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Each year in December, the season of Advent marks the beginning of the new liturgical year, the beginning of the catholic New Year, Bethlehem experienced a time of waiting that was strange to say the least this year.

Given the situation in the Middle East, the different Churches have agreed to celebrate Christmas with less pomp than in other years. Should we deduce from this that this year, "a great light" did not arise as was customary in Bethlehem. Indeed, the traditional lighting of the tree on the Manger Square did not take place this year. Nevertheless, is it essential?

Whatever happens, Christmas remains Christmas, a Saviour has been born to us and the Holy Family Hospital, faithful to its mission, on this very holy night, welcomed mothers and children as usual.

In the early morning of December 25, the children born the day before or during the night were living proof that the light of Bethlehem will never go out and that we must never again fear walking in darkness.

This is the main lesson that I draw from this Christmas 2023, a lesson that brings a lot of joy and hope. In the beginning of this New Year, I want to thank all of you for your generosity, your support, your prayers, I wish you, on behalf of the staff of the Holy Family Hospital, a very holy, peaceful and happy New Year 2024 to each of you.

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St. Barbara's Day

Saint Barbara's Day is celebrated in the Holy Land on December 4 of each year. The traditional food for the occasion is Burbara, a bowl of boiled barely, pomegranate seeds, raisins, anise and sugar. Walnuts or almonds can be added. Families meet together on this day to celebrate and Holy Family Hospital's team also celebrates this day together where joy and love are spread among the team and the mothers inside the Hospital.



HFH VISIT

On 20th December 2023, Holy Family Hospital had the Privilege to welcome the President of CNEWA New York and Mr. Joseph Hazboun, the Regional Director of PMP.

Our CEO gave them an overview about the Hospital followed by a tour in which they got to see the hospital's mission in action. They were impressed by what they saw; they had the chance to meet the staff, see babies and spend time in the Hospital.



Spreading the joy of Christmas

The team of the Holy Family Hospital's Administration replaced our annual Christmas dinner party by distributing Christmas cookies, which drew a nice smile among the staff and was highly appreciated.



❖ Christmas Spirit

To maintain our yearly tradition, and in the perspective of spreading the joy and love within the patients surrounding us and the team of Holy Family Hospital on the 25th December marking the birth of our Saviour, gifts were distributed to the mothers and babies.

We succeeded in making 25 December unforgettable day



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CHRISTMAS BABY BOY

"It's a lovely Christmas present for us, next year we will have a first birthday to celebrate"

Hala Said "I am a mother of five children, whom I gave birth to them at Holy Family Hospital. Every time I came to you, you welcome me humanely and provide me with the best medical and psychological care. Therefore, I never hesitate to come to you for medical care.

Today is December 25th 2023 I am happy that I gave birth to my child Suhaib on Christmas day, it is a nice feeling to be special, I felt that my child will also be special one day, and he may also be a doctor in this hospital.

Baby Suhaib came in good health weighing 2900 grams



Their baby boy is
the "Best Christmas
Gift" they could
ever receive



**"WE NEED TO SEE EACH CHILD AS A GIFT TO BE WELCOMED, CHERISHED
AND PROTECTED"
POPE FRANCIS**

Another christmas baby

My Christmas day this year was a very special day, as I was waiting for the birth of my second baby. I was hoping for my baby to be born on Christmas since I wanted to call him 'chris' and at 16:35 baby Chris was born in Good Health and brought joy to our family. So from now on, we will celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ and baby Chris birth on the same day.

As the mother described "I noticed a difference and great development in the service provided to the mothers since my Sister delivery in 2020, I am so pleased to see this hospital is developing from year to year, everything that combines the past with the present we call it **safety**."



BABY SOPHIA

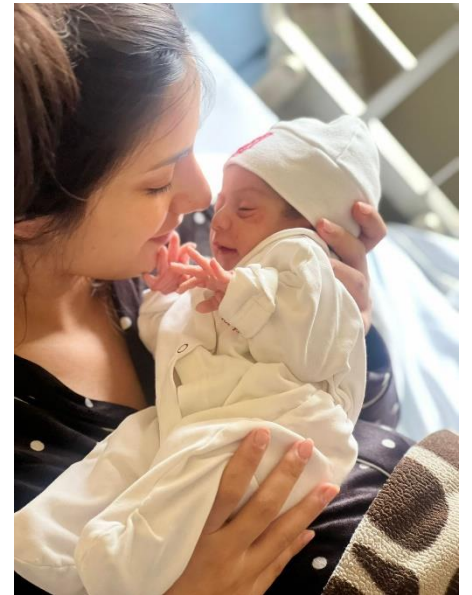
“And She will Bear a Son; and you shall call his name Jesus, for it is he who will save his people from their sins” Mathew 1:21

Having a baby on Christmas Season can be both a joyous time and special Blessing for us. This Christmas, with the bad situation sweeping the world, there may also be some unique considerations on parents' minds

Lourd and Ala', a Family from Bethlehem married since 2022.

“We are very blessed family, we gave birth to our first baby at Christmas Season, this gives us an extra blessing but not only a blessing from God but also we are blessed to have such a great Hospital that provided us with the best medical care. Luckily, you shared our first joy. You will remain our second family”.

Baby Sophia was born on 22nd December 2023 in a good health weighing 2800 kg.



LIFE IS A GIFT NOT A GUARANTEE. WE PRAY FOR ALL THE BABIES & FAMILIES AT THE NICU HOPING ALL OUR BABIES GO HOME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND AS HEALTHY AS POSSIBLE.”

Congratulations for the new baby

Elias Dababneh, who works as a cleaner and joined Holy Family's Hospital team on July 2020, had his third baby girl "Ayla" on 5 December 2023 weighing 2900 kg.

Heavenly Father,

We thank you for the gift of life and for bringing these babies safely into this world.

May you bless them and keep them, helping them to grow loving, strong and heavenly in your love.

Amen





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MONTHLY DELIVERIES

	1990	1995	2000	2005	2006	2007	2009	2010	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
JAN	0	148	250	224	240	230	221	258	274	249	271	313	278	306	357	369	387	334	400	363	
FEB	4	130	239	221	218	228	239	221	227	224	257	264	271	296	309	309	313	322	321	313	
MAR	46	168	231	231	217	313	236	265	278	260	287	286	277	318	333	389	278	350	389	358	
APR	68	180	274	240	216	322	280	298	265	301	267	277	268	295	344	389	275	396	343	358	
MAY	85	188	288	238	237	366	284	304	229	250	240	297	304	365	373	400	323	364	387	374	
JUN	85	202	294	258	219	277	275	333	261	278	302	311	313	362	380	399	390	349	379	337	
JUL	84	188	329	235	243	276	328	307	306	279	314	379	379	427	450	439	402	412	379	377	
AUG	71	199	309	235	256	264	280	286	296	289	319	351	340	403	476	448	446	445	441	405	
SEP	109	167	275	234	280	233	261	295	291	267	281	327	329	386	409	398	387	419	372	363	
OCT	116	193	223	257	295	255	297	270	281	274	258	286	309	365	369	378	366	381	352	315	
NOV	97	203	165	213	257	224	247	237	249	271	251	224	278	371	369	347	331	355	368	291	
DEC	104	198	175	207	268	238	265	236	209	242	265	253	307	326	340	361	372	390	376	284	
TOTAL	869	2164	3052	2793	2946	3226	3213	3310	3166	3184	3312	3568	3653	4220	4509	4626	4270	4517	4508	4138	

TOTAL DELIVERIES SINCE 1990	101,417
Total Babies Delivered Since 1990	104,160

STATISTICS

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
Consultations													
HFH													
Ob/gyn	1186	983	1181	987	1168	1006	1211	1250	1089	855	799	833	12548
Pediatric	289	272	342	300	364	331	361	394	419	287	254	274	3887
Diabetic	99	85	87	97	103	84	115	100	105	78	71	75	1099
Nutrition	42	19	37	38	35	21	33	32	37	27	28	35	384
Over 45	83	72	75	55	94	58	84	111	87	66	76	60	921
Outreach													
Ob/gyn	128	85	182	84	132	78	126	135	109	31			1090
Pediatric	116	50	84	79	115	81	108	99	115	32			879
Private													
Ob/gyn	704	698	831	733	883	733	883	831	841	782	785	647	9351
Pediatric	121	131	127	75	131	99	113	109	130	110	112	153	1411
TOTAL Consultations	2,768	2,395	2,946	2,448	3,025	2,491	3,034	3,061	2,932	2,268	2,125	2,077	31,570
Obstetric													
Nb deliveries													
3 class	317	272	315	330	301	302	313	357	310	267	264	247	3595
1 & 2 class	46	41	43	28	73	35	64	48	53	48	27	37	543
TOTAL Deliveries	363	313	358	358	374	337	377	405	363	315	291	284	4,138
C sections													
Total	74	72	75	81	96	71	85	87	86	92	80	63	962
Babies													
Total	372	321	366	366	384	341	388	410	373	322	298	290	4231
Gynecologie													
Operations													
Minor op	27	43	41	28	40	26	31	28	34	33	23	18	372
Major op	8	9	9	4	12	9	11	8	12	7	11	6	106
TOTAL Operations	35	52	50	32	52	35	42	36	46	40	34	24	478
Ob / Gyn													
Admissions > 5 days	4	3	0	4	1	9	8	10	5	8	8	4	64
Admissions < 5 days	443	407	462	434	490	418	466	487	453	401	364	333	5158
Total admissions	447	410	462	438	491	427	474	497	458	409	372	337	5222
Total days	739	686	788	752	826	769	832	919	807	761	673	585	9137
Ob / Gyn OCCUP %	56.76%	58.33%	60.52%	59.68%	63.44%	59.06%	63.90%	70.58%	64.05%	58.45%	53.41%	44.93%	59.60%
Lab activity													
TOTAL Activity	8,772	9,862	8,641	9,386	10,345	9,595	10,229	10,754	9,165	9,425	9,891	10,565	116,630
Anesthesia													
A. Générale	6	2	5	75	3	85	77	79	68	55	48	65	568
épidurale	60	49	70	4	80	31	46	39	38	39	47	30	533
Spinal	65	63	67	50	70	1	2	2	4	2	1		327
TOTAL Activity	131	114	142	129	153	117	125	120	110	96	96	95	1428
Neonatal Intensive Unit													
Length													
Total days L1	242	162	150	201	237	288	182	231	242	225	199	180	2539
Total days L2	106	55	124	49	134	77	88	86	119	84	65	103	1090
Total days L3	116	181	117	160	131	61	148	151	120	155	156	189	1685
Total days	464	398	391	410	502	426	418	468	481	464	420	472	5314
Stay < 5 days	18	8	12	16	23	22	22	20	23	28	19	19	230
Stay > 5 days	30	19	17	24	22	30	24	28	28	27	25	22	296
Stay > 50 days	2		2	1	2			1	1			1	10
Admission													
adm L1	24	13	16	14	27	35	26	26	27	30	25	25	288
adm L2	7	1	5	6	6	7	3	5	8	5	6	6	65
adm L3	17	13	7	21	12	10	15	15	13	20	9	10	162
Total Adm	48	27	28	41	45	52	44	46	48	55	40	41	515
Nb Premature <3	1	6	3	4	2	2	4	5		5	3	6	41
PED. OCCUP %	83.15%	78.97%	70.07%	75.93%	89.96%	78.89%	77.41%	83.87%	89.07%	85.93%	77.78%	84.59%	80.88%
TOTAL T. OCCUP %	64.68%	64.52%	63.39%	64.56%	71.40%	66.39%	67.20%	74.57%	71.56%	65.86%	60.72%	56.83%	65.99%
Poor Case Fund													
Mothers	50	49	54	53	51	40	51	55	69	66	75	81	694
Babies	9	11	5	9	13	12	22	11	10	20	11	10	143
Total cases Assisted	59	60	59	62	64	52	73	66	79	86	86	91	837