

**Transform Yourself Through Worship**  
 By: Fr. Jim King

**What is the Hardest Thing to Give?**

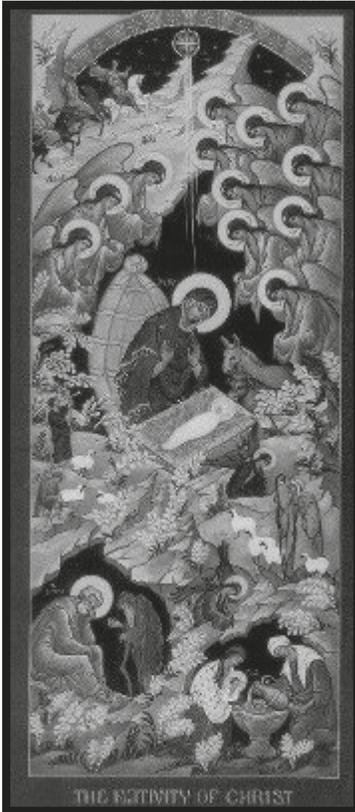
**Christian Education**

Our Christian Education Department now has a Facebook page - **The Basilica of St. Mary Church School** - which will have information related to Sunday School classes, Wednesday Family Nights and the Adult Educational Institute.

# Department of Youth and Outreach

Week of November 13, 2011

## JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL CHURCH SCHOOL NATIVITY PLAY



When: Monday, December 5  
7:00pm - 9:00pm

Where: Basilica of St. Mary  
(Upstairs in the Sanctuary)

The Church School children invite you to a Christmas play based on the Nativity of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, directed by Miss Tiffany Sakhleh.

WHAT COMES AFTER: The children invite their families, friends, and parishioners to join them for light refreshments and snacks in the Activity Center at the conclusion of the play.

## Special guest appearance from St. Nicholas (Santa Claus), the patron saint of children.

This is the Christmas gift from the students of St. Mary's Basilica to the parish, and as such there will be no charge for the evening's events. Please come and join us this Advent season as we prepare for the birth of Jesus.

Everyone is invited! Cost is **FREE!**

Please visit our website for details about all the Basilica of St. Mary events and activities.  
[www.saintmarylivonia.com](http://www.saintmarylivonia.com)

**FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY**

The Basilica of St. Mary is looking for donations of turkeys, canned goods or non perishable food to help the needy. Please call the church office @734-422-0010 for additional information. This Thanksgiving Season, we are so thankful to God and for all the blessings that He has given us. If you wish to help a family in need, kindly include a \$25 check per family, in your weekly envelope, payable to St. Mary's, earmarked Food for the Needy.



**CHRISTMAS PLANTS**

In order to decorate our Church with Poinsettias for the Christmas Season, we kindly ask that you respond by completing the form below and enclose it in your weekly giving envelopes or by placing it in the collection basket on Sunday.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Health and well being of: \_\_\_\_\_



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