



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

16-17 DECEMBER 2023



FEASTS AND READINGS

SUN	17 DEC	Revelation to Joseph The 3 Young Men: Ananias, Azarias, and Misael Eph 3:1-13/Mt 1:18-25
MON	18 DEC	Daniel the Prophet Rom 10:14-21/Jn 7:1-10
TUE	19 DEC	St. Athenodorus Rom 11:1-12/Jn 7:11-18
WED	20 DEC	St. Ignatius of Antioch Rom 11:13-24/Jn 7:25-30
THU	21 DEC	St. Julian Rom 11:25-36/Jn 7:31-36
FRI	22 DEC	St. Anastasia of the Balkans Rom 12:1-8/Jn 7:37-44
SAT	23 DEC	St. Eugenia Rom 12:9-21/Jn 7:45-53
SUN	24 DEC	Genealogy Sunday Rom 1:1-12/Mt 1:17
MON	25 DEC	The Glorious Birth of Our Lord (Holy Day of Obligation) Heb 1:1-12/Lk 2:1-20



CONTACTS

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Family Giving Committee:	
George Nehme	401-742-5841
Kitchen & Hall:	
Mary Ann Tanoury-Loy	315-790-3307
Buildings: Byron Elias	315-737-7803
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Communications: Glory Rasi	315-794-4242
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Saint Mary's Guild: Anne Lewis	315-525-8227
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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
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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

SAT	16 DEC	4PM	+Celia Marriott (Anniv.) by Nick & Lois Mariano +Father Boutros El Hachem (Birth.) by Nick & Lois Mariano +Fred Sageer (Birth.) by Mona Sageer & Family +Marlene (Hiffa) Giuliano by The Ciccarelli Family
SUN	17 DEC	10AM	+Louis & Helen Abdo & their Children: Gloria, Ronnie, Louis, Anita, Anne & Ron by The Abdo Family +Paul Collis (1st Anniv.) by Wife, Sandy +In Memory of George & Nabeha Tohme Lewis & their Children: Rose, Georgette, Leona, Anthony, Charles & Joseph by George Nehme
MON	18 DEC	9AM	+Special Intention by Father Boutros
TUE	19 DEC	9AM	+Marlene (Hiffa) Giuliano by Deacon Paul Salamy
WED	20 DEC	9AM	+Gerald (Jerry) Zasa by James & Reem Salamy
THU	21 DEC	9AM	+Fannie Saba Tamer by Don & MaryJo Brown +Louis A. Joseph, Jr. (1st Anniv.) by Mom, Dad, Siblings & Family
FRI	22 DEC	9AM	+Dr. Joseph B. Hobaica by Don & MaryJo Brown
SAT	23 DEC	4PM	+Mae & Louis Astafan by Joyce, Scander, Louis, Jr. & Diana Astafan +Nicholas Mariano, Sr. (Anniv.) by Nick & Lois Mariano +Louise (Sitto) Roy (Birth.) by Nick & Lois Mariano +Monet Shaheen (1st Anniv.) by Family
SUN	24 DEC	10AM	+Sarah Abraham (Anniv.) by Sarah Abraham's Will
		4PM	+Habib & Mary Sageer Abraham & Son, Michael by Daughter, Mary Ann & Family +Murray & Victoria Ladd by Son, Tom & Family +Lorraine Matys by Diane & Tony Nackley & Family +Marlene (Hiffa) Giuliano by The Ciccarelli Family
		10PM	+Helen Abdo by Family
MON	25 DEC	10AM	+Deceased Members of the Salamy Family by Deacon Paul Salamy



MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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	9:30AM Mercy Group
THU	21 DEC	9:30AM Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament
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
MON	1 JAN	11AM Holy Day Divine Liturgy
FRI	5 JAN	6:30AM Epiphany Holy Day Divine Liturgy
SAT	6 JAN	10AM Epiphany Holy Day Divine Liturgy
SUN	7 JAN	9AM Maronite Christian Formation (MCF) Classes
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POINTS OF INTEREST

Father Boutros. On Saturday 16 December Father Boutros celebrates his birthday. We assure Father Boutros of our prayers and wish him many more happy, healthy, and blessed more years of priestly service.

Thank you. We offer our sincere thanks to everyone who helped to decorate and prepare the Church for Christmas.

Christmas Flowers. We offer our sincere thanks to George Nehme for donating the Christmas Flowers in the Sanctuary in loving memory of his parents, George and Georgette Nehme, and his sister, Helen Nehme Carzo.

Lebanese Cookie Sale. The deadline to order an **assorted box** that includes a **variety** of Lebanese cookies was Friday 15 December. All orders must be **pre-paid**, \$20 per box. All orders must be **picked up** on this **Thursday 21 December** from **9AM to 1PM** in the **Church parking lot** in **drive-thru** fashion, no need to leave your car. Thank you for your support!

Sitto's Legacy: A Lebanese Cookbook. This is the last weekend before Christmas that the Saint Mary's Guild is selling *Sitto's Legacy: A Lebanese Cookbook* at the 4PM Divine Liturgy on Saturday in Church and after the 10AM Divine Liturgy on Sunday in the George Sfeir Parish Hall. This cookbook is from our parish makes 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 until 23 December **after** the **regularly scheduled Divine Liturgy**. Please make every effort to join us in prayer before the Glorious Birth of Our Lord.

Genealogy Sunday Divine Liturgies. Next weekend, 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.

The Sunday of the Finding of our Lord in the Temple. The Divine Liturgy for the Sunday of the Finding of Our Lord in the Temple will be celebrated on **Saturday, 30 December** at **4PM** and on **Sunday, 31 December** at **10AM**. Please make every effort to join us in prayer as we continue to celebrate the Glorious Birth of Our Lord.

Circumcision of Our Lord. On **1 January**, the Maronite Church celebrates the **Circumcision of Our Lord**, seven days after His Birth. Because of the importance of this feast the faithful are bound to participate in the Divine Liturgy on this day. Therefore, we shall celebrate the **Divine Liturgy** on **Monday, 1 January** at **11AM**. Please make every effort to join us in prayer at this Liturgy as we begin the new calendar year.

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

Braided Arabic Cheese. **Saint Basil** the Great **Melkite** Greek Catholic Church on Sherman Drive in Utica is selling **Braided Arabic Cheese**. This will make an excellent addition to your Christmas meals. To place your order please call Saint Basil's Rectory at 315.732.4662.



MEMORIALS

ALTAR MEMORIALS ...

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

- **SANCTUARY PLANTS & FLOWERS** — In Memory of Fred Sageer (Birthday) *by Mona Sageer & Family*
- **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

16 DEC	4PM	Lois Mariano
17 DEC	10AM	George Mitchell
23 DEC	4PM	Andrew Rahme
24 DEC	10AM	James Salamy
24 DEC	4PM	Lou Raya
24 DEC	10PM	Nathan Hanna
25 DEC	10AM	Norma Tehan

HOSPITALITY

17 DEC Fish Fry Team



PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Collections for the week ending 3 December

1st Collection	\$2,082
2nd Collection—Eparchial Support	\$520
Christmas Flowers	\$25
Fuel and Heat	\$20
Online Donations—November	\$2,534
Hospitality	\$123
Contributions	\$250
Needy	\$20
Total	\$5,574

Collections for the week ending 10 December

Please see next week's bulletin.

This Week's Second Collection: Snow Removal
Next Week's Second Collection: Church Renovation & Repair