



# 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

**4-5 DECEMBER 2021**

## FEASTS FOR 5 DEC – 12 DEC 2021

SUN 5 DEC	<b>Birth of John the Baptist</b> St. Saba the Hermit Gal 4:21-5:1/Lk 1:57-66
MON 6 DEC	St. Nicholas (Zakhia)
TUE 7 DEC	St. Ambrose
WED 8 DEC	<b>The Immaculate Conception</b> Holy Day of Obligation Conclusion of the Second Vatican Council
THU 9 DEC	St. Francis of Paola
FRI 10 DEC	Pope St. Miltiades
SAT 11 DEC	St. Daniel the Stylite
SUN 12 DEC	<b>Revelation to Joseph</b> St. Spiridion the Wonderworker Our Lady of Guadalupe Eph 3:1-13/Mt 1:18-25

## CONTACTS

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*Parish Council:* Father Boutros . . . . . 315-732-6019

### *Finance Committee:*

Aricca Arcuri . . . . . 315-796-9876

Bernie Sunderlin . . . . . 315-796-7598

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 Ciaccia . . . . . 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 4 DEC	4PM	• Deputy Sheriff Yvonne D. Pettit (Anniv.) by <i>Jacque Murad</i> • Hattie Joseph by <i>Her Children</i> • Father Saba Shofany by <i>Kathi Tamer</i>
SUN 5 DEC	10AM	• Anne Pape (7th Anniv.) by <i>Christine Massoud</i> • Albert & Anna Abdoo & Deceased Members of Their Family by <i>The Abdoo Family</i> • Charles & Agnes Hickel, Richard & Mary Hickel by <i>Linda Hickel &amp; Family</i> • Mariam Chahine by <i>Mary Ann Tanoury-Loy &amp; Family</i> • Mary Pezzulo by <i>Nick &amp; Rosemary Pezzulo</i> • Elaine Mishlanie (4th Anniv.) by <i>Her Family</i> • NO LITURGY
MON 6 DEC		
TUE 7 DEC	9AM	• Mariam Chahine by <i>Tom &amp; Mary Ann Ladd</i>
WED 8 DEC	9AM	• Father Guy Baccaro by <i>Deacon Paul Salamy</i>
	6:30PM	• Robert Willson by <i>Deacon Paul Salamy</i>
THU 9 DEC	9AM	• Boyd Crigger by <i>Boyd Crigger's Will</i>
FRI 10 DEC	9AM	• Tim Algustowski (Anniv.) by <i>Joyce Tencza &amp; Jacque Murad</i>
SAT 11 DEC	4PM	• Celia Marriott (Anniv.) by <i>Nick &amp; Lois Mariano</i> • Mary Raya (5th Anniv.) by <i>Lou Raya &amp; Pat Karam &amp; Sons</i> • Reverend Gaetano Baccaro by <i>Lou Raya</i> • Louis Astafan, Sr. (6th Anniv.) by <i>Joyce, Scander, Louis, Jr. &amp; Diana Astafan</i>
SUN 12 DEC	10AM	• Fred Sageer (Birthday) by <i>Mona Sageer &amp; Family</i> • Charles & Agnes Hickel, Richard & Mary Hickel by <i>Linda Hickel &amp; Family</i> • DJ Ortiz (1st Anniv.) <i>Love, Aunt Kathi Tamer</i> • Jacqueline Albright (Birthday) by <i>Her Family</i> • Marian Chahine by <i>Rocco &amp; Jackie Hobaica</i>

## MEETINGS AND EVENTS

SUN 5 DEC	9AM	Maronite Christian Formation Classes (Gr. 1-12)
SUN 5 DEC	9AM-12PM	Sunday Hospitality—Fried Dough
WED 8 DEC	9AM	Immaculate Conception Holy Day Liturgy
WED 8 DEC	9:30AM	Mercy Group
WED 8 DEC	6:30PM	Immaculate Conception Holy Day Liturgy
THU 9 DEC	9:30AM	Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament
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

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## POINTS OF INTEREST

**Congratulations.** We offer our prayerful congratulations to Sophia Kataleya Maria Benitez-Martinez, the daughter Marbin Benitez Argueta and Shayra Cristal Martinez Torres, who was baptized and chrismated on 21 November. May God bless her as she begins her journey of faith.

**Condolences.** We also offer our prayerful condolences to the family of Nazih "Nick" Karrat, for whom the Divine Liturgy of the Faithful Departed was celebrated on 29 November. May God give rest to His servant and consolation to his family.

**Immaculate Conception.** This Wednesday, **8 December** the Church celebrates the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the womb of her mother, Saint Ann. Our Lady, the Immaculate Conception, is the patroness of the United States. Because of the **importance** of this feast, and to **pray for our country**, the faithful are obliged to participate in the Divine Liturgy on this day. Therefore, we shall celebrate the Divine Liturgy this **Wednesday, 8 December** at **9AM** and **6:30PM**. Please make every effort to join us in prayer.

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

**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**. We shall pray the Christmas Novena at Church each day from 15 to 23 December **after the regularly scheduled Divine Liturgy**. 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 on **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.

**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.

**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

4 DEC	4PM	Jim Amado
5 DEC	10AM	George Mitchell
11 DEC	4PM	Lou Astafan
12 DEC	10AM	Jim Salamy

### HOSPITALITY

5 DEC	MYO (315-737-5167)
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 21 November	
1st Collection.....	\$1,982
2nd Collection—Snow Removal.....	\$477
Fuel & Heat.....	\$23
Christmas Flowers.....	\$30
Eparchial Support.....	\$10
Renovations.....	\$20
Maronite Patriarchal Charities.....	\$87
Candles.....	\$21
Total.....	\$2,650

*This Week's Second Collection: Eparchial Support*  
*Next Week's Second Collection: Fuel & Heat*