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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

6-7 DECEMBER 2025

FEASTS AND READINGS

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| SUN | 7 DEC | Birth of John the Baptist St. Ambrose, Doctor of the Church Gal 4:21-5:1/Lk 1:57-66 |
| MON | 8 DEC | The Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation) Heb 7:11-17/Lk 11:27-32 |
| TUE | 9 DEC | St. Francis of Paola Rom 9:6-13/Mt 11:11-15 |
| WED | 10 DEC | Pope St. Miltiades Rom 9:14-18/Mt 17:9-13 |
| THU | 11 DEC | St. Daniel the Stylite Rom 9:19-29/Mt 21:23-27 |
| FRI | 12 DEC | St. Spyridon the Wonderworker Our Lady of Guadalupe (USA) Rom 9:30-33/Mt 11:16-19 |
| SAT | 13 DEC | St. Lucy Rom 10:1-13/Jn 5:31-36 |
| SUN | 14 DEC | Revelation to Joseph St. Nemtallah El-Hardini Eph 3:1-13/Mt 1:18-25 |

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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

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| SAT | 6 DEC | 4PM | • Louis Astafan, Sr. (10th Anniv.) by Joyce, Scander, Louis, Jr., and Diana Astafan • George J. Massoud, Sr. (14th Anniv.) by Family • Janet C. Massoud by Patty Karam and Lou Raya • Dr. Jacqueline Roy by Sister, Rose Saba • John Giuliano by the Ciccarelli Family |
| SUN | 7 DEC | 10AM | • Anne M. Pape (Anniv.) by Christine and George Massoud • Julia Shaheen by Patricia Shaheen • Hayat Darouni by Kamil and Carole Rahme and Family • Ghassan Chamoun by Hind and Julie |
| MON | 8 DEC | 9AM | • Fred and Mary Mazloom by Deacon Paul Salamy • Mary Raya by Patty, Louie, Mark, and Claude • Mary Pezzulo (Anniv.) by Nick and Rosemary Pezzulo 6:30PM • Janet C. Massoud by the Saville Family • Jerry Zasa by Father Boutros |
| TUE | 9 DEC | 9AM | • Rose Crigger by Rose Crigger's Will |
| WED | 10 DEC | 9AM | • Mary Mazloom by Joseph and Theresa Costanza • James Peters by Wife, Bernadette and Daughter, Jackie and Son, Jimmy |
| THU | 11 DEC | 9AM | • Edward and Sadie Koury by Sadie Koury's Will |
| FRI | 12 DEC | 9AM | • Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel Moses by Rose Crigger's Will |
| 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 Nabhane Karam • Fred Sageer (Birth.) by Mona Sageer and Family • Kozhaya Karam by Patty Karam and Lou Raya • Jean Bally by Deacon Paul Salamy |

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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|---------|-----------|--------|--|
| SUN | 7 DEC | 9AM | Maronite Christian Formation (MCF) Classes |
| MON | 8 DEC | 9AM | Immaculate Conception Holy Day Liturgy |
| MON | 8 DEC | 6:30PM | Immaculate Conception Holy Day Liturgy |
| WED | 10 DEC | 9:30AM | Mercy Group |
| THU | 11 DEC | 9:30AM | Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament |
| 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 |
| 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 |



POINTS OF INTEREST

Papal Visit to Lebanon. His Holiness Pope Leo XIV visited Lebanon from **30 November to 2 December 2025** as part of his first visit outside of Italy. We rejoice that the Holy Father chose Lebanon to be part of his first journey abroad. Please join in continuing to pray for Lebanon and in thanksgiving for the Holy Father's visit.

Maronite Christian Formation (MCF). We offer our sincere thanks to the MCF students who participated in the 10am Divine Liturgy last Sunday 30 November as part of their Thanksgiving. They all did very well.

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 and to **pray for our country**, the faithful are bound to participate in the Divine Liturgy on this day. Therefore, we shall celebrate the **Divine Liturgy** this **Monday, 8 December at 9AM and 6:30PM**. Please make every effort to join us in prayer.

Holiday Hopes Giving Tree. The Saint Mary's Guild is once again sponsoring a Giving Tree and invites you to share the spirit of the season by supporting the children and families of The House of the Good Shepherd. The tree, located near the altar, has tags suggesting gifts valued between **\$10 and \$50**. Simply take a tag, purchase the gift, and return the unwrapped item to the collection box by next **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 next 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 next **Sunday, 14 December at 2PM** at **Delmonico's Italian Steakhouse** on North Genesee Street in Utica. The cost is \$40 per person and is due in advance. **Reservations must be made before this Tuesday, 9 December**. For more information or to make your reservation, please contact Christine Massoud at 315-939-4184.

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



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 Zoghy & 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

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| 6 DEC | 4PM | Richard Koury |
| 7 DEC | 10AM | James Salamy |
| 8 DEC | 9AM | Lou Raya |
| 8 DEC | 6:30PM | George Mitchell |
| 13 DEC | 4PM | Aricca Lewis |
| 14 DEC | 10AM | Norma Tehan |

HOSPITALITY

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| 7 DEC | Skip Mody Team |
| 14 DEC | MYO |
| 21 DEC | Christmas Hospitality |
| 28 DEC | No Hospitality |
| 4 JAN | Fish Fry Team |



PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Collections for the week ending 23 November 2025

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| 1st Collection..... | \$1,424 |
| 2nd Collection (Christmas Flowers)..... | \$455 |
| Fuel & Heat..... | \$17 |
| TOTAL..... | \$1,896 |

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

See next week's bulletin for collections for the week ending 30 November



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