

SAINT LOUIS GONZAGA CHURCH

MARONITE CATHOLIC


520 Rutger Street | Utica, NY 13501
TEL: 315-732-6019 | FAX: 315-732-6018

WEBSITE: www.SaintLouisGonzaga.org

EMAIL: SaintLouisGonzaga@gmail.com

 www.facebook.com/stlouisgonzaga/

 [@St_LouisGonzaga](https://twitter.com/St_LouisGonzaga)

 [@stlouisgonzaga](https://www.instagram.com/stlouisgonzaga)



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

9-10 DECEMBER 2017



FEASTS FOR 10 DEC – 17 DEC 2017

SUN 10 DEC **Birth of John the Baptist**
TUE 12 DEC St. Spiridion the Wonderworker
Our Lady of Guadalupe
THU 14 DEC St. Nemtallah El-Hardini
SUN 17 DEC **Revelation to Joseph**

CONTACTS

Administrative Assistant: Maureen Ginsberg
maureeng.slg@gmail.com 315-732-6019

Music: Nick Abounader 315-335-2239

Finance Council:

Chair: Louis Raya 315-794-1418

Assets Oversight: David Sageer 315-734-1040

Special Events: Betty Karrat 315-736-1615

Kitchen & Hall:

Mary Ann Tanoury-Loy 315-790-3307

Family Giving Committee:

George Nehme 401-742-5841

Buildings: Andrew Aery 315-525-8374

Byron Elias

Pastoral Life Council:

Chair: Deacon Paul Salamy 315-732-5241

Communications: Glory Rasi 315-794-4242

Family Life: Deacon Peter Hobaica 315-797-5464

Liturgy: James Salamy 315-723-3776

Faith Formation: Kate Miller 315-796-1910

Maronite Youth Organization:

Lisa Barkett 315-737-5162

Roseanne Ciaccia 315-736-5377

Maronite Young Adults:

John Paul Salamy 315-732-5241

Joshua Lewis 315-853-4500

Saint Mary's Guild: Cathy Karam 315-527-1519

Holy Name Society: Rick Blank 315-525-3221

Lou Lewis 315-737-3950

Saint Joseph Society: George Sfeir 315-733-8357

Acolytes: Nathan Hanna 315-939-8219

Robert Tehan 315-240-8819

Daughters of Mary: Julie Adamo 315-404-1959

Lectors: Lois Mariano 315-732-3402

Sacristan: Andrew Rahme 315-264-8652

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

SAT 9 DEC 4PM • Louis Astafan, Sr. (2nd Anniversary)
by *Joyce, Scander, Louis, Jr. & Diana Astafan*
• Captain John Sfeir by *Family*

SUN 10 DEC 10AM • Kim Shaheen Simon (40 Day) by *The Family*
• Tim Algustowski (Anniversary) by *Jacque Murad & Joyce Tencza*
• Louis Kallasy, Jr. (41st Anniversary)
by *His Dad, Louis Kallasy, Sr.*
• James Davis (9th Anniversary) by *Family*
• Susan Massoud (5th Anniversary) by *Family*

MON 11 DEC 9AM • Caroline & John Harp & Carol (Harp) Bechtold
by *Daughter/Sister & Family*

TUE 12 DEC 9AM • Sadie Koury by *Sadie Koury's Will*

WED 13 DEC 9AM • Edward & Sadie Koury by *Sadie Koury's Will*

THU 14 DEC 6:30PM • All Souls in Purgatory by *Veronica Massoud*

FRI 15 DEC 9AM • Living & Deceased Members of Saint Louis
Gonzaga Church by *Chorbishop John*

SAT 16 DEC 4PM • William Jabour by *His Sister, Amelia*
• Nick Mariano, Sr. (Anniversary) by *Nick & Lois Mariano*
• Salwa Hamati by *Family*
• Mary Raya (1st Anniversary) by *Louis, Patty & The Boys*

SUN 17 DEC 10AM • Marion Jabour Kempf (40 Day) by *The Family*
• Yvette Katrajian (40 Day) by *Daughter & Family*
• Louis Abdo, Sr., Anne Abdo, & Ron Campbell
by *The Abdo Family*
• Donna George by *Aunt Violette & Family*
• Kim Marie Shaheen by *Mary Ellen Evans Family*

MEETINGS & EVENTS

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"

WED 20 DEC 9:30AM Mercy Group

WED 3 JAN 6:30PM Pastoral Life Council Meeting

SAT 6 JAN 10AM-2PM MYA Day in the George Sfeir Parish Hall

SAT 10 FEB 6PM Saint Maron Hafli at the Yahnundasis

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.



POINTS OF INTEREST

ST. NEMTALLAH EL-HARDINI— 14 DECEMBER

St. Nemtallah was born in the year 1808 in Hardin, Lebanon. He took the name Nemtallah (instead of Joseph, his first name) when he entered the monastery at St. Anthony - Kozhaya. He finished his theological studies at Sts. Cyprian and Justine in Kfifan. He became Administrator General of the Lebanese Maronite Order. St. Sharbel was his student in Kfifan from 1853 to 1858. St. Nemtallah is believed to have performed many miracles during his life due to his deep spirituality and his high virtues. The "Saint of Kfifan" was stated to have the gift of prophecy and hence, became known as a "man of vision". St. Nemtallah died on 14 December 1858.

Several healings have occurred through the intercession of St. Nemtallah. St. Nemtallah Kassab El-Hardini was canonized on 16 May 2004 by Pope John Paul II. May his prayers be with us.

Condolences. We offer prayerful condolences to the family of Father Elias Njeim, for whom the Divine Liturgy for a deceased priest was celebrated on 4 December. May God give rest to His servant of the Altar and consolation to his family.

We offer our prayerful condolences to the family of Elaine Mishlanie, for whom the Divine Liturgy for the Faithful Departed was celebrated on 5 December. May God give rest to His handmaid and consolation to her family.

Congratulations. We offer our prayerful congratulations to Harlie Jean Jilliam Hamilton, daughter of Jason and Jessica (Stovall) Hamilton who was baptized and chrismated on 3 December 2017.

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 now on sale and 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 ...

- Capital Improvements Campaign—Kathy Sinnott: In Honor of George Sfeir—\$5,000
- Waddie Kalil—\$3,000
- Joseph Zerga—\$1,000



VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Lectors

9 DEC	4PM	Joe Saba
10 DEC	10AM	Jacque Murad
16 DEC	4PM	Jim Amado
17 DEC	10AM	Norma Tehan

Hospitality

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 3 Dec 2017

1st Collection.	\$1,592
2nd Collection.	\$354
Online Collection: November	\$688
Baptism.	\$50
Capital Improvements Campaign	\$9,000
Hall Rental.	\$200
Hospitality	\$138.50
Funerals	\$150
Contributions	\$1,070
Memorials: Incense & Charcoal	\$80
Candles	\$19
Needy	\$40.25
TOTAL	\$13,381.75

*This Week's Second Collection: Fuel & Heat
Next Week's Second Collection: Snow Removal*