

# SAINT LOUIS GONZAGA CHURCH

MARONITE CATHOLIC


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## LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday — 4 PM, Sunday — 10 AM  
Monday-Wednesday, Friday — 9 AM, Thursday 6:30 PM  
Holy Days of Obligation — 9 AM and 6:30 PM

## CLERGY

Chorbishop John D. Faris: 315-628-1281

Father Aaron Sandbothe: 315-790-0059

Father Alaa Issa: 561-273-5867

Deacon Paul A. Salamy: 315-732-5241

Deacon Peter M. Hobaica: 315-797-5464

## PARISH HOUSE OFFICE HOURS

9 AM to 4:30 PM



**BAPTISMS & CHRISMATIONS:** Preparation is required.  
We encourage this to happen before the birth of your child.

**MARRIAGES:** Arrangements six (6) months in advance.

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** Welcome to our parish family. May you find spiritual nourishment among us. Please be sure to register by calling the Parish House.

**HOSPITAL, SICK CALLS & SHUT-INS:** If a loved one is hospitalized, ill or unable to leave home, please call the Parish House office.

### MARONITE CHRISTIAN FORMATION:

Classes 1-6 meet weekly on Sunday morning at 9AM.

Classes 7-12 meet bimonthly on Sunday morning at 9AM.

Please see the calendar published in the bulletin and on the Website for dates.

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturday 3:15-3:45PM; Sunday 9:15-9:45AM  
and by appointment.

### DEVOTIONS:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Fridays 9:30 – 10:30AM

Saint Sharbel Devotion: 22nd of each month after Divine Liturgy

Saint Joseph Devotion: 4th Saturday at 3:40PM

**2-3 DECEMBER 2017**



## FEASTS FOR 3 DEC – 10 DEC 2017

SUN 3 DEC	<b>Visitation of the Virgin to Elizabeth</b> St. Francis Xavier
MON 4 DEC	St. Barbara
TUE 5 DEC	St. Saba the Hermit
WED 6 DEC	St. Nicholas (Zakhia)
THU 7 DEC	St. Ambrose, Doctor of the Church
FRI 8 DEC	<b>The Immaculate Conception</b> (Holy Day of Obligation) Conclusion of the Second Vatican Council (1965)
SUN 10 DEC	<b>Birth of John the Baptist</b>

## CONTACTS

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<i>Assets Oversight:</i> David Sageer..... 315-734-1040	
<i>Special Events:</i> Betty Karrat..... 315-736-1615	
<i>Kitchen &amp; Hall:</i>	
Mary Ann Tanoury-Loy..... 315-790-3307	
<i>Family Giving Committee:</i>	
George Nehme..... 401-742-5841	
<i>Buildings:</i> Andrew Aery..... 315-525-8374	
Byron Elias	
<i>Pastoral Life Council:</i>	
<i>Chair:</i> Deacon Paul Salamy..... 315-732-5241	
<i>Communications:</i> Glory Rasi..... 315-794-4242	
<i>Family Life:</i> Deacon Peter Hobaica .. 315-797-5464	
<i>Liturgy:</i> James Salamy..... 315-723-3776	
<i>Faith Formation:</i> Kate Miller..... 315-796-1910	
<i>Maronite Youth Organization:</i>	
Lisa Barkett..... 315-737-5162	
Roseanne Ciaccia..... 315-736-5377	
<i>Maronite Young Adults:</i>	
John Paul Salamy..... 315-732-5241	
Joshua Lewis..... 315-853-4500	
<i>Saint Mary's Guild:</i> Cathy Karam... 315-527-1519	
<i>Holy Name Society:</i> Rick Blank..... 315-525-3221	
Lou Lewis..... 315-737-3950	
<i>Saint Joseph Society:</i> George Sfeir ... 315-733-8357	
<i>Acolytes:</i> Nathan Hanna..... 315-939-8219	
Robert Tehan..... 315-240-8819	
<i>Daughters of Mary:</i> Julie Adamo.... 315-404-1959	
<i>Lectors:</i> Lois Mariano..... 315-732-3402	
<i>Sacristan:</i> Andrew Rahme..... 315-264-8652	

### BULLETIN DEADLINE

If you would like anything published in the weekend bulletin, you must submit it as you want it published to Anne Lewis no later than 5 PM Friday, 8 days before publication via e-mail at saintlouisbulletin@gmail.com or by calling 853-4500. Thanks.

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

SAT 2 DEC	4PM	• Salwa Hamati <i>by Family</i>
SUN 3 DEC	10AM	• Deputy Sheriff Yvonne D. Petit (Anniversary) <i>by Jacque Murad</i>
		• Mary Pezzulo (30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary) <i>by Nick &amp; Rosemary Pezzulo</i>
		• Hattie Joseph (Anniversary) <i>by Children</i>
MON 4 DEC	9AM	• Mr. & Mrs. Gabriel Moses <i>by Rose Crigger's Will</i>
TUE 5 DEC	9AM	• Deceased Members of the Moses & Koury Families <i>by John Moses' Will</i>
WED 6 DEC	9AM	• Richard Mazloom (Anniversary) <i>by Deacon Paul</i>
THU 7 DEC	6:30PM	• Caroline & John Harp & Carol (Harp) Bechtold <i>by Daughter/Sister &amp; Family</i>
FRI 8 DEC	9AM	• Living & Deceased Members of the Former St. Elias Society <i>by The Society</i>
	6:30PM	• Mary Susan Salamy <i>by Her Husband, Deacon Paul</i>
SAT 9 DEC	4PM	• Louis Astafan, Sr. (2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary) <i>by Joyce, Scander, Louis, Jr. &amp; Diana Astafan</i>
		• Captain John Sfeir <i>by Family</i>
SUN 10 DEC	10AM	• Tim Augustowski (Anniversary) <i>by Jacque Murad &amp; Joyce Tencza</i>
		• Louis Kallasy, Jr. (41 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary) <i>by His Dad, Louis Kallasy, Sr.</i>
		• James Davis (9 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary) <i>by Family</i>
		• Susan Massoud (Anniversary) <i>by Family</i>

## MEETINGS & EVENTS

SUN 3 DEC	9AM	Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
SUN 3 DEC	9AM	Adult Bible Study
SUN 3 DEC	11AM	Daughters of Mary Meeting
TUE 5 DEC	6:30PM	Finance Council
WED 6 DEC	9:30AM	Mercy Group
WED 6 DEC	6:30PM	Pastoral Life Council Meeting
FRI 8 DEC	9AM&6:30PM	Immaculate Conception Holy Day Liturgies
SAT 9 DEC	9AM	Liturgy Committee Meeting
SUN 10 DEC	9AM	Maronite Christian Formation (Grade 7-12)
SUN 10 DEC	9AM	Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
SUN 10 DEC	9AM	Adult Bible Study
SUN 10 DEC	2PM	Saint Mary's Guild Christmas Party at the Phoenician Restaurant
WED 13 DEC	9:30AM	Mercy Group
WED 13 DEC	6PM	Holy Name Society Christmas Party
FRI-SAT 15-23 DEC		Christmas Novena after Liturgy
SUN 17 DEC	9AM	Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
SUN 17 DEC	9AM	Adult Bible Study
SUN 17 DEC	11AM	Maronite Youth Organization (MYO) Meeting
SUN 17 DEC	11AM	Maronite Young Adults (MYA) Meeting
MON 18 DEC	4-7PM	Confession
MON 18 DEC	6PM	Maronite Evening Prayer—Ramsho
MON 18 DEC	6:30PM	Presentation by Chorbishop John, "The Land Where Jesus Was Born"
SAT 6 JAN	10AM-2PM	MYA Day in the George Sfeir Parish Hall
SAT 10 FEB	6PM	Saint Maron Hafi at the Yahnundasis



## POINTS OF INTEREST

### ST. NICHOLAS (ZAKHIA) THE MIRACULOUS BISHOP OF MYRA 6 DECEMBER

St. Nicholas was born at Patara in Asia Minor from rich and noble parents. He was religious from an early age. His wealthy parents died while Nicholas was still young and he was raised by his uncle, the Bishop of Patara, who ordained the young Nicholas as a reader, and later as a priest. Nicholas was later chosen bishop of Myra, and in that position he became famous for his extraordinary piety and zeal. Many astonishing miracles occurred through his intercession. He was present at the Council of Nicaea where there he vigorously condemned Arianism. He died at Myra in the year 342 and was buried in the Cathedral. St. Nicholas is celebrated by all the Christian communities in Lebanon. May his prayers be with us.

**Thank You!** Amelia Karam and the entire Sfeir Family thank Chorbishop John and the entire parish family for the wonderful tribute that was paid to George Sfeir on the occasion of the dedication of the Parish Hall. They ask you to keep George in your prayers.

**The Immaculate Conception.** On **Friday, 8 December** the Church celebrates the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Because the Blessed Virgin Mary, under the title of the Immaculate Conception, is our national Patroness, the faithful are bound to participate in the Divine Liturgy on this day. Therefore, we shall celebrate the Divine Liturgy on **Friday, 8 December at 9AM and 6:30PM.**

**Christmas Novena.** As part of our spiritual preparation for Christmas we will pray the Christmas Novena every day **after the regularly scheduled Divine Liturgy** beginning on **Friday 15 December** and concluding on **Saturday 23 December.** Please try to attend as many days as possible to prepare yourself spiritually for the Birth of our Lord.

**Confession Before Christmas.** In addition to the regular Saturday and Sunday Confession times before Liturgy on **Monday, 18 December** Confession will be available from **4-7PM** in the Church as a special opportunity for those who would like to go to Confession before Christmas.

**Maronite Evening Prayer.** On **Monday, 18 December at 6PM** we will pray Ramsho, Maronite Evening Prayer, in the Church prior to Chorbishop's presentation.

**"The Land Where Jesus Was Born".** On **Monday, 18 December at 6:30PM** Chorbishop John will give a presentation in the George Sfeir Parish Hall entitled "The Land Where Jesus Was Born", this will be followed by light refreshments. Please plan to attend and invite your family and friends.

**MYA Day.** On **Saturday, 6 January** the Maronite Young Adults will host their Second Annual MYA Day. This is a spiritual retreat day for all young adults in the parish and the community. It will be from **10AM to 2PM** in the George Sfeir Parish Hall. The guest speakers will be Father Jason Hage and Mr. George Nehme. More details will follow. Please save the date, plan to join us, and invite your family and friends!

**Saint Maron Hafli.** The Annual Saint Maron Hafli will be held on **Saturday, 10 February** beginning at **6PM** at the Yahnundasis Club in New Hartford. There will be a full Lebanese meal and appetizers served family style and live Arabic entertainment. Tickets are \$55 per person.



## MEMORIALS

### ALTAR MEMORIALS ...

*Through our gifts at the altar we remember our loved ones:*

- SANCTUARY PLANTS & FLOWERS—In Memory of Fred Sageer by *Wife & Family*
- CANDLES—In Memory of Mary Raya by *Patricia Ferrone & Lynarda Girmonde*
- INCENSE & CHARCOAL—In Memory of Anthony Murad by *His Wife & Family*
- BREAD & WINE—In Memory of Mae & Louis Astafan, Sr. by *Joyce, Scander, Louis, Jr. & Diana Astafan*
- SANCTUARY LAMP—In Memory of Fred J. Mazloom by *Wife, Mary & Children*

*A contribution of \$10.00 will memorialize a loved one for the entire week.*

### Donations ...

Renovations—United Auto Sales of Utica, Inc.  
\$1,000



## VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

### Lectors

2 DEC	4PM	Lou Raya
3 DEC	10AM	Norma Tehan
9 DEC	4PM	Joe Saba
10 DEC	10AM	Jacque Murad

### Hospitality

3 DEC	Anne Lewis 315-525-8227
10 DEC	Rocco Hobaica 315-738-0070
17 DEC	Betty Karrat/Tony Acee 315-527-8227
24 DEC	NO HOSPITALITY
31 DEC	NO HOSPITALITY



## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Collections for the week ending 19 Nov 2017

1st Collection.....	\$1,681
2nd Collection.....	\$814
Charities.....	\$500
Contributions.....	\$350
TOTAL.....	\$3,345

Collections for the week ending 26 Nov 2017

1st Collection.....	\$974
2nd Collection.....	\$400
Thanksgiving.....	\$116
Capital Improvements Campaign.....	\$1,325
Hospitality.....	\$117
Contributions.....	\$100
Memorials: Sanctuary Plants & Flowers.....	\$10
Memorials: Candles.....	\$10
Candles.....	\$54
Needy.....	\$58
TOTAL.....	\$3,164

*This Week's Second Collection: Eparchial Support  
Next Week's Second Collection: Fuel & Heat*