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Mass Schedule

Sundays: 10:00 AM **Tuesdays – Fridays:** 7:30 AM

Saturdays: 5:30 PM

Holy Days of Obligation:

Vigil Liturgy: 6:30 PM | **Actual Feast Day:** 7:30 AM

Eucharistic Adoration: Friday following Divine Liturgy

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 1st Wednesday of every month.

President: Joe JABOUR.

Daughters of St. Ann

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

President: Eva ABDALLAH.

St. Maron Men's Society

This men's organization meets on the 3rd 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 1st through 6th grades. Classes are scheduled for 1 Friday and 1 Saturday a month.

Coordinator: Sister Florence Joseph FLAHERTY.

St. Ann Liturgical Choir

Director: Rick THORNTON.



Divine Liturgy Intentions

Sun, Jan 13 – First Sunday after Epiphany

St. Jacob of Nisibis, C

2 Cor 10:1-11

Mk 1:1-8

The Divine Liturgy intentions are in memory of:

✠ Mary KARRAT KARAM, requested by the KARRAT family

For the blessing and special intentions of:

- ❖ Cancer patients and our sick and homebound
- ❖ For the special intentions of the St. Ann Parish community

SUNDAY

Ushers: Michel BOUTROS / Mike REZEY

Arabic Lector: Mirvatte HANNOUSH

English Lector: Patti THORNTON

Peace Bearers: Catalina & Mickayla BOUTROS
Zena EID / Riwa FRANGIEH

Mon, Jan. 14;

2 Cor 10:12-18

Mk 1:1-8

No Divine Liturgy

Tue, Jan. 15; Our Lady of the Sowing;

St. John Calybits, C

2 Cor 11:1-6

Lk 11:27-32

No Divine Liturgy

Wed, Jan. 16; In Honor of St. Peter in Chains

2 Cor 11:7-15

Jn 3:22-30

No Divine Liturgy

Thurs, Jan. 17; St. Anthony the Great, C

2 Cor 11:18-22-30

Jn 3:31-36

No Divine Liturgy

Fri, Jan 18; Establishment of the Chair of St. Peter in Rome

2 Cor 12:1-10

Mt 14:1-12

No Divine Liturgy

Sat, Jan 19; St. Macarius the Egyptian, C

2 Cor 12:11-16

Jn 10:40-42

5:30 pm Divine Liturgy

Sun, Jan 20 – Sunday of the Priests

St. Euthymius the Great, C

1 Tim 4:6-16

Lk 12:42-48

The Divine Liturgy intentions are in memory of:

✠ Janette CHAAMMAS, requested by the KARRAT family

For the blessing and special intentions of:

- ❖ Cancer patients and our sick and homebound
- ❖ Good Health of Mr & Mrs Andrew Gigliotti, requested by St. Ann parish.

SUNDAY

Ushers:

Sayed FRANGIE / David NICHOLAS

Arabic Lector: Tony ABDALLAH

English Lector: Gerard GOLDEN

Peace Bearers: Natalya & Tatiana KARAME
Sofia KARRAT / Davia BOUTROS

Pope Benedict's Jan. Prayer Intentions

The Faith of Christians. That in this Year of Faith

Christians may deepen their knowledge of the mystery of Christ and witness joyfully to the gift of faith in him.

Middle Eastern Christians. That the Christian

communities of the Middle East, often discriminated against, may receive from the Holy Spirit the strength of fidelity and perseverance.

Pray for our Sick and Homebound

Heal Your servants, who are sick, O Lord, and send them help and comfort from Your holy place.

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, Marilyn MARVIN, Piero BERGONZELLI; Margaret McDonough; Jeremy WROBLE

Altar Gifts for January 2013

In memory of Walter Golden and for the deceased & living members of the Volkomen and Golden families.

Requested by Gerard Golden

The Sanctuary Lamps burn continuously, reminding us of Christ, the eternal and everlasting light.

It is proper and fitting to offer our Sanctuary lamp in memory, to honor a loved one or for a special intention.

It is scheduled on a first-come- first-served-basis to ensure an equal opportunity for everyone.

January BIRTHDAYS

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

1 Sayed Frangie

4 Tori & Carol Shufelt

12 Sarkis Frangieh
Elizabeth Ryan

21 Lora Karrat

22 Georgette Hannoush

23 John Merrifield Jr.

24 Elias Hannoush

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



Upcoming events - Mark your calendars

- 01/05 **5:30 pm** Divine Liturgy
 01/06 **10:00 am** Divine Liturgy
 05/18 Pontifical Dedication of Watervliet Church

EVENTS FOR JANUARY

- Thu 3 Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
 Sun 13 Daughter's Bake/Food Sale
 Mon 14 Maronite Priests Retreat in Florida
 Tue 15 St. Maron Men's Society Meeting
 Wed 16 Daughters of Saint Ann Meeting
 Sun 20 Cigar Night Event

Schedule of Coffee Hour Sponsors

Sign up sheets are in the binder on the table in front of St. Ann in the main entrance of the church.

- Jan. 13 Available
 Jan. 20 Available
 Jan. 27 Available

2nd Collections for January

- 1/1 Circumcision - World Day of Peace
 1/6 Snow Removal & Building Fund
 1/13 Fuel & Heat
 1/20 Assessment / Bishop's Appeal
 1/27 US Catholic Bishops' Worldwide Charities

Mass Collection for December 19

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| Bishop's Visit | \$191.00 |
| TOTAL | \$191.00 |

Mass Collection for January 5 & 6

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| Weekly Collection | \$911.00 |
| Christmas Flowers | \$20.00 |
| Circumcision | \$60.00 |
| Building Fund | \$168.00 |
| Fuel & Heat | \$45.00 |
| Bishop's Appeal | \$58.00 |
| Snow Removal | \$162.00 |
| Bishop's Charities | \$5.00 |
| Patriarchal Charities | \$15.00 |
| TOTAL | \$1424.00 |

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.

Religious Education - January

- Jan. 12 from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm
 Jan. 25 from 4:30 to 6:00 pm

BAKE/FOOD Sale

The Daughters of St. Ann famous BAKE/FOOD sale is back!! Beginning this Sunday January 13, 2013, and continuing every other week, items may be purchased after liturgy, downstairs in the Hall. Supplies are limited and popular items sell out quickly. Reminder, all proceeds go to support the building fund. Thank you once again for your support. Special requests? See Eva Abdallah or Georgette Hannoush.

Parish Office Closed

By directive of Bishop Gregory J. MANSOUR, all clergy of the Eparchy of St Maron of Brooklyn are required to attend an annual retreat, the week of **January 14-18**. During his absence, Parish offices will be closed.; there will be no 7:30 AM Liturgy that week. In case an emergency arises in your family, please contact a Latin priest. Please keep Bishop Gregory, Fr. Georges and the priests in your prayers.

Cigar Night Event

St. Maron Men's Society is hosting a cigar night on January 20th 6:30pm to 9:30pm at the Habana Premium Cigar Shoppe located at 1645 Central Avenue Albany, NY. Join us for an evening of laughter, sharing stories and camaraderie.

The cost to attend is \$40.00 and each attendee will be given two premium cigars, pizza, wings and a chance to win door prizes. You are invited to bring your own wine or beer. Soda will be available. Space is limited to 25 people.

Tickets may be purchased by contacting David Nicholas at 376-1786 or Albert Nahal at 894-6011.



2013 St. Ann Directory Portraits

Lifetouch (a photography company) will be here Jan. 18th and 19th to photograph you and your family. The purpose for the photographs is to create a directory for every family. ***This will be free of charge.*** You will be able to purchase additional prints according to the packages available through Lifetouch.

You can schedule your appointment "on-line" at the parish website: www.stann1905.com. Any questions (or if you are "computer challenged"), please feel free to contact Patti Thornton at 783-9809. The sitting is free and each family will receive an 8"x10" and a copy of the directory!

Church Etiquette

Please observe the following etiquette while attending mass:

1. Arrive 5 minutes prior to mass to prepare yourself for the Divine Liturgy
2. Stay in Church until the Mass final Blessing is given
3. Turn your cell phones to silent mode
4. Refrain from chewing gum, food or drinks, & long and loud personal conversations
5. Refrain from leaving of pews during the reading of the Gospel and the Consecration Words
6. Modest clothing is expected and appreciated

Year of Faith

Why Do Priests Use Incense?

Incense is an aromatic substance which is the resin from certain trees. When burned over charcoal, the incense produces a sweet smelling aroma. To make the smoke thicker and to enhance the fragrance, sometimes other perfumes are blended with the incense.



The use of incense in the ancient world was common, especially in religious rites where it was used to keep demons away. Herodotus, the

Greek historian, recorded that it was popular among the Assyrians, Babylonians and Egyptians. In Judaism, incense was included in the thanksgiving offerings of oil, grain, fruits and wine (cf. Nm 7:13-17). The Lord

instructed Moses to build a golden altar for the burning of incense (cf. Ex 30:1-10), which was placed in front of the veil to the entrance of the meeting tent where the ark of the covenant was kept.

We do not know exactly when the use of incense was introduced into our Mass or other liturgical rites. At the time of the early Church, the Jews continued to use incense in their own Temple rituals, so it would be safe to conclude that the Christians would have adapted its usage for their own rituals.

In the liturgies of Sts. James and Mark, which in their present form originate in the fifth century, the use of incense is mentioned. A Roman ritual of the seventh century marks its usage in the procession of a bishop to the altar and on Good Friday. Moreover, in the Mass, an incensation at the Gospel appears very early; at the offertory, in the 11th century; and at the Introit, in the 12th century. Incense was also used at the Benedictus and Magnificat during Lauds and Vespers about the 13th century, and for the exposition and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament about the 14th century. Gradually, its usage was extended to the incensing of the celebrant and assisting clergy.

The purpose of incensing and the symbolic value of the smoke is that of purification and sanctification. For example, in the Eastern Rites at the beginning of Mass, the altar and sanctuary area are incensed while Psalm 50, is chanted invoking the mercy of God. The smoke symbolizes the prayers of the faithful drifting up to heaven: the Psalmist prays, *"Let my prayer come like incense before you; the lifting up of my hands, like the evening sacrifice"* (Psalm 141). Incense also creates the ambiance of heaven: The Book of Revelation describes the heavenly worship as follows: "Another angel came in holding a censer of gold. He took his place at the altar of incense and was given large amounts of incense to deposit on the altar of gold in front of the throne, together with the prayers of all God's holy ones. From the angel's hand, the smoke of the incense went up before God, and with it the prayers of God's people."

The usage of incense adds a sense of solemnity and mystery to the liturgy. The visual imagery of the smoke and the smell remind us of the transcendence of the Mass which links heaven with earth, and allows us to enter into the presence of God.

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!

Missal Book, Qurbono

New Liturgical books of the Divine Liturgy should be here soon.

Jan. 13, 2013



Requesting a Divine Liturgy (Mass for the living and the deceased)

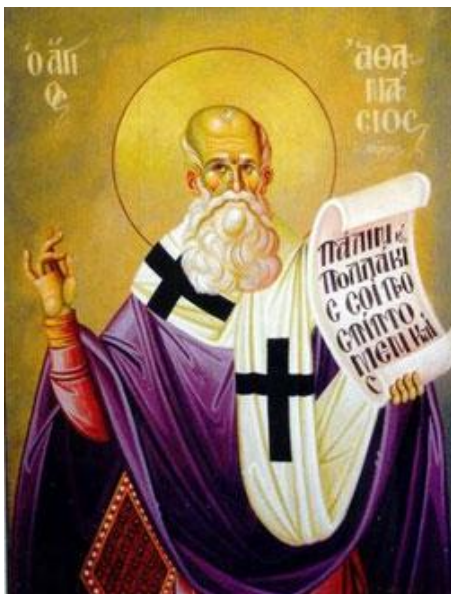
Masses are offered for the living or departed as a means of help to their souls. If possible, Masses are scheduled on the date you request, otherwise the nearest date that is open.

People usually offer a free-will "stipend" that goes to the priest's charity.

Please contact the rectory or complete and submit a "Mass Intention" envelope to schedule a mass for your living or departed. May the Lord grant rest to your faithful departed and protect your living.

St. Athanasius of Alexandria, Doctor of the Church

St. Athanasius (b. ca. 296-298 – d. 2 May 373) the great champion of the Faith was born at Alexandria, about the year 296, of Christian parents. Educated under the eye of Alexander, later Bishop of his native city, he made great progress in learning and virtue. In 313, Alexander succeeded Achillas in the Patriarchal See, and two years later St. Athanasius went to the desert to spend some time in retreat with St. Anthony.



In 319, he became a deacon, and even in this capacity he was called upon to take an active part against the rising heresy of Arius, an ambitious priest of the Alexandrian Church who denied the Divinity of Christ. This was to be the life struggle of St. Athanasius.

In 325, he assisted his Bishop at the Council of Nicaea, where his influence began to be felt. Five

months later Alexander died. On his death bed he recommended St. Athanasius as his successor. In consequence of this, Athanasius was unanimously elected Patriarch in 326.

His refusal to tolerate the Arian heresy was the cause of many trials and persecutions for St. Athanasius. He spent seventeen of the forty-six years of his episcopate in exile. After a life of virtue and suffering, this intrepid champion of the Catholic Faith, the greatest man of his time, died in peace on May 2, 373. St. Athanasius was a Bishop and Doctor of the Church. His feast day is celebrated on January 18.

Welcome to our Visitors!

Thank you for joining us today. We hope you will grace us with your presence again. Though not well known in the west, the Catholic Church is comprised of 22 Churches, 21 Eastern and 1 Western Church. The Eastern Catholic Churches refer to those that developed in the eastern half of the Roman Empire, including the communities that derived from them, and are in communion with Rome.

The Maronite faithful persevere in the faith of their ancestors, spiritually united with each other in the Church throughout the world. By a consistent Christian witness, animated by the beautiful theological and spiritual heritage which they have received, the Maronite Church contributes in a unique way to the ongoing renewal and upbuilding of the entire Catholic Church.

For additional information, you can visit the Catholic Encyclopedia or other online resource.

St. Maron Luncheon

Sunday – February 3!















Join us after Divine Liturgy for a catered luncheon to celebrate the Feast of St. Maron.

Tickets: Adults \$30.00
Children (under 10) \$10.00.

Please see Patti Thornton after mass to purchase your luncheon tickets or call her mobile phone: 518-364-2645



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

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| |  In Loving Memory Of the deceased members of the REZEY & NACKLEY, SEE & CLOUGH Families | |
|  In Memory Of David & Jenny REZEY & Nehme FRANGIE |  In Memory Of <i>The Deceased Members</i> <i>of the</i> TALARICO & DEEP Families |  In Loving Memory Of Dot RILEY and the deceased members of the RILEY, MANLEY & PETERSON Families Requested by Tom RILEY, Sr. |
|  In Memory Of Boulos, Georgette & Assaad ABDALLAH Nagieh & Simon FRANGIE Requested by the ABDALLAH Family |  In Memory Of our grandparents Francis & Marsha KADDO, and Suleiman & Jamileh FRANGIE |  In Loving Memory Of our Mother Clara Mae KARAM Requested by the KARAM Family |
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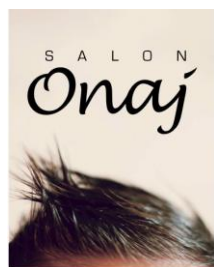
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