

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

18-19 DECEMBER 2021



FEASTS FOR 19 DEC – 26 DEC 2021

SUN	19 DEC	Genealogy Sunday St. Athenodorus Rom 1:1-12/Mt 1:1-17
MON	20 DEC	St. Ignatius of Antioch
TUE	21 DEC	St. Julian
WED	22 DEC	St. Anastasia of the Balkans
THU	23 DEC	St. Eugenia
FRI	24 DEC	Vigil of the Glorious Birth
SAT	25 DEC	The Glorious Birth of Our Lord (Holy Day of Obligation) Heb 1:1-12/Lk 2:1-20
SUN	26 DEC	Felicitations to the Virgin Mary Eph 1:3-14/Lk 1:46-55

CONTACTS

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George Nehme 401-742-5841

Kitchen & Hall:

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Buildings: Byron Elias 315-737-7803

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Pastoral Life Committee:

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Maronite Christian Formation:

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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	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 Abdoo, Anne Abdoo Kuenzli, Gloria (Abdoo) & Ron Campbell & Anita Abdoo by The Abdoo Family + Sarah Abraham (Anniv.) by Sarah Abraham's Will + Charles & Agnes Hickel, Richard & Mary Hickel by Linda Hickel & Family + Anita Abdoo by George, Jackie & Julia Mitchell + Nabeha Tohme Lewis (21st Anniv.) in Memory of her Children, Leona, Rose, Georgette, Anthony, Charles & Joseph by George Nehme
MON	20 DEC	9AM	+ Rose Crigger by Rose Crigger's Will
TUE	21 DEC	9AM	+ Dr. Joseph B. Hobaica & Fannie Saba Tamer by Mr. & Mrs. Donald Brown
WED	22 DEC	9AM	+ Mariam Chahine by Deacon Paul Salamy
THU	23 DEC	9AM	+ Sadie Koury by Sadie Koury's Will
FRI	24 DEC	4PM	+ For all the Parishioners of Saint Louis Gonzaga by Father Boutros El Hachem
		10PM	+ Habib & Mary Sageer Abraham by Daughter, Mary Ann & Family + Murray & Victoria Ladd by Son, Tom & Family
SAT	25 DEC	10AM	+ Anthony Murad & John Tencza by Daughters, Jacque Murad & Joyce Tencza
SUN	26 DEC	10AM	+ Charles & Agnes Hickel, Richard & Mary Hickel by Linda Hickel & Family + Abraham & Zina Abdoo & Deceased Members of their Family by The Abdoo Family + Rosalie Barclay (5th Anniv.) by Her Children

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Wed-Thu	15-23 DEC	Christmas Novena
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
WED	29 DEC 9:30AM	Mercy Group
THU	30 DEC 9:30AM	Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament
FRI	31 DEC 4PM	Holy Day Divine Liturgy
SAT	1 JAN 10AM	Holy Day Divine Liturgy
THU	6 JAN 9AM	Epiphany Holy Day Divine Liturgy
THU	6 JAN 6:30PM	Epiphany Holy Day Divine Liturgy



POINTS OF INTEREST

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 to participate in the Divine Liturgy for Christmas and on Sunday, 26 December at 10AM.

Circumcision of Our Lord. On **1 January**, the Maronite Church celebrates the **Circumcision of Our Lord**, seven days after His Birth. Therefore, we shall celebrate the **Divine Liturgy** on **Friday, 31 December** at **4PM** and on **Saturday, 1 January** at **10AM**. Please make every effort to attend. Please note, there will not be a 4PM Divine Liturgy on Saturday, 1 January. The faithful are to participate in the Divine Liturgy for the Circumcision of Our Lord and on Sunday, 2 January at 10AM.

Epiphany. On **6 January**, the Maronite Church celebrates the **Glorious Epiphany**, the **Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River** by **John the Baptist**. Therefore, we shall celebrate the **Divine Liturgy** and the **Blessing of Water** on **Thursday, 6 January** at **9AM** and **6:30PM**. Because of the importance of this feast, please make every effort to attend.

Face Masks. In accordance with the mandates of the state and county governments face masks must be worn by everyone. Thank you for your cooperation.

The Maronite Voice. Please be sure to pick up a copy of the latest issue of *The Maronite Voice* available at both entrances of the Church. There are many interesting and relevant articles.

Christmas Flowers. We offer our sincere thanks for the Christmas Flowers in the Sanctuary that were donated in loving memory of George and Georgette Nehme, and their daughter, Helen Nehme Carzo by John, George, and Donna Nehme.

Thank you. We offer our sincere thanks to everyone who helped to decorate and prepare the Church and the Parish House for Christmas.

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

18 DEC	4PM	Lois Mariano
19 DEC	10AM	Norma Tehan
24 DEC	4PM	Joe Saba
24 DEC	10PM	Nathan Hanna
25 DEC	10AM	Jim Salamy
26 DEC	10AM	George Mitchell

HOSPITALITY

19 DEC	Tina Post (315-941-8100)
26 DEC-2 JAN	NO HOSPITALITY



PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Collections for the week ending 5 December

1st Collection	\$2,070
2nd Collection—Eparchial Support	\$340
Snow Removal	\$20
Fuel & Heat	\$20
Renovations	\$10
Christmas Flowers	\$295
Contributions	\$150
Maronite Patriarchal Charities	\$10
Memorials	\$80
Candles	\$26
Total	\$3,021

This Week's Second Collection: Snow Removal
Next Week's Second Collection: Church Renovation & Repair