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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 Boutros El Hachem: 315-732-6019

Deacon Paul A. Salamy: 315-732-5241

Deacon Peter M. Hobaica: 315-797-5464

## PARISH HOUSE OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday-Friday — 9 AM to 1 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  
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

**5-6 DECEMBER 2020**



## FEASTS FOR 6 DEC – 13 DEC 2020

SUN 6 DEC	<b>Birth of John the Baptist</b> St. Nicholas Gal 4:21-5:1/Lk 1:57-66
MON 7 DEC	St. Ambrose
TUE 8 DEC	<b>The Immaculate Conception</b> Conclusion of the Second Vatican Council
SAT 12 DEC	St. Spiridion the Wonderworker Our Lady of Guadalupe
SUN 13 DEC	<b>Revelation to Joseph</b> Eph 3:1-13/Mt 1:18-25

## CONTACTS

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Special Events: Betty Karrat . . . . . 315-736-1615

### Family Giving Committee:

George Nehme . . . . . 401-742-5841

### Kitchen & Hall:

Mary Ann Tanoury-Loy. . . . . 315-790-3307

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### Pastoral Life Council:

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### Maronite Christian Formation:

Laura Cross . . . . . 315-794-4156

### Maronite Youth Organization:

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Roseanne Ciaccia . . . . . 315-736-5377

### Maronite Young Adults:

John Paul Salamy . . . . . 315-732-5241

Joshua Lewis . . . . . 315-853-4500

Saint Mary's Guild: Brigitte Garrison 315-796-0456

Holy Name Society: Rick Blank . . . . 315-525-3221

Lou Lewis . . . . . 315-737-3950

Saint Joseph Society: Kamil Rahme. . 315-768-3837

Daughters of Mary: Julie Adamo . . . . 315-404-1959

Acolytes: Nathan Hanna . . . . . 315-939-8219

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Liturgy: James Salamy . . . . . 315-723-3776

Lectors: Lois Mariano . . . . . 315-732-3402

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

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

SAT 5 DEC	4PM	+ John Linder by <i>George Acee</i> + Doris D. Hobaica (40 Day) by <i>Family</i>
SUN 6 DEC	10AM	+ John Linder by <i>Roberta &amp; Jacque Murad</i> + Mary Pezzulo by <i>Nick, Rosemary &amp; Family</i> + Charbel Francis by <i>Patti Nassimos</i> + Sam Simon & Ava Massoud Simon (Blessing for a Healthy & Long Marriage) by <i>Father Boutros El Hachem</i> + Elias Hanna Abo Raab by <i>His Sister, Antoinette Zeina &amp; Her Family</i>
MON 7 DEC		+ NO LITURGY
TUE 8 DEC	12PM	+ Special Intention by <i>Father Boutros El Hachem</i>
WED 9 DEC	9AM	+ Mary Raya (4th Anniversary) by <i>Louie, Patty &amp; Boys</i>
THU 10 DEC	9AM	+ Rose Crigger by <i>Rose Crigger's Will</i>
FRI 11 DEC	9AM	+ John Linder by <i>James &amp; Reem Salamy</i>
SAT 12 DEC	4PM	+ Louis Astafan, Sr. (5th Anniversary) by <i>Joyce, Scander, Louis, Jr. &amp; Diana Astafan</i> + Celia Marriott (Anniversary) by <i>Nick &amp; Lois Mariano</i> + John Linder by <i>John, Beverly &amp; Michele Sageer</i>
SUN 13 DEC	10AM	+ Fred Sageer (Birthday) by <i>Mona Sageer &amp; Family</i> + John Linder by <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Frederick Raya &amp; Family</i> + Thomas Mitchell (4th Anniversary) by <i>Children &amp; Grandchildren</i> + Elaine Mishlanie by <i>Her Family</i>

## UPCOMING EVENTS

SUN 6 DEC	9AM	Maronite Christian Formation (MCF) Classes Begin
TUE 8 DEC	12PM	Immaculate Conception Divine Liturgy
WED 9 DEC	9:30AM	Mercy Group
FRI 11 DEC	9:30AM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
TUE 15 DEC		Christmas Novena Begins
SAT 19 DEC	9AM-3PM	Lebanese Cookie Sale Pick Up
THU 24 DEC	4PM	Christmas Divine Liturgy (Reservation Required)
THU 24 DEC	10PM	Christmas Divine Liturgy (Reservation Required)
FRI 25 DEC	10AM	Christmas Divine Liturgy (Reservation Required)

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## POINTS OF INTEREST

**Thank you.** Thank you to all who donated to our Church for Giving Tuesday. We are most grateful for your continued financial support and generosity; it allows our parish to keep going.

**Maronite Christian Formation.** We are planning to resume Maronite Christian Formation (MCF) Classes on **this Sunday, 6 December at 9AM.** Please **register your children as soon as possible** by contacting Laura Cross by email at [crossfolk@yahoo.com](mailto:crossfolk@yahoo.com) or by text or phone call at 315-794-4156.

**Immaculate Conception.** This Tuesday, **8 December** the Church celebrates the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the womb of her mother, Saint Ann. It has been asked that the **12 Noon hour** on this day be an **hour of prayer** and of **graces.** Therefore, on **8 December,** we shall celebrate the **Divine Liturgy at 12 Noon** in the **Church** to pray for all your intentions. The Immaculate Conception is also the patroness of the United States of America, so this is also a fitting time to pray for our country.

**Christmas Ornament Sale.** As a celebration of our **faith and heritage** to **benefit** our Church we are selling Christmas ornaments. They **feature Lebanon, Saint Sharbel, and our Church.** They are shatterproof three inch round flattened design ornaments. They will be available in early December. **Pre-orders** are accepted, and **quantities are limited. Individual** ornaments are **\$10** each or **\$25** for the **set of three** (one of each). Please contact Jean O'Connor in the Parish House Office at 315-732-6019 during Office Hours, Tuesday to Friday 9am to 1pm, to place your order.

**Lebanese Cookie Sale.** To help celebrate **Christmas** and **benefit our Church** we are selling Lebanese cookies in an **assorted box,** that includes a **variety** of Lebanese cookies. Boxes are **\$20 each** and must be **picked up on Saturday, December 19** between **9AM** and **3PM** in the Church Parking Lot in drive-thru fashion, no need to leave your car. Only pre-orders will be accepted, and all orders must be pre-paid. Please see the Church Facebook page and the Lebanese Cookie Sale – Utica, NY Facebook page for more information and to place your order.

**Christmas Novena.** As a spiritual preparation for Christmas, the Maronite Church prays the Christmas Novena for 9 days before Christmas, from **15 to 23 December.** If you would like to have the Novena prayed at your home, please contact Father Boutros or the parish house to schedule a date and time to celebrate the Christmas Novena with Father Boutros at your home.

**Christmas Divine Liturgies.** The Divine Liturgy for the Glorious Birth of Our Lord will be celebrated on **Thursday, 24 December at 4PM** and **10PM** and on **Friday, 25 December at 10AM.** There will **not** be a Children's Christmas Pageant this year. Because of the continued need to **social distance,** we will need to **space attendance** out more evenly **across the three Divine Liturgies.** So please **consider attending the 10PM** Liturgy on **24 December** or the **10AM** Liturgy on **25 December,** if at all possible. There will only be a limited number of seats at each Liturgy. To reserve your seat at one of the Christmas Liturgies please contact Jean O'Connor in the Parish House Office at 315-732-6019 during Office Hours, Tuesday to Friday 9AM to 1PM.

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## MEMORIALS

### ALTAR MEMORIALS ...

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

- **CANDLES** — In Memory of Deceased Members of The Parish by *Deacon Peter & Judy*
- **INCENSE & CHARCOAL** — For the Health & Safety of the Parish & Community of St. Louis Gonzaga Church by *Deacon Peter & Judy*
- **SANCTUARY PLANTS & FLOWERS** — In Memory of Fred Sageer by *Mona Sageer & Family*
- **BREAD & WINE** — In Loving Memory of George Massoud, Sr. by *Wife & Children*
- **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.*

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## VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

### LECTORS

5 DEC	4PM	Joe Saba
6 DEC	10AM	Nathan Hanna
12 DEC	4PM	Jim Amado
13 DEC	10AM	George Mitchell

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## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Collections for the week 22 November 2020

1st Collection	\$2,085
2nd Collection: Fuel & Heat	\$346
Snow Removal	\$233
Catholic University	\$5
Maronite Patriarchal Charities	\$17
Memorials	\$40
Maronite Christian Formation	\$20
Baptism	\$150
Thanksgiving	\$75
Contributions	\$2,170
Candles	\$27
Needy	\$10
Total	\$5,178

Collections for the week 29 November 2020

1st Collection	\$894
2nd Collection: Catholic University	\$75
Online Contributions	\$3,034
Fuel & Heat	\$31
Snow Removal	\$37
Immaculate Conception	\$5
Catholic Home Missions Appeal	\$5
Miscellaneous	\$2.52
Thanksgiving	\$77
Contributions	\$50
Needy	\$10
Total	\$4,220.52
This Week's Second Collection: Christmas Flowers	
Next Week's Second Collection: Catholic Home	



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