

# 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

**30-31 DECEMBER 2023**



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## FEASTS AND READINGS

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

TUE 2 JAN Pope St. Silvester I  
Heb 7:1-10/Lk 2:22-24

WED 3 JAN Malachi the Prophet  
Heb 7:20-28/Lk 2:25-35

THU 4 JAN Pope St. Caius  
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton  
Heb 6:9-12/Lk 2:36-40

FRI 5 JAN St. Paul, the First Hermit  
St. John Neumann  
Rom 5:1-11/Lk 3:1-14  
*Season of the Glorious Epiphany*

SAT 6 JAN **Feast of the Glorious Epiphany**  
(Holy Day of Obligation)  
Tit 2:11-3:7/Lk 3:15-22

SUN 7 JAN **1st Sunday after Epiphany**  
Praises of St. John the Baptist  
2 Cor 10:1-11/Jn 1:29-34

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## CONTACTS

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*Special Events:* Betty Karrat . . . . .315-736-1615

*Family Giving Committee:*  
George Nehme . . . . .401-742-5841

*Kitchen & Hall:*  
Mary Ann Tanoury-Loy . . . . .315-790-3307

*Buildings:* Byron Elias . . . . .315-737-7803  
315-794-9423

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Laura Cross . . . . .315-794-4156

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Lisa Barkett . . . . .315-723-0556

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John Paul Salamy . . . . .315-732-5241  
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*Holy Name Society:* Rick Blank . . . . .315-525-3221

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*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

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## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

SAT 30 DEC 4PM +Marlene (Hiffa) Giuliano *by Dana Ruth & Daughters*  
+Lamya 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*  
+Rosalie Barclay *by Daughter, Leila Bjornland*

MON 1 JAN 11AM +Mary Sue Salamy *by Husband, Children, & Grandson*

TUE 2 JAN 9AM +Louie, Jr. & Daisy Joseph *by Deacon Paul Salamy*

WED 3 JAN 9AM +MaryAnn (Abess) Gianotti *by James & Reem Salamy*

THU 4 JAN 9AM +Mary Ann Smith *by Deacon Paul Salamy*

FRI 5 JAN 9AM +Deceased Members of the Kalil & Mikall Families  
*by Deacon Paul Salamy*  
6:30PM +Deceased Members of the Moses & Koury Family  
*by John Moses' Will*

SAT 6 JAN 10AM +Abraham & Mary Saba *by Sadie Koury's Will*  
4PM +Niam Sayad (Anniv.) *by Cindy Tamer*

SUN 7 JAN 10AM +Jim Goddard (Anniv.) *by Wife, Liz*  
+Marlene (Hiffa) Giuliano *by Shirley & Tony Perrone*  
+James Moses *by Family*  
+Paul Kolb *by George, Jackie, & Julia Mitchell*  
+Anthony Abbott *by George, Jackie, & Julia Mitchell*  
+Anne (Abbott) Monroe *by George, Jackie, & Julia Mitchell*

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## MEETINGS AND EVENTS

MON 1 JAN 11AM Holy Day Divine Liturgy

WED 3 JAN 9:30AM Mercy Group

THU 4 JAN 9:30AM Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

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 14 JAN 11AM Maronite Youth Organization (MYO) Cake Sale

SUN 14 JAN 11AM Saint Mary's Guild Meeting

SAT-SUN 20-21 JAN Notre Dame Schools Raffle Tickets Available

SUN 21 JAN 9AM Maronite Christian Formation (MCF) Classes

SUN 28 JAN 9AM Maronite Christian Formation (MCF) Classes



## POINTS OF INTEREST

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

**Thank you.** Father Boutros, Deacon Paul, and Deacon Peter offer their sincere thanks for the very kind and generous Christmas gifts and remembrances that they received during this Christmas Season.

**Thank you.** We offer our sincere thanks to everyone who helped with the Christmas Liturgies and the Children's Christmas Pageant.

**The Sunday of the Finding of our Lord in the Temple.** This Sunday the Maronite Church celebrates the Finding of Our Lord in the Temple. The Divine Liturgy will follow regular weekend schedule, **Saturday 30 December at 4PM** and on **Sunday 31 December at 10AM**.

**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 this **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 this **Friday 5 January at 6:30PM** and this **Saturday 6 January at 10AM**. Please make every effort to join us in prayer as we celebrate the Baptism of Our Lord.

**Maronite Youth Organization (MYO) Meeting.** The MYO will meet next **Sunday 7 January**, at **11AM**, immediately following the Divine Liturgy, in the George Sfeir Parish Hall.

**Maronite Youth Organization (MYO) Fundraiser.** The MYO will be hosting a **cake sale fundraiser** on **Sunday 14 January** in the George Sfeir Parish Hall immediately following the Divine Liturgy. Please join us to get a cake for dessert or a slice of cake and coffee to enjoy during Hospitality in the George Sfeir Parish Hall.

**The Maronite Voice.** Please be sure to pick up a copy of the latest issue of *The Maronite Voice* available at both entrances of the Church. There are many interesting and relevant articles.

**Notre Dame Schools Raffle.** The Notre Dame Schools are selling tickets for their 13th Annual Raffle. The drawing party will be held on Sunday 14 April. The **first prize is \$100,000**. Tickets are **\$100 each**. A representative will be at Saint Louis Gonzaga Church at the Divine Liturgies with tickets on **Saturday and Sunday 20 and 21 January**. You can also obtain a ticket by calling the Notre Dame Schools at 315.724.5118 extension 26. For more information, please visit [www.NotreDameUtica.org](http://www.NotreDameUtica.org).



## 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 Rosalie Barclay by *Daughter, Leila Bjornland*
- **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

30 DEC	4PM	Joe Saba
31 DEC	10AM	Aricca Lewis
1 JAN	11AM	James Salamy
5 JAN	6:30PM	Joe Saba
6 JAN	10AM	Nathan Hanna
6 JAN	4PM	Nicole Delvecchio
7 JAN	10AM	Norma Tehan



## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Collections for the week ending 17 December

1st Collection	\$2,345
2nd Collection—Snow Removal	\$439
Christmas Flowers	\$150
Eparchial Support	\$10
Fuel & Heat	\$47
Renovations	\$10
Hospitality	\$95
Needy	\$10
Candles	\$160
Total	\$3,266

Collections for the week ending 25 December

Please see next week's bulletin.

*This Week's Second Collection:* Initial Offering  
*Next Week's Second Collection:* Eparchial Support