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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

## 7-8 DECEMBER 2024



## FEASTS AND READINGS

SUN 8 DEC **Birth of John the Baptist**  
**The Immaculate Conception**  
Gal 4:21-5:1/Lk 1:57-66

MON 9 DEC St. Francis of Paola  
Rom 9:1-5/Lk 1:67-80

TUE 10 DEC Pope St. Miltiades  
Rom 9:6-13/Mt 11:11-15

WED 11 DEC St. Daniel the Stylite  
Rom 9:14-18/Mt 17:9-13

THU 12 DEC St. Spyridon the Wonderworker  
Our Lady of Guadalupe  
Rom 9:19-29/Mt 21:23-27

FRI 13 DEC St. Lucy  
Rom 9:30-33/Mt 11:16-19

SAT 14 DEC St. Nemtallah El-Hardini  
Rom 10:1-13/Jn 5:31-36

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



## CONTACTS

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315-794-9423

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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 7 DEC 4PM ♦ Louis Astafan, Sr. (8th Anniv.) by Joyce, Scander,  
Louis Jr. & Diana Astafan  
♦ Peter W. Astafan (2nd Anniv.) by Joyce, Scander, Louis Jr.  
& Diana Astafan  
♦ George J. Massoud, Sr. by Wife, Janet, & Family  
♦ Stephen J. Powers by Kathi Tamer  
♦ Madeline Raya Abood by Isabelle Linder  
♦ Mary Raya by Lou Raya, Patricia Karam & Sons  
♦ Congratulations Emile & Carrie Charbel on their  
25th Wedding Anniversary by Family

SUN 8 DEC 10AM ♦ Marie Sageer DiBernardo by Deacon Paul Salamy  
♦ George Mansour by George, Jackie & Julia Mitchell  
♦ Goldie Faris by George, Jackie & Julia Mitchell  
♦ John Nehme, Sr. by Angelina Bonomo  
♦ Dr. Jacqueline Roy (Birth.) by sister, Rose  
♦ Anthony K. Sfeir, Jr. (40 Day) by Gail Ann Sfeir & Family  
♦ No Liturgy

MON 9 DEC

TUE 10 DEC 9AM ♦ Albina & Amanda Bentalone by Abouna Boutros

WED 11 DEC 9AM ♦ Deceased Members of the Moses & Koury Families  
by John Moses' Will

THU 12 DEC 9AM ♦ For the Living Intentions of Margaret Ingraham  
by Margaret Ingraham

FRI 13 DEC 9AM ♦ Victoria Moses Watson by Rose Crigger's Will

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 and Emily Sfeir  
Mahana) by Wife Jan and Gail Ann Sfeir



## MEETINGS AND EVENTS

SUN 8 DEC 9AM Maronite Christian Formation (MCF) Classes

SUN 8 DEC 2PM Saint Mary's Guild Christmas Party

WED 11 DEC 9:30AM Mercy Group

THU 12 DEC 9:30AM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

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

**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 this weekend, Saturday, 7 December and Sunday, 8 December.

**Saint Mary's Guild Christmas Party.** The Saint Mary's Guild will have their annual Christmas Party this **Sunday, 8 December at 2PM** at **Phoenician Restaurant** on French Road in New Hartford. The cost is \$25 per person. Members are welcome to bring a guest.

**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 and tags 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 next 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 **next Sundays, 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 next **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, 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.

**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.

**Cookie Sale.** There will not be an annual Christmas Cookie Sale as previously announced.



## 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** — In Memory of Louis Astafan, Sr. by *Joyce, Scander, Louis, Jr. & Diana Astafan*
- **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

7 DEC	4PM	Andrew Rahme
8 DEC	10AM	Cheyenne Scheidleman
14 DEC	4PM	Joe Saba
15 Dec	10AM	Norma Tehan

### HOSPITALITY

8 DEC	Zeina's Cafe Team
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 24 November*

1st Collection.....	\$2,500
2nd Collection—Christmas Flowers.....	\$800
Fuel & Heat.....	\$260
Snow Removal.....	\$20
Contributions.....	\$100
Candles.....	\$52
Needy.....	\$10
Total.....	\$3,742

*This Week's Second Collection: Fuel & Heat*

*Next Week's Second Collection: Snow Removal*





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