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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

14-15 DECEMBER 2024



FEASTS AND READINGS

SUN 15 DEC **Revelation to Joseph**
St. Eleutherius and His Mother
Eph 3:1-13/Mt 1:18-25

MON 16 DEC Haggai the Prophet
Rom 10:14-21/Jn 7:1-10

TUE 17 DEC The 3 Young Men: Ananias,
Azarias, and Misael
Rom 11:1-12/Jn 7:11-18

WED 18 DEC Daniel the Prophet
Rom 11:13-24/Jn 7:25-30

THU 19 DEC St. Athenodorus
Rom 11:25-36/Jn 7:31-36

FRI 20 DEC St. Ignatius of Antioch
Rom 12:1-8/Jn 7:37-44

SAT 21 DEC St. Julian
Rom 12:9-21/Jn 7:45-53

SUN 22 DEC **Genealogy Sunday**
St. Anastasia of the Balkans
Rom 1:1-12/Mt 1:1-17



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Maronite Christian Formation:

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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 14 DEC 4PM ♦ Celia Marriott (Anniv.) by Nick & Lois Mariano & Chuck & Lorraine Curri
♦ Stephen J. Powers by Joyce Astafan
♦ John Nehme, Sr. by Kathi Tamer
♦ Goldie Faris by Parishioners of Saint Louis Gonzaga Church and Abouna Boutros
♦ Doris A. LaFountain by Nick & Lois Mariano
♦ Bobby Joseph by Lou Raya
♦ Andrea Hobika Petrone (10th Anniv.) by Loving Family

SUN 15 DEC 10AM ♦ The Family of Louis Albert & Helen Theresa Abdo & their Children, Gloria, Ron, Louis, Anita & Anne by the Abdo Family
♦ Fred Sageer (Birth.) by Mona Sageer & Family
♦ Donna Yagey by Deacon Paul Salamy
♦ Jacqueline Albright by Marcel Rawda & Family
♦ John Nehme, Sr. by Nancy Eannace & Michael Viti
♦ George Mahana (Son of Abdo & Emily Sfeir Mahana) by Wife Jan and Gail Ann Sfeir
♦ James Peters (3rd Anniv) by Wife Bernadette, Children, & Grandchildren

MON 16 DEC 9AM ♦ Special Intention by Abouna Boutros

TUE 17 DEC 9AM ♦ Sadie Koury by Sadie Koury's Will

WED 18 DEC 9AM ♦ Anthony K. Sfeir, Jr. by Deacon Paul Salamy

THU 19 DEC 9AM ♦ Gianluigi Bertolone by Abouna Boutros

FRI 20 DEC 9AM ♦ Boyd & Rose Crigger by Boyd Crigger's Will

SAT 21 DEC 4PM ♦ Mae & Louis Astafan Sr. by Joyce, Scander, Louis Jr. & Diana Astafan
♦ Fannie Tamer by Don & MaryJo Brown
♦ Nicholas Mariano, Sr. (Anniv.) by Nick & Lois Mariano
♦ Louise (Sitto) Roy (Birth.) by Nick & Lois Mariano
♦ Madeline Elley Hiffa (10th Anniv.) by Family
♦ Louis A. Joseph Jr. Love, Mom, Dad & Family
♦ Anthony J. George (5th Anniv.) by Niece, Leila Bjornland

SUN 22 DEC 10AM ♦ Sarah Abraham (Anniv.) by Sarah Abraham's Will
♦ Dr. Joseph B. Hobaica by Don & MaryJo Brown
♦ John Nehme, Sr. by MaryAnn Tanoury-Loy & Family
♦ Joseph Sageer by Children
♦ Dorothy Sageer by Children
♦ James Sageer by Family



MEETINGS AND EVENTS

SUN 15 DEC 9AM Maronite Christian Formation (MCF) Classes

SUN 15 DEC 11AM Maronite Youth Organization (MYO) Meeting

SUN 15 DEC 11AM Christmas Gift Sale

SUN-MON 15-23 DEC Christmas Novena

WED 18 DEC 9:30AM Mercy Group

THU 19 DEC 9:30AM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

THU 1 JAN 11AM Holy Day Divine Liturgy

MON 6 JAN 9AM Epiphany Holy Day Divine Liturgy

6:30PM Epiphany Holy Day Divine Liturgy

SUN 12 JAN 9AM Maronite Christian Formation (MCF) Classes



POINTS OF INTEREST

Saint Nemtallah El-Hardini. On 14 December the Maronite Church honors Saint Nemtallah. He was born Youssef Kassab in 1808 in Hardin, Lebanon to a pious family. He is associated with the name of his home village. He entered the Lebanese Maronite Order in 1828 and was given the name Nemtallah, meaning the grace of God. He was ordained a priest on 25 December 1833 and led the formation of new monks. One of his students was Saint Sharbel. In 1845 he became the Assistant General of the Order, serving two terms. He was known for his love of the Eucharist. He was often found in the chapel on his knees with his arms raised in the form of a cross and his eyes fixed on the Most Blessed Sacrament. He was also known for his asceticism, humility, charity towards others, and devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. He died on 14 December 1858. He was beatified on 10 May 1998 and canonized on 16 May 2004 both by Pope John Paul II. May the prayers of Saint Nemtallah be with us.

Thank you. We offer our sincere thanks to everyone who helped to decorate and prepare the Church for Christmas.

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 is located on the altar. Please place your unwrapped gift(s) in the box near the tree **no later than this Sunday 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 Gifts. After the 10AM Divine Liturgies **this Sunday, 15 December,** the Saint Mary's Guild will be offering Saint Sharbel Candles and *Sitto's Legacy: A Lebanese Cookbook.* This cookbook is from our parish and makes an **excellent Christmas gift** for your **family and friends.**

Maronite Youth Organization (MYO). The MYO will meet **this Sunday, 15 December,** at **11AM,** immediately following the Divine Liturgy.

Christmas Novena. As a **spiritual preparation** for Christmas, the Maronite Church prays the Christmas Novena for 9 days before Christmas, **beginning this Sunday, 15 December** through **23 December.** We shall pray the Christmas Novena at Church each day beginning this Sunday through 23 December **after the regularly scheduled Divine Liturgies.** 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.

Father Boutros. On Monday 16 December Father Boutros will celebrate his birthday. We assure Father Boutros of our prayers and wish him many happy, healthy, and blessed more years of priestly service.

Christmas Concert and Gathering. Next **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.

Christmas Divine Liturgies. The Divine Liturgy for the Glorious Birth of Our Lord will be celebrated on **Tuesday, 24 December** at **4PM** and **10PM** and on **Wednesday, 25 December** at **10AM.** Please make every effort to join us in prayer for the Birth of Our Lord.

1 Banns of Marriage: Georganne Jadhon and Christopher DeGrace



ALTAR MEMORIALS

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

- **SANCTUARY PLANTS & FLOWERS** — In Memory of Louis Sr. & Mae Astafan by *Joyce, Scander, Louis Jr. & Diana Astafan*
- **INCENSE & CHARCOAL** — In Memory of Liam Zoghby by *Brahim Zogby & Kim Stoffle*
- **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

14 DEC	4PM	Joe Saba
15 Dec	10AM	Norma Tehan

21 DEC	4PM	Nicole DelVecchio
22 Dec	10AM	Nate Hanna

HOSPITALITY

15 DEC	Samantha Ionta Team
22 DEC	No Dough — Merry Christmas
29 DEC	New Year's Hospitality
5 JAN	Fish Fry Team



PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Collections for the week ending 1 December

1st Collection.....	\$1,985
2nd Collection—Eparchial Support.....	\$327
Christmas Flowers	\$30
Fuel & Heat	\$60
Renovations	\$25
Snow Removal	\$55
Needy	\$25
Online Donations for the Month of November	\$3,234
Total	\$5,741

*This Week's Second Collection: Snow Removal
Next Week's Second Collection: Church
Renovation and Repair*



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