

# Saint Ann Catholic Church • Maronite Rite

A Catholic Parish of the Antiochian Syriac Maronite Church

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#### **Mass Schedule**

Sundays: 10:30 AM Tuesdays - Fridays: 9:00 AM

**Holy Days of Obligation:** 

Vigil Liturgy: 6:30 PM | Actual Feast Day: 9:00 AM

**Eucharistic Adoration: every Friday before Mass** 

#### **Office Hours**

**Tuesday through Friday**: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM Mondays: office is closed. | Saturdays: by appointment.

#### LITURGICAL SERVICES

#### **Sacraments of Baptism & Confirmation**

Please call the rectory for arrangements 3 weeks prior to the celebration of the Sacrament. Parents & Godparents should meet with the Pastor to schedule a date & arrange for proper parental preparation.

## **Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation**

Confession can be heard before and after Liturgies or by appointment

#### **Sacrament of Matrimony (Marriage)**

For Weddings, 6 months advance notice is required in order that proper preparation may be made for the celebration of the Sacrament.

#### Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

If a family member is seriously ill at home or in a hospital, or they are unable to come to Church and would like to receive communion at home, please call the rectory to arrange for Communion, Confession or the Anointing of the Sick with Holy oil.

The list is updated every Thursday; if you would like to add a name, please call the rectory no later than Wednesday.

#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

Every Friday preceding the morning Liturgy for 15 minutes at 9:00 AM

#### **Funerals**

Please contact the Pastor as soon as possible after the death of a loved one.

#### **Mass Intention Dedications**

If you would like to have a mass dedicated, Mass cards are available for various intentions including memorials. Your voluntary gifts of any amount are gratefully accepted. Mass reservations should be made in advance.

You can request an announced or an unannounced Mass Intentions to be said for a living or deceased family member, friend or loved one by calling the rectory or sending an e-mail to schedule intentions.

#### CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS

#### Pastoral Parish Council

As an advisory Board, this council meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month.

President: Joe JABOUR.

# Daughters of St. Ann

This women's organization meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month at 6:30 PM.

President: Eva ABDALLAH.

# St. Maron Men's Society

This men's organization meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM.

President: David NICHOLAS.

#### **Junior MYO**

The Junior MYO is a group of young people 10 years old and up. We are a Maronite youth organization based in the United States. This Youth's organization meets on the last Sunday of every month after 10.30 Am Mass in the church.

Coordinators: Patricia THORNTON & Lora KARRAT.

#### **Religious Education**

Religious Education is available for all children in 1<sup>st</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades. Classes are scheduled for Wednesdays (from 4:30-5:30 PM).

Coordinator: Sister Florence Joseph FLAHERTY.

#### St. Ann Liturgical Choir

Director: Rick THORNTON.



## Divine Liturgy Intentions

# Sun, Dec 2 – Visitation of the Virgin to Elizabeth

Eph 1:1-14 Lk 1:39-45

#### The mass for:

- Founders & Parishioners of St. Ann
- ❖ Those who were baptized, confirmed and made their First Communion at St. Ann's
- \* Those who were married at St. Ann's
- ❖ Deceased members of St. Ann
- ❖ Priests who served the community of St. Ann
- ❖ Vocations from St. Ann
- Friends, Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann

#### For the blessing and special intentions of:

- Cancer patients and our sick and homebound
- ❖ Families & Businesses affected by Hurricane Sandy and volunteers who are assisting

**Ushers:** Michel BOUTROS /Al NAHAL

**Arabic Lector:** Nabih KORKEMAZ **English Lector:** Wadad FRANGIE

Peace Bearers: Davia & Catalina BOUTROS

Mon, Dec. 3; St. Francis Xavier, C

Eph 1:15-23 Lk 1:46-56

Tues, Dec. 4; St. Barbara, M

Eph 2:1-10 Lk 10:38-42

Wed, Dec. 5; St. Saba the Hermit, C

Eph 2:11-16 Lk 19:1-10

No Liturgy

Thurs, Dec. 6; St. Nicholas (Zakhia), C

Eph 2:17-22 Jn 4:39-42

No Liturgy

Fri, Dec. 8; St. Ambrose, Doctor of the Church, C

Eph 3:14-21 Mk 7:24-30

No Liturgy

Sat, Dec 8; The Immaculate Conception

Heb 7:11-17 Lk 11:27-32

Sun, Dec 9 – Birth of John the Baptist

Eph 1:1-14 Lk 1:39-45

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**Arabic Lector:** Georgette HANNOUSH

**English Lector:** Henry NAHAL

Peace Bearers: Gabriella MOONEY & Riwa

**FRANGIEH** 

# Pope Benedict's Nov. Prayer Intentions

General intentions: That bishops, priests, and all ministers of the Gospel may bear the courageous witness of fidelity to the crucified and risen Lord

**Mission intentions**: That the pilgrim Church on earth may shine as a light to the nations.

## **Pray for our Sick and Homebound**

Wadad FRANGIE, Chantelle BOUDIWAN, Jay MOONEY, Chas TANGREDI, Paul STAVIS, Foutine FRANGIE, Audrey DOWALIBY-FINSON, Joyce & Christy FIRSTIUN, Juliann HALLAL, Donata CALDARONI, Alisa BURKE, Mary GOLDEN, Jamileh MAWAD, Caroline-Marjorie FIELDS, Della MAWAD, Katherine RIBUSTELLI, Evelyn HAKIM, Valerie HAKIM-LEON, Marilyn MARVIN, Pietro BERGONZELLI; Margaret McDonough

#### **Altar Gifts for Dec**

For the good health of Albert CHAMMAS and Sami CHAMMAS & family. And, in memory of Janette CHAMMAS.

Requested by Mr. & Mrs. Elias HANNOUSH

#### **December BIRTHDAYS**

As they celebrate their birthdays this month, we hold up to God the lives of:

1 Bob Stolar 3 Mona Eid

4 Marian Furfaro8 Riwa Frangieh10 Mirvatte Hannoush

19 Gabriella Mooney22 John Healy23 George Karame, Jr.24 Evelyn Hakim

26 Tatiana Karame & Nabih 27 Annalise Marron

Korkemaz

We ask that many blessings be theirs in the coming year.

# **Upcoming events - Mark your calendars**

12/04 Joint Meeting for officers of Lay

organizations

12/05 Pastoral Parish Council Meeting

12/16 Parish Christmas Party

12/17&19 Christmas Visit for the sick &

homebound

12/19&20 Pastoral Visit of Most Reverend Bishop Gregory Mansour

05/18/2013 Dedication of Watervliet Church

# **Schedule of Coffee Hour Sponsors**

Dec 2 & 9 No coffee hour

Dec. 16 David & Diana HANNOUSH

Dec. 23 Open – Please Sign-up

# **Parish Gratitude and Congratulations**

The Parish Council, in cooperation with Fr. Georges, has named Georgette HANNOUSH and Henry NAHAL as parish trustees. In recognition of their years of service, Wadad FRANGIE and Nabih KORKEMAZ have been named lifetime trustees. The parish extends its gratitude and congratulations to all. May our Lord continue to bless their work.

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Collections for Dec

- Maronite Patriarchal Charities 12/2
- 12/8**Immaculate Conception**
- 12/9 **Christmas Flowers**
- 12/16 Building Fund
- 12/23 Fuel & Heat / Church Upkeep
- 12/25 Christmas and Offering for my pastor
- 12/30 Assessment / Bishop's Appeal

### Mass Collection for Nov. 25

| Weekly Collection  | \$611.00   |
|--------------------|------------|
| Christmas Charity  | \$391.00   |
| Christmas Offering | \$25.00    |
| Christmas Flowers  | \$15.00    |
| Thanksgiving       | \$171.20   |
| TOTAL              | \$1,213.20 |

Thank You for your generosity and continued commitment to your parish! Please consider increasing your weekly donation, and don't forget to make up the Sundays you are absent. We are counting on your efforts.

# Reminder of Ongoing Fundraisers

Please bring in:

- ✓ Unwanted cellphones for credit.
- ✓ Empty plastic bottles and cans for recycling.

# Ocother Raffle Proceeds

| <b>Income:</b> from the sale of tickets | \$9,120.00 |
|---|------------|
| Expenses: Prizes                        | \$2,000.00 |
| Net Profit                              | \$7,120.00 |

Prizes Donated Back \$500.00

# **Religious Education - December**

- Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.
- Saturday, Dec. 15, from 10:30AM to 12:30PM

# **Annual Christmas Party**

The annual Christmas party will be held in our new hall on December 16, 2012, immediately following Liturgy. It will be a covered dish style lunch. A signup sheet will be at the rear of the church to sign up. We are asking the children to bring a toy/gift of no more than a \$10 value to give

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to a needy child. Santa will be joining us with a small gift to pass along to each child that visits. This is an opportunity to teach our youth the gift of giving. Call Eva (518) 281-6785 or Patti (518) 364-2645 if you need more detail.

# **Nativity Seedlings**

If you are planning to participate in the middleeastern tradition of planting seedlings, it is important that they be planted 5 weeks before Christmas.

#### Relocation of our Church

As we prepare for the relocation of our parish from Troy to Watervliet, there will be weekly events to ensure everything progresses smoothly and in reverence. Please note the following calendar of events for next weekend. information will be published in next week's bulletin.

| Friday Nov. 30 | Troy                 |
|----------------|----------------------|
| 1pm & 6 pm     | Preparation for move |

| Saturday Dec. 1 | Watervliet                      |  |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|--|
| 9 am – 1 pm     | Clean Watervliet Church         |  |
| 1 pm            | Setup tables for the procession |  |

| Sunday, Dec. 2 | Troy & Watervliet                        |  |
|----------------|--|--|
| 9 -10:30 am    | Church open for photos                   |  |
| 10:30 am       | Final Liturgy                            |  |
| 11:45 am       | Procession*                              |  |
| 12:30 pm       | Arrival in Watervliet & Welcoming        |  |
|                | Ceremony of the Blessed Sacrament & St.  |  |
|                | Ann Statue                               |  |
| 1 pm           | Social gathering with light refreshments |  |

The procession from Troy to Watervliet will travel up 4<sup>th</sup> St, left on Congress St and across the Congress Street Bridge.

# YEAR OF FAITH

# **Scripture and Tradition**

Protestants have as their sole rule of faith the written Word of God, which we find in Sacred Scripture. The Catholic Church has as its sole rule of faith, the entire Word of God, as it is found in Sacred Scripture and

Sacred Tradition.



All of the Word of God was at one passed on orally...Sacred Tradition. Eventually, some of Sacred Tradition was written down...this became Sacred Scripture, which is written tradition. However, Scripture itself tells us that not all of the things that Jesus said and did were written

down. And listen to what Paul says about "tradition":

2 Thes 2:15, "So then, brethren, stand firm and hold to the traditions which you were taught by us, either byword of mouth or by letter." Traditions! Traditions taught by word of mouth, in other words, oral tradition, and traditions taught by letter. Traditions which they are being told to "stand firm and hold to".

1 Cor 11:2, "I commend you because you remember me in everything and maintain the traditions even as I have delivered them to you." The Corinthians are being commended by Paul because they maintain the traditions that he passed on to them. Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition.

2 Tim 2:2: "and what you have heard from me before many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also." What we have here in 2 Timothy is an instance, in Scripture, of Paul commanding the passing on of oral tradition.

1 Thes 2:13, "And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the Word of God which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the Word of God, which is at work in you believers." So, they received as the Word of God that which they heard, not simply that which they read in Scripture.

In other words, the Bible clearly supports the Catholic Church's teaching that the Word of God is contained in both Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition..

#### **LEARN MORE**: CCC 112: 80-83

http://www.catholic.com/tracts/scripture-and-tradition

Year of Faith Web Site: http://www.annusfidei.va/
If there is a particular FAITH question that you would like answered,
please let us know!

# The Season of Announcements The Visitation To Elizabeth



The Third Sunday of the Season of Announcement commemorates another important event in the unfolding of the promises of God. Mary went to visit her cousin, Elizabeth.

After receiving such tremendous good news, Mary could have secluded herself in a life of prayer and contemplation.

However, after the angel of the Lord had communicated the news of Elizabeth's conception to her, Mary perceived it as the Lord's will that she go to be with Elizabeth, and thus chose to share the divine life within her with another. Mary shared Jesus with others even before his birth. The fundamental task of an apostle is to share Jesus with others, and so Mary is called the "Queen of the Apostles."

Impelled by the Spirit of God, Mary left on a journey that required four days of difficult travel, especially for a poor girl such as herself. Yet, as the Mother of God and our Mother, she was already concerned for the welfare of others.

When Mary encountered Elizabeth, the unborn infant in

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her womb leapt for joy, and Elizabeth herself was filled with the Spirit and sang of the blessedness of Mary.

Mary is blessed, not simply because she was to be the Mother of God but also because of her own personal faith. She heard the words of the angel and accepted everything that was to happen with humility. For this reason, she is blessed throughout the ages.

The hymn of Mary differs from that of Zechariah. Zechariah's hymn is communal: He is proclaiming gratitude to God on behalf of all the people of Israel. On the other hand, Mary's hymn is personal, "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord." She is humbly proclaiming the great things that God has done for her. In Humility, the Virgin of Nazareth proclaims how great the Lord has made her by choosing her as the Mother of his Son.

The hymn of Mary announces a revolution which God will bring about through his Son. The revolution has a variety of aspects: it is moral ("He has confused the proud in their inmost thought."); social ("He has deposed the mighty from their thrones and raised the lowly to high places."); and economic ("The hungry he has given every good thing, while the rich he has sent empty away").

To be called by God for any task, brings with it a crown of sorrow and a crown of joy. God chooses us not for our own glorification, but in order to use us to bring about his kingdom. Like Mary, all of us should respond with humility and be grateful to God for choosing us as his instruments.

# Pope Benedict creates six non-European cardinals - Maronite Patriarch elevated to cardinal

Pope Benedict XVI presided over the creation of six new cardinals Nov. 24, and in a unusual occurrence, none of them were European.

The consistory took place at 11 a.m. on Saturday in St. Peter's Basilica and involved bishops from the United States, Lebanon, India, Nigeria, Colombia and the Philippines. During the ceremony, the men all received rings from the Pope and made vows to him.



Pope Benedict XVI asked the new cardinals to focus on fidelity and the universality of the Church.

"I want to highlight the fact that the Church is the Church of all peoples, and so she speaks in the various cultures of the different continents," said Pope Benedict.

As part of becoming cardinals, they vowed to "cooperate more directly with Benedict XVI and his canonically elected successors" and "to not make known to anyone matters entrusted to me in confidence, the disclosure of which could bring damage or dishonor to the Holy Church."

"What makes the Church catholic is the fact that Christ in his saving mission embraces all humanity," said Pope Benedict.

He said in his homily that "by following Jesus one enters a new kingdom that conquers fragmentation and dispersal." "Jesus promises that they (the apostles) will be filled with the power of the Holy Spirit, and he confers upon them the task of bearing witness to him all over the world, transcending the cultural and religious confines within which they were accustomed to think and live, so as to open themselves to the universal Kingdom of God," said Pope Benedict.



The six men who received the honor were the American Archbishop James Michael Harvey, Lebanese Patriarch Bechara Boutros Raï, Indian Major Archbishop Baselios Cleemis Thottunkal, Nigerian Archbishop John Olorunfemi Onaiyekan, Colombian Archbishop Rubén Salazar Gómez and Filipino Archbishop Luis Antonio Tagle.

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Popes usually create cardinals every two or three years, but this marks the second consistory in 2012, after Pope Benedict held one on Feb. 18 for the creation of 22 cardinals.

The six new cardinals are all under the age of 80, which means they are eligible to vote on who will be the next Pope, alongside 120 other cardinals.

Today's consistory was also notable because it is the first one in decades at which no Europeans were made cardinals.

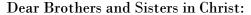
The Lebanese, whose president also attended the event, expressed their joy of having more representation in the Vatican with Patriarch Bechara Boutros Raï becoming their second cardinal.

# Last of three letters on the new translation of the Divine Liturgy

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The last of three letters on the new translation of the Divine Liturgy



In this, the last of three letters on the new translation of our beautiful Maronite Liturgy (The Book of Offering), I would like to focus on that which we usually call the Divine Liturgy, so as to understand what is essential in our Christian life. In the previous two letters, I reflected on the language, music, mystery, beauty and sincerity that must be associated with the Divine Liturgy. Now I would like to reflect on just what it is that we do when we gather for this sacred time of worship.

The Church uses four words to describe the celebration of the Eucharist. Each word adds something important to our understanding. The word "Liturgy" is used by Greek speaking Christians and means "the work of the people." The Liturgy is in fact our "work", as we prepare and engage ourselves, but we also know that Liturgy is our response to God's saving work among us.

The word, "Mass" is used by Latin Catholics and was most likely taken from the final exhortation: "ita Missa est" which means "go in peace." This signifies that the Mass is what we do to prepare ourselves to go into the world to live and witness to our faith.

Syriac Christians used the word "Qorbono" or "Offering," which reminds us that Jesus' sacrificial offering of Himself is our salvation, forgiveness, joy and thus the reason we generously offer ourselves in union with Him as His disciples.

Arabic speaking Christians have created an entirely new word, "Quddas", and it means "to make holy." It is not only a noun to describe the Eucharist, but also an active verb which describes our fullest engagement in what we call the Quddas, the Divine Liturgy.

Thus, these four words describe four aspects of the worship we give to God in Holy Eucharist. In other words, the Divine Liturgy is our "work" in which we offer to God our very self, as did Jesus at the Last Supper and also at the Cross. Our self-offering is made anew in the liturgy in union with the definitive and saving self-offering of Christ, which strengthens us to go in peace into our world to make holy our lives.

I pray that the new translation of the Liturgy will help us even more actively to respond to God with love, faith and good hope.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

#### +Gregory John Mansour

# Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. *Amen*

| In Memory Of  | In Loving Memory of  | In Memory Of  |
|---|--|---|
| Joseph & Helen  | Rose, Father Paul,   | the deceased members of   |
| YAMIN JABOUR  | Mike, Joe, Peter   | RICE & HEALY Families   |
| Requested by Joe & Kathy JABOUR                                     | KORKEMAZ   |   |
| In Loving Memory Of   | In Memory Of   | For the living and  |
| Walter J. GOLDEN  | deceased members of the <b>TAMER &amp; THORNTON</b>                  | deceased members of the   |
| & the deceased members of the <b>GOLDEN &amp; VOLKOMER Families</b> |  | JOSEPH-NACKLEY &  |
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| & Nehme FRANGIE   | Families   | the RILEY, MANLEY & PETERSON Families Requested by Tom RILEY, Sr. |
| In Memory Of  | In Memory Of our   | In Loving   |
| □ Boulos, Georgette &   | grandparents Francis & Marsha  | Memory Of our Mother  |
| Assaad ABDALLAH   |  | Clara Mae KARAM   |
| Nagieh & Simon FRANGIE  | KADDO, and Suleiman &  |   |
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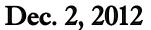
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