

# 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

**6-7 JANUARY 2024**





## FEASTS AND READINGS

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

MON 8 JAN St. Carterius the Priest  
2 Cor 10:12-18/Mk 1:1-8

TUE 9 JAN St. Eustratius  
2 Cor 11:1-6/Jn 1:19-28

WED 10 JAN St. Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa  
2 Cor 11:7-15/Jn 3:22-30

THU 11 JAN St. Theodosius of Antioch  
2 Cor 11:18, 22-30/Jn 3:31-36

FRI 12 JAN The Council of Trent  
St. Tatiana  
2 Cor 12:1-10/Mt 14:1-12

SAT 13 JAN St. Jacob of Nisibis  
2 Cor 12:11-16/Jn 10:40-42

SUN 14 JAN **2nd Sunday after Epiphany**  
St. Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers  
2 Cor 4:5-15/Jn 1:35-42



## 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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315-794-9423

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

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

*Maronite Young Adults:*  
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



## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

SAT 6 JAN 4PM +Niam Fayad (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  
+Naim Fayad by His Loved Ones

MON 8 JAN +No Liturgy

TUE 9 JAN 9AM +Lorraine Toukatly by Isabelle Linder

WED 10 JAN 9AM +James Moses (2nd Anniv.) by Jamie LaPorte

THU 11 JAN 9AM +Brenda Bach by James & Reem Salamy

FRI 12 JAN 9AM +Rose Crigger by Rose Crigger's Will

SAT 13 JAN 4PM +Barbara Jo Karrat by Patty Karam & Sons & Lou Raya

SUN 14 JAN 10AM +Albert & Anna Abdoo & Deceased Members of their Families by The Abdoo Family Will  
+Anita Brown by Deacon Paul Salamy



## MEETINGS AND EVENTS

SUN 7 JAN 9AM Maronite Christian Formation (MCF) Classes

SUN 7 JAN 11AM Maronite Youth Organization (MYO) Meeting

WED 11 JAN 9:30AM Mercy Group

THU 12 JAN 9:30AM Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

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

SUN 4 FEB 9AM Maronite Christian Formation (MCF) Classes

SUN 11 FEB 9AM Maronite Christian Formation (MCF) Classes



## POINTS OF INTEREST

**Epiphany.** On Saturday **6 January**, the Maronite Church celebrates the **Glorious Epiphany**, the **Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River** by **John the Baptist**, with the **Divine Liturgy** and the **Blessing of Water**. The Season of Epiphany is only celebrated for two Sundays this year on 7 and 14 January, before the Three Weeks of Commemorations preceding Great Lent begin.

**American Saints.** This past week the Church in the United States celebrated two very important American Saints, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton on 4 January and Saint John Neumann on 5 January. Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton was born in 1774 in New York City where she lived much of her life. After being widowed in 1803 with five children, she converted to Catholicism in 1805. In 1809 she founded the Sisters of Charity to care for children and the poor. The Sisters of Charity became the American branch of Daughters of Charity. The Sisters of Charity are known for operating Catholic Schools and Catholic Hospitals. Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton died on 4 January 1821 and was canonized in 1975. Saint John Neumann was born in 1811 in Bohemia (the Czech Republic) and immigrated to the United States in 1836 where he was ordained a priest. He served German speaking immigrants in Buffalo, New York from 1836 to 1840. In 1840 he joined the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, the Redemptorists, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. After six years, he became the superior. In 1852 he was appointed the Bishop of Philadelphia, where he served the growing immigrant population with dedication until his untimely passing on 5 January 1860. He was canonized in 1977. May their prayers be with us.

**Congratulations.** We offer our prayerful congratulations to Noah Francis George Nehme, the son of John Joseph Nehme and Nicole Elizabeth (Brockway) Nehme, who was baptized and chrismated on 30 December. May God bless him as he begins his journey of faith.

**Maronite Youth Organization (MYO) Meeting.** The MYO will meet this **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** next **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.

**Saint Mary's Guild.** The Saint Mary's Guild will meet next **Sunday, 14 January** at **11AM**, immediately following the Divine Liturgy, 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 — Available
- INCENSE & CHARCOAL — Available
- 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

6 JAN	4PM	Nicole Delvecchio
7 JAN	10AM	Norma Tehan
13 JAN	4PM	Richard Koury
14 JAN	10AM	Nathan Hanna

### HOSPITALITY

7 JAN	Fish Fry Team
14 JAN	MYO—Cake Sale
21 JAN	Samantha Ionta
28 JAN	Rocco Hobaica
4 FEB	Zeina's Cafe
11 FEB	Fish Fry Team



## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

*Collections for the week ending 25 December*

1st Collection	\$1,995
2nd Collection—Church Renovation & Repair	\$370
Snow Removal	\$25
Fuel & Heat	\$6
Christmas	\$3,042
Contributions	\$375
Needy	\$30
Total	\$5,843
<i>Collections for the week ending 1 January</i>	
1st Collection	\$2,728
2nd Collection	\$392
Online Donation—December	\$4,069
Contributions	\$100
Memorials	\$30
Needy	\$30
Total	\$7,349

*This Week's Second Collection: Eparchial Support  
Next Week's Second Collection: Fuel & Heat*