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Christmas Message 2022

La Neige de Dieu / The Snow of God / ثلج الله

Une part de Noël est nostalgie, nostalgie à cette chaleur intérieure, à l'amour pur de Jésus dont nos parents nous avaient parlé avant de dormir lorsque nous étions petits. Noël, c'est cette nostalgie à une réunion familiale joyeuse, à ces cœurs purs et ces rires innocents... Noël, c'est ces petits gestes d'amour : embrasser un ami, se réconcilier avec un ennemi, consoler un cœur brisé, partager quelque chose à/de moi avec quelqu'un d'autre... C'est surtout entrer dans mes profondeurs silencieuses, me recueillir, me taire, prier, me connecter, cette fois-ci, avec l'Enfant divin qui est né, lui confier mes secrets, peut-être une promesse et lui chuchoter dans sa petite oreille d'enfant juste deux mots : « Je t'aime! ».

Christmas in Canada is « white ». It is perhaps a sign for us to be so white, from inside, to let God's snow cover my heart, even if it's black, cover my soul, even if it's soiled, and cover my inner house, even if it's dirty. God's snow does not come out of the clouds, but from the depths of God's heart and comes down directly to us as eternal mercy, infinite compassion, extraordinary grace that makes us clean, new, pure... At Christmas, it's God who would like to offer to us a Christmas gift. He left it somewhere, not under a tree or a fireplace, but in his church, inviting you to go and get it: It is himself, his Body and his Blood, his life, his eternal life. In that case, your Christmas is done, well done!

أحبيتي، هذا هو الميلاد الثاني لي معكم، مرّت سنة وتبف وأنا على رأس الأبرشية. صلّوا من أجلي أمام مغارة ملك الكون كي يمنحني سكونه الرائع، براءته، طهارته، حبه... أشحذ منكم دعاءً صغيراً من أمام المغارة! الربّ يسوع يُريدنا جُددًا، مثله هو المولود من أجلنا "طفلاً جديداً". أتمنّى لكم كلّ الصّحة والخير، كلّ البركات والنعيم، كلّ الحبّ والقداسة، بشفاعاة العذراء مريم "الأمّ الملكة" والقديس يوسف وجميع القديسين

+ Jawich

ميلاد مجيد وسنة مباركة!

✉ Mgr Milad El Jawich, Évêque éparchial
Montréal, le 25 novembre 2022



BISHOP OF HAMILTON

December 1, 2022

Dear Parishioners of Jesus the King Melkite Catholic Church,

I am pleased to send Christmas greetings to you. It is a time when families gather and celebrate once again the birth of Jesus Christ, Saviour of the world! At the darkest time of the year, we celebrate the coming of the True Light among us. He comes to us – to set us free!

Our faith in Jesus Christ makes us brothers and sisters, one in the Lord. We greet one another with signs of peace and joy!

My friends, as we gather to pray – let us pray for one another, for families and friends near and far. May you be blessed during this holy season of grace.

Sincerely in Christ and Mary Immaculate,

+ Douglas Crosby, OMI

(Most Rev.) Douglas Crosby, OMI
Bishop of Hamilton.

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Toronto, December 23, 2022

“Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad! The Lamb of God has been born on earth, Granting redemption to the world.... Let all creation glorify Him!”

Dear faithful and friends of Jesus the King parish,
I wish you and your family a Holy and Blessed Christmas season. Since I joined our parish, I have been abundantly blessed with a wonderful faith-filled community, growing friendships, good health, warm hospitality, and God’s loving guidance.

Let this Christmas be a time of pure joy in our lives... a time to forgive ourselves for our failings and those we love for all their humanness, and an opportunity to focus our energies on the precious gifts God has graced us with. Let us truly appreciate the laughter, breaking bread together and the message of pure and unconditional love brought to us in a manger so long ago.

As a Priest, I am so uplifted by all of you who volunteer your time so generously. Our volunteers are the heart of our Parish. We work together in unity to create a vibrant community that is inclusive, where everyone feels welcome and valued. Thank you all for making this happen.

Dear parishioners and friends, you are in my thoughts and in my prayers this Christmas season. I especially pray for all of you who are dealing with sickness, financial worries, family troubles and mental health challenges. We pray in a special way for all of you who have lost a loved one, and all parents who are suffering through the pain of a miscarriage. Let us be a tremendous support to one another during these unpredictable times and lean on each other and on our faith to help endure whatever challenges we must face.

May the blessings and love of the Christ child be with you now and throughout the year! May the New Year be meaningful and bring you success and satisfaction in everything you plan! I wish you all God’s beautiful blessings this Christmas and a prosperous New Year 2023.

Once again, I wish you all a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Yours in Christ Jesus,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Makarios Wehbi".

Msgr. Makarios Wehbi, B.S.O.
Pastor of Jesus the King parish





«For God so loved the world, that he gave His only Son,
that whoever believes in him should not perish
but have eternal life.»

John 3:16

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Msgr. Makarios Wehbi

Fr. Michel Chalhoub

Jesus The King Board



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MELKITE CATHOLIC CHURCH



أوتواوا في ١ كانون الأول ٢٠٢٢

أيها الأحباء،

باسمي وإسم طاقم السفارة اللبنانية في أوتواوا، أتقدّم من أبناء رعيّة يسوع الملك للروم الملكيين الكاثوليك في تورونتو بأحرّ التهاني وأصدق التمنيات بمناسبة عيد الميلاد المجيد.

يتزامن هذا العيد المبارك في كندا كما في بيت لحم مع موسم الثلوج والصقيع. لكن الثلوج تحمل لنا ثوب الطهارة لتتلخّف به النفوس المتعبة سكيئةً وسلام.

ويطلّن علينا العيد وأهلنا في لبنان والمشرق يقاسون ويتألّمون، إلا أنّ هذا العيد يحمل معه دائماً البشري الطيبة والأمل بغد أفضل. وكما أضاء النجم الطريق للمجوس الى المغارة، هكذا أضاء لنا طفل المغارة الطريق الى الخلاص.

وطريق الخلاص يبدأ بالتعاقد والمحبة وبمساعدة الفقراء والمرضى والمتعبين. فلا بدّ لي هنا أن أشكركم على كل الجهود التي تبذلونها لمساعدة إخوانكم وأهلكم في لبنان. لقد أثبتت الكوارث المتلاحقة التي ضربت بلدنا الحبيب في السنوات الأخيرة أنّ خلاصه وديمومته هي بأيدي أبنائه المنتشرين في كندا والعالم.

ميلاد مجيد، أعاده الله عليكم بالخير والصحة والبركات.

فادي زيادة

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سفير لبنان في كندا





Frank Scarpitti
Mayor

December 17, 2022

MESSAGE FROM MAYOR SCARPITTI

On behalf of Members of Council and the City of Markham, I am pleased to extend a warm and sincere welcome to all those attending the Annual Christmas & New Year Gala Dinner hosted by Jesus the King Greek Melkite Catholic Church.

The word Christmas derives from the combination of Christ and Mass; it is the feast of the Nativity of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Of all the feasts throughout the year the celebration of Christmas Day and Christmas Eve are the most popular of all, both for children and for adults. There are more traditions and customs associated with Christmas in all Christian countries than with any other feast. It is true, of course, that the logical culmination of Advent is attained with the Epiphany; the season of preparation, however, truly ends with the Nativity.

I am proud of the congregation at Jesus the King Greek Melkite Catholic Church. Your continued efforts to emphasize the spirit of helping others, supporting families and individuals in need both within your parish and our community creates a warm and an inviting place of worship and fellowship for parishioners and visitors alike.

Thank you to his Excellency Msg. Milad El Jawish and the entire team for once again, organizing this event for our community. Hopefully, in the very near future, we will be celebrating this event along with many others in your new church in Thornhill. As Mayor, I am pleased to extend my very best wishes for an enjoyable Christmas Party.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Frank Scarpitti".

Frank Scarpitti
Mayor





Ontario

Michael Parsa

Member of Provincial Parliament
Aurora-Oak Ridges-Richmond Hill

December 17, 2022

Dear friends,

On behalf of the Government of Ontario and the Premier, I am delighted to extend warm greetings and congratulations to the congregation at Jesus the King Greek Melkite Catholic Church and his Excellency Msgr. Milad El Jawish.

The holidays are a wonderful time of year. We are blessed with the opportunity to spend time with loved ones, surrounded by lively decorations, Christmas trees, and unique holiday feasts. But it is also a season that brings out the best in us. It is a time to bridge our differences, to lift up one another, and above all else, to be hopeful for the year ahead.

The spirit of generosity and compassion are not values bound by circumstance. Through all the challenges we've faced over the past few years, our values were a reminder that we could overcome anything when united and connected. As we celebrate the festive season and look forward to a New Year, I hope we can recommit to those values once more.

Thank you to all the wonderful members of the Greek Melkite Catholic Church for making this event possible. I wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Parsa".

Michael Parsa, MPP
Aurora-Oak Ridges-Richmond Hill





MP PAUL CHIANG

MARKHAM-UNIONVILLE

December 17th, 2022

Annual Christmas & New Year Gala Dinner

As the Member of Parliament for Markham-Unionville, I would like to extend my best wishes to the Jesus the King Greek Melkite Catholic Church, for hosting their Annual Christmas & New Year Gala Dinner.

The month of December is a very holy time for members of the Greek Melkite Catholic Church, as they observe Advent for four weeks until the feast of the Nativity of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This celebration, and all its customs, act as a common ground, bringing together families and members of the community of all ages in celebration.

I commend the Jesus the King Greek Melkite Catholic Church for all the hard work they do throughout the year to connect our community members to faith. They work diligently to support and help their members, both families and individuals, during challenging times, and they ensure that their members have a safe and welcoming space for worship. Jesus the King Greek Melkite Catholic Church collaborates with their members in creating a variety of ministries and organizations for our community to join including, Jesus the King Scouts, Jesus the King Choir, Heavenly Hymns' Choir, among many others.

I would like to extend my sincerest gratitude to his Excellency Msg. Milad El Jawish and all the volunteers for organizing this wonderful event. This could not have been done without you. I have immense confidence that the Annual Christmas & New Year Gala Dinner will be a success, and I look forward to celebrating alongside you in the future. I wish you all the best and Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Chiang".

MP Paul Chiang
Markham-Unionville





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Dear Jesus the king Parishioners,

Christmas is a time of giving thanks, sharing love, and fostering community. As we reflect upon this notion, it is with our deepest gratitude and appreciation that we thank you for your continued support and unwavering dedication to our Church and community. Whether you are new to our Church or an existing member, your generosity and presence is both noticed and valued.

With the Grace of God, our Church has prospered immensely as a direct result of your donations, annual membership fees, and participation in fundraising activities. Each one of you, through your presence and commitment, has rekindled a spark in our Church that continues to transform our community into one of great spirit and faith.

We'd like to acknowledge Bishop Milad El Jawich, giving him a warm welcome to our community and congratulating him on a year in our Melkite Diocese in Canada. We'd also like to extend our sincerest and whole-hearted appreciation to Father Makarios and Father Michel for their unwavering dedication and leadership.

As several Church ministries are becoming widely accessible and available, we invite you to visit our website (jesustheking.ca) and stay connected to discover and learn about new opportunities and initiatives.

Thank you for your prayers and support. Wishing you, your family, and loved ones a blessed Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Yours in Christ,



The Board at Jesus the King Greek Melkite Catholic Church

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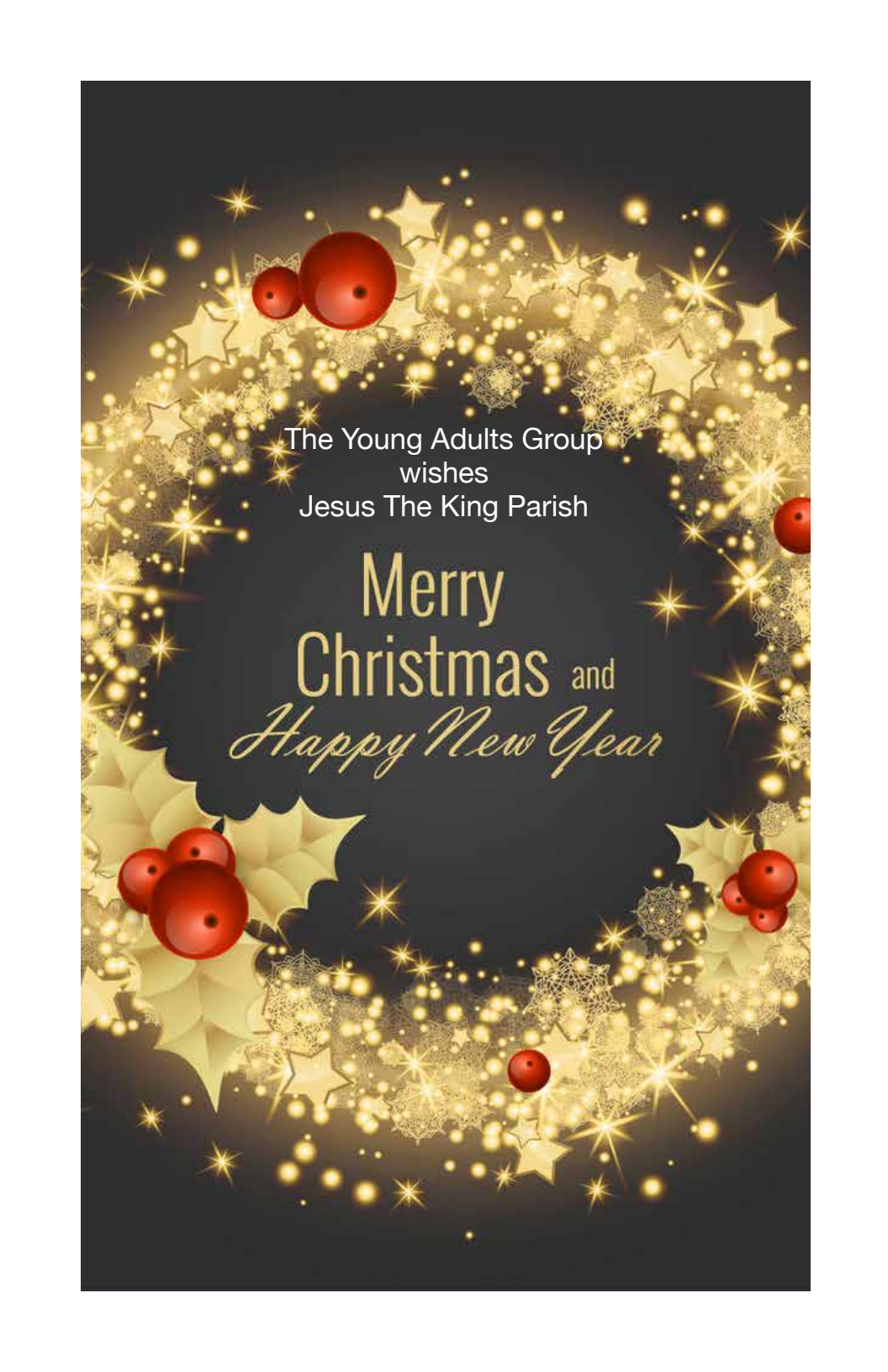
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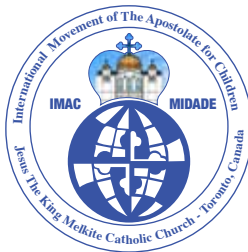
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He is Christ, the Lord.

**Merry Christmas
& Happy New Year!**



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May the Christmas season
fill your home with joy,
your heart with love,
and your life with laughter

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

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May his blessings
be yours now and in the New Year

**Merry Christmas
&
Happy New Year!**

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May the Christmas season
fill your home with joy, your heart with love,
and your life with laughter

**Merry Christmas
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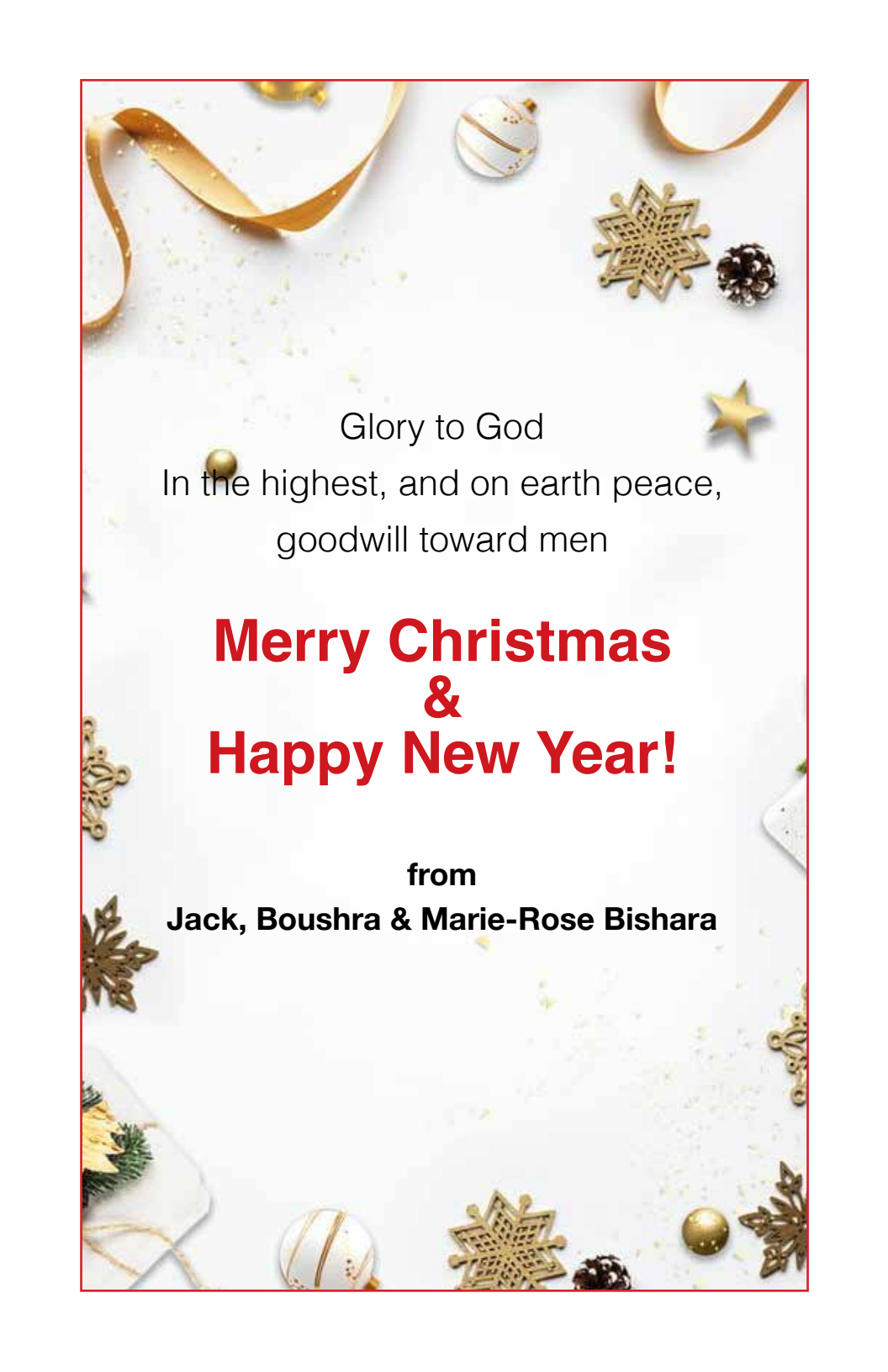
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In the highest, and on earth peace,
goodwill toward men

**Merry Christmas
&
Happy New Year!**


from
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May your world be filled
with warmth and good cheer this Holy season,
we wish you a joy-filled Christmas.

**Merry Christmas
&
Happy New Year!**


**from Boutros Morcos
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May the peace & blessings
of Christmas be yours;
and may this coming year be filled
with happiness

**Merry Christmas
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**from Hani Silbak
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A Savior
has been born for you.
He is Christ, the Lord.

**Merry Christmas
&
Happy New Year!**


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with warmth and good cheer this Holy season,
we wish you a joy-filled Christmas.

**Merry Christmas
&
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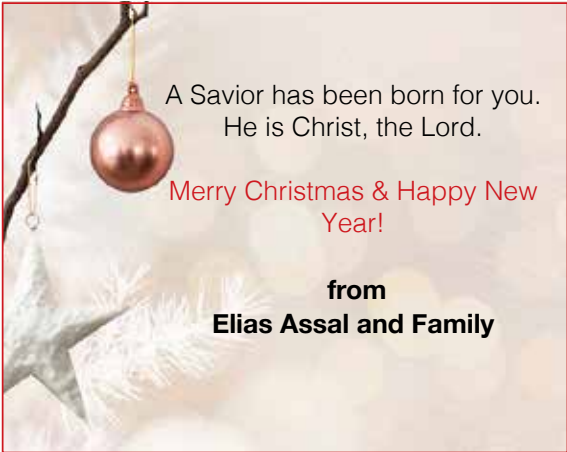




May your life be filled
with the blessings of Christmas.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!


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He is Christ, the Lord.

Merry Christmas & Happy New
Year!

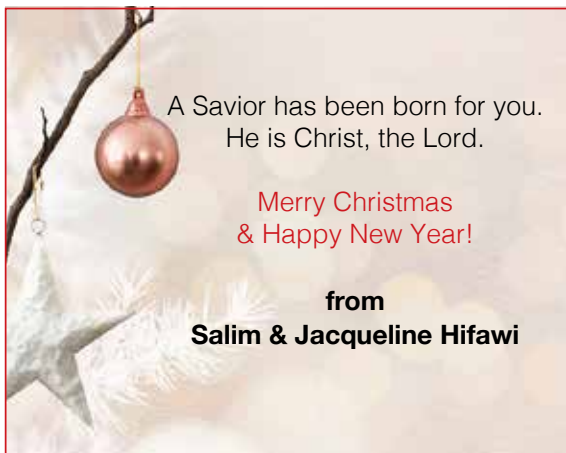
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May his blessings
be yours now and in the New Year

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

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A Savior has been born for you.
He is Christ, the Lord.

Merry Christmas
& Happy New Year!

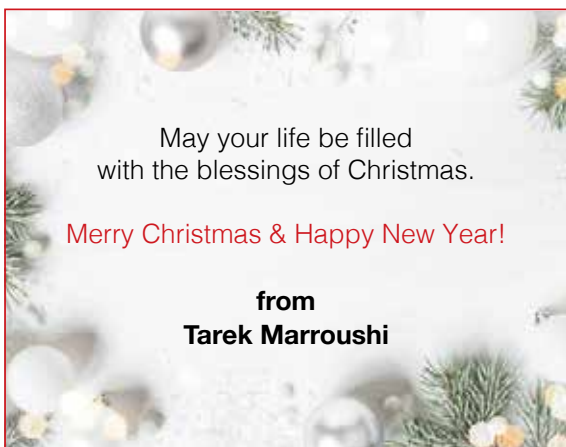
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May your life be filled
with the
blessings of Christmas.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

from
**Chadi & Elizabeth Laham
and Family**



May your life be filled
with the blessings of Christmas.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!


from
Tarek Marroushi

Let the light of faith
and the warmth of family
make the season extra bright.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Sam & Iman Jouri and Family





May the peace
& blessings of Christmas
be yours;
and may this coming year
be filled
with happiness

**Merry Christmas
&
Happy New Year!**

**from Zuhair Misheal
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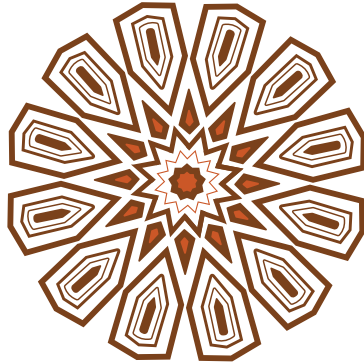


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