



# 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 NOVEMBER 2023**

## FEASTS AND READINGS

SUN	26 Nov	<b>Announcement to the Virgin Mary</b> St. Peter, Patriarch of Alexandria Gal 3:15-22/Lk 1:26-38
MON	27 Nov	St. James Intercissus Gal 3:1-6/Lk 11:27-32
TUE	28 Nov	St. Stephen the Younger Gal 3:7-14/Mt 11:25-30
WED	29 Nov	Sts. Saturninus and Sisinius Gal 3:23-29/Mt 13:54-58
THU	30 Nov	St. Andrew St. Bishop Gal 4:1-7/Mt 12:46-50
FRI	1 DEC	Nahum the Prophet Gal 4:8-12/Jn 6:40-44
SAT	2 DEC	Habakkuk the Prophet Gal 4:13-20/Lk 10:21-24
SUN	3 DEC	<b>Visitation of the Virgin to Elizabeth</b> St. Francis Xavier Eph 1:1-14/Lk 1:39-45

## CONTACTS

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<i>Finance Committee:</i>	Michael Hayduk . . . . .	315-794-3045
<i>Special Events:</i>	Betty Karrat . . . . .	315-736-1615
<i>Family Giving Committee:</i>		
	George Nehme . . . . .	401-742-5841
<i>Kitchen &amp; Hall:</i>		
	Mary Ann Tanoury-Loy . . . . .	315-790-3307
<i>Buildings:</i>	Byron Elias . . . . .	315-737-7803
		315-794-9423
<i>Communications:</i>	Glory Rasi . . . . .	315-794-4242
<i>Maronite Christian Formation:</i>		
	Laura Cross . . . . .	315-794-4156
<i>Maronite Youth Organization:</i>		
	Lisa Barkett . . . . .	315-723-0556
<i>Maronite Young Adults:</i>		
	John Paul Salamy . . . . .	315-732-5241
	Joshua Lewis . . . . .	315-941-2114
<i>Saint Mary's Guild:</i>	Anne Lewis . . . . .	315-525-8227
<i>Holy Name Society:</i>	Rick Blank . . . . .	315-525-3221
	Lou Lewis . . . . .	315-737-3950
<i>Saint Joseph Society:</i>	Kamil Rahme . . . . .	315-768-3837
<i>Acolytes:</i>	Nathan Hanna . . . . .	315-939-8219
<i>Lectors:</i>	Lois Mariano . . . . .	315-732-3402
<i>Sacristan:</i>	Harrison Zogby . . . . .	315-749-6399

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

SAT	25 Nov	4PM	+In Thanksgiving by <i>Deacon Paul Salamy</i>
SUN	26 Nov	10AM	+Harry Smith (4th Anniv.) by <i>Wife, Selma &amp; Children</i>
MON	27 Nov		+No Liturgy
TUE	28 Nov	9AM	+Mary Lou Hickey by <i>James &amp; Reem Salamy</i>
WED	29 Nov	9AM	+Joseph & Lillian Mody by <i>Their Children</i>
THU	30 Nov	9AM	+Edward & Sadie Koury by <i>Sadie Koury's Will</i>
FRI	1 DEC	9AM	+Helen Moses by <i>Rose Crigger's Will</i>
SAT	2 DEC	4PM	+Melvin Marriott (Birth.) by <i>Nick &amp; Lois Mariano</i> +Louis Roy (Birth.) by <i>Nick &amp; Lois Mariano</i> +George J. Massoud, Sr. (12th Anniv.) by <i>Wife, Janet, Children, &amp; Grandchildren</i> +Marlene (Hiffa) Giuliano (40 Day) by <i>Sisters, Donna &amp; Joanne</i>
SUN	3 DEC	10AM	+Richard Mazloom by <i>Nephew, Deacon Paul Salamy</i>

## MEETINGS AND EVENTS

WED	29 Nov	9:30AM	Mercy Group
THU	30 Nov	9:30AM	Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament
SUN	3 DEC	9AM	Maronite Christian Formation (MCF) Classes
FRI	8 DEC	9AM	Immaculate Conception Holy Day Liturgy
FRI	8 DEC	6:30PM	Immaculate Conception Holy Day Liturgy
SUN	10 DEC	9AM	Maronite Christian Formation (MCF) Classes
SUN	10 DEC	2PM	Saint Mary's Guild Christmas Party
Fri-Sat	15-23 DEC		Christmas Novena
SAT	16 DEC	3PM	Christmas Concert, Divine Liturgy, and Gathering
SUN	17 DEC	9AM	Maronite Christian Formation (MCF) Classes
WED	20 DEC	9AM-1PM	Lebanese Cookie Sale Pickup
SUN	7 JAN	9AM	Maronite Christian Formation (MCF) Classes

**Order Today!**  
Last year was a sell out.

**Lebanese Cookie Sale**

Hosted by  
**Saint Louis Gonzaga**  
Maronite Catholic Church

**Only \$20/Box**  
Assortment of Baklava, Ka'ak, Graybeh,  
Maamool, Barassi, Nammura, Burma & More

**MUST ORDER AHEAD BY DEC. 15**  
CALL 315-732-6019

All orders to be picked up **December 20th**  
from 9AM to 1PM CURBSIDE at  
St. Louis Gonzaga Church Parking Lot  
520 Rutger Street, Utica, NY



## POINTS OF INTEREST

**Immaculate Conception.** On **8 December** the Church celebrates the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the womb of her mother, Saint Ann. The Blessed Virgin Mary, 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 bound to participate in the Divine Liturgy on this day. Therefore, we shall celebrate the **Divine Liturgy** next **Friday, 8 December** at **9AM** and **6:30PM**. Please make every effort to join us in prayer.

**Saint Mary's Guild Christmas Party.** The Saint Mary's Guild will have their annual Christmas Party on **Sunday, 10 December** at **2PM** at **Delmonico's Italian Steakhouse** on North Genesee Street in Utica. The cost is \$30.00 per person. For more information or to make your reservation, please contact Aricca Lewis at 315-796-9876 or Lori Wiczorek at 315-727-4173. Reservations must be made by 4 December.

**Lebanese Cookie Sale.** To celebrate **Christmas** and to **benefit our Church**, we will be selling Lebanese cookies in an **assorted box** that includes a **variety** of Lebanese cookies. Boxes are **\$20 each**. All orders must be **made in advance** by Friday 15 December and **pre-paid**. Please see the Facebook page "Lebanese Cookie Sale – Utica, NY" for more information and to place and pay for your order or please contact the Parish House during office hours. All orders must be picked up on **Wednesday, 20 December** from **9AM** to **1PM** in the Church parking lot in drive-thru fashion, no need to leave your car.

**Sitto's Legacy: A Lebanese Cookbook.** Beginning next Sunday 3 December following the 10AM Divine Liturgy, the Saint Mary's Guild will be selling **Sitto's Legacy: A Lebanese Cookbook** in the George Sfeir Parish Hall. This cookbook is from our parish and will make an **excellent Christmas gift** for your **family** and **friends**.

**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. Please make every effort to join us in prayer before the Glorious Birth of Our Lord.

**Christmas Concert.** On **Saturday 16 December** at **3PM** there will be a **concert** of traditional **Christmas Carols** preceding the 4PM Divine Liturgy. Please join us to celebrate the Season of the Glorious Birth of Our Lord.

**Christmas Gathering.** On **Saturday 16 December** immediately following the **4PM** Divine Liturgy there will be a **Christmas Gathering** in the George Sfeir Parish Hall. Please **bring a dish to share** and join us in fellowship to celebrate the Season of the Glorious Birth of Our Lord.

**Divine Liturgy Schedule.** Please see the Christmas Divine Liturgy Schedule for the Divine Liturgies during the Christmas Season.



## MEMORIALS

### ALTAR MEMORIALS ...

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

- **SANCTUARY PLANTS & FLOWERS** — In Memory of Marlene (Hiffa) Giuliano by *George & Marcia Hiffa Close, Michael & Gail Hiffa, & Kathleen Hiffa McCallum*
- **INCENSE & CHARCOAL** — In Memory of Marlene (Hiffa) Giuliano by *George & Marcia Hiffa Close, Michael & Gail Hiffa, & Kathleen Hiffa McCallum*
- **CANDLES** — For the Living and Deceased Members of the Monahan and Murad Families by *Jacquelyn Murad*
- **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 Nov	4PM	Joe Saba
26 Nov	10AM	Norma Tehan
2 Dec	4PM	Joe Saba
3 Dec	10AM	Nathan Hanna

### HOSPITALITY

26 Nov	No Hospitality
3 DEC	MYA
10 DEC	MYO
17 DEC	Fish Fry Team



## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Collections for the week ending 12 November	
1st Collection.....	\$2,053
2nd Collection—Fuel & Heat.....	\$406
Snow Removal.....	\$10
Needy.....	\$20
Hospitality.....	\$400
Total.....	\$2,889

Collections for the week ending 19 November please see next week's bulletin.

*This Week's Second Collection:* Christmas Flowers  
*Next Week's Second Collection:* Eparchial Support