



# Saint Ann Maronite Catholic Church



*Season of the Glorious Birth of Our Lord  
The Finding of Our Lord in the Temple*

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## MARONITE HISTORY

### The Synod of 1598

Patriarch Joseph el-Ruzzi convoked a synod in 1598 which met in the village of Beit-Moussa. Besides re-affirming previous decrees regarding Baptism and Chrismation, it made confession by the faithful obligatory three times a year: at Christmas, Easter, and Pentecost. It was not permitted to have baptismal godparents from a heretical or schismatic community, nor was one allowed to receive the Eucharist in another community. The words of institution in the Divine Liturgy were to be only those found in the Missal of 1592 (that is, the words taken from the Roman Missal).

Marriage with non-Catholics was forbidden. The Synod forbade marriage after subdiaconate, which was another imitation of the Roman practice. Maronite tradition did not forbid marriage until diaconate. In fact, this synodal canon was never put into practice.

An innovation from this synod was the canon making the vigils of Epiphany, Purification, Ascension, Pentecost, Transfiguration, Exultation of the Holy Cross, and All Saints, days of fast. Heretofore, vigils were unknown in the East as days of fast.

In addition to the above canons, Patriarch Joseph el-Ruzzi instituted other laws to correspond more closely to the practice of the Roman rite. He permitted bishops to eat meat (heretofore they had always abstained), and permitted the consumption of fish and wine during Lent.

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS & CONTACT INFORMATION

Thu - Fri : 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you; The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace.

*Happy New Year*

Liturgical Schedule & Intentions				Readers & Greeter	Readings	Feast day
Sat	30 Dec	4:30 PM	For the good health of parishioners of St. Ann		E: Acts 7:2, 30-37 G: Mt 2:19-23	
Sun	31 Dec	10:00 AM	For the good health of parishioners of St. Ann	Greeter: Betty Karrat En: Richard Thornton Ar: Michel Boutors	E: Heb 7:11-19 G: Lk 2:41-52	
Mon	01 Jan	4:30 PM	For the living & deceased parishioners of St. Ann		E: Eph 2:11-22 G: Lk 2:21	<b>Circumcision of the Lord</b>
Thu	04 Jan	12:00 PM	No Liturgy		E: Heb 6:9-12 G: Lk 2:36-40	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, C
Fri	05 Jan	12:00 PM	No Liturgy		E: Rom 5:1-11 G: Lk 3:1-6	St. Paul, the First Hermit, C

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

### FINANCIAL CORNER

Dec 23 & 24 / 2017	212.00
Dec 24 & 25 / 2017	1353.00
Bishop's Appeal	290.00
Patriarchal Charities	300.00
Donations	600.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,755.00</b>

Envelopes for 2018 will be distributed shortly. Until then, please use the blank ones available in the upstairs vestibule.

# Thank you!

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shukran



### UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS/ Save the Date

Sat	06 Jan	4:30 pm	Epiphany
Sun	07 Jan	11:00 am	Religious Education
Sun	21 Jan	11:00 am	Religious Education
Sun	04 Feb	11:00 am	St. Maron Breakfast
Wed	07 Feb	6:30 pm	Parish Council

Hospitality		
Sun	31 Dec	Available
Sun	07 Jan	Gerard Golden
Sun	14 Jan	Available
Sun	21 Jan	Available

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

### 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.

### UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

31 Dec	Snow Removal
07 Jan	Bishop's Appeal
14 Jan	Snow Removal
21 Jan	Support for Assessment

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*"For I know well the plans I have in mind for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare, not for woe; plans to give you a future full of hope."*

*Jeremiah 29:11*

## Points of Interest

**Religious Education:** First Communion classes continue on Sunday, Jan 7, immediately following Divine Liturgy. Please ensure children are present at Mass and Religious Education. Our topic will be, the Jesus Opens Heaven for Us. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

**Epiphany:** Father will celebrate the Epiphany of our Lord at the Divine Liturgies on Saturday Jan 6<sup>th</sup> and Sunday Jan 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Memorials 2018:** MEMORIALS for 2018 are available should anyone like to offer Altar Bread, Wine & Sanctuary Lamp Incense, Charcoal, & Candles for the coming year. Please see Father Alaa.

**Prayer for Christian Unity:** An evening of prayer for Christian unity will be held at Immaculate Heart of Mary, 2416 7<sup>th</sup> Ave, on Wed. January 17 at 7:00 pm (snow date is Jan. 24). All are invited to attend.

**Thank you:** *My dear parishioners I deeply thank you for your love and generosity, I thank for your Christmas cards, gifts and wishes. Wishing You*

*A New Year Filled With*

*New Hopes, New Joy &*

*New Beginnings.*



+ **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

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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

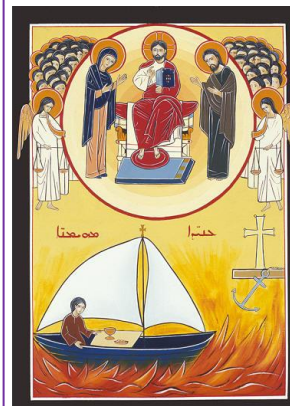
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Dominic & Edith FARINA  
requested by their Family

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Joseph & Helen YAMIN  
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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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