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The Romans named the first month of the year in their calendar, which coincided with the return of fine weather and the resumption of war after winter, in his honor. Then, March became the third month of the year, and thus December, etymologically the tenth month, became the twelfth.

March, the month of the God of War. A war that has been going on for 18 months. Times are difficult in Palestine for those who persist in promoting dialogue between the two peoples, the two communities, the two, even the three religions, as the Order of Malta has always done since its creation in Jerusalem.

Yet, the small town of Bethlehem, in Judea, seems sheltered from the vagaries of history unfolding around it, with its trail of misfortunes and suffering. Doesn't a local proverb say that evil is everywhere around Bethlehem, but never penetrates it?

This does not mean that the population of the governorate is not suffering. Travel restrictions and the absence of pilgrims and tourists have considerably reduced the meager savings of families, who are finding it increasingly difficult to send their children to school or obtain proper medical care.

For the past 18 months, the hospital has noted a decline in the number of births. Yet, thanks to the discount implemented last April, the hospital recorded a record number of consultations in 2024, proving, if proof were needed, how well known and recognized the quality of care provided at this facility is by Palestinian families.

This hospital needs your daily support, both through prayer and money, to continue providing the best care to those who deserve it, while awaiting the dawn of new days, days of peace, which will allow everyone to return to a normal life on this Thrice-Holy Land.

But let us not forget that Christ is also called the Prince of Peace, as we started our journey towards Easter in this month of March. With His support, let us all take advantage of this time of Lent, this time of preparation and prayer to go and meet God.

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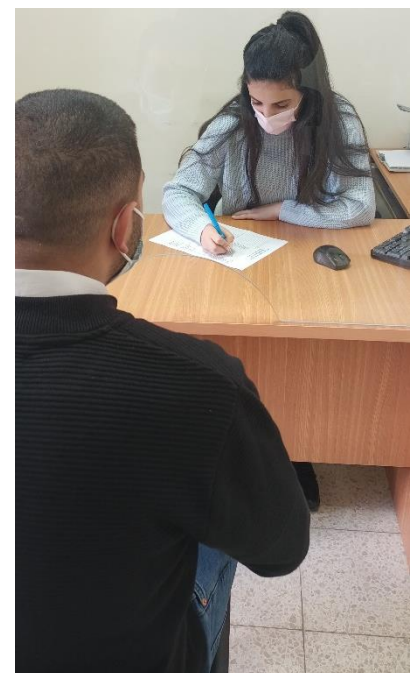
Social workers Day

Social Worker World Day, celebrated annually on March 15th, is a day dedicated to honoring the vital contributions of social workers worldwide. It serves as a reminder of the incredible impact social workers have in improving individuals' lives, promoting social



justice, and advocating for the well-being of vulnerable populations. This day brings attention to the diverse roles social workers play in fields such as mental health, healthcare, education, and community development. Social Worker World Day is an opportunity to express gratitude for their tireless work, raise awareness of the profession, and inspire future generations to pursue careers in social work.

At Holy Family Hospital, the Social Work Department plays a pivotal role in ensuring that every patient receives comprehensive care that extends beyond medical treatment. The department comprises two dedicated social workers who assess the psychosocial needs of patients and their families, providing essential emotional support during challenging times. They are instrumental in facilitating communication between medical staff and patients, ensuring that families are well-informed and comfortable with the care processes. Notably, the social workers manage the Poor Case Fund, which offers financial assistance to patients unable to afford hospitalization costs, thereby upholding the hospital's commitment to never turning anyone away due to financial constraints.



Mother's Day



Mother's Day is a special day and occasion celebrated across the world in most families. That's why, in Holy Family Hospital this is the day when we celebrate the motherhood and the maternal bonds relationship.

This year, as we celebrate Mother's Day, we wanted to show our appreciation for the incredible women who make a difference in our lives. Although we couldn't gather as each year for our mother's day or our usual Iftar due to the current situation, we found a meaningful way to express our gratitude. Simple gifts were given to the hospital employees as a token of thanks for their hard work and dedication, especially during these challenging times. While the celebration may have looked different this year, the spirit of love and appreciation remained strong, reminding us of the importance of kindness and support within our community.





We wish all mothers around the world and especially those who gave birth at Holy Family Hospital a blessed and happy Mother's Day!

Understanding Puberty: Educational Session

Thanks to the grant we received from Manos Unidas, we are able to introduce informative and educational sessions for both male and female students aged 13 to 14. We will be able to offer these sessions in three different schools during the year. On March 27, 2025, the first session was held for the male and female students at the Roman Catholic School in Beit Sahour, focusing on puberty and how to handle this important phase of life. Dr. Bashar provided explanations for the male students about the physical and psychological changes that occur during puberty, while Dr. Ikram shared advice and guidance for the female students on how to cope with the changes they experience in a healthy and informed way. The purpose of the session was to enhance understanding of puberty by providing scientific information to help the students navigate the physical and emotional changes that accompany this stage of life.



A Joyful Addition to the Family

Monica and William had always known their home was special, with four daughters who filled it with joy. They were overjoyed to welcome their fifth child, a son.

She chose to give birth at the same hospital where her daughters were born, The Holy Family Hospital. On March 20, 2025, Monica welcomed her son, Amir, who weighed 3.590 kilograms. The birth was quick and comfortable, thanks to the dedicated midwives, Mariana and Jehan. The family, grateful and happy, left the hospital saying, "This place isn't just where life begins; it's where dreams are nurtured with love."



A Journey of Love

Sarah and Yusuf had always dreamed of this moment, but nothing could have prepared them for the whirlwind of emotions that came with expecting their first child. Their journey was filled with excitement and nervousness, with every day bringing new surprises. When the doctor confirmed that they were expecting a girl, the news was like a gentle spark of light in a world they already saw as bright. *Kanz*—a name so perfect, so full of love—was the gift they had always wished for.



Holy Family Hospital was more than a hospital to them; it was the place where dreams took shape. From the first visit, Sana was enveloped in care, a constant presence of expertise and kindness guiding her every step. The doctor was more than just a medical professional; he was a guide, a steady hand that reassured her through each moment of this new adventure.



And then, on March 26, 2025, the magic happened. In the quiet serenity of the delivery room, with Dr. Saba, Sarah gave birth to her precious *Kanz*. The birth was a beautiful moment that made all the worries of the past months fade away. When Sarah first held her daughter, it felt as though time stood still, the world outside irrelevant to the miracle unfolding in her arms. With a warm smile, Dr. Saba said, **"Every birth is a story of new beginnings. It is an honor to witness the beginning of your new chapter."** Holy Family Hospital



was not just a place; it was a sanctuary where every new life was cherished, every mother cared for, and every family supported.

The family smiled, reflecting, ***"Some dreams do come true. They arrive in the form of children, bringing light and love into the world. Holy Family Hospital is not just a building, it's where dreams are born and lives are transformed."***

A Blessing in Every Step

"Leandros, my baby, has brought so much joy and happiness into our lives, and it's all thanks to the incredible team who made us feel like we were part of their family," says Riham, as she reflects on her second pregnancy journey.

Riham remembers the birth of her first child, Jonathan, three years ago; a positive and smooth experience that encouraged her to return for her second pregnancy. She followed her mother's footsteps, as her mom had delivered all her children, including Riham, at this hospital.



"I had a tough pregnancy this time around," Riham shares, **"but the doctors supported me with helpful advice that played a huge role in easing my pregnancy discomfort. Their guidance made all the difference in making sure I had a smooth experience."**

On March 28, 2025, when Riham felt the first pangs of labor, she quickly headed to the hospital. Thanks to a medical decision, she was admitted for a normal delivery. Her son, Leandros, was born weighing 3.300 kilograms, healthy and strong. Riham describes her birth as easy, with the medical team by her side every step of the way. **"They never left**



me for a moment. Their constant support was incredible," she says with gratitude. **"Thanks to the supportive medical team, I was able to hold my healthy baby for the first time. The emotions I felt in that moment were indescribable, truly the most beautiful moment any mother could experience."**



As she reflects on the experience, Riham adds, **"This hospital is my favorite place and my second home. You truly feel like you're with family because of the comfort and care you receive. Every service is provided with the highest quality, and I'm thankful for everyone who played a part in making my dream of having a healthy baby come true and giving him a healthy start in life."**

Hospital Staff Giving Birth

Nariman Danoon, nurse in the nursery ward who joined our team in September 2018, gave birth to her third baby "Tuqa" in 22nd March 2025.



***Children are a gift from the
Lord: they are from him
Psalm 127:3***

Remarkable Visit



In March 25th 2025 we remarked a visit of H.E. Dr. Josef D. Blotz; the Grand Hospitalier to Holy Family Hospital in Bethlehem was a momentous occasion, marked by the presence of Ambassador Michele Bowe, President of the Holy Family Hospital Foundation. This important visit highlighted the continued support and commitment of the Order of Malta to the hospital's mission of providing high-quality maternal and neonatal care to families in the region, regardless of their background or ability to

pay. The Grand Hospitalier toured the facility, met with staff, and witnessed firsthand the compassionate service and medical excellence that define Holy Family Hospital. And how lucky our nurse in the nursery ward, Tasnim Saleh, who joined our team in October 2022, gave birth to her first baby Girl "Maria" in the same day and H.E Visited her to congrat her. She is proud to be part of the Holy Family Hospital family. We wish her luck, Success and Good Health.



Volunteer



Holy Family Hospital recently welcomed a dedicated volunteer from Italy, Dialta is a passionate medical student who has committed two months of her time to support the hospital's vital mission. now she is helping in the nursery, taking care of newborn babies. She came to learn and to support the hospital's work. The staff and families are happy to have her, and she is already making a difference with her kind heart and helping hands.

As Dialta Commented "Volunteering at the Holy Family Hospital in Bethlehem was a deeply personal choice, rooted in both family tradition and professional aspiration. My parents have long been involved with the Order of Malta, and years ago, my father visited this very hospital. Since then, he has often spoken of its beauty and profound significance as a beacon of care and hope in the West Bank. His stories stayed with me, quietly shaping a desire to one day see it for myself. Having recently graduated in nursing and preparing to pursue a master's degree in emergency care, I found myself in a moment of transition in between time that felt like the perfect opportunity to give back. Volunteering here was not just a way to offer help, but a way to honor the values I was raised with and step into the world of healing with purpose and heart".



A Voice from Bethlehem



A French radio reporter came to Holy Family Hospital to do a story about its work. She also joined the mobile clinic team on the ground to see how they bring healthcare to families in remote areas. This isn't her first time; she had followed the clinic before and returned to share more about the hospital's important outreach. Her report will help people in France hear real stories about the care and support given to mothers and children far from the hospital.

During her visit she also met a mother who had just given birth. She spoke with her, sharing a warm and simple conversation. The mother spoke about her experience at the hospital and how thankful she was for the care she received. This touching moment added a personal story to the reporter's visit, showing the real impact of the hospital's work on families in Bethlehem.



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OCT	116	193	223	257	295	255	297	270	281	274	258	286	309	365	369	378	366	381	352	315	330	
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