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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

30 NOVEMBER-1 DECEMBER 2024



FEASTS AND READINGS

SUN	1 DEC	Visitation of the Virgin to Elizabeth Nahum the Prophet Eph 1:1-14/Lk 1:39-45
MON	2 DEC	Habakkuk the Prophet Eph 1:15-23/Lk 1:46-56
TUE	3 DEC	St. Francis Xavier Eph 2:1-10/Lk 10:38-42
WED	4 DEC	St. Barbara Eph 2:11-16/Lk 19:1-10
THU	5 DEC	St. Saba the Hermit Eph 2:17-22/Jn 4:39-42
FRI	6 DEC	St. Nicholas (Zakhia) Eph 3:14-21/Mk 7:24-30
SAT	7 DEC	St. Ambrose, Doctor of the Church Eph 4:1-7/Lk 5:27-32
SUN	8 DEC	Birth of John the Baptist The Immaculate Conception Gal 4:21-5:1/Lk 1:57-66



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Acolytes: Nathan Hanna 315-939-8219
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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

SAT	30 NOV	4PM	+ Louis & Rose Salami by <i>the Estate of Louis & Rose Salami</i> + Melvin Marriott (Birth.) by <i>Nick & Lois Mariano & Chuck & Lorraine Curri</i> + Louis Roy (Birth.) by <i>Nick & Lois Mariano</i> + Donna Yagey by <i>Joyce, Louis Jr. & Diana Astafan</i> + Robert (Bobby) Joseph by <i>Kathi Tamer</i> + Madeline Raya Abood by <i>Isabelle Linder</i>
SUN	1 DEC	10AM	+ Theresia Obeid by <i>Deacon Paul Salamy</i> + Stephen J. Powers by <i>George, Jackie & Julia Mitchell</i> + No Liturgy
MON	2 DEC		
TUE	3 DEC	9AM	+ Hattie Joseph (10th Anniv.) by <i>Children</i>
WED	4 DEC	9AM	+ John Nehme, Sr. by <i>Deacon Paul Salamy</i>
THU	5 DEC	9AM	+ Helen Moses by <i>Rose Crigger's Will</i>
FRI	6 DEC	9AM	+ Joseph Hanna Jr. by <i>Family</i>
SAT	7 DEC	4PM	+ Louis Astafan, Sr. (8th Anniv.) by <i>Joyce, Scander, Louis Jr. & Diana Astafan</i> + Peter W. Astafan (2nd Anniv.) by <i>Joyce, Scander, Louis Jr. & Diana Astafan</i> + George J. Massoud, Sr. by <i>Wife, Janet, & Family</i> + Stephen J. Powers by <i>Kathi Tamer</i> + Madeline Raya Abood by <i>Isabelle Linder</i> + Mary Raya by <i>Lou Raya, Patricia Karam & Sons</i> + Congratulations Emile & Carrie Charbel on their 25th Wedding Anniversary by <i>Family</i>
SUN	DEC 8	10AM	+ Marie Sageer DiBernardo by <i>Deacon Paul Salamy</i> + George Mansour by <i>George, Jackie, Julia Mitchell</i> + Goldie Faris by <i>George, Jackie, Julia Mitchell</i> + John Nehme, Sr. by <i>Angelina Bonomo</i> + Dr. Jacqueline Roy (Birth.) by <i>sister, Rose</i> + Anthony K. Sfeir, Jr. (40 Day) by <i>Gail Ann Sfeir & Family</i>



MEETINGS AND EVENTS

SUN	1 DEC	9AM	Maronite Christian Formation (MCF) Classes
SUN	1 DEC	11AM	Christmas Gift Sale
WED	3 DEC	9:30AM	Mercy Group
THU	4 DEC	9:30AM	Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament
SUN	8 DEC	9AM	Maronite Christian Formation (MCF) Classes
SUN	8 DEC	2PM	Saint Mary's Guild Christmas Party
SUN	15 DEC	9AM	Maronite Christian Formation (MCF) Classes
SUN	15 DEC	11AM	Christmas Gift Sale
SUN-MON	15-23 DEC		Christmas Novena
SAT	21 DEC	3PM	Christmas Concert, Divine Liturgy, and Christmas Gathering
SUN	22 DEC	9AM	Maronite Christian Formation (MCF) Classes
TUE	24 DEC	4PM	Christmas Divine Liturgy
TUE	24 DEC	10PM	Christmas Divine Liturgy
WED	25 DEC	10AM	Christmas Divine Liturgy



POINTS OF INTEREST

Congratulations. We offer our prayerful congratulations to Carmelina Lucia Salamy, the daughter of Michael and Lisa (DiSalvo) Salamy, who was baptized and chrismated on 24 November. May God bless her as she begins her journey of faith.

Immaculate Conception. On **8 December** the Church celebrates the Immaculate Conception of the **Blessed Virgin Mary** in the womb of her mother, Saint Ann. The Blessed Virgin Mary, the Immaculate Conception, is the **patroness** of the **United States**. Because of the importance of this feast, the Maronite Church will celebrate the Immaculate Conception along with the Sunday of the Birth of John the Baptist at the regularly scheduled weekend Divine Liturgies on Saturday evening, 7 December and Sunday, 8 December. Please make every effort to join us in prayer.

Christmas Gift Sale. After the 10AM Divine Liturgies on **Sundays, 1 and 15 December**, the Saint Mary's Guild will be selling Saint Louis Gonzaga Christmas Tree **Ornaments**, Saint Sharbel coffee mugs and **Sitto's Legacy: A Lebanese Cookbook**. These are from our parish and will make **excellent Christmas gifts** for your **family and friends**.

Saint Mary's Guild Christmas Party. The Saint Mary's Guild will have their annual Christmas Party on **Sunday, 8 December** at **2PM** at **Phoenician Restaurant** on French Road in New Hartford. The cost is \$25 per person. Guests are welcome. For more information or to make your reservation, please contact Aricca Lewis at 315-796-9876 or Lori Wiczorek at 315-727-4173. Reservations must be made by Monday 2 December.

Giving Tree. The Saint Mary's Guild is sponsoring a Giving Tree to provide items necessary for the children at the House of the Good Shepherd. The tree will be located on the altar and tags will be placed on the tree with designations of gifts valued between \$10-\$50. Simply take a tag, purchase the gift, and return the unwrapped gift to the box placed near the tree **no later than 15 December**. The Saint Mary's Guild and the staff and children at the House of the Good Shepherd thank you for your generosity this Christmas season!

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 and Gathering. On **Saturday, 21 December** at **3PM** there will be a concert of traditional **Christmas Carols** preceding the 4PM Divine Liturgy. 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 to celebrate the Season of the Glorious Birth of Our Lord.

Lebanese Cookie Sale. To celebrate **Christmas**, the Glorious Birth of Our Lord, and to **benefit our Church**, we will have our annual Lebanese Cookie Sale in December. All **orders** must be placed **in advance, prepaid, picked up** at Church. More details will follow including the date and time. These make **wonderful Christmas gifts**. Please plan to participate in and support this annual event.



ALTAR MEMORIALS

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

- **SANCTUARY PLANTS & FLOWERS** — For the Deceased Members of the Mariano and Roy Families by *Nick & Lois Mariano*
- **INCENSE & CHARCOAL** — In Memory of Liam Zoghby by *Brahim Zogby & Kim Stoffle*
- **CANDLES** — For the Living & Deceased Members of the Monahan & 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

30 NOV	4PM	Lois Mariano
1 DEC	10AM	James Salamy
7 DEC	4PM	Andrew Rahme
8 DEC	10AM	Cheyenne Scheidleman

HOSPITALITY

1 DEC	Mike and Tina Post Team
8 DEC	Zeina's Cafe Team
15 DEC	Samantha Ionta Team
22 DEC	No Dough — Merry Christmas
29 DEC	New Year's Hospitality



PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Collections for the week ending 17 November

1st Collection	\$2,687
2nd Collection—Snow Removal	\$480
Fuel & Heat	\$15
Candles	\$87
Needy	\$30
Total	\$3,299

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

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