

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

25-26 FEBRUARY 2023





FEASTS FOR 26 FEB - 5 MAR 2023

- SUN 26 FEB **Healing of the Leper**
St. Alexander, Patriarch of
Alexandria
Rom 6:12-23/Mk 1:35-45
- MON 27 FEB St. Thalaleus, Disciple of St. Maron
1 Thes 3:6-13/Mt 6:22-24
- TUE 28 FEB Sts. Koura & Marana, Disciples
of St. Maron
Gal 2:11-17/Mt 7:1-12
- WED 1 MAR St. Domnina, Disciple of St. Maron
St. Eudokia (Afdokia) of Baalbek
Rom 3:19-27/Mt 12:38-45
- THU 2 MAR **St. John Maron**
Phil 1:21-30/Mt 5:13-17
- FRI 3 MAR St. Thomas Aquinas
St. Katharine Drexel
Rom 1:18-25/Mt 18:23-35
- SAT 4 MAR St. Paul & His Sister, St. Juliana
Heb 12:28-13:9/Mk 11:19-25
- SUN 5 MAR **Healing of the Hemorrhaging
Woman**
St. Albert the Great
2 Cor 7:4-11/Lk 8:40-56



CONTACTS

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Special Events: Betty Karrat315-736-1615

Family Giving Committee:

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

Kitchen & Hall:

Mary Ann Tanoury-Loy315-790-3307

Buildings: Byron Elias315-737-7803
315-794-9423

Communications: Glory Rasi315-794-4242

Maronite Christian Formation:

Laura Cross315-794-4156

Maronite Youth Organization:

Lisa Barkett315-723-0556

Maronite Young Adults:

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

Joshua Lewis.....315-941-2114

Saint Mary's Guild: Joyce Astafan315-723-5597

Holy Name Society: Rick Blank315-525-3221

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

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

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

Lectors: Lois Mariano315-732-3402

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



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

- 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
• Lamy Shaheen Stowens by John & Renee (Shaheen) Lisi
• Brenda J. Bach (40 Day) by The Abel, Cornmire & Abdo
Families
- MON 27 FEB • NO LITURGY
- TUE 28 FEB 9AM • Yousef Barabra by Reem & James Salamy
- WED 1 MAR 9AM • Monet Shaheen by Deacon Paul Salamy
- THU 2 MAR 9AM • Rose Crigger by Rose Crigger's Will
- FRI 3 MAR 9AM • Richard Cox by James & Reem Salamy
- SAT 4 MAR 4PM • Louis A. Joseph, Jr. by Mr. & Mrs. John Palaimo & Family
• Thelma (T.R.) Roy (Anniv.) by Nick & Lois Mariano
• Lamy Shaheen Stowens by Assad & Jeanette Charbel
• Joseph Lewis II by Maureen Lewis & Family
- SUN 5 MAR 10AM • Charles & Agnes Hickel, Richard & Mary Hickel &
Richard Hickel by Linda Hickel & Family
• Albert & Anna Abdo & Deceased Members of Their
Families by The Abdo Family
• Lamy Shaheen Stowens by Mary Ann Tanoury-Loy &
Family
• Brenda Jean (Abdo) Bach by Betty Karrat
• Louis Joseph, Jr. by Mary Ann Tanoury-Loy & Family
• Josephine Joseph (12th Anniv.) by Children &
Grandchildren



MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- WED 1 MAR 9:30AM Mercy Group
- THU 2 MAR 9:30AM Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament
- FRI 3 MAR 4-7 PM Lenten Fish Fry
- FRI 3 MAR 6:30PM Stations and Benediction of the Cross
- SAT 4 MAR 10AM First Penance
- 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 17 MAR 4-7 PM Lenten Fish Fry
- FRI 17 MAR 6:30PM Stations and Benediction of the Cross
- SUN 19 MAR 9AM Maronite Christian Formation Classes (Gr. 1-6)
- SUN 19 MAR 11AM Maronite Youth Organization (MYO) Meeting
- FRI-SUN 21-23 JULY Taste of Lebanon
- SUN 5 NOV Festival of Baskets



POINTS OF INTEREST

Saint John Maron. On **2 March** the Maronite Church celebrates the feast of Saint John Maron, our **first Patriarch**. Please join us in prayer for the **Divine Liturgy** at **9AM** on **Thursday, 2 March** followed by Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Saint John Maron was born in 628 on the border of modern-day Syria and Turkey. He was elected the Patriarch of Antioch for the Maronites in 685. He accompanied the Maronite people to Lebanon during their persecution in Syria. He died in 707 and is buried in Kfarhy, near Batroun, Lebanon. May his prayers be with us.

Condolences. We offer our prayerful condolences to the family of Gerald (Jerry) Zasa for whom the Prayers of the Faithful Departed were celebrated on 14 February. May God give rest to His servant and consolation to his family.

Condolences. We offer our prayerful condolences to the family of Catherine Wheeler George Petzoldt for whom the Divine Liturgy of the Faithful Departed was celebrated on 21 February. May God give rest to His handmaid and consolation to her family.

First Penance. The Maronite Christian Formation (MCF) students who are preparing to receive the Most Holy Eucharist for the first time this year will celebrate the Sacrament (Mystery) of Penance for the first time on Saturday, 4 March at 10am.

Fish Fry. Our Annual Lenten Fish Fry has begun and will continue on the **Fridays of Great Lent**, 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.

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, 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 donate 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.

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 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 Joseph Hanna, Sr., Karen, Howard, Joseph, & Gregory Hanna by *Danese Hanna*
- **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

25 FEB	4PM	Joe Saba
26 FEB	10AM	Aricca Lewis
4 MAR	4PM	Jim Amado
5 MAR	10AM	George Mitchell

HOSPITALITY

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
2 APR	Palm Sunday—No Hospitality



PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Collections for the week ending 20 February	
1st Collection	\$2,585
2nd Collection—Fuel & Heat	\$788
Faithful Departed	\$73
Ash Monday	\$757
Total	\$4,203

*This Week's Second Collection: Snow Removal
Next Week's Second Collection: Eparchial Support*