

# 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 FEBRUARY 2023**



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## FEASTS FOR 19 FEB - 26 FEB 2023

- SUN 19 FEB **Sunday of the Entrance into Lent  
Miracle at Cana in Galilee**  
The 500 Martyrs of Tyre  
Rom 14:14-23/Jn 2:1-11
- MON 20 FEB **Ash Monday**  
St. James, the Hermit of Cyrrhus  
2 Cor 5:20-6:7/Mt 6:16-21
- TUE 21 FEB St. Eustathius, Patriarch of  
Antioch  
Rom 15:1-13/Mt 6:5-15
- WED 22 FEB Establishment of the Chair of  
St. Peter in Antioch  
Rom 15:14-21/Mt 6:1-4
- THU 23 FEB St. Polycarp of Smyrna  
1 Tim 6:6-12/Mt 6:25-34
- FRI 24 FEB St. Margaret the Penitent  
2 Thes 3:6-14/Mt 7:13-27
- SAT 25 FEB Pope St. Felix II  
Heb 3:14-4:4/Lk 18:9-14
- SUN 26 FEB **Healing of the Leper**  
St. Alexander, Patriarch of  
Alexandria  
Rom 6:12-23/Mk 1:35-45

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## CONTACTS

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Music: Nick Abounader . . . . .315-335-2239

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

### Finance Committee:

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:

Communications: Glory Rasi . . . . .315-794-4242

### Maronite Christian Formation:

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

### Maronite Youth Organization:

Lisa Barkett . . . . .315-723-0556

### 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

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

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

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

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## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

- SAT 18 FEB 4PM • Lamya Shaheen Stowens (40 Day) by Her Family  
• Kay Arcuri (2nd Anniv.) by Kay's Grandchildren  
• Joe & Madlyn George by Niece, Leila Bjornland  
• Emiline Valencourt (15th Anniv.) by Her Family
- SUN 19 FEB 10AM • Charles & Agnes Hickel, Richard & Mary Hickel &  
Richard Hickel by Linda Hickel & Family  
• Joseph Antoun & Nazera Tanoury by Family  
• Deceased Members of the Sally and Ferris Families  
by Anne Sally & Family  
• Louis Joseph, Jr. (40 Day) by His Father, Louie, Brother &  
Sisters  
• Georgette Nehme (7th Anniv.) by Her Children  
• Helen Nehme Carzo (2nd Anniv.) by John, George &  
Donna Nehme
- MON 20 FEB 9AM • Kermit & Loretta LaFave by Deacon Paul Salamy  
6:30PM • Deceased Members of the Salamy & Ellis Families  
by Deacon Paul Salamy
- TUE 21 FEB 9AM • Louis Diab by Reem & James Salamy
- WED 22 FEB 9AM • Monet Shaheen by The Prokosch Family  
• William Koury by Wife, Children & Grandchildren
- THU 23 FEB 9AM • Lamya Shaheen Stowens by Lou Raya & Patty Karam
- FRI 24 FEB 9AM • Lorri Nackley by James & Reem Salamy
- SAT 25 FEB 4PM • Bedelia Saba Hobaica by Don & MaryJo Brown  
• Zaffa Horton by Cathy, Ronnie & Children  
• Louis A. Joseph, Jr. by Steven & Joanne Abel & Family  
• Celia Marriott (Birth.) by Nick & Lois Mariano  
• Lisa Plunkett Harris (5th Anniv.) by Table 5 Friends  
• Marie (Hobaica) Herman by Darlene Karam
- SUN 26 FEB 10AM • Charles & Agnes Hickel, Richard & Mary Hickel &  
Richard Hickel by Linda Hickel & Family  
• Richard Abounader by Daughter, Regina & Family  
• Lamya Shaheen Stowens by John & Renee (Shaheen) Lisi  
• Brenda J. Bach (40 Day) by The Abel, Cornmire & Abdo  
Families

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## MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- MON 20 FEB 9AM Ash Monday Divine Liturgy
- MON 20 FEB 4-7PM Lenten Fish Fry
- MON 20 FEB 6:30PM Ash Monday Divine Liturgy
- WED 22 FEB 9:30AM Mercy Group
- THU 23 FEB 9:30AM Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament
- FRI 24 FEB 4-7PM Lenten Fish Fry
- FRI 24 FEB 6:30PM Stations and Benediction of the Cross
- FRI 3 MAR 4-7 PM Lenten Fish Fry
- FRI 3 MAR 6:30PM Stations and Benediction of the Cross
- SUN 5 MAR 9AM Maronite Christian Formation Classes (Gr. 1-6)
- FRI 10 MAR 4-7 PM Lenten Fish Fry
- FRI 10 MAR 6:30PM Stations and Benediction of the Cross
- SUN 12 MAR 9AM Maronite Christian Formation Classes (Gr. 1-6)
- FRI-SUN 21-23 JULY Taste of Lebanon
- SUN 5 NOV Festival of Baskets



## POINTS OF INTEREST

**Condolences.** We offer our prayerful condolences to the family of Eli A. Shaheen for whom the Divine Liturgy of the Faithful Departed was celebrated on 11 February. May God give rest to His servant and consolation to his family.

**Ash Monday.** This Monday, 20 February the Maronite Church begins the Season of Great Lent with the blessing and distribution of Ashes. Therefore, we shall celebrate the **Divine Liturgy** for the beginning of Great Lent with the **Blessing and Distribution of Ashes** on Ash Monday, **20 February at 9AM and 6:30PM.**

**Fish Fry.** Our Annual Lenten Fish Fry will **begin on Ash Monday, 20 February** and continue on the **Fridays of Great Lent, 24 February** through **7 April**, from **4-7PM** in the George Sfeir Parish Hall, Dine-In or Take-Out. \$15 for adults and \$6 for children (10 and under). Please join us in fellowship. If you would like to donate baked goods for a Friday, please contact Mary Ann at 315-790-3307.

**Abstinence and Fasting.** All Maronites who are physically capable are to **abstain from meat** on Ash Monday (20 February) and all Fridays of Great Lent. Ash Monday and Great Friday of the Crucifixion (7 April) are also days of fasting. **Fasting** in the Maronite Church involves eating and drinking nothing at all (except water and medicine) from midnight until noon. The rest of the day normal meals can be taken, but without meat. All Maronites who are physically capable are to fast on these two days.

**Stations and Benediction of the Cross.** On the **Fridays of Great Lent (24 February through 31 March)** at **6:30PM** we will celebrate the Stations and Benediction of the Cross in the **Church**. Please make every effort to attend these important Lenten prayers.

**Lenten Food Drive.** During Great Lent, beginning on Ash Monday, 20 February, through Great Friday of the Crucifixion, 7 April, the students of the Maronite Christian Formation (MCF) Program are collecting non-perishable food items for the Veterans Outreach Center. A collection box will be placed in the George Sfeir Parish Hall.

**CRS Rice Bowl.** During Great Lent the Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Rice Bowls will be available for those who would like to make a donation to CRS as part of their Lenten almsgiving. CRS helps people in need in other countries on behalf of the Catholic Bishops in the United States.

**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, including a profile of our parish, Saint Louis Gonzaga, in the center of the issue.

**Urgent Need!** Isabel Saba Nackley's 24-year-old granddaughter, Alexandra, who lives in Massachusetts, is fighting Leukemia for the third time and is in **urgent need** of a blood match for a bone marrow stem cell donation to **save her life**. Currently, there is not a match in the donor bank. The family is looking for someone of Mediterranean (Middle Eastern and or Italian) ancestry to be a match. To be a bone marrow donor you need to be between 18 and 40 years of age. Please visit [bethematch.com](http://bethematch.com) to register and request a free cheek swab test kit. For further information, please contact Alexandra's aunt, Susan Nackley Mojave, on her cell phone at 315-404-3339.



## MEMORIALS

### ALTAR MEMORIALS ...

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

- **INCENSE & CHARCOAL** — In Memory of Joe & Madlyn George by Niece, Leila Bjornland
- **CANDLES** — In Memory of Melvin & Celia Marriott by *Nick & Lois Mariano and Chuck & Lorraine Curri*
- **SANCTUARY PLANTS & FLOWERS** — In Memory of Monet Shaheen & Lamya (Shaheen) Stowens by *Family*
- **BREAD & WINE** — In Memory of Fred, Florence & Lorri Nackley by *Fred Nackley & Family*
- **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 FEB	4PM	Lou Raya
19 FEB	10AM	Norma Tehan
20 FEB	6:30PM	Nathan Hanna
25 FEB	4PM	Joe Saba
26 FEB	10AM	Aricca Lewis

### HOSPITALITY

19 FEB	Fish Fry Team
26 FEB	Luke & Anne Lewis Team
5 MAR	Rocco Hobaica Team
12 MAR	Mike Mitchell Team
19 MAR	St. Joseph's Society
26 MAR	MYA



## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Collections for the week ending February	
1st Collection.....	\$1,959
2nd Collection—Week of Faithful Departed.....	\$.981
Eparchial Support.....	\$.65
Epiphany.....	\$.25
Feast of St. Maron.....	\$.375
Renovations & Repairs.....	\$.100
Contributions.....	\$.500
Candles.....	\$.15
Total.....	\$4,020

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