



# 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

## 1-2 MARCH 2025

## FEASTS AND READINGS

*Season of Great Lent*

SUN 2 MAR **Sunday of the Entrance into Lent**  
**Miracle at Cana in Galilee**  
 St. John Maron, First Maronite Patriarch  
 Rom 14:14-23/Jn 2:1-11

MON 3 MAR **Ash Monday**  
 St. Thomas Aquinas  
 St. Katharine Drexel  
 2 Cor 5:20-6:7/Mt 6:16-21

TUE 4 MAR St. Paul and His Sister, St. Juliana  
 Rom 15:1-13/Mt 6:5-15

WED 5 MAR St. Albert the Great  
 Rom 15:14-21/Mt 6:1-4

THU 6 MAR St. Conon of Isauria  
 1 Tim 6:6-12/Mt 6:25-34

FRI 7 MAR The 7 Young Men of Ephesus  
 2 Thes 3:6-14/Mt 7:13-27

SAT 8 MAR St. Frances of Rome  
 Heb 3:14-4:4/Lk 18:9-14

SUN 9 MAR **Healing of the Leper**  
**The Forty Martyrs**  
 Rom 6:12-23/Mk 1:35-45

## CONTACTS

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*Finance Committee:* Michael Hayduk ..... 315-794-3045

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*Family Giving Committee:* George Nehme ..... 401-742-5841

*Kitchen & Hall:* Mary Ann Tanoury-Loy ..... 315-790-3307

*Buildings:* Byron Elias ..... 315-737-7803/315-794-9423

*Maronite Christian Formation:* Laura Cross ... 315-794-4156

*Maronite Youth Organization:*

Chadia Karrat Saber ..... 315-534-4023

Lindsay Hayduk Brown ..... 315-794-0396

Saint Mary's Guild: Anne Lewis ..... 315-525-8227

Holy Name Society: Lou Lewis ..... 315-737-3950

Saint Joseph Society: Christopher Sunderlin ... 315-570-9639

Isabella Scholl ..... 315-790-3306

Acolytes: Nathan Hanna ..... 315-939-8219

Lectors: Lois Mariano ..... 315-732-3402

Sacristan: Harrison Zogby ..... 315-749-6399

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

SAT 1 MAR 4PM +Celia Marriott (Birth.) by Nick & Lois Mariano & Chuck & Lorraine Curri  
 +Nicholas (Skip) Polce by Lou Raya & Patti Karam  
 +Nick Pezzulo, Sr. (Anniv.) by Nick & Rosemary Pezzulo

SUN 2 MAR 10AM +June Abounader (40 Day) by Deacon Paul Salamy & Deacon Peter Hobaica  
 +For All the Married Couples in Our Parish by Abouna Boutros

MON 3 MAR 9AM +Dick Stemmer (1st Anniv.) by Selwa Stemmer  
 6:30PM +Anne M. Pape (Birth.) by Christine & George Massoud

TUE 4 MAR 9AM +Gabriel & Rose Salamy by Deacon Paul Salamy

WED 5 MAR 9AM +Joseph & Lillian Mody by Children  
 +Richard Stemmer (1st Anniv.) by A Friend

THU 6 MAR 9AM +Mary Marley by John & Beverly Sageer

FRI 7 MAR 9AM +Abdoo & Rose Mikall by Deacon Paul Salamy

SAT 8 MAR 4PM +Thelma (T.R.) Roy (Anniv.) by Nick & Lois Mariano  
 +Julia Shaheen (40 Day) by Family  
 +June Abounader by Mitchell Jr. & Dorothy Amado

SUN 9 MAR 10AM +Stephen Payne by Family  
 +Marie Sageer DiBernardo by John & Beverly Sageer

## MEETINGS AND EVENTS

MON 3 MAR 9AM Ash Monday Divine Liturgy

MON 3 MAR 4-7PM Lenten Fish Fry

MON 3 MAR 6:30PM Ash Monday Divine Liturgy

WED 5 MAR 9:30AM Mercy Group

THU 6 MAR 9:30AM Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

FRI 7 MAR 4-7PM Lenten Fish Fry

FRI 7 MAR 6:30PM Stations and Benediction of the Cross

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

TUE 11 MAR 6:30PM Saint Mary's Guild Meeting

FRI 14 MAR 4-7PM Lenten Fish Fry

FRI 14 MAR 6:30PM Stations and Benediction of the Cross

SUN 16 MAR 11AM Maronite Youth Organization (MYO) Meeting

SUN 23 MAR 9AM Maronite Christian Formation (MCF) Classes

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THU-SAT 24-26 JUL Taste of Lebanon

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*Annual Lenten*

**FISH FRY**



Adults \$16 | Children (Under 10) \$7

**Baked or Fried | 2 Sides + Dessert**

**Walk-Ins Welcome**

**EAT IN OR TAKE OUT**

**FRIDAY'S 4-7PM**



## POINTS OF INTEREST

**Condolences.** We offer our prayerful condolences to the family of Christopher Huston for whom the Divine Liturgy of the Faithful Departed was celebrated on 28 February. May God give rest to His servant and consolation to his family.

**Saint John Maron.** On 2 March the Maronite Church celebrates the feast of Saint John Maron, our **first Patriarch**. Saint John Maron was born in 628 on the border of modern-day Syria and Turkey. He was elected the Patriarch of Antioch for the Maronites in 685. He accompanied the Maronite people to Lebanon during their persecution in Syria. He died in 707 and is buried in Kfarhy, near Batroun, Lebanon. 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 this weekend. They will be used to make the Ashes for Ash Monday.

**Ash Monday.** This Sunday, 2 March the Maronite Church celebrates the Sunday of the Entrance into Lent, the Miracle at Cana in Galilee. This Monday, 3 March 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** this Ash Monday, 3 March at 9AM and 6:30PM.

**Fish Fry.** Our Annual Lenten Fish Fry **begins** this Monday, **Ash Monday, 3 March** and will continue on the **Fridays of Great Lent, 7 March through 18 April**, from **4-7PM** in the George Sfeir Parish Hall, Dine-In or Take-Out. \$16 for adults and \$7 for children (10 and under). Please join us in fellowship. If you would like to donate baked goods for a Friday, please contact Mary Ann at 315-790-3307.

**Abstinence and Fasting.** All Maronites who are physically capable are to **abstain from meat** on Ash Monday (3 March) and all Fridays of Great Lent. Ash Monday and Great Friday of the Crucifixion (18 April) 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.

**Stations and Benediction of the Cross.** On the **Fridays of Great Lent (7 March through 11 April)** 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.

**Daylight Savings Time Begins.** Please remember to set your clocks one hour ahead before going to bed next **Saturday, 8 March**.

**Notre Dame Schools Raffle.** The Notre Dame Schools are offering tickets for their 14th Annual Raffle. The drawing party will be held on Sunday, 4 May. The **first prize** is **\$100,000**. Tickets are **\$100 each**. A representative will be at Saint Louis Gonzaga Church at the Divine Liturgies with tickets next **Saturday and Sunday, 8 and 9 March**. You can also obtain a ticket by calling the Notre Dame Schools at 315.724.5118 extension 26. For more information, please visit [www. NotreDameUtica.org](http://www.NotreDameUtica.org).

**Saint Mary's Guild.** The Saint Mary's Guild will meet next **Tuesday, 11 March** at **6:30PM**, in George Sfeir Parish Hall.

**Save the Dates.** The **Taste of Lebanon** is planned for **Thursday through Saturday, 24-26 July**. Please save the dates and plan to be part of this important event for our parish.



## ALTAR MEMORIALS

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

- **BREAD & WINE** — In Memory of Richard Stemmer by *Selwa & Family*
- **CANDLES** — In Memory of Nazih Karrat by *Wife, Betty, Children & Grandchildren*
- **PLANTS & FLOWERS** — In Memory of Bashara, Mary and John Darjany by *Mitchell, Jr. & Dorothy Amado*
- **INCENSE & CHARCOAL** — In Memory of Liam Zoghby by *Brahim Zogby & Kim Stoffle*
- **SANCTUARY LAMP** — In Memory of Fred J. and Mary Mazloom by *Family*
- **CANDLES - ST. SHARBEL CHAPEL** — For the Living and Deceased Members of the Monahan and Murad Families by *Jacquelyn Murad*

*A contribution of \$10.00 will memorialize a loved one for the entire week.*



## VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

### LECTORS

1 MAR	4PM	Richard Koury
2 MAR	10AM	Norma Tehan
3 MAR	9AM	Lou Raya
3 MAR	6:30PM	Nate Hanna
8 MAR	4PM	Aricca Lewis
9 MAR	10AM	Nathan Hanna

### HOSPITALITY

2 MAR	Fish Fry Team
9 MAR	Holy Name Society
16 MAR	TBD
23 MAR	St. Joseph's Society
30 MAR	MYA



## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

*Collections for the week ending 16 February*

1st Collection	\$388
2nd Collection (Snow Removal)	\$97
Faithful Departed	\$20
Contributions	\$950
Needy	\$15
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,470</b>

*Collections for the week ending 23 February*

1st Collection	\$1,427
2nd Collection (Faithful Departed)	\$622
Eparchial Support	\$3
Fuel	\$50
Snow Removal	\$152
Contributions	\$320
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,574</b>

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



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