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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 Thursday 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: Albert NAHAL.

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 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
- ✠ Fathers Gabriel Korkemaz, Stephen Korkemaz, Paul Korkemaz, Joseph Keyrouz, Hares Zogheib and Donald Thomas, who once served the St. Ann Parish Community.

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

Mon, Jan. 21;

2 Tim 4:6-16

Mt 16:24-28

No Divine Liturgy

Tue, Jan. 22; St. Timothy, Disciple of St. Paul, Ap

2 Tim 2:1-13

Mt 18:1-5

7:30 am Divine Liturgy

Wed, Jan. 23; Pope St. Sergius I, C

2 Tim 2:14-26

Mt 20:20-28

No Divine Liturgy

Thu, Jan. 24; St. Francis de Sales, Doctor of the Church, C

2 Tim 3:10-17

Lk 17:7-10

7:30 am Divine Liturgy

Fri, Jan 25; The Conversion of St. Paul, Ap

2 Tim 4:1-8

Lk 22:24-30

7:30 am Divine Liturgy

Sat, Jan 26;

Tit 1:1-9

Jn 13:13-17

5:30 pm Divine Liturgy

Sun, Jan 27 – Sunday of the Righteous and Just

Heb 12:18-24

Mt 25:31-46

The Divine Liturgy intentions are in memory of:

- ✠ Earl CRONK Jr., requested by the KARRAT family

For the blessing and special intentions of:

- ❖ Cancer patients and our sick and homebound

SUNDAY

Ushers:

Sayed FRANGIE / Mike REZEY

Arabic Lector: Michel BOUTROS

English Lector: Carolyn LALLI

Peace Bearers: Riwa FRANGIEH / Catalina BOUTROS

Gabriella MOONEY / Zena EID

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, Aisa BURKE, Mary GOLDEN, Jamileh MAWAD, Caroline-Marjorie FIELDS, Della MAWAD, Katherine RIBUSTELLI, Marilyn MARVIN, Piero BERGONZELLI, Margaret McDonough, Jeremy WROBLE, Roberta VUMBACO

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:*

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|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Sayed Frangie | 4 Tori & Carol Shufelt |
| 12 Sarkis Frangieh | 21 Lora Karrat |
| Elizabeth Ryan | |
| 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

02/11 Ash Monday
05/18 Pontifical Dedication of Watervliet Church

EVENTS FOR JANUARY

Tue 15 St. Maron Men's Society Meeting
Thu 17 Daughters of Saint Ann Meeting
Sun 20 Cigar Night Event
Sun 27 Daughters Bake / Food 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. 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 January 12 & 13

Weekly Collection	\$906.00
Initial Offering	\$20.00
Fuel & Heat	\$3755.00
Bishop's Appeal	\$20.00
Snow Removal	\$30.00
TOTAL	\$1351.00

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. 25 from 4:30 to 6:00 pm

2013 St. Ann Directory Portraits

The Lifetouch Project has been cancelled, due to lack of interest.

Parish Announcements

- * Daily mass resumes beginning Tuesday, January 22.
- * The January issue of the *Maronite Voice* features two articles about our parish. Both appear on page 14.

Cigar Night Event

St. Maron Men's Society is hosting a cigar night on January 20th from 6:30pm to 9:30 pm 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.

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

St. Maron Luncheon

St. Ann Catholic Church

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



Year of Faith

Preparing for Lent - Part 1 - Daily Prayer



We live in world filled with electronic devices, all vying for our attention: appliances, televisions, radios, computers and cellphones - to cite just a few. Lent offers us an opportunity to slow down and open our hearts to a deeper relationship with God.

With all of this noise, how can we hear Him. Our Lord provides the answer. In the 6th Chapter of the Book of Matthew, Jesus says:

"But when you pray, go to your inner room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you." Mat 6:6

Prayer is conversation. How better to understand if we are on the proper course than to have a conversation with God. To do so, we need to start a new habit of daily prayer. Habits begin with small actions. Begin by selecting a time for your daily prayer: if you're an early riser, set aside a few minutes each morning for your time with God. Before you begin, turn off the distractions ... yes, go ahead ... turn off the tv and cell phone. Spend those quiet moments in conversation with Him; pour out your heart for Christ hears all prayers.

Jesus encourages us to pray when he says, *"Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."* (Lk 11:9) He goes on to show that this is true by performing various miracles for people who ask him to do so, curing a leper and a blind beggar who come before Him in good faith, and promising the Kingdom of Heaven to the good thief who repents at Calvary.

In addition to hearing the prayers of the people, Jesus Himself is found praying numerous times throughout the Gospels, both alone and in the company of his disciples and crowds of followers. He prays before the most important times in His life, including His Baptism, Transfiguration, and many of the miracles He performs. During His Passion, the most trying and difficult hours of His life, prayer flows once again from Jesus' mouth. He prays for strength in the Garden of Gethsemane and continues praying up until His very last words on the cross: *"Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."* (Lk 23:46)

If Jesus, the perfect, divine God-Man prayed so frequently and fervently during His life on earth, how much more do we, as sinners, have a need for prayer as a part of our daily lives? Communication is an important part of any relationship, and our relationship with God is

no exception. Through communication, both parties in a relationship come to know each other better.

Next week we will explore different forms of prayer.

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!

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.

Season of Epiphany – Sunday of the Priests

Today the Maronite Church begins a series of 3 Sundays dedicated to prayer for the dead. This first Sunday is set aside as a commemoration of all the deceased priests of the Church.

Christ has established the priesthood for his Church and entrusted it with great responsibilities. The priest is given the task of caring for the spiritual needs of the people of his parish. The bishop, however, is responsible for not only all the people of the diocese but also for the priests and other ministers.

The more the Lord gives to the Church, the more he asks from it. The gift of the priesthood calls the people of God, the Church, to pray for those who were entrusted with the divine mysteries and carried on the salvific work of Christ. The bishop and priest are called to be the salt of the earth and the light and presence of Christ among us. All these responsibilities have been given to men who possess human weakness and frailty.

The gospel for the Eucharist today speaks of the "faithful servant" which is, of course, the role of the priest and bishop. They are to be like the wise virgins always ready to serve the Lord, and like the faithful servant, eager to multiply the talents God has given them.

Because the priest and bishop have been given so much responsibility over the Church of God, they must



know not only God's will, but must also constantly strive to be examples of fidelity and prudent action. The Church's ministers always must seek to be strong in virtue, persevering in willingness and humble and constant in action. If not, they may delay the Master's the bishop and priest, we must pray for them! This is our christian duty and it arises out of our gratitude for the service they have rendered God in his Church. We pray that all God's priests and bishops may enter into the house of the Lord and reap the rewards of the faithful servant. May the Lord entrust them with even greater things!

Sunday of the Priests Icon



"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord" (Rv 14:13)

This icon celebrates, memorials to the Three Sundays of the Deceased Priests, the Righteous and Just and the Faithful Departed. At the top left of the icon is depicted the giving of the Law to Moses on Mount Sinai, beside the burning bush, typifying the Virgin Mary and symbolizing the holiness and call of God (Ex 3:19; 32:18). On the top right is the vision of the prophet Isaiah in the Temple.

Within the apse is depicted Christ, the Pantocrator, sitting in glory and judging upon the sons of men, and surrounded by the church in heaven. His throne is carried by the four non-bodied cherubim of the Apocalypse, symbolizing the four Evangelists. In the deistic position of intercession, to the right of Christ, are His Mother and John the Baptist. Beneath them are the Archangels Michael and Gabriel, kneeling before Him in adoration. Completing the circle are the figures of St. Peter and St. Maron. Around the apse is written in Syriac, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord..." (Rv 14:13).

On the lower levels of the icon are represented those from the Church on earth, who rest in death. In the center of the upper panel is a circle representing Our Lady flanked by two angels. On the right is a panel depicting the Priests of the church; on the left are shown

the ranks of the Righteous and Just. On the lower panel, are represented the Faithful Departed, whom we love, for whom we pray and whom we especially remember on this day.

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.

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Saturday, February 9

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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 Walter J. GOLDEN & the deceased members of the GOLDEN & VOLKOMER Families	 In Memory Of deceased members of the TAMER & THORNTON Families	 For the living and deceased members of the JOSEPH-NACKLEY & PATNODE Families
	 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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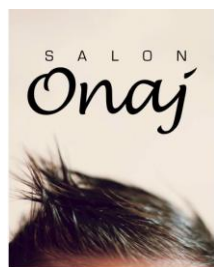
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