



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

23-24 MARCH 2024

FEASTS AND READINGS

SUN 24 MAR **Hosanna Sunday (Palm Sunday)**
St. Artemon, Bishop of Seleucia
Phil 1:1-13/Jn 12:12-22
Passion Week

MON 25 MAR **The Annunciation to the Virgin Mary**
Gal 3:15-22/Lk 1:26-38

TUE 26 MAR Tuesday of Passion Week
St. Gabriel the Archangel
1 Thes 2:13-17/Lk 13:22-30

WED 27 MAR Wednesday of Passion Week
Heb 2:5-12/Jn 11:47-54

THU 28 MAR **Thursday of the Mysteries**
1 Cor 11:23-32/Jn 13:1-20

FRI 29 MAR **Great Friday of the Crucifixion**
Morning: Heb 12:12-21/Jn 19:31-37
Evening: Is 53:7-12, Heb 4:14-16,
Gal 2:17-3:14/Lk 23:33-47,
Jn 19:17-30

SAT 30 MAR **Great Saturday of the Light**
Morning: Jer 31:31-35, Zech 1:1-6,
2 Cor 5:16-21/Mt 18:15-22

SUN 31 MAR **The Glorious Resurrection**
Evening: Phil 2:1-11/Mt 28:1-10
Morning: 1 Cor 15:12-26/Mk 16:1-8

CONTACTS

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Special Events: Betty Karrat 315-736-1615

Family Giving Committee:
George Nehme 401-742-5841
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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
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 23 MAR 4PM +Louis & Rose Salami by *The Estate of Louis & Rose Salami*
+Eleanor (Raya) Pearlman by *Cousins, Isabelle, Joyce, & Beverly*

SUN 24 MAR 10AM +Patti Nassimos by *Nick Abounader*
+Abraham & Zina Abdoo & Deceased Members of their Families by *The Abdoo Family*
+Liam Zoghby by *Deacon Paul Salamy*
+Shirley Abounader (2nd Anniv.) by *Daughter, Regina & Family*

MON 25 MAR 9AM +Intentions of the Celebrant

TUE 26 MAR 9AM +Francis Reynolds by *James & Reem Salamy*

WED 27 MAR 9AM +Joseph & Lillian Mody by *Their Children*

THU 28 MAR 6:30PM +For all the Living & Deceased Priests by *Father Boutros El Hachem*

FRI 29 MAR 9AM +Signing of the Chalice
+James Moses (Birth.) by *Jamie LaPorte & Family*
6:30PM +Adoration of the Cross

SAT 30 MAR 11AM +Prayer of Forgiveness and Individual Confessions
8PM +Cy Karrat by *Family*

SUN 31 MAR 10AM +Patti Nassimos by *Mary Ann Tanoury-Loy & Family*
+John, Sr. & Lucy Sageer by *John, Beverly, & Michele Sageer*

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

SUN 24 MAR 9AM Maronite Christian Formation (MCF) Classes

WED 27 MAR 9AM Mercy Group

FRI 29 MAR 4-7PM Lenten Fish Fry

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

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

TUE 9 APR 6:30PM Saint Mary's Guild Meeting

SUN 14 APR 11AM Maronite Youth Organization (MYO) Chicken and Rice Dinner Fundraiser

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

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

SUN 19 MAY 11AM Saint Mary's Guild May Communion Breakfast

THU-SUN 4-7 JUL National Apostolate of Maronites (NAM) Convention, Detroit, Michigan

FRI-SUN 19-21 JUL Pastoral Visit of Bishop Gregory Mansour and Celebration of Saint Sharbel

THU-SAT 25-27 JUL Taste of Lebanon

WED-FRI 14-16 AUG Assumption Pilgrimage, Our Lady of Lebanon Shrine, North Jackson, Ohio

SUN 3 NOV Festival of Baskets



POINTS OF INTEREST

Saint Rafka. On **23 March** the Maronite Church celebrated Saint Rafka. She was born on 29 June 1832 in Himlaya, Lebanon. Against her family's wishes she entered religious life and became a religious sister and teacher. In 1871, she entered the Lebanese Maronite Order and became a cloistered nun. In 1885 she asked Jesus to allow her to suffer, and for the next twenty-nine years she suffered greatly eventually becoming blind and paralyzed. She spent the last seventeen years of her earthly life at Saint Joseph Monastery in Jrabta, Lebanon where she passed to eternal life on 23 March 1914. She was beatified in 1985 and canonized in 2001. May her prayers be with us.

Annunciation. On **25 March, 9 months** before the Glorious Birth of Our Lord on 25 December, the Church celebrated the Announcement of the Archangel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary that she would conceive the Son of God by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Saint Joseph Society. The Saint Joseph Society offers their **sincere thanks** to everyone who baked for and supported their Annual Bake Sale last weekend. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Passion Week. Please consult the **Passion Week Liturgical Schedule** for a complete listing of Passion Week Liturgies this week. Please make every effort to attend these most important liturgies and to join us in prayer throughout this most holy week.

Wednesday of Passion Week. This Wednesday of Passion Week, **27 March**, at **6:30PM** we will celebrate the Rite of the Lamp, the Blessing of Oil, and Anointing.

Thursday of Mysteries. This Thursday of the Mysteries, **28 March**, at **6:30PM** we will celebrate the Divine Liturgy and the Washing of Feet immediately followed by a brief period of Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Abstinence and Fasting. All Maronites who are physically capable are to **abstain from meat** and **fast** this Friday, Great Friday of the Crucifixion, **29 March**. **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 this day.

Great Friday. This Great Friday of the **Crucifixion, 29 March**, we will celebrate the Signing of the Chalice at **9AM** and the Adoration of the Cross at **6:30PM**. Please remember to **bring fresh cut flowers** to place in the shroud before the Adoration of the Cross. The **collection** at both services will be for the **Christians** throughout the **Holy Land** and the Middle East who need our support.

Fish Fry. Our **final** Lenten Fish Fry will be this **Friday, 29 March**, from **4-7PM** in the George Sfeir Parish Hall, Dine-In or Take-Out. \$15 for adults and \$6 for children (10 and under). If you would like to donate baked goods, please contact Mary Ann at 315-790-3307.

Great Saturday. This Great Saturday of the Light, **30 March**, at **11AM** we will celebrate the **Service of Forgiveness** and individual confessions.

The Glorious Resurrection. Please note that on **Saturday, 30 March** the **Divine Liturgy** will be celebrated at **8PM**. There will be no 4PM Divine Liturgy on this day. On **Sunday, 31 March** the **Divine Liturgy** will be celebrated at **10AM** as usual. Immediately following the Sunday morning Divine Liturgy there will **hospitality** in George Sfeir Parish Hall (eggs, cookies, and coffee) and an **Easter Egg Hunt** for the **children**. Please bring your own basket to collect eggs.



ALTAR MEMORIALS

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

- **SANCTUARY PLANTS & FLOWERS** — In Memory of Mary Ann Gianotti *by Children*
- **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

23 MAR	4PM	Nicole DelVecchio
24 MAR	10AM	George Mitchell

27 MAR	6:30PM	Jim Amado, George Mitchell, Joe Saba
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28 MAR	6:30PM	Nathan Hanna
29 MAR	6:30PM	Lois Mariano

30 MAR	8PM	Andrew Rahme
31 MAR	10AM	James Salamy

HOSPITALITY

24 MAR	No Hospitality
31 MAR	Eggs, Cookies, Coffee and Easter Egg Hunt
7 APR	Betty Karrat
14 APR	MYO Chicken Dinner
21 APR	Zeina's Cafe
28 APR	Rocco Hobaica



PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Collections for the week ending 17 March
Please see next week's bulletin.

This Week's Second Collection: Snow Removal
Holy Thursday Collection: For the Parish
Great Friday Collection: Holy Land Christians
Next Week's Second Collection: In Appreciation for Ministry