

SAINT LOUIS GONZAGA CHURCH

MARONITE CATHOLIC


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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday — 4 PM, Sunday — 10 AM

Tuesday-Friday — 9 AM

Holy Days of Obligation — 9 AM and 6:30 PM

CLERGY

Father Tony Mouanes: 315-732-6019

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

8-9 DECEMBER 2018





FEASTS FOR 9 DEC – 18 DEC 2018

SUN 9 DEC **Birth of John the Baptist**
Gal 4:21-5:1/Lk 1:57-66

WED 12 DEC St. Spiridion the Wonderworker
Our Lady of Guadalupe

FRI 14 DEC St. Nemtallah El-Hardini

SUN 16 DEC **Revelation to Joseph**
Eph 3:1-13/Mt 1:18-25



CONTACTS

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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.....315-737-7803

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: Kamil Rahme..315-768-3837

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: Harrison Zogby.....315-749-6399



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

SAT 8 DEC 4PM + Louis Astafan, Sr. (3rd Anniversary)
by Joyce, Scander, Louis, Jr. & Diana Astafan

SUN 9 DEC 10AM + Tim Algustowski (Anniversary)
by Joyce Tencza & Jacque Murad

+ Abraham & Zina Abdo & Deceased Members
of Their Family by *The Abdo Family*

+ Mary Pezzulo (Anniversary) by *Nick, Rosemary & Family*

+ James Davis (10th Anniversary) by *Family*

+ Louis A. Kallasy, Jr. (Anniversary) by *Father, Louis Kallasy, Sr.*

MON 10 DEC + NO LITURGY

TUE 11 DEC 9AM + Boyd & Rose Crigger by *Boyd Crigger's Will*

WED 12 DEC 9AM + Mr. & Mrs. Gabriel Moses by *Rose Crigger's Will*

THU 13 DEC 9AM + Angela Mitchell by *The Tennyson Family*

FRI 14 DEC 9AM + Angela Mitchell by *John, Beverly & Michele Sageer*

SAT 15 DEC 4PM + Richard Mazloom by *Nieces & Nephews*

SUN 16 DEC 10AM + Louis Abdo, Sr., Anne Abdo Kuenzli & Ron
Campbell by *The Abdo Family*

+ Fred Sageer (Birthday) by *Wife, Mona Sageer, Children & Grandchildren*

+ Thomas Black, Jr. (4th Anniversary) by *His Wife, Marguerite*



MEETINGS & EVENTS

SUN 9 DEC 9AM Maronite Christian Formation (Gr. 1-6)

SUN 9 DEC 9AM Adult Bible Study

SUN 9 DEC 11AM Maronite Youth Organization (MYO) Meeting

SUN 9 DEC 2PM Saint Mary's Guild Christmas Party

WED 12 DEC 9:30AM Mercy Group

SAT-SUN 15-23 DEC Christmas Novena

SUN 16 DEC 9AM Maronite Christian Formation (All Grades)

SUN 16 DEC 9AM Adult Bible Study

WED 19 DEC 9:30AM Mercy Group

SAT 9 FEB Saint Maron Hafli at the Yahhundasis



VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Lectors

8 DEC 4PM Lou Astafan
9 DEC 10AM Nathan Hanna

15 DEC 4PM Lois Mariano
16 DEC 10AM George Mitchell

Hospitality

9 DEC Mike Mitchell 315-723-3701
16 DEC MYA 315-723-9255

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, Lebanese Monk—14 December

St. Nemtallah was born in the year 1808 in Hardin, Lebanon. It was in the Monastery of St. Anthony in Kozhaya where he took the name Nemtallah instead of Joseph, his first name. 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 from 1853-1858. St. Nemtallah is believed to have performed many miracles during his life due to his deep spirituality and his outstanding 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, and are all documented through the process of his canonization; a blind individual was cured, a crippled got up and walked, and, a cancer patient was completely cured.

St. Nemtallah Kassab El-Hardini was canonized on 16 May, 2004 by Pope John Paul II (now St. Pope John Paul II) in St. Peter Basilica in Rome. May his prayers be with us.

Congratulations. We offer our prayerful congratulations to Ebrahim Abdulaziz Paul Odeh, son of Abdulaziz and Fakhia (Abdulghein) Odeh who was baptized and chrismated on 3 December 2018.

Liturgical Year. This Sunday the Maronite Church celebrates the fourth Sunday of the Season of Joyful Announcements: the Birth of John the Baptist, to his aged parents Zachariah and Elizabeth. Saint John the Baptist is the Forerunner. He went before the Lord to prepare the way for Him and announced the coming of the Lord to the People.

Saint Mary's Guild. On **Sunday, 9 December at 2PM** the Saint Mary's Guild will hold their annual Christmas Party at the Phoenician Restaurant for members and a guest, reservation required.

Maronite Youth Organization (MYO). On Sunday, **9 December at 12 Noon** the MYO will be **caroling** at the Sitrin Home Cedarbrook Assisted Living Facility. On Sunday, **16 December** the MYO will be meeting at the Hanna residence for a **Christmas movie night**. Please contact Lisa Barkett for more information.

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 Saturday **15 December** and concluding on Sunday **23 December**. Please try to attend as many days as possible to prepare yourself spiritually for the Birth of Our Lord.

Saint Maron Haffi. The Annual Saint Maron Haffi will be held on **Saturday, 9 February** at the Yahnundasis Club in New Hartford. More details will follow. Please save the date and plan to attend. Invite your family and friends.



MEMORIALS

ALTAR MEMORIALS ...

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

- **CANDLES**—Available
- **INCENSE & CHARCOAL**—In Memory of Fifi and George *by Dr. & Mrs. Jadhon*
- **SANCTUARY PLANTS & FLOWERS**—In Memory of Fred Sageer & Daughter Ann Sageer *by Mona Sageer & 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.



PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Collections for week ending 2 December 2018	
1st Collection.	\$1,232
2nd Collection.	\$221
Online Collection: November	\$904
Christmas Flowers	\$2
Capital Improvements Campaign	\$200
Hospitality	\$159
Snow Removal.	\$17
Candles	\$43
Needy	\$37
Total	\$2,815

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