

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

23-24 DECEMBER 2023





FEASTS AND READINGS

- 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
- TUE 26 DEC Felicitations to the Virgin Mary
Eph 1:3-14/Lk 1:46-55
- WED 27 DEC St. Stephen, the First Martyr,
the First Deacon
2 Cor 11:1-9/Mt 23:29-24:2
- THU 28 DEC The Adoration of the Magi
St. Marina (Margaret) in Pisidia
Rev 21:9-10, 21-27/Mt 2:1-12
- FRI 29 DEC The Flight into Egypt
The Massacre of the Children of
Bethlehem
Heb 11:23-31/Mt 2:13-18
- SAT 30 DEC The Return from Egypt to Nazareth
St. Anysia
Acts 7:2, 30-34/Mt 2:19-21
- SUN 31 DEC **The Finding of Our Lord in
the Temple**
St. Zoticus
Heb 7:11-19/Lk 2:41-52
- MON 1 JAN **The Circumcision of Jesus**
(Holy Day of Obligation)
Sts. Basil & Gregory, Doctors
of the Church
Eph 2:11-22/1 Lk 2:21



CONTACTS

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- George Nehme 401-742-5841
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- Mary Ann Tanoury-Loy 315-790-3307
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- Communications:* Glory Rasi 315-794-4242
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- 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:* Anne Lewis 315-525-8227
- 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



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

- 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*
+Larry "Bo" Joseph (Anniv./Birth.) by *MaryAnn Tanoury-Loy & 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*
+John Bolos by *Father Boutros El Hachem & Family*
- MON 25 DEC 10AM +Deceased Members of the Salamy Family
by *Deacon Paul Salamy*
- TUE 26 DEC 9AM +Justina (Tellone) Hoffsher by *James & Reem Salamy*
- WED 27 DEC 9AM +Joseph & Lillian Mody by *Their Children*
- THU 28 DEC 9AM +Louis Anthony Joseph, Jr. by *James & Reem Salamy*
- FRI 29 DEC 9AM +Kathleen Hobaica by *James & Reem Salamy*
- SAT 30 DEC 4PM +Marlene (Hiffa) Giuliano by *Dana Ruth & Daughters*
+Lama Shaheen Stowens by *Family*
- SUN 31 DEC 10AM +Albert & Louise Roy by *Nick & Lois Mariano*
+Cy Karrat by *Family*
+Leila (Massoud) Duxbury (1st Anniv.) by *Family*
- MON 1 JAN 11AM +Mary Sue Salamy by *Husband, Children & Grandson*



MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- WED 27 DEC 9:30AM Mercy Group
- THU 28 DEC 9:30AM Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament
- 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
- SUN 7 JAN 11AM Maronite Youth Organization (MYO) Meeting
- SUN 14 JAN 9AM Maronite Christian Formation (MCF) Classes
- SUN 21 JAN 9AM Maronite Christian Formation (MCF) Classes



POINTS OF INTEREST

Merry Christmas. Father Boutros, Deacon Paul, and Deacon Peter wish you a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

Thank you. Father Boutros offers his sincere thanks for your prayers, good wishes, and kind remembrances on the occasion of his birthday. May God bless you abundantly.

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. We offer our sincere thanks to everyone who organized, baked, volunteered for, and supported our annual Lebanese Cookie Sale. We are most grateful for your continued support and generosity.

Christmas Concert and Gathering. We offer our sincere thanks to everyone who volunteered for, supported, and attended our annual Christmas Concert and Gathering on Saturday, 16 December. Your presence made this a community event for our Parish.

Genealogy Sunday Divine Liturgies. This weekend, the Divine Liturgy for Genealogy Sunday will be celebrated on **Saturday, 23 December** at **4PM** and on **Sunday, 24 December** at **10AM**.

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**.

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.

Epiphany. On **6 January**, the Maronite Church celebrates the **Glorious Epiphany**, the **Baptism of Jesus** in the **Jordan River** by **John the Baptist**. 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** and the **Blessing of Water** on **Friday 5 January** at **6:30PM** and **Saturday 6 January** at **10AM**. Please make every effort to join us in prayer as we celebrate the Baptism 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

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
30 DEC	4PM	Joe Saba
31 DEC	10AM	Aricca Lewis
1 JAN	11AM	James Salamy



PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Collections for the week ending 10 December

1st Collection	\$1,689
2nd Collection—Fuel & Heat	\$561
Christmas Flowers	\$45
Eparchial Support	\$26
Thanksgiving	\$20
Immaculate Conception	\$319
Hospitality	\$180
Needy	\$18
Total	\$2,858

Collections for the week ending 17 December

Please see next week's bulletin.

This Week's Second Collection: Renovation & Repair
Christmas Second Collection: In Appreciation for Ministry

Next Week's Second Collection: Initial Offering