



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

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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

27-28 JANUARY 2024



FEASTS AND READINGS

SUN	28 JAN	Sunday of the Righteous & Just St. Ephrem Heb 12:18-24/Mt 25:31-46
MON	29 JAN	St. Hippolytus of Antioch Heb 12:1-13/Mt 5:1-12
TUE	30 JAN	St. Maximus the Confessor Heb 12:14-17/Mt 5:13-16
WED	31 JAN	St. John Bosco Heb 12:25-29/Mt 5:17-20
THU	1 FEB	St. Pionius and His Companions Heb 13:1-8/Mt 5:21-26
FRI	2 FEB	Presentation of Christ in the Temple Rom 9:30-10:4/Lk 2:22-35
SAT	3 FEB	St. Simeon the Elder and St. Anna the Prophetess Heb 13:17-25/Mt 5:38-48
SUN	4 FEB	Sunday of the Faithful Departed St. Isidore of Pelusium 1 Thes 5:1-11/Lk 16:19-31



CONTACTS

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Family Giving Committee:
George Nehme 401-742-5841
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Buildings: Byron Elias 315-737-7803
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Communications: Glory Rasi 315-794-4242
Maronite Christian Formation:
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Lou Lewis 315-737-3950
Saint Joseph Society: Kamil Rahme 315-768-3837
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Lectors: Lois Mariano 315-732-3402
Sacristan: Harrison Zogby 315-749-6399



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

SAT	27 JAN	4PM	• Edward & Sadie Koury by <i>Sadie Koury's Will</i> • Marlene (Hobaica) Herman by <i>Family</i>
SUN	28 JAN	10AM	• Marlene (Hiffa) Giuliano by <i>Theresa & Marty Maio</i> • Anthony "Mitch" Abraham by <i>Sarah Abraham's Will</i> • Barbara Karrat by <i>Albert & Eunice Mazloom</i>
MON	29 JAN		• No Liturgy
TUE	30 JAN	9AM	• Sadie Koury by <i>Sadie Koury's Will</i>
WED	31 JAN	9AM	• Joseph & Lillian Mody by <i>Their Children</i>
THU	1 FEB	9AM	• Dib Saadeh by <i>James & Reem Salamy</i>
FRI	2 FEB	9AM	• Mr. & Mrs. Gabriel Moses by <i>Rose Crigger's Will</i>
SAT	3 FEB	4PM	• Galeb & Eugenie Karam by <i>Joe & Rosanne Hebert</i> • Samantha by <i>Aunt Rosie</i>
SUN	4 FEB	10AM	• Rosalie Barclay by <i>Children: Ann, Tony, Charlie, Parris, & Leila</i> • Elaine Audeh Barbarah (40 Day) by <i>Granddaughter, Reem Salamy & Family</i> • Dorothy Sageer (1st Anniv.) by <i>Niece, Mary Ann Ladd & Family</i> • Louis J. Mitchell, Sr. by <i>Wife, Winnie & Family</i>



MEETINGS AND EVENTS

SUN	28 JAN	9AM	Maronite Christian Formation (MCF) Classes
WED	31 JAN	9AM	Mercy Group
THU	1 FEB	9:30AM	Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament
SUN	4 FEB	9AM	Maronite Christian Formation (MCF) Classes
THU	8 FEB	6:30PM	Saint Maron Holy Day Divine Liturgy & Supper
FRI	9 FEB	9AM	Saint Maron Holy Day Divine Liturgy
SUN	11 FEB	9AM	Maronite Christian Formation (MCF) Classes
MON	12 FEB	9AM	Ash Monday Divine Liturgy
MON	12 FEB	6:30PM	Ash Monday Divine Liturgy
SUN	25 FEB	9AM	Maronite Christian Formation (MCF) Classes
SAT	9 MAR	11AM-2PM	Saint Mary's Guild Lenten Retreat
THU-SAT	25-27 JULY		Taste of Lebanon
SUN	3 NOV		Festival of Baskets



POINTS OF INTEREST

Condolences. We offer our prayerful condolences to the family of Beverly (Yaghy) Phillips for whom the Divine Liturgy of the Faithful Departed were celebrated on 17 January. May God give rest to His handmaid and consolation to her family.

Condolences. We offer our prayerful condolences to the family of James Sageer for whom the Divine Liturgy of the Faithful Departed were celebrated on 20 January. May God give rest to His servant and consolation to his family.

Condolences. We offer our prayerful condolences to the family of Clorinda "Cookie" Saber for whom the Divine Liturgy of the Faithful Departed were celebrated on 21 January. May God give rest to His handmaid and consolation to her family.

Congratulations. We offer our prayerful congratulations to Denali Rose Sunderlin, the daughter of Sarah Morehouse and Christopher Sunderlin, who was baptized and chrismated on 21 January. May God bless her as she begins her journey of faith.



POINTS OF INTEREST Continued

Liturgical Year. The Maronite Church continues the **Three Weeks of Commemorations** before the Season of Great Lent. This Sunday, 28 January, is the Commemoration of the Righteous and the Just. Next Sunday, 4 February, is the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed. Cana Sunday, the Entrance to **Great Lent**, is 11 February and **Ash Monday** is **12 February**.

Saint Ephrem the Syriac. On 28 January, the Maronite Church honors Saint Ephrem the Syriac. Saint Ephrem lived on the border of modern-day Syria and Turkey during the fourth century. Saint Ephrem was a prolific writer who wrote an abundance of sermons, commentaries, and hymns that greatly influenced the Church and fought the heresies of the time. His writings comprise a central part of the prayer life of the Maronite Church and the Antiochene Churches. He is commonly referred to as the “Harp of the Holy Spirit.” Because of his contributions, Pope Benedict XV declared Saint Ephrem a Doctor of the Church in 1920. May his prayers be with us.

Presentation of Jesus in the Temple. On **2 February**, forty days after the Glorious Birth of Our Lord, the Church celebrates the feast of the Presentation of the Child Jesus in the Temple in Jerusalem according to the Jewish Law.

Week of the Faithful Departed. Throughout the week of the Faithful Departed, 3-9 February, we will pray for all the Faithful Departed, especially those whose names are placed on the green Faithful Departed Envelopes, which will be collected for the second collection the weekend of 3-4 February.

Saint Maron. On 9 February the Maronite Church celebrates the feast of our **patron**, Saint Maron. Because of the importance of this feast the Maronite faithful are to participate in the Divine Liturgy on this day. Therefore, we shall celebrate the Divine Liturgy on **Thursday 8 February** at **6:30PM** and **Friday 9 February** at **9AM**. Please make every effort to attend.

Saint Maron Supper. On **Thursday 8 February**, immediately following the 6:30pm Holy Day Divine Liturgy, we shall have a **light Lebanese supper** with tea in honor of Saint Maron (*le2mit Mar Maroun*) in the George Sfeir Parish Hall. Please join us in prayer and fellowship to honor our patron saint.

Old Palms. If you have any old Palms that you would like to dispose of, please bring them to the Sacristy by **Friday, 9 February**. They will be used to make the Ashes for Ash Monday.

Ash Monday. On Monday 12 February the Maronite Church celebrates Ash Monday at the beginning of Great Lent. Therefore, we shall celebrate the **Divine Liturgy** with the **Blessing** and **Distribution of Ashes** on Ash Monday, **12 February** at **9AM** and **6:30PM**.

Divine Liturgy Intentions. There are weekday and weekend Divine Liturgies that can be offered for your intentions. To schedule a Divine Liturgy in honor or memory of a loved one, please contact the parish house during office hours.

Women’s Lenten Retreat. The Saint Mary’s Guild is sponsoring a Women’s Lenten Retreat entitled, “Making Lent Meaningful in 2024” on **Saturday 9 March** from **11AM** to **2PM** at Saint Louis Gonzaga Church. The presenter is Father Joseph Salerno. Guests are welcome. A light lunch will be served. If you plan on attending, please call Anne Lewis at 315-525-8227 by 2 March.



MEMORIALS

ALTAR MEMORIALS ...

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

- **SANCTUARY PLANTS & FLOWERS** — Available
- **INCENSE & CHARCOAL** — In Memory of Liam Zoghby by *Uncle & Family*
- **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

27 JAN	4PM	Andrew Rahme
28 JAN	10AM	George Mitchell
3 FEB	4PM	Joe Saba
4 FEB	10AM	James Salamy

HOSPITALITY

28 JAN	Rocco Hobaica	18 FEB	MYA
4 FEB	Zeina’s Cafe	25 FEB	Mike & Tina Post
11 FEB	Fish Fry Team	3 Mar	Mitchell Ladies



PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Collections for the week ending 14 January

1st Collection	\$1,994
2nd Collection—Fuel & Heat	\$670
Eparchial Support	\$95
Renovations	\$100
Contributions	\$1,446
Candles	\$161
Needy	\$25
Total	\$4,491

Collections for the week ending 21 January

1st Collection	\$2,013
2nd Collection—Snow Removal	\$358
Eparchial Support	\$10
Faithful Departed	\$20
Fuel & Heat	\$60
U.S. Catholic Bishops’ Worldwide Charities	\$10
Memorials	\$100
Contributions	\$750
Candles	\$95
Total	\$3,416

This Week’s Second Collection: U.S. Catholic Bishops’ Worldwide Charities

Next Week’s Second Collection: Week of the Faithful Departed