



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

9-10 DECEMBER 2023



FEASTS AND READINGS

SUN	10 DEC	Birth of John the Baptist Pope St. Miltiades Gal 4:21-5:1/Lk 1:57-66
MON	11 DEC	St. Daniel the Stylite Rom 9:1-5/Lk 1:67-80
TUE	12 DEC	St. Spiridion the Wonderworker Our Lady of Guadalupe Rom 9:6-13/Mt 11:11-15
WED	13 DEC	St. Lucy Rom 9:14-18/Mt 17:9-13
THU	14 DEC	St. Nemtallah El-Hardini Rom 9:19-29/Mt 21:23-27
FRI	15 DEC	St. Eleutherius and His Mother Rom 9:30-33/Mt 11:16-19
SAT	16 DEC	Haggai the Prophet Rom 10:1-13/Jn 5:31-36
SUN	17 DEC	Revelation to Joseph The 3 Young Men: Ananias, Azarias, and Misael Eph 3:1-13/Mt 1:18-25



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
Communications: Glory Rasi 315-794-4242
Maronite Christian Formation:
Laura Cross 315-794-4156
Maronite Youth Organization:
Lisa Barkett 315-723-0556
Maronite Young Adults:
John Paul Salamy 315-732-5241
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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	9 DEC	4PM	•Louis Astafan, Sr. by Joyce, Scander, Louis, Jr. & Diana Astafan •Mary Raya (7th Anniv.) by Lou Raya, Patty Karam & Sons
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 •Anthony Abbott & Ann Monroe by Sister, Winnie Mitchell •Ann & Don Doolen by Winnie Mitchell
MON	11 DEC		•No Liturgy
TUE	12 DEC	9AM	•Leila Massoud Duxbury by James & Reem Salamy
WED	13 DEC	9AM	•Assaf & Joan D'Arc Hobaica by Deacon Paul Salamy
THU	14 DEC	9AM	•For the Living Intentions of Margaret Ingraham
FRI	15 DEC	9AM	•George & Martha Thomas by Deacon Paul Salamy
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
SUN	17 DEC	10AM	•Louis & Helen Abdoo & their Children, Gloria, Ronnie, Louis, Anita, Anne & Ron by The Abdoo Family •Marlene (Hiffa) Giuliano by The Ciccarelli Family •Paul Collis (1st Anniv.) by Wife, Sandy •In Memory of George & Nabeha Tohme Lewis and their Children: Rose, Georgette, Leona, Anthony, Charles & Joseph by George Nehme



MEETINGS AND EVENTS

SUN	10 DEC	9AM	Maronite Christian Formation (MCF) Classes
SUN	10 DEC	2PM	Saint Mary's Guild Christmas Party
WED	13 DEC	9:30AM	Mercy Group
THU	14 DEC	9:30AM	Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament
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
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



POINTS OF INTEREST

Saint Nemtallah El-Hardini. On 14 December the Maronite Churches honors Saint Nemtallah. He was born Youssef Kassab in 1808 in Hardin, Lebanon to a pious family. He is associated with the name of his home village. He entered the Lebanese Maronite Order in 1828 and was given the name Nemtallah, meaning “the grace of God.” He was ordained a priest on 25 December 1833 and led the formation of new monks. One of his students was Saint Sharbel. In 1845 he became the Assistant General of the Order, serving two terms. He was known for his love of the Eucharist. He was often found in the chapel on his knees, arms raised in the form of a cross with his eyes fixed on the Most Blessed Sacrament. He was also known for his asceticism, humility, charity towards others, and devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. He died on 14 December 1858. He was beatified 10 May 1998 and canonized on 16 May 2004 both by Pope John Paul II. May the prayers of Saint Nemtallah be with us.

Condolences. We offer our prayerful condolences to the family of George F. Shaheen for whom the Divine Liturgy of the Faithful Departed was celebrated on 30 November. May God give rest to His servant and consolation to his family.

Congratulations. We offer our prayerful congratulations to Lincoln Joseph Gonyea, the son of Joseph Gonyea and Desiree Dust, who was baptized and chrismated on 2 December. May God bless him as he begins his journey of faith.

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 this 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. 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 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. Next **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. Next **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.

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 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

9 DEC 4PM Richard Koury
10 DEC 10AM Aricca Lewis

16 DEC 4PM Lois Mariano
17 DEC 10AM George Mitchell

HOSPITALITY

10 DEC MYO
17 DEC Fish Fry Team



PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Collections for the week ending 3 December
Please see next week's bulletin.

*This Week's Second Collection: Fuel & Heat
Next Week's Second Collection: Snow Removal*