



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

3-4 FEBRUARY 2024



FEASTS AND READINGS

SUN 4 FEB **Sunday of the Faithful Departed**
St. Isidore of Pelusium
1 Thes 5:1-11/Lk 16:19-31

MON 5 FEB St. Agatha
1 Thes 4:13-18/Lk 12:1-7

TUE 6 FEB St. Proclus, Bishop of Smyrna
2 Thes 1:1-12/Lk 12:8-12

WED 7 FEB Pope St. Anterus I
2 Thes 1:1-12/Lk 12:13-21

THU 8 FEB Zechariah the Prophet
2 Thes 2:13-3:5/Lk 12:22-32

FRI 9 FEB **St. Maron**
(Holy Day of Obligation)
2 Tim 3:10-17/Jn 12:23-30

SAT 10 FEB St. Apollonia
1 Cor 15:51-58/Lk 12:49-59
Season of Great Lent

SUN 11 FEB **Sunday the Entrance into Lent**
Miracle at Cana in Galilee
St. Charalampus
Our Lady of Lourdes
Rom 14:14-23/Jn 2:1-11



CONTACTS

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Family Giving Committee:

George Nehme 401-742-5841

Kitchen & Hall:

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

Communications: Glory Rasi 315-794-4242

Maronite Christian Formation:

Laura Cross 315-794-4156

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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 3 FEB 4PM + Galeb & Eugenie Karam by Joe & Rosanne Hebert

SUN 4 FEB 10AM + Rosalie Barclay by Children: Ann, Tony, Charlie, Parris, & Leila
+ Elaine Audeh Barbarah (40 Day) by Granddaughter,
Reem Salamy & Family
+ Dorothy Sageer (1st Anniv.) by Niece, Mary Ann Ladd
& Family
+ Louis J. Mitchell, Sr. by Wife, Winnie & Family

MON 5 FEB + No Liturgy

TUE 6 FEB 9AM + Faithful Departed by Parishioners

WED 7 FEB 9AM + Joan D'Arc Hobaica (Anniv.) by Family

THU 8 FEB 9AM + Faithful Departed by Parishioners
6:30PM + Faithful Departed by Parishioners

FRI 9 FEB 9AM + Mary Susan (Hobaica) Salamy (Anniv.) by Family

SAT 10 FEB 4PM + Mae & Louis Astafan, Sr. (Wedding Anniv.) by Joyce,
Scander, Louis, Jr. & Diana Astafan
+ John H. Amado by His Brothers

SUN 11 FEB 10AM + Assaf & Joan D'Arc Hobaica (Anniv.) by Family
+ Mary Susan (Hobaica) Salamy (Anniv.) by Family
+ Fred Mazloom (Anniv.) by Family
+ Joe & Anna Moussa by Winnie Mitchell



MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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

WED 7 FEB 9AM Mercy Group

THU 8 FEB 9:30AM Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

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

SUN 11 FEB 11AM Saint Mary's Guild Meeting

MON 12 FEB 9AM Ash Monday Divine Liturgy

MON 12 FEB 4-7PM Lenten Fish Fry

MON 12 FEB 6:30PM Ash Monday Divine Liturgy

FRI 16 FEB 4-7PM Lenten Fish Fry

FRI 16 FEB 6:30PM Stations and Benediction of the Cross

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

Week of the Faithful Departed. This week, the Maronite Church commemorates the Sunday of the Faithful Departed. Throughout this week, 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 this weekend, 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 this **Thursday 8 February at 6:30PM** and **Friday 9 February at 9AM**. Please make every effort to attend.



POINTS OF INTEREST Continued

Saint Maron Supper. This **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.

Saint Maron. Saint Maron lived from approximately 350 to 410 on the border of modern-day Syria and Turkey. He was a hermit and monk who lived in the open air next to a pagan temple that he had transformed into a church. He spent his life in prayer and meditation. His form of asceticism attracted many followers. After his death, his followers founded a monastery, which developed into the Maronite Church. May his prayers be with us.

Old Palms. If you have any old Palms that you would like to dispose of, please bring them to the Sacristy by this **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**.

Abstinence and Fasting. All Maronites who are physically capable are to **abstain from meat** on Ash Monday (12 February) and all Fridays of Great Lent. Ash Monday and Great Friday of the Crucifixion (29 March) are also days of fasting. **Fasting** in the Maronite Church involves eating and drinking nothing at all (except water and medicine) from midnight until noon. The rest of the day normal meals can be taken, but without meat. All Maronites who are physically capable are to fast on these two days.

Fish Fry. Our Annual Lenten Fish Fry will **begin** on **Ash Monday, 12 February** and continue on the **Fridays** of **Great Lent, 16 February** through **29 March**, from **4-7PM** in the George Sfeir Parish Hall, Dine-In or Take-Out. \$15 for adults and \$6 for children under 10. Please join us in fellowship. If you would like to donate baked goods for a Friday, please contact Mary Ann at 315-790-3307.

Stations and Benediction of the Cross. On the **Fridays** of **Great Lent (16 February** through **22 March)** at **6:30PM** we will celebrate the Stations and Benediction of the Cross in the **Church**. Please make every effort to attend these important Lenten prayers.

Saint Mary's Guild. The Saint Mary's Guild will meet next **Sunday, 11 February** at **11AM**, in George Sfeir Parish Hall immediately following the Divine Liturgy.

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.

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.

Save the Dates. The **Taste of Lebanon** is planned for **Thursday** through **Saturday, 25-27 July**. The **Festival of Baskets** is planned for **Sunday, 3 November**. Please save the dates and plan to join us.



MEMORIALS

ALTAR MEMORIALS ...

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

- **SANCTUARY PLANTS & FLOWERS** — In Memory of Rosalie Barclay *by Daughter, Leila Bjornland*
- **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

3 FEB	4PM	Joe Saba
4 FEB	10AM	James Salamy
8 FEB	6:30PM	Nathan Hanna
9 FEB	9AM	Jacque Murad
10 FEB	4PM	Jim Amado
11 FEB	10AM	Norma Tehan

HOSPITALITY

4 FEB	Zeina's Cafe
11 FEB	Fish Fry Team
18 FEB	MYA
25 FEB	Mike & Tina Post
3 MAR	Mitchell Ladies
10 MAR	Holy Name Society



PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Collections for the week ending 28 January

1st Collection	\$1,759
2nd Collection—U.S. Catholic Bishops' Worldwide Charities	\$297
Eparchial Support	\$10
Fuel & Heat	\$2
Snow Removal	\$22
Contributions	\$500
Memorials	\$90
Hospitality	\$128
Total	\$2,808

This Week's Second Collection: Week of the Faithful Departed

Next Week's Second Collection: Eparchial Support