



Saint Ann Maronite Catholic Church



*Season of the Glorious Birth of Our Lord
Visitation of the Virgin to Elizabeth*

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*Join us Sunday, Dec. 10
after Divine Liturgy, for
our Christmas party*



Maronite Hi story

Pontifical Mission of 1596

In 1596 Pope Clement VIII decided to send another mission to the Maronites. The Jesuits Jerome Dandini and Fabius Bruno were chosen. They were to affect any reforms they deemed appropriate, to see to it that the Maronite students who returned from Rome were properly used, and to choose more good students to be sent to Rome.

After meeting with the Patriarch, Fr. Dandini traveled throughout Lebanon and leaves an extensive description of the customs of people. He discovered that the people are pious and have a simple and ardent faith. They highly respect their priests and when they meet a cleric they kiss his hand and ask for his blessing. The women are held in high regard, and there is no scandal among them. Dandini describes the celebration of the Maronite Divine Liturgy noting that the laity have a great part in the chanting. The laity are given the Eucharist under both species.

Dandini goes on to observe that the priests and people alike assemble to recite the Divine Office. Secular and religious gather at midnight for Matins, and there is always a large number of lay people present. During the Lenten fast the Maronites eat nothing until a few hours before sunset. They abstain on Wednesdays and Fridays from meat and dairy products. They also fast twenty days before Christmas and fifteen days before the feasts of Sts. Peter and Paul and the Assumption. He notes that the Maronites do not have holy water at the entrances of their churches.

Liturgical Schedule & Intentions				Readers & Greeter	Readings	Feast day
Sat	02 Dec	4:30 PM	<i>For the donors of Catholic Extension Society</i>		E: Gal 4:13 -20 G: Lk 10:21-24	
Sun	03 Dec	10:00 AM	<i>In loving memory of Joseph Rezey</i>	Greeter: Bob Stolar En: Karen Rezey Ar: Michel Boutros	E: Eph 1:1-14 G: Lk 1:39-45	St. Francis Xavier, C
Thu	07 Dec	12:00 PM	<i>For the donors of Catholic Extension Society</i>		E: Eph 2:17-22 G: Jn 4:39-42	St. Ambrose, C
Fri	08 Dec	12:00 PM	<i>For the donors of Catholic Extension Society</i>		E: Heb 7:11-17 G: Lk 11:27-32	Immaculate Conception

Please remember to submit your intentions for Divine Liturgies as early as possible.

FINANCIAL CORNER

Nov 11 & 12 / 2017	\$2,687.00
Nov 18 & 19 / 2017	1,477.00
<i>Snow Removal</i>	75.00
<i>Fuel</i>	134.00
<i>Patriarchal Charities</i>	95.00
<i>Thanksgiving</i>	301.00
<i>Donations</i>	700.00
TOTAL	\$5,469.00

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS/ Save the Date

Sun	03 Dec	11:00 am	Religious Education
Wed	06 Dec	6:30 pm	Parish Council
Sun	10 Dec	11:00 pm	Christmas Party
Sun	17 Dec	11:00 am	Religious Education

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Hospitality		
Sun	03 Dec	Available
Sun	10 Dec	Christmas party
Sun	17 Dec	Available
Sun	24 Dec	Available

If unable to show up on the day assigned, it is your responsibility to switch with someone else.

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

26 Nov	Snow Removal
03 Dec	Fuel & Heat
10 Dec	Christmas Flowers
17 Dec	Building & Grounds Maintenance

"Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap." (Luke 6: 38)

"I give thanks to my God always on your account for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus, that in him you were enriched in every way, with all discourse and all knowledge." (1 Corinthians 1:4- 5).

If you are traveling or unable to attend mass, **please consider sending a check or donating online.** Your support helps us to continue our mission.

MEMORIALS for the month of December

Altar Bread, Wine & Sanctuary Lamp

In loving memory of Jay Mooney
by Rolla & Gabby Mooney

Incense, Charcoal, & Candles

In loving memory of Chantelle BouDiwan by her Family

Customary offering is \$60 per month.



"Seek not to understand that you may believe, but believe that you may understand."

St. Augustine

Points of Interest

Harvest Brunch: Many thanks to David & Diana Hannoush for the delicious food, donated in memory of Michael David. Our grateful appreciation to the Holy Family Society for the beautiful decorations in the church and parish hall. Everyone enjoyed this very special meal.

Religious Education: First Communion classes continue on Sunday, Dec 3, immediately following Divine Liturgy. Please ensure children are present at Mass and Religious Education. Our topic will be Actual Sin. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

Children's Mass & Christmas Party: Sunday, Dec. 10, 2017
Please bring your children and grandchildren to a very special Children's Mass, followed by our family Christmas Party. Please consider bringing a dish to share. There is a sign up sheet in the hall.

Food Pantry: With the holidays upon us, we turn our hearts to those less fortunate. St Joseph's food pantry in Troy, is in desperate need of food supplies. Please consider donating some boxed and or canned foods to help them restock. A collection box will be available in the Parish Hall until Sunday, Dec. 17. Thank you for your generosity.

Christmas Decorations: The church looks great with our beautiful nativity prepared by Michel Boutros and family. Many thanks for making this holy season so special.

+ **BAPTISM & CHRISMATION:** Preparation is required. We encourage this to begin at least one month before the Baptism.

+ **MARRIAGES:** Arrangements six (6) months in advance.

+ **NEW PARISHIONERS:** Welcome to our parish family. May you find spiritual nourishment among our community. Please be sure to register with our parish by calling the Parish House.

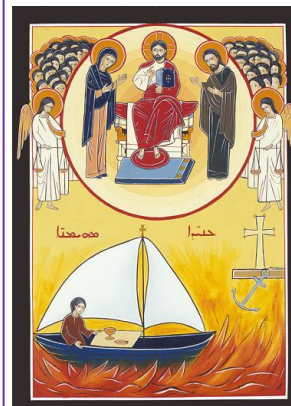
+ **HOSPITAL VISITS, SICK CALLS & SHUT-INS:** If someone is hospitalized, sick, in rest homes or unable to leave home, please let us know by calling Father Alaa Issa at (561) 273- 5867.

+ **CONFESSIONS:** By appointment.

+ **DEVOTIONS:** Rosary on every Sunday at 9:00 AM before the Divine Liturgy.

In Loving Memory of Abraham & Mary (Joseph) NACKLEY & daughters Mary, Catherine, Rose, Lena & Edith

In Memory of the deceased members of The RICE & HEALY Families	In Memory of Michael-David HANNOUSH by his grandparents, Elias & Georgette
In Memory of the deceased members of the REZEY & NACKLEY, SEE & CLOUGH Families	In Loving Memory of Our parents Claramae & Joseph KARAM requested by the KARAM Family
In Loving Memory of Rose, Fr. Paul, Mike, Joe & Peter KORKEMAZ	In Memory of the deceased members of The TALARICO & DEEP Families
In Loving Memory of Dominic & Edith FARINA requested by their Family	
In Loving Memory of Joseph & Helen YAMIN JABOUR requested by Joe & Kathy JABOUR	In Memory of the deceased members of the TAMER & THORNTON Families
In Loving Memory of Walter & Mary GOLDEN & the deceased members of the VOLKOMER & GOLDEN Families	In Loving Memory of James TRAA Requested by his wife Beverly Traa and the Family



O God, May the dead who rest in your hope enter into the happiness of your saints. With them may we rejoice eternally in your sight and give you glory and honor, now and forever.

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