



SAINT LOUIS GONZAGA CHURCH

MARONITE CATHOLIC

520 Rutger Street | Utica, NY 13501


TEL: 315-732-6019 | FAX: 315-732-6018

WEBSITE: www.SaintLouisGonzaga.org

EMAIL: SaintLouisGonzaga@gmail.com

 www.facebook.com/stlouisgonzaga/

 @St_LouisGonzaga

 @stlouisgonzaga



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

13-14 SEPTEMBER 2025



FEASTS AND READINGS

Season of the Holy Cross		
SUN	14 SEP	Exaltation of the Holy Cross 1 Cor 1:18-25/Jn 12:20-32
MON	15 SEP	St. Shaina St. Sassine 2 Pet 1:1-11/Jn 3:11-21
TUE	16 SEP	St. Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage 2 Pet 1:12-21/Jn 8:21-30
WED	17 SEP	St. Sophia and Her 3 Daughters 2 Pet 3:1-9/Jn 12:31-36
THU	18 SEP	The Flight of the Lord Jesus to Egypt 2 Pet 3:10-18/Mk 8:31-38
FRI	19 SEP	St. Januarius Jude 1-7/Jn 18:33-38
SAT	20 SEP	St. Eustatius and His Wife and Children Jude 17-25/Lk 23:36-43
SUN	21 SEP	1st Sunday after Holy Cross St. Quadratus, Bishop of Athens 2 Tim 2:1-10/Mk 10:35-45



CONTACTS

Administrative Assistant: Rhiannon Gray..... 315-732-6019
saintlouisgonzaga@gmail.com
Bulletin: Glory Rasi315-794-4242
saintlouisbulletin@gmail.com
Music: Nick Abounader 315-335-2239
Parish Council: Father Boutros..... 315-732-6019
Finance Committee: Michael Hayduk 315-794-3045
Special Events: Betty Karrat 315-736-1615
Family Giving Committee: George Nehme 401-742-5841
Kitchen & Hall: Mary Ann Tanoury-Loy315-790-3307
Buildings: Byron Elias 315-737-7803/315-794-9423
Maronite Christian Formation: Laura Cross ... 315-794-4156
Maronite Youth Organization:
Chadia Karrat Saber315-534-4023
Lindsay Hayduk Brown315-794-0396
Saint Mary's Guild: Aricca Lewis..... 315-796-9876
Holy Name Society: Lou Lewis 315-737-3950
Saint Joseph Society: Christopher Sunderlin315-570-9639
Isabella Scholl315-790-3306
Acolytes: Nathan Hanna..... 315-939-8219
Lectors: Lois Mariano 315-732-3402
Sacristan: Harrison Zogby 315-749-6399



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

SAT	13 SEP	4PM	• Steve Powers (1st Anniv.) by <i>The Powers Family</i> • Nicole Rose Cozza-Siriano by <i>Louis, Jr. & Diana Astafan</i> • Amelia Jabour (Birth.) by <i>Family</i> • Frances Roberts by <i>Sister, Marlene Hobaica, Mike Hobaica, and Family</i>
SUN	14 SEP	10AM	• Albert & Anna Saba Abdoo by <i>The Abdoo Family</i> • Julia Shaheen by <i>Patricia Shaheen</i> • Regina Synakowski by <i>Deacon Paul</i>
MON	15 SEP		• No Liturgy
TUE	16 SEP	9AM	• Deceased Members of the Moses and Koury Families by <i>John Moses' Will</i>
WED	17 SEP	9AM	• Mary Mazloom by <i>Christopher and Michele Anderson</i>
THU	18 SEP	9AM	• Edward and Sadie Koury by <i>Sadie Koury's Will</i>
FRI	19 SEP	9AM	• Helen Moses by <i>Rose Crigger's Will</i>
SAT	20 SEP	4PM	• Louis Astafan, Sr. (Birth.) by <i>Joyce, Scander, Louis Jr., and Diana Astafan</i> • Robert (Bob) Joseph (1st Anniv.) by <i>Family</i>
SUN	21 SEP	10AM	• Abraham and Zeina Saba Abdoo by <i>The Abdoo Family</i> • Julia Shaheen by <i>Tim and Cindy Reed</i> • Nassima Karam by <i>Winnie Mitchell</i>



MEETINGS AND EVENTS

WED	17 SEP	9:30AM	Mercy Group
THU	18 SEP	9:30AM	Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament
TUE	14 OCT	6PM	Saint Sharbel Liturgy and Anointing
SUN	19 OCT	9AM	Maronite Christian Formation Classes Begin
SUN	2 NOV	2PM	Festival of Baskets at Hart's Hill Inn



POINTS OF INTEREST

Congratulations. We offer our prayerful congratulations to Kayleigh Madison Zeina, the daughter of Kevin and Amanda Zeina, who was baptized and chrismated on 6 September. May God bless her as she begins her journey of faith.

Thank you. Deacon Paul offers his sincere thanks to Father Boutros, all the parishioners, and all who attended, contributed, volunteered, and helped with the prayerful Divine Liturgy and the beautiful reception that were offered last weekend in honor of his **30th Anniversary of Ordination to the Diaconate**. He also offers his sincere thanks for all the kind and generous words, remembrances, and gifts that were offered as well.

Exaltation of the Holy Cross. On 14 September, this Sunday, the Church celebrates the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. This feast commemorates **the finding of the Cross, which Christ was crucified on**, by Queen Helen in the early Fourth Century. We will celebrate this feast at the regularly scheduled Divine Liturgies this weekend, Saturday and Sunday, 13 and 14 September.

Notre Dame Schools. Notre Dame Schools is proud to be a participant in Mohawk Valley Gives, a 24-hour day of giving taking place this Friday, 19 September. To support Notre Dame Schools please go to www.givemv.org/organizations/notre-dame-schools. Notre Dame Schools thanks you for your generosity and continued support.

Bulletin Advertising. In the coming weeks, a representative from LPi, our bulletin publisher, will be reaching out to renew and secure new advertisements for our parish bulletin. Advertising in our bulletin is an excellent way to support our parish while promoting your business or service. It is distributed in church and also available online through our parish website, giving your message even greater reach. If you are interested in placing an ad, please contact Christopher Guldager at 800-477-4574 x6829.

The Maronite Voice. Please be sure to pick up a copy of the latest issue of *The Maronite Voice* available at both entrances of the Church. There are many interesting and relevant articles.

Maronite Christian Formation (MCF). MCF Classes — Religious Education will be held on **Sunday mornings at 9AM beginning on 19 October**. Additional information will be forthcoming to register your children and the schedule of classes.

Festival of Baskets. The **Festival of Baskets** is planned for **Sunday, 2 November beginning at 2PM at Hart's Hill Inn in Whitesboro**. Please save the date and plan to be part of this important parish event. We ask that you submit your baskets early. Do you have empty baskets you're willing to donate? Please contact either Betty or Glory. Thank you!

Divine Liturgy. The faithful are **invited to Church each week** and on Holy Days to participate in the Divine Liturgy. We look forward to praying with you each week at the Divine Liturgy.

Divine Liturgy Intentions. There are weekday and weekend Divine Liturgies that can be offered for your intentions. To schedule a Divine Liturgy in honor or memory of a loved one, please contact the parish house during office hours.



ALTAR MEMORIALS

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

- ✦ **CANDLES** — In Memory of John & Elizabeth Raya by *Daughters, Isabelle, Joyce & Beverly*
- ✦ **PLANTS & FLOWERS** — In Memory of Richard J. Koury by *Wife, Helen and Children*
- ✦ **BREAD & WINE** — In Memory of Louis Astafan, Sr. by *Joyce, Scander, Louis Jr. & Diana Astafan*
- ✦ **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

13 SEP	4PM	Nicole DelVecchio
14 SEP	10AM	Joey Rahme
20 SEP	4PM	Richard Koury
21 SEP	10AM	James Salamy



PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Collections for the week ending 7 September 2025

1st Collection.....	\$2,498
Air Conditioning	\$35
Renovations & Repairs	\$260
Eparchy—Catholic University.....	\$512
Building Fund	\$185
Candles.....	\$129
Needy	\$20
Total	\$3,639

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



"Four generations
serving this parish
community for over
100 years."

Anthony & Dominic Matt
315-724-0218
MattFuneralHome.com



HJ OBEID, MD, PLLC

ENT, Sinus & Snoring Center

315-336-8302

FAX: 315-339-0958

H Joseph Obeid, MD

110 E. CHESTNUT STREET
ROME, NY 13440
M-F 8AM-4PM

2407 GENESEE STREET
UTICA, NY 13501
WED 8AM-2PM



David R. Roefaro, Pres.

1122 Culver Avenue
Utica, NY 13501

315-733-6443

www.scalaroefaro.com



www.SteetPonteCars.com



Matt Czarnocki Electrical

Master Licensed
Electrician

315-527-7819

Service Calls,
Trouble Shooting,
Service Panels
Residential &
Commercial



Over 30 Years EXPERIENCE
SHINGLE ROOFING EXPERT

We Install:

- Designer Shingles
- Architectural Shingles
- Large selection of colors
- Painting
- Soft Washing
- Deck Staining

Services:

Spring Specials
10% off all services
Up to \$1000 Discount
off new shingle roofs
for parishioners!

Fully Insured | Incl Workers Comp | Family Owned & Operated

Free Quotes: Complete Exterior Painting • House Washing • Roof Cleaning

Text or Call 315-542-5776
michaelwhitecontracting.com

Catholic Owned • The Big Guy From Church With All the Son's!



Brzostek's
AUCTION SERVICE, INC.
REAL ESTATE AUCTION CO., INC.

We do Auctions anywhere in NY!

Bernard J. Brzostek, CAI
Licensed Real Estate Broker and Certified Auctioneer
Real Estate, Estates, Businesses & more!

No Commission charged to Sellers
on Real Estate Auctions!
www.askbernie.com

Call: Bernie's SELL# (315) 447-5177

SUPPORT
OUR
ADVERTISERS!



315.724.0562
lewiscustomhomesinc.com

MOHAWK VALLEY MONUMENTS, LLC

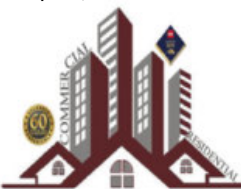
Monuments • Markers • Private Mausoleums
Custom Memorials • Bronze Plaques
Memorial Portraits • Lettering
Cleaning • Repairs

Quality Memorials Since 1929

315-724-7629



First Responder, Veteran & Senior Discounts



COBBLESTONE
CONSTRUCTION CO
ROOFING CONTRACTOR
info@cobblestoneroofing.com

315.733.3106

Insured • Free Estimates

LET'S GROW YOUR BUSINESS

Place Your Ad Here
and Support Our Parish!

CONTACT ME Christopher Guldager

cguldager@4LPi.com
(800) 477-4574 x6829

ADT-Monitored Home Security

Get 24-Hour Protection
From a Name You Can Trust

- Burglary
- Fire Safety
- Flood Detection
- Carbon Monoxide



ADT Authorized
Provider

SafeStreets

833-287-3502

Place Your Ad Here and Support our Parish!

Instantly create and
purchase an ad with

AD CREATOR STUDIO



4lpi.com/adcreator



HILTON & POWERS, CPAs, P.C.
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTINGS

Steve Powers
PARISHIONER

315.734.1040

5 PARIS ROAD
NEW HARTFORD, NEW YORK



Ad info. 1-800-477-4574 • Publication Support 1-800-888-4574 • www.4lpi.com

St. Louis Gonzaga, Utica, NY

04-0739