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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

## 13-14 DECEMBER 2025

## FEASTS AND READINGS

SUN	14 DEC	<b>Revelation to Joseph</b> St. Nemtallah El-Hardini Eph 3:1-13/Mt 1:18-25
MON	15 DEC	St. Eleutherius and His Mother Rom 10:14-21/Jn 7:1-10
TUE	16 DEC	Haggai the Prophet Rom 11:1-12 /Jn 7:11-18
WED	17 DEC	The 3 Young Men: Ananias, Azarias, and Misael Rom 11:13-24/Jn 7:25-30
THU	18 DEC	Daniel the Prophet Rom 11:25-36/Jn 7:31-36
FRI	19 DEC	St. Athenodorus Rom 12:1-8/Jn 7:37-44
SAT	20 DEC	St. Ignatius of Antioch Rom 12:9-21/Jn 7:45-53
SUN	21 DEC	<b>Genealogy Sunday</b> St. Julian of Tarsus Rom 1:1-12/Mt 1:1-17

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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: Aricca Lewis ..... 315-796-9876  
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	13 DEC	4PM	• Celia Marriott (Anniv.) by Nick and Lois Mariano & Chuck and Lorraine Curri • John Giuliano by Wade Karam
SUN	14 DEC	10AM	• Mary Mazloom by Nabhan Karam • Fred Sageer (Birth.) by Mona Sageer and Family • Kozhaya Karam by Patty Karam and Lou Raya • Jean Bally by Deacon Paul Salamy • James Peters by Wife and Family
MON	15 DEC	9AM	• Sadi Nackley Gadowski by Deacon Paul Salamy
TUE	16 DEC	9AM	• Helen Moses by Rose Crigger's Will
WED	17 DEC	9AM	• Mary Mazloom by Samir & Fatena Kattoura
THU	18 DEC	9AM	• Boyd Crigger by Boyd Crigger's Will
FRI	19 DEC	9AM	• Karen Nassar by Laura • Donald Nojaim by Laura
SAT	20 DEC	4PM	• Mae & Louis Astafan, Sr. by Joyce, Scander, Louis, Jr., and Diana Astafan • Nicholas Mariano, Sr. (Anniv.) by Nick & Lois Mariano • Louise (Sitto) Roy (Birth.) by Nick & Lois Mariano • Robert J. Tehan (Birth.) by David and Norma Tehan and Children • Janet C. Massoud by Kamleh Tehan • John Giuliano by Peggy Stewart and Patty Gentile
SUN	21 DEC	10AM	• David Petteys (Anniv.) by Christine & George Massoud • Fred and Mary Mazloom by Family • The Families of Louis Albert and Helen Theresa Abdoo and their children Gloria, Ron, Louis, Anita, and Anne by The Abdoo Family • Sarah Abraham (Anniv.) by Sarah Abraham's Will • Lawrence "Bo" Joseph (Birth. & Anniv.) by Mary Ann Tanoury Loy and Bella • Dr. Joseph B. Hobaica & Fannie Saba Tamer by Don and Mary Jo Brown • Mary Moshaty Karaze (50th Anniv.) by Granddaughters Glory Rasi and Anne Lewis

## MEETINGS AND EVENTS

SUN	14 DEC	9AM	Maronite Christian Formation (MCF) Classes
SUN	14 DEC	11AM	Maronite Youth Organization (MYO) Meeting
SUN	14 DEC	2PM	St. Mary's Guild Christmas Party
MON-TUE	15-23 DEC		Christmas Novena
WED	17 DEC	9:30AM	Mercy Group
THU	18 DEC	9:30AM	Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament
SAT	20 DEC	3PM	Christmas Concert, Divine Liturgy, and Christmas Gathering
SUN	21 DEC	9AM	Maronite Christian Formation (MCF) Classes
WED	24 DEC	4PM	Christmas Divine Liturgy
WED	24 DEC	10PM	Christmas Divine Liturgy
THU	25 DEC	10AM	Christmas Divine Liturgy
THU	1 JAN	10AM	Holy Day Divine Liturgy
MON	5 JAN	6:30PM	Epiphany Holy Day Divine Liturgy
TUE	6 JAN	9AM	Epiphany Holy Day Divine Liturgy
SUN	11 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.

**Congratulations.** We offer our prayerful congratulations to Joseph Alexander Steet, the son of Joseph and Nicole Steet, who was baptized and chrismated on 6 December. May God bless him as he begins his journey of faith.

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

**Holiday Hopes Giving Tree.** The Saint Mary's Guild is once again sponsoring a Giving Tree to share the spirit of the season by supporting the children and families of The House of the Good Shepherd. The tree is located near the altar. Please place your unwrapped gift(s) in the collection box near the tree by this **Sunday, 14 December**. Thank you for helping bring warmth and joy to those in need this Christmas season!

**Maronite Youth Organization (MYO).** The MYO will **meet this Sunday, 14 December at 11AM** immediately following the 10AM Divine Liturgy.

**Saint Mary's Guild Christmas Party.** The Saint Mary's Guild will have their annual Christmas Party this **Sunday, 14 December at 2PM at Delmonico's Italian Steakhouse** on North Genesee Street in Utica.

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

**Father Boutros.** On Tuesday, 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, 20 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 Liturgical Schedule.** Please see the Christmas Liturgical Schedule for the upcoming Holy Day Liturgies during the Christmas Season.



## ALTAR MEMORIALS

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

- **PLANTS & FLOWERS** — In Memory of the Mariano and Roy Families by *Nick and Lois Mariano*
- **CANDLES** — In Memory of Fred Sageer by *Mona Sageer and Family*
- **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 DEC	4PM	Aricca Lewis
14 DEC	10AM	Norma Tehan
20 DEC	4PM	Lois Mariano
21 DEC	10AM	Joey Rahme

### HOSPITALITY

14 DEC	MYO
21 DEC	Christmas Hospitality
28 DEC	No Hospitality
4 JAN	Fish Fry Team



## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

*Collections for the week ending 30 November 2025*

1st Collection.....	\$1,529
2nd Collection (Snow Removal) .....	\$361
Renovations.....	\$25
Candles.....	\$85
Fuel & Heat.....	\$25
Needy .....	\$45
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$2,070</b>

*This Week's Second Collection: Fuel & Heat  
Next Week's Second Collection: Snow Removal*

*See next week's bulletin for collections for the week ending 7 December*

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## *Christmas Liturgical Schedule 2025-2026*



**CHRISTMAS NOVENA** **MONDAY, 15 DECEMBER – TUESDAY, 23 DECEMBER**

Following the regularly scheduled Divine Liturgies  
(MON – FRI: 9AM | SAT: 4PM | SUN: 10AM)  
And at private homes in the evening by invitation

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT** **SATURDAY, 20 DECEMBER: 3PM**

Followed by the 4PM Divine Liturgy and  
a Christmas Gathering in the George Sfeir Parish Hall

**GLORIOUS BIRTH OF OUR LORD** **WEDNESDAY, 24 DECEMBER: 4PM AND 10PM**  
**THURSDAY, 25 DECEMBER: 10AM**

**CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD** **THURSDAY, 1 JANUARY: 11AM**

**THE GLORIOUS EPIPHANY** **MONDAY, 5 JANUARY: 6:30PM**  
**TUESDAY, 6 JANUARY: 9AM**



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