

Saint Ann Maronite Catholic Church

Birth of John the Baptist

Season of the Glorious Birth of Our Lord



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Welcome

Thank you for worshipping with us today. We are blessed by your presence. The Maronite Church is one of 21 Eastern Catholic Churches in full communion with Rome. The Maronite Church dates back to the early Christians of Antioch where "they were called Christians for the first time" (Acts 11:26)

Some differences you may notice:

- + The Entrance dialog and Consecration are in Syriac Aramaic, the language of Jesus, Mary and the Apostles.
- + The Sign of Peace begins at the altar and is carried to the congregants by peace bearers.
- + Communion is by intinction and on the tongue. There is no communion in the hand.

We hope and pray your experience is spiritually enriching.

QURBONO The Book of Offering

LITURGICAL REALITY OF THE MARONITE CHURCH AND THE NORMS OF REFORM

The Reality

The actual liturgical reality in the Maronite Church is the result of various historical ramifications and accumulations, interacting with multiple intellectual, cultural, and social trends. All of this was reflected in the liturgical status quo.

We have seen an active liturgical movement, especially in regard to the prayers and hymns. The "reformers" grew in number, each following their own inspiration. And for the rite of *Qurbono* itself, we come across various books with different rites, some of them old, some recent, and some even more recent. However, such a positive liturgical movement has often led to a great amount of confusion and chaos. In fact, the clergy as well as the laity were no longer able to distinguish which rite to follow. Furthermore, a great number of supporters of this liturgical movement had allowed themselves to create new liturgical rites, in imitation of the renewal taking place within the Western Latin rite.

This particular situation caused division among Maronites in the community. A true liturgical reform, thus, became of dire necessity for the sake of discipline and unity. The Church leaders, using understanding and wisdom, realized that the time has come to publish one single book for the Maronite *Qurbono*, a book capable of unifying all Maronites, in Lebanon and in the other countries of the world: one *Qurbono* for all, used by all Maronites wherever they are and in any Maronite church they attend.

... to be continued

Liturgical Schedule & Intentions				Readers & Greeter	Readings	Feast Day
Sat	08 Dec	4:30 PM	<i>For the good health of the parishioners of St. Ann</i>		E: Heb 7:11-17 G: Lk 11:27-32	Immaculate Conception
Sun	09 Dec	10:00 AM	<i>In loving memory of Frieda & John Karrat by Fred & Betty Karrat And in loving memory of Wadih & Emil El Hajj & Victor Eid by Allam & Mona Eid, Marie El Hajj & the family.</i>	Greeter: Betty Karrat En: Gabriella Hannoush Ar: Michel Boutros	E: Gal 4:21-5:1 G: Lk 11:57-66	
Thu	13 Dec	12:00 PM	<i>No Liturgy</i>		E: Rom 9:19-29 G: Mt 21:23-27	
Fri	14 Dec	12:00 PM	<i>No Liturgy</i>		E: Rom 9:30-33 G: Mt 11:16-19	<i>St. Nimmallah El-Hardini, C</i>

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

FINANCIAL CORNER	
Dec 01 -02 / 2018	1,592.00
Fuel	123.00
Charity Christmas Offering	10.00
Christmas Flowers	40.00
Bishop's Appeal	30.00
Candles	126.00
TOTAL	\$1,921.00

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS	
09 Dec	Christmas Flowers
16 Dec	Snow Removal
23 Dec	Building & Grounds Maintenance
30 Dec	Snow Removal

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS/ Save the Date			
Sat & Sun	8-9 Dec	9:30 am	Children's Spiritual Retreat with the Maronite Sisters
Sat & Sun	15-16 Dec	After liturgies	Christmas Novena
Sun	16 Dec	11 am	Religious Education Christmas Party
Mon-Fri	17-21	6:30 pm	Christmas Novena
Sat & Sun	22-23	After liturgies	Christmas Novena
Sun	9, 16 & 23	After liturgies	Spirit of Christmas Sale

Hospitality		
Sun	09 Dec	Children's Mass with the Maronite Sisters
Sun	16 Dec	Christmas Party
Sun	23 Dec	Available
Sun	30 Dec	Available

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

It is your responsibility to provide all supplies, clean up afterwards and remove the garbage

Thank you for your Donation!



"We desire to be able to welcome Jesus at Christmas-time, not in a cold manger of our heart, but in a heart full of love and humility, in a heart so pure, so immaculate, so warm with love for one another."

~ Blessed Teresa of Calcutta

MEMORIALS for the month of December	
Altar Bread, Wine & Sanctuary Lamp	
In loving memory of Jay Mooney by Rolla & Gaby Mooney	
Incense, Charcoal, & Candles	
In loving memory of Elie Alfred Gemayal by his children by Viviane Strain	
Customary offering is \$60 per month.	

"Children are a gift from the Lord, a child is a reward from Him."

Psalm 127:3

Points of Interest

St. Joseph's Pantry Fundraiser

As we prepare to give thanks to God for the blessings in our lives, we are asking parishioners to consider donating canned and/or dry goods for the food pantry. Items most in need include canned soups, stews, fish, vegetables and sauces. Dry goods might include cereals, pasta, grains, etc. They also need diapers, formula, wipes and baby food. We will be collecting up until Christmas. Please leave your contributions in the parish hall. Thank you for your generosity.

Memorials 2019:

MEMORIALS for 2019 are available should anyone like to offer Altar Bread, Wine & Sanctuary Lamp Incense, Charcoal, & Candles for the coming year. Please see Father Alaa.

SPRIT OF CHRISTMAS SALE

SUNDAY DECEMBER 9, 16, and 23.

St. Ann Maronite Church
before and after 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy



Adopt a Family:

This year, we have adopted a family with 4 children, one of whom has disabilities. Dad works and mom cares for the family. Please take an ornament from the tree. Each one has a duplicate. Place one of the tags in the box next to the tree and the other on the wrapped gift. All gifts should be placed under the tree by December 23, 2018.

Church Nativity:

Many thanks to Michel Boutros who singlehandedly designed and crafted this year's nativity in front of the altar. In sharing his time and talent, Michel has created a beautiful backdrop for parishioners and their families to take photos and create an everlasting memory. May the joyful arrival of the newborn Christ Child bless Michel and his family.

Christmas Party:

Will be held on Sunday, Dec. 16 following the 10:00 liturgy. As usual, it will be a Covered dish luncheon, with Christmas Carols and a visit from Santa.

There is a sign-up sheet on the table as you enter the Hall, so please be sure to check it out and include your name and item that you will be bringing. Plan to bring your families and share in this festive Annual Tradition at St. Ann's.

Pastoral Instruction

+ **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 Memory of
the deceased members
of the TAMER &
THORNTON Families

In Loving Memory of
Joseph & Helen YAMIN
JABOUR
requested by Joe & Kathy
JABOUR

Prayer for Life
Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I
love you very much. I
beg you to spare the life
of the unborn child
that I have spiritually
adopted, who is in
danger of abortion.
Bishop Fulton J. Sheen

In Loving Memory of
Walter & Mary GOLDEN
& the deceased members
of the VOLKOMER &
GOLDEN Families

In loving memory of
James Traa
Requested by
Beverly Traa

May the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God,
rest in peace.
Amen



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