



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

2-3 DECEMBER 2023



FEASTS AND READINGS

SUN	3 DEC	Visitation of the Virgin to Elizabeth St. Francis Xavier Eph 1:1-14/Lk 1:39-45
MON	4 DEC	St. Barbara Eph 1:15-23/Lk 1:46-56
TUE	5 DEC	St. Saba the Hermit Eph 2:1-10/Lk 10:38-42
WED	6 DEC	St. Nicholas (Zakhia) Eph 2:11-16/Lk 19:1-10
THU	7 DEC	St. Ambrose Eph 2:17-22/Jn 4:39-42
FRI	8 DEC	Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation) Conclusion of the Second Vatican Council Heb 7:11-17/Lk 11:27-32
SAT	9 DEC	St. Francis of Paola Eph 4:1-7/Lk 5:27-32
SUN	10 DEC	Birth of John the Baptist Pope St. Miltiades Gal 4:21-5:1/Lk 1:57-66



CONTACTS

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Lou Lewis. 315-737-3950
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Lectors: Lois Mariano 315-732-3402
Sacristan: Harrison Zogby. 315-749-6399



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

SAT	2 DEC	4PM	•Melvin Marriott (Birth.) by Nick & Lois Mariano •Louis Roy (Birth.) by Nick & Lois Mariano •George J. Massoud, Sr. (12th Anniv.) by Wife, Janet, Children, & Grandchildren •Marlene (Hiffa) Giuliano (40 Day) by Sisters, Donna & Joanne
SUN	3 DEC	10AM	•Richard Mazloom by Nephew, Deacon Paul Salamy •Hattie Joseph by Children
MON	4 DEC		•No Liturgy
TUE	5 DEC	9AM	•Deceased Franciscan Sisters by James & Reem Salamy
WED	6 DEC	9AM	•Deceased Members of the Mazloom Family by Deacon Paul Salamy
THU	7 DEC	9AM	•Deceased Members of the Moses & Koury Families by John Moses' Will
FRI	8 DEC	9AM	•Antoinette E. Stemmer (Birth.) by Family
		6:30PM	•Peter LoGalbo by Deacon Paul Salamy
SAT	9 DEC	4PM	•Louis Astafan, Sr. by Joyce, Scander, Louis, Jr. & Diana Astafan
SUN	10 DEC	10AM	•Elaine Mishlanie by Theresa, John, David, Jane & Grandchildren •James Peters (2nd Anniv.) by Wife, Children, & Grandchildren •Marlene (Hiffa) Giuliano by Ciccarelli Family



MEETINGS AND EVENTS

SUN	3 DEC	9AM	Maronite Christian Formation (MCF) Classes
WED	6 DEC	9:30AM	Mercy Group
THU	7 DEC	9:30AM	Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament
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
THU	21 DEC	9AM-1PM	Lebanese Cookie Sale Pickup
SUN	24 DEC	4PM	Christmas Divine Liturgy
SUN	24 DEC	10PM	Christmas Divine Liturgy
MON	25 DEC	10AM	Christmas Divine Liturgy
SUN	7 JAN	9AM	Maronite Christian Formation (MCF) Classes



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 this **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 next **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 this Monday 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 **Thursday, 21 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 this weekend, 2-3 December, at the 4PM Divine Liturgy on Saturday in Church and after the 10AM Divine Liturgy on Sunday in the George Sfeir Parish Hall, the Saint Mary's Guild will be selling **Sitto's Legacy: A Lebanese Cookbook**. 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.

Genealogy Sunday Divine Liturgies. The Divine Liturgy for Genealogy Sunday will be celebrated on **Saturday, 23 December** at **4PM** and on **Sunday, 24 December** at **10AM**. Please make every effort to join us in prayer for the last Sunday before the Glorious Birth of Our Lord.

Christmas Divine Liturgies. The Divine Liturgy for the Glorious Birth of Our Lord will be celebrated on **Sunday, 24 December** at **4PM** and **10PM** and on **Monday, 25 December** at **10AM**. Please make every effort to join us in prayer for the 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** — In Memory of Deceased Members of the Mariano & Roy Families by *Nick & Lois Mariano*
- **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

2 DEC	4PM	Joe Saba
3 DEC	10AM	Nathan Hanna
8 DEC	6:30PM	Jim Amado
9 DEC	4PM	Richard Koury
10 DEC	10AM	Aricca Lewis

HOSPITALITY

3 DEC	MYA
10 DEC	MYO
17 DEC	Fish Fry Team



PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Collections for the week ending 19 November

1st Collection	\$1,878
2nd Collection—Snow Removal	\$396
Fuel & Heat	\$285
Christmas Flowers	\$100
Memorials	\$170
Hospitality	\$200
Candles	\$67
Needy	\$11
Total	\$3,107

Collections for the week ending 26 November

1st Collection	\$1,240
2nd Collection—Christmas Flowers	\$441
Thanksgiving	\$90
Eparchial Support	\$26
Fuel & Heat	\$5
Snow Removal	\$5
Contributions	\$100
Needy	\$20
Total	\$1,927

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