



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 Boutros El Hachem: 315-732-6019

Deacon Paul A. Salamy: 315-723-0109

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 Most Blessed Sacrament: Thursdays 9:30 – 10:30AM

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

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

11-12 DECEMBER 2021



FEASTS FOR 12 DEC – 19 DEC 2021

SUN	12 DEC	Revelation to Joseph St. Spiridion the Wonderworker Our Lady of Guadalupe Eph 3:1-13/Mt 1:18-25
MON	13 DEC	St. Lucy
TUE	14 DEC	St. Nemtallah El-Hardini
WED	15 DEC	St. Eleutherius and His Mother
THU	16 DEC	Haggai the Prophet
FRI	17 DEC	The 3 Young Men: Ananias, Azarias, and Misael
SAT	18 DEC	Daniel the Prophet
SUN	19 DEC	Genealogy Sunday St. Anthenodorus Rom 1:1-12/Mt 1:1-17



CONTACTS

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Finance Committee:

Aricca Arcuri 315-796-9876

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Michael Hayduk 315-794-3045

Special Events: Betty Karrat 315-736-1615

Family Giving Committee:

George Nehme 401-742-5841

Kitchen & Hall:

Mary Ann Tanoury-Loy 315-790-3307

Buildings: Byron Elias 315-737-7803

315-794-9423

Pastoral Life Committee:

Deacon Paul Salamy 315-723-0109

Communications: Glory Rasi 315-794-4242

Family Life: Deacon Peter Hobaica . . 315-797-5464

Maronite Christian Formation:

Laura Cross 315-794-4156

Maronite Youth Organization:

Lisa Barkett 315-737-5162

Roseanne Ciacca 315-736-5377

Maronite Young Adults:

John Paul Salamy 315-732-5241

Joshua Lewis 315-941-2114

Saint Mary's Guild: Joyce Astafan . . . 315-723-5597

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

Liturgy: James Salamy 315-723-3776

Lectors: Lois Mariano 315-732-3402

Sacristan: Harrison Zogby 315-749-6399



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

SAT	11 DEC	4PM	* Celia Marriott (Anniv.) by Nick & Lois Mariano * Mary Raya (5th Anniv.) by Lou Raya & Pat Karam & Sons * Reverend Gaetano Baccaro by Lou Raya * Louis Astafan, Sr. (6th Anniv.) by Joyce, Scander, Louis, Jr. & Diana Astafan * Carolyn Spangler by Bill Abraham
SUN	12 DEC	10AM	* Fred Sageer (Birthday) by Mona Sageer & Family * Charles & Agnes Hickel, Richard & Mary Hickel by Linda Hickel & Family * DJ Ortiz (1st Anniv.) Love, Aunt Kathi Tamer * Jacqueline Albright (Birthday) by Her Family * Mariam Chahine by Rocco & Jackie Hobaica * NO LITURGY
MON	13 DEC		
TUE	14 DEC	9AM	* Gregory Hobaica by Kathi Tamer
WED	15 DEC	9AM	* Charles M. Zogby by Dick & Selwa Stemmer
THU	16 DEC	9AM	* Mr. & Mrs. Gabriel Moses by Rose Crigger's Will
FRI	17 DEC	9AM	* Deceased Members of the Moses & Koury Families by John Moses' Will
SAT	18 DEC	4PM	* Nick Mariano, Sr. (10th Anniv.) by Nick & Lois Mariano * Louise (Sitto) Roy (Birthday) by Nick & Lois Mariano * Mae & Louis Astafan, Sr. by Joyce, Scander, Louis, Jr. & Diana Astafan
SUN	19 DEC	10AM	* Louis & Helen Abdo, Anne Abdo Kuenzli, Gloria (Abdo) & Ron Campbell & Anita Abdo by The Abdo Family * Sarah Abraham (Anniv.) by Sarah Abraham's Will * Charles & Agnes Hickel, Richard & Mary Hickel by Linda Hickel & Family * Anita Abdo by George, Jackie & Julia Mitchell * Nabeha Tohme Lewis (21st Anniv.) in Memory of her Children, Leona, Rose, Georgette, Anthony, Charles & Joseph by George Nehme



MEETINGS AND EVENTS

SUN	12 DEC	9AM	Maronite Christian Formation Classes (Gr. 1-6)
SUN	12 DEC	9AM-12PM	Sunday Hospitality—Fried Dough
WED	15 DEC	9:30AM	Mercy Group
Wed-Thu	15-23 DEC		Christmas Novena
THU	16 DEC	9:30AM	Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament
SAT	18 DEC	9AM-3PM	Lebanese Cookie Sale
SUN	19 DEC	9AM	Maronite Christian Formation Classes (Gr. 1-6)
SUN	19 DEC	9AM-12PM	Sunday Hospitality—Fried Dough
WED	22 DEC	9:30AM	Mercy Group
THU	23 DEC	9:30AM	Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament
FRI	24 DEC	4PM	Christmas Divine Liturgy
FRI	24 DEC	10PM	Christmas Divine Liturgy
SAT	25 DEC	10AM	Christmas Divine Liturgy



POINTS OF INTEREST

Father Boutros. On Thursday, 16 December Father Boutros will celebrate his birthday. We assure Father of our prayers and wish him many more happy, healthy, and blessed more years of priestly service.

Christmas Novena. As a **spiritual preparation** for Christmas, the Maronite Church prays the Christmas Novena for nine days before Christmas, from **15 to 23 December**. We shall pray the Christmas Novena at Church **beginning this Wednesday, 15 December** through **Thursday, 23 December** after the **regularly scheduled Divine Liturgies**. If you would like Father Boutros to pray the Christmas Novena at your home in the evening, please contact the parish house during office hours to schedule a date and time from 15 to 23 December.

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 this **Saturday, 18 December** 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 or call the Parish House at 315-732-6019.

Saint Mary's Guild. The Saint Mary's Guild **Christmas Party** at The Phoenician Restuarant has been **cancelled**.

Christmas Divine Liturgies. The Divine Liturgy for the Glorious Birth of Our Lord will be celebrated on **Friday, 24 December** at **4PM** and **10PM** and on **Saturday, 25 December** at **10AM**. There will **not** be a 4PM Divine Liturgy on Saturday, 25 December. The faithful are obliged to participate in the Divine Liturgy for Christmas and on Sunday, 26 December at 10AM.

Sunday Hospitality – Fried Dough. On **Sunday mornings** from **9AM** until **12 Noon** we have resumed the **weekly** Sunday Hospitality – Fried Dough in the George Sfeir Parish Hall. Fried Dough will be available for \$2 a piece to **eat in** the Parish Hall and for **take-out/carry-out** by coming down to the Parish Hall.

Divine Liturgy Intentions. We have begun scheduling weekday and weekend Divine Liturgies for 2022. To schedule a Divine Liturgy in honor or memory of a loved one during 2022, please contact the parish house during office hours.

Memorials. We have begun scheduling the memorials for the **offerings regularly used** in the **Sanctuary** as part of the Divine Liturgy for 2022. They are available for a week, a month, or the year. The Candles, the Incense and Charcoal, and the Sanctuary Plants and Flowers are available in 2022 for a donation of \$10 per week to memorialize or honor a loved one. To arrange for a memorial please contact the parish house during office hours.

Financial Support. During this time our parish still needs your continued financial support. If possible, please continue to make your regular contributions to the Parish.

Thank you. Thank you to all who continue to make their donations and contributions to our parish. We are most grateful for your continued financial support and generosity; it allows our parish to keep going.

Monthly Operational Expenses

Salaries and Insurance: \$9,875
Maintenance and Utilities: \$6,200
Eparchial Assessment: \$2,000
Total Monthly Expenses: \$18,075
Weekly Collection Needed: \$4,172



MEMORIALS

ALTAR MEMORIALS ...

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

- SANCTUARY PLANTS & FLOWERS — In Memory of Fred Sageer by *Mona Sageer & Family*
- CANDLES — In Memory of Louis, Sr. & Mae Astafan by *Their Children*
- INCENSE & CHARCOAL — In Memory of Our Sito & Jido, Assad & Barbara George by *Granddaughter, Leila Bjornland*
- BREAD & WINE — In Memory of the Deceased Members of the Mariano & Roy Families by *Nick & Lois Mariano*
- 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.



VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

LECTORS

11 DEC 4PM Lou Astafan
12 DEC 10AM Jim Salamy

18 DEC 4PM Lois Mariano
19 DEC 10AM Norma Tehan

HOSPITALITY

12 DEC MYA (315-796-7686)
19 DEC Tina Post (315-941-8100)
26 DEC-2 JAN NO HOSPITALITY



PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Collections for the week ending 28 November

1st Collection.....	\$1,332
2nd Collection—Christmas Flowers	\$437
Snow Removal.....	\$15
Funeral.....	\$200
Candles.....	\$78
Total.....	\$2,062

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