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as April unfolds, we find ourselves in the heart of spring; a season that speaks to us in colors, warmth, and the quiet but powerful promise of renewal. Easter, nestled gently in the middle of it all, reminds us that hope never truly fades, even after the longest winter.

This month, we celebrate not just a holiday, but a message that transcends tradition. Easter is a time of reflection and joy, of new beginnings and shared moments. It calls us to slow down and notice the little miracles around us, blossoming flowers, longer days, and the return of light in more ways than one.

Whether you're gathering with loved ones, enjoying some well-earned rest, or simply taking a moment to breathe in the spring air, we hope this season fills your days with peace, gratitude, and inspiration. May the spirit of Easter rekindle your hopes and brighten your path in the months ahead.

Wishing you all a joyful April and a meaningful Easter.

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Pastoral Visit Brings Hope and Renewal

At the initiative of Andrea Grassi, *President of the international finance committee*, this April, Holy Family Hospital had the profound honor of receiving a pastoral visit from **Monseigneur Alain de Raemy**, Bishop of Lugano and Chaplain of the Order of Malta in Switzerland. His presence among us brought warmth, encouragement, and spiritual renewal to both patients and staff alike.



French Catholic Delegation Visit



A delegation of French Catholic bishops and representatives from major Catholic charitable organizations is visiting Israel and Palestine to support local communities and strengthen ties. The delegation includes Bishop Denis Jachiet, Bishop François Fonlupt, and Bishop Pierre-Antoine Bozo, accompanied by Fr. Eric Mouterde and Fr. Yann Le Lay. Participating organizations include Œuvre d'Orient, Aid to the Church in Need, CCFD-Terre Solidaire, Secours Catholique, the Orders of the Holy Sepulchre and Malta (Frédéric Fabry (directeur général) & Ghislain

de Franqueville (directeur de cabinet), the Catholic Delegation for Cooperation, and Justice and Peace. This visit highlights the Church's commitment to dialogue, solidarity, and peace in the region.

During their address in the chapel, they spoke of Christ's healing ministry and encouraged all present to see their work not just as a profession, but as a calling. Their message resonated deeply, especially in this Easter season, where hope and resurrection are at the heart of our faith.

We are deeply grateful for their visit, which not only uplifted spirits but also strengthened the bond between the hospital community and the wider Church. As we continue in our mission of healing, his visit reminds us that in every act of care, we are part of something sacred.



Palestinian Week for Laboratory Medicine

From April 24-30, 2025, we celebrate Palestinian Laboratory Medicine Week, an important occasion to highlight the vital role played by medical professionals and specialists in this field in improving community health. Laboratory medicine contributes



significantly to the early diagnosis of diseases, enabling timely and appropriate treatment. During this week, we honor all those working in medical laboratories who dedicate themselves to safeguarding the health of individuals and Palestinian communities.

This week also provides an opportunity to raise awareness about the importance of modern technology in laboratory medicine and its significant impact on improving healthcare outcomes. At Holy Family Hospital we continue to support these efforts and look forward to enhancing collaboration among all those in this field to achieve further progress and development.



Between a Mother's Fear and a Heart's Peace: Natalie and Tony's Journey to Parenthood



In the early morning of April 5, 2025, a tiny heartbeat entered the world too soon, but with a strength that defied her size. Sofia, born at 33 weeks and barely over 2 kilos, became the center of Natalie and Tony's universe.

The couple had spent days receiving care at Holy Family Hospital, where they say the medical staff became like family. "Each visit reassured us," Tony added.

Their newborn spent eight days in the NICU and five additional days in the regular nursery. During that time, Natalie and Tony say they learned patience and witnessed what they call "daily miracles" thanks to the dedication of the hospital's neonatal team. Dr. Georges Zoghbi, one of the physicians overseeing Sofia's care, commented: "This little girl was a challenge, but she reminded us that the core of medicine is compassion and determination."



Sofia finally went home. And Natalie walked out not just as a new mother, but as a stronger, more grateful version of herself.

A Journey of Love and Hope

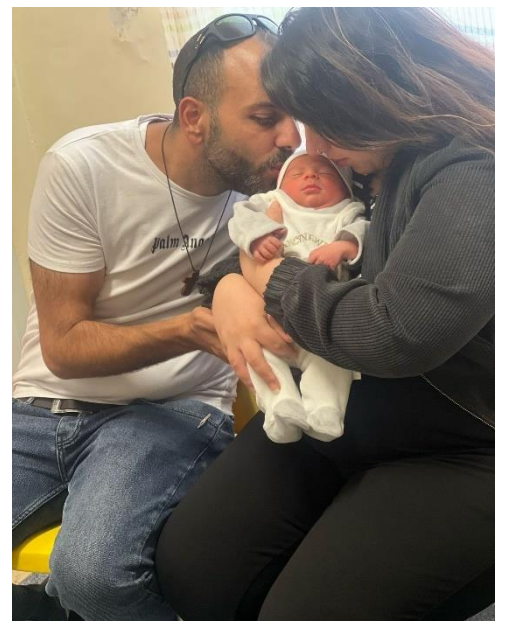


At Holy Family Hospital, where every first moment is crafted with care and tenderness, began the story of Huda and Khader and their first child. The hospital was more than just a medical facility, it was a sanctuary of calm, a place where the feelings of parents are understood before the birth even begins.

Huda says, "From the very first moment, we felt that we weren't alone. There was genuine care, and humanity that made us feel our baby was waiting for us with love, just like we were waiting for them."

Huda continues, "The birth was safe, exceeding all expectations. And here is Christian, weighing just 2580 grams, entering life healthier than we ever hoped. That first glance felt like time stood still for me. I became a mother for the first time, and that gaze was greater than any words."

Khader, the father, describes the moment in his own words: "When I saw Christian, I felt like my heart was outside of my chest. Everything in my life changed forever. You, at Holy Family Hospital, create hope. Thank you for everything you've done for us, for making our dream come true and turning us into a family. You were part of that dream."



Baby Christian

One of the nurses who assisted during the birth says, "We never forget these moments. Every child born here leaves a part of themselves with us, and Christian was one of those who left a mark with their first smile."

Huda and Khader share: "At Holy Family Hospital, the birth wasn't just a medical procedure, it was a journey of love, starting from the emergency door and continuing through to the moment of birth, a journey that will forever be in our hearts. Our baby,



Christian, is the beginning of the story we've always dreamed of, and you were there to help make it a reality. Thank you."



Positive birth Experience



On April 9, 2025, the first course, funded by Manos Unidas, has been launched targeting both husband and wife under the title "Empowering and Educating Families for a Positive Birth Experience." The course is led by Katherine Al-Qubrosi, a certified instructor accredited by **HypnoBirthing International**. The course aims to provide tools and techniques to help both mothers and fathers achieve a calm and positive

birth experience, using relaxation methods, breathing techniques, and positive affirmations.

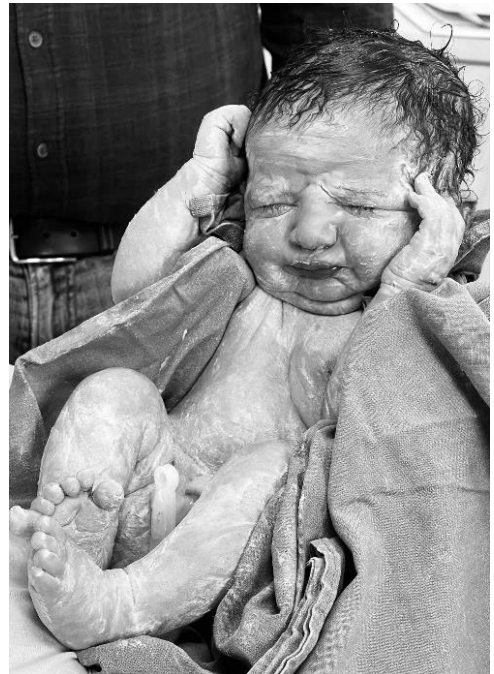
This course is part of ongoing efforts to enhance birth experiences and raise awareness among families about the importance of emotional and psychological support during this pivotal time in their lives. On April 10, 2025, the second course was launched, targeting women only.



Hospital Staff Giving Birth

On 13 April 2025, we joyfully celebrate a special moment within our hospital family as our dear colleague, Lamees, a beloved operating room nurse, welcomes the birth of her third daughter. She Previously has two boys. *Her dedication and warmth have always made her an essential part of our hospital team, and today we celebrate her not just as a colleague, but as a proud mother once again*

The entire hospital staff shares in her happiness and extends warm congratulations to Lamees and her growing family. We wish her and her baby girl health, love, and endless joy in this beautiful new chapter.



Also, we're happy to share that Ghada El Hreimi, our neonatal nurse, has given birth to a healthy baby boy. Despite some complications during her pregnancy, both mom and baby are doing well. Congratulations to Ghada and her family on this joyful news!

A New Beginning



Shireen and Bassam's joy knew no bounds when they learned they were expecting a baby boy, a sibling for their daughters Salma and Carla. As always, Shireen turned to Holy Family Hospital for her prenatal care, where she found comfort, support, and expert care at every step.

On April 11, 2025, baby "Issa" was born healthy, weighing 2.860 kilograms. Shireen described the birth as "an unforgettable moment," made easier

by the compassionate medical team that offered reassurance and care.

The family concluded with heartfelt thanks
"You are our second family. Holy Family Hospital will always be our first choice, where every new life begins with care and hope."



□ Preventing Risks in Pregnancy: GBS Education Session at Bethlehem University

Therese Kheir, Our Infection Control "I was invited by the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery at Bethlehem University to support the ongoing collaboration between the two institutions in promoting awareness among pregnant women on various aspects of maternal health.



My presentation focused on Group B Streptococcus (GBS), a significant topic due to the potential risks it poses during pregnancy. The session emphasized on the importance of recognition of GBS and the critical role both pregnant women and healthcare providers play in identifying the presence of this bacteria. Timely detection is essential for initiating appropriate treatment antenatally and improving health outcomes for both mother and baby".

The lecture covered key areas including the definition of GBS, routes of transmission, its impact on pregnancy, preventive measures, precautions, and management treatment. The session ended with active discussion among the pregnant attendees, highlighting their strong interest in the topic and reinforcing its relevance and importance.



Remembering Pope Francis: A Life of Compassion and Service

This April, the world mourned the passing of His Holiness Pope Francis, who died peacefully on Monday, April 21, 2025, at the age of 88 in his residence at the Vatican's Casa Santa Marta. As a humble servant of the Church, Pope Francis inspired millions with his message of mercy, compassion, and care for the most vulnerable.

At Holy Family, we join the global community in remembering a leader whose deep concern for the poor, the sick, and the marginalized resonated especially within the healthcare field. His words and actions reminded us of the sacredness of every life and the power of simple kindness in the face of suffering.

We give thanks for his life, his example, and his unwavering faith. May his legacy continue to guide our mission of healing and compassion.





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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	2025
JAN	0	148	250	224	240	230	221	258	274	249	271	313	278	306	357	369	387	334	400	363	296	321
FEB	4	130	239	221	218	228	239	221	227	224	257	264	271	296	309	309	313	322	321	313	287	252
MAR	46	168	231	231	217	313	236	265	278	260	287	286	277	318	333	389	278	350	389	358	347	291
APR	68	180	274	240	216	322	280	298	265	301	267	277	268	295	344	389	275	396	343	358	292	336
MAY	85	188	288	238	237	366	284	304	229	250	240	297	304	365	373	400	323	364	387	374	320	
JUN	85	202	294	258	219	277	275	333	261	278	302	311	313	362	380	399	390	349	379	337	317	
JUL	84	188	329	235	243	276	328	307	306	279	314	379	379	427	450	439	402	412	379	377	360	
AUG	71	199	309	235	256	264	280	286	296	289	319	351	340	403	476	448	446	445	441	405	346	
SEP	109	167	275	234	280	233	261	295	291	267	281	327	329	386	409	398	387	419	372	363	288	
OCT	116	193	223	257	295	255	297	270	281	274	258	286	309	365	369	378	366	381	352	315	330	
NOV	97	203	165	213	257	224	247	237	249	271	251	224	278	371	369	347	331	355	368	291	317	
DEC	104	198	175	207	268	238	265	236	209	242	265	253	307	326	340	361	372	390	376	284	302	
TOTAL	869	2164	3052	2793	2946	3226	3213	3310	3166	3184	3312	3568	3653	4220	4509	4626	4270	4517	4508	4138	3802	1200
													TOTAL DELIVERIES SINCE 1990						106.419			
													Total Babies Delivered Since 1990						109.287			

STATISTICS

		JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
Consultations														
HFH														
	Ob/gyn	1390	1165	1241	1462									5258
	Pediatric	315	248	297	311									1171
	Diabetic	83	97	123	121									424
	Nutrition	37	21	35	37									130
	Over 45	75	89	84	84									332
Outreach														
	Ob/gyn	229	151	144	139									663
	Pediatric	158	124	117	86									485
Private														
	Ob/gyn	772	728	606	801									2907
	Pediatric	125	118	129	106									478
TOTAL Consultations		3,184	2,741	2,776	3,147									11,848
Obstetric														
Nb deliveries														
	3 class	285	218	250	289									1042
	1 & 2 class	36	34	41	47									158
TOTAL Deliveries		321	252	291	336									1,200
C sections:														
	Total	82	58	60	75									275
Babies														
	Total	330	259	297	342									1228
Gynecologie														
Operations														
	Minor op	27	21	22	32									102
	Major op	7	14	5	13									39
TOTAL Operations		34	35	27	45									141
Ob / Gyn														
	Admissions ≥ 5 days	3	1	3	3									10
	Admissions < 5 days	399	330	353	433									1515
	Total admissions	403	331	356	437									1627
	Total days	663	544	613	719									2539
Ob / Gyn OCCUP %		50.92%	46.26%	47.08%	57.06%									16.56%
Lab activity														
TOTAL Activity		11,284	8,325	10,660	10,205									40,474
Anesthesia														
	A. Generale	7		2	3									12
	epidurale	65	68	63	76									272
	Spinal	74	53	59	64									250
TOTAL Activity		146	121	124	143									534
Neonatal Intensive Unit														
Lenght														
	Total days L1	163	130	171	198									662
	Total days L2	64	81	77	79									301
	Total days L3	164	144	239	180									727
TOTAL days		391	355	487	457									1690
	Stay < 5 days	21	16	24	22									83
	Stay ≥ 5 days	26	17	19	34									96
	Stay ≥ 50 days													0
Admission														
	adm L1	21	16	24	27									88
	adm L2	5	4	3	6									18
	adm L3	18	10	14	11									53
Total Adm		44	30	41	44									159
	Nb Premature <32wk	5	2	5	3									15
PED. OCCUP %		70.07%	63.62%	87.28%	81.90%									25.72%
TOTAL T. OCCUP %		56.67%	53.51%	59.14%	65.33%									19.31%
Poor Case Fund														
	Mothers	76	38	52	49									215
	Babies	11	11	5	11									38
Total cases Assisted		87	49	57	60									253

