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Saint Ann Catholic Church • Maronite Rite

A Catholic Parish of the Antiochian Syriac Maronite Church

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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.

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Altar Gifts for February 2013

In memory of Dorothy RILEY.

Requested by Thomas M. Riley Sr.

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.

Divine Liturgy Intentions

Sun, Feb 3 – Sunday of the Faithful Departed Feast of St. Maron, C

Sts. Simeon the Venerable & Anna the Prophetess, C Feast of St. Maron: 2 Tim 3:10-17 Jn 12:23-30 1 Thes 5:1-11 Lk 16:19-31

The Divine Liturgy intentions are in memory of:

► Marie abda (Aunt of Denise NAHAL); requested by St. Ann parish

The Divine Liturgy intentions are for the blessing and special intentions of:

- Henry NAHAL, and all deceased and living recipients of the Silver Massabki Award of St. Ann Parish
- ❖ living and deceased members of St. Ann's
- Cancer patients and our sick and homebound
- ❖ Maroun & Sabine KARAM and their family on the occasion of being relocated in Lebanon
- ❖ Nawal FAKHOURI, mother of Tala & Adi NESHEWAIT

SUNDAY

Ushers: Al PATNODE / Al NAHAL
Greeters: Georgette HANNOUSH
Arabic Lector: Mirvatte HANNOUSH

English Lector: Bob STOLAR Intercessions: Maroun KARAM

Peace Bearers: Natalva & Tatiana KARAME

Danielle RAHAL & Dominic

KARRAT

Mon, Feb 4; St. Ephrem the Syrian, Doctor of the Church, C

1 Thes 4:13-18 Lk 12:1-7

No Divine Liturgy

Tue, Feb 5; St. Agatha, M

2 Thes 1:1-12 Lk 12:8-12

7:30 am Divine Liturgy

Wed, Feb 6:

2 Thes 2:1-12 Lk 12:13-21

7:30 am Divine Liturgy

Thu, Feb 7;

2 Thes 2:13-3:5 Lk 12:22-32

7:30 am Divine Liturgy

Fri, *Feb* 8;

1 Cor 15:35-44a Lk 12:33-40

7:30 am Divine Liturgy

5:30 pm Divine Liturgy

Sun, Feb 10 – Sunday of the Entrance into Lent Miracle at Cana in Galilee

Rom 14:14-23 Jn 2:1-11

The Divine Liturgy intentions are in memory of:

For the blessing and special intentions of:

New members of St. Maron Men's Society

SUNDAY

Ushers: Mike REZEY / Joe JABOUR

Greeters: Michael REZEY
Arabic Lector: Michel BOUTROS
English Lector: Albert NAHAL
Intercessions: Albert PATNODE

Peace Bearers: Davia & Catalina BOUTROS

Riwa & Rhea FRANGIEH

Pope Benedict's Feb. Prayer Intentions

Migrant Families. That migrant families, especially the mothers, may be supported and accompanied in

their difficulties.

Peace. That the peoples at war and in conflict may lead the way in building a peaceful future.

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, Frank DORRITIE, Nawal FAKHOURI

Eddy Lifeline

Do you know someone who lives alone, has a tendency to fall or who is recovering from recent surgery? Perhaps this person can benefit from the security of Lifeline! This two-way emergency response system obtains help for people when they are unable to get help for themselves. Eddy Lifeline is offering FREE lifeline installations during the entire month of February. Please make the call to The Eddy: 833-1040 ... don't let an accident turn into a tragedy. (Please note that St. Peter's Lifeline and Seton Lifeline are now part of Eddy Lifeline).

February BIRTHDAYS

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

31 Jina Mouakar 1 Betty Karrat

2 Pascal Frangie 3 Albert Hannoush

Boulos Abdallah

6 John Karrat20 Gabriella Hannoush10 Andres Minnena21 Madona Boutros

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

Upcoming events - Mark your calendars

02/03 Feast of St. Maron – Mass & Luncheon

02/11 Ash Monday

05/18 Pontifical Dedication of Watervliet Church

EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY

Wed 06 Parish Council Meeting

Sun 10 Daughters Bake / Food Sale

Sun 10 Induction of new members into the St.

Maron Men's Society

Tue 19 St. Maron Men's Society Meeting

Thu 21 Daughters of Saint Ann Meeting

Religious Education - February

1. Saturday, Feb. 09 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

2. Friday – to be announced

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.

Feb. 3 No Coffee Hour

Feb. 10 St. Maron Men's Society

Feb. 17 Available

Feb. 24 Rosemary Patnode & Carolyn Lalli

2nd Collections for February

2/3 Building Fund

2/9 Feast of St. Maron

2/10 Fuel & Heat

2/11* Ash Monday (Envelope mismarked Feb. 18)

2/17 Assessment / Bishop's Appeal

2/24 Snow Removal

Mass Collection for January 19 & 20

 Sunday Offering
 \$903.00

 Fuel & Heat
 \$21.00

 Bishop's Appeal
 \$180.00

 TOTAL
 \$1,104.00

Mass Collection for January 26 & 27

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Sunday Offering	\$1,058.00
Fuel & Heat	\$30.00
Bishop's Appeal	\$170.00
Building Fund	\$100.00
Snow Removal	\$10.00
Ash Monday	\$5.00
St Maron	\$5.00
US Catholic Bishops Charities	\$122.00
TOTAL	\$1,500.00

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.

Daughters of St. Ann - Meeting

The Daughters of St. Ann have moved their meeting from every third Wednesday of the month to **every third Thursday of the month**. All ladies ages 18 - ? are encouraged to join our organization and help keep St. Ann going strong! New rules for the year of 2013 – please see president of the Daughters, Eva Abdallah for details or call her at 518-281-6785.

St. Maron Haffi of St. Louis Church – Utica NY

Saturday, February 9 (6 pm to 12 am) - **Italian Heritage Club** (644 Bleecker Street – Utica, NY).

Live Arabic Music by John Massoud Band; Food prepared by Karam's Middle Eastern Bakery;

Pre-Sale Tickets: Adults \$35 / Children 12 & under, \$15; At the Door: Adults \$45 / Children \$15; **To purchase tickets, contact**: Rectory (315-732-6019); Rocco Hobaica (315-738-0070); Kamil Rahme (315-768-3837); Cookie Saber (315-732-4875)

Silver Massabki Recipients of St. Ann Parish

1975 Michael DEETS (+ 1987)1976 Frank P. GAZELEY (+ 2004)

1978 Alfred (+ 2000) & Lilian DEEB

1980 Wadad FRANGIE

1988 Edith PATNODE (+ 2011)

1989 Carol Ann SHUFELT

1995 Adele MAZLOOM (+ 2007)

1996 **Richard THORNTON**

2011 Georgette HANNOUSH

2012 Henry NAHAL

Biography of Henry J. NAHAL

* Mr. NAHAL is the winner of the 2012 Silver Masabki Award.

Henry J. Nahal is the son of Henry P. Nahal and Marjorie Joseph of Scranton, Pennsylvania. And he is the grandson of:

- * Paternal grandparents, Abdullah Bardaouil بردويل (changed to Nahal at Ellis Island) and Adele AbouKahild أبوخالد both of Zahle, LEBANON,
- * And maternal grandparents, Assad Youseff (Joseph) and Amelia Rizk of Zahle.

Henry was baptized in St. Joseph's Melkite Church in Scranton where he later married Denise Abda. Denise's family, Haddad and Simon [original names, Semaan سمعان, were also changed at Ellis Island) of Ablah, LEBANON, of Scranton, and a communicant of St Joseph's.

Henry has been blessed with a wonderful family, a wife, two sons, Dennis and Henry James, daughter-in-law, Megan and two grandchildren, Mason and Henry Ryan. Henry has one brother, Albert, who has returned to the area after many years and is also active in St Ann's, currently serving as president of Saint Maron Men's Society for 2013.

Professionally, Henry graduated from Albany Law School with a Juris Doctor in Law. He has kept things interesting over the years practicing almost every aspect of law, but currently focuses on real estate, technology, and business development. Along the way there were side roads taken as a Chief Information Officer, and a Commissioner of a state agency.

And last but certainly not least, Henry is a valued member of St. Ann's Church serving as Legal Counsel, Chairperson of the Building & Maintenance Committee and Trustee.

Henry & Denise reside in East Greenbush.

Henry NAHAL Testimony

When I look back, it seems St. Ann had a plan for me all along. My great uncle Msgr. Michel Bardaouil, was responsible for the building of St. Ann Melkite Church in Hollywood, Calf. Being from Scranton and spending a lot to time growing up there, I was exposed to the outdoor novenas held every summer at St. Ann Feb. 3, 2013

Basilica. It was such a special place for us that, on the day of our wedding, Denise and I had our photos taken at the outdoor grotto at the Basilica.

The strong, spiritual connection to Saint Ann was also present in my wife's family. My father-in-law always expressed to everyone about his faithfulness to St. Ann and her constant support of him and her generosity in responding to his prayers.

In subtle ways, Saint Ann was calling me. My Father spoke about attending St. Ann's church while growing up and even later in life split his time between St. Augustine and St. Ann churches. Nabih, Wadad, Joe Kaddo, Father Joe Kayrouse, all kept St. Ann in their sights, even as my journey took me to Roman Catholic Churches. I even served as lector and on the Parish Council at St. Mary's in Clinton Heights where Denise taught for several years.

Soon after my Dad died, St. Ann came literally knocking on my front door in the form of Elias Hannoush, Wahdad Frangie and Father Elie. They asked Denise and me to come to St. Ann Church and become parishioners. We agreed with the understanding that we would continue to support St. Joseph's in Scranton as a well as St. Ann's.

The rest is history. We began attending St. Ann's church, and it was more than a building, it was a community. It was a community of faith, bound together by the faithful and shared experiences. This community of faith and the rich Maronite liturgy and traditions were what we wanted. It was what Denise and I were looking for.

We both volunteered and found ways to apply our talents wherever they were needed. This was natural for us because we both believe that God is responsible for all the good things in life. God is like any Father; he wants only the best for his children. He gives us all good things in life. As we know from the scriptures, the gift of faith is extremely important because God can do miracles in our lives. This is not possible without our acceptance of faith of God's gift. We know this because you cannot come to faith through logic.

I am thankful, surprised, and grateful for this award. My efforts are focused on making St. Ann's goals and commitments come to fruition, not only in the physical plant but also in its continued growth and evangelization. I will continue to follow where he leads.

Thank you, for this honor, again.

Sincere Condolences

We join with the entire parish in offering our sincere condolences to **Henry & Denise NAHAL** on the passing of Denise's Aunt, Marie ABDA.

May her memory be eternal in the hearts and minds of her loved ones. Please keep them in your prayers. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord!

Via Crucis: Meditations to recall Middle East

Vatican City, 29 January 2013 (VIS) – Recalling his trip to Lebanon and inviting the whole Church to remember the problems of and the Christian communities in the Middle East in their prayers, the Holy Father Benedict XVI has invited—through his cardinal secretary of state—His Beatitude Bechara Boutros Rai, O.M.M., Patriarch of Antioch of the Maronites, to prepare the texts for the Via Crucis on Good Friday at the Colosseum. Under the guidance of the Patriarch, the texts will be prepared by two young Lebanese and will follow the traditional pattern of the fourteen stations.

http://www.news.va/en/news/via-crucis-meditations-to-recall-middle-east

Year of Faith • Preparing for Lent When Does Lent Begin? and Why Ashes?



Catholics familiar only with the Latin Church may be surprised to learn that Ash Wednesday and its customs exist only in the Western church. The Eastern churches have other ways of counting the days of Lent, and of beginning this Great Fast.

The RC Church counts Holy Week as part of the Lenten Fast, but not the

Sundays during the Lenten season. Therefore, in about the 8th Century, it was necessary to add four days to the beginning of Lent to bring the number of days up to the traditional 40. This was the origin of Ash Wednesday.

The Eastern Churches (both Catholic and Orthodox) consider Holy Week as a separate unit with its own Fasting and Abstinence requirements, not technically included in the Great Lent. Lent liturgically concludes on the evening of the 6th Friday of Great Lent, the vigil of Lazarus Saturday. Although we do not fast on Saturdays and Sundays, we do continue to abstain from certain kinds of foods on the Fridays of Lent. The Saturdays & Sundays of the Great Fast are counted in the total of days, thus bringing the number up to 40, counted from Ash Monday, the first day of Great Lent.

Why Ashes?

"Remember, man, you are dust, and unto dust you shall return."

So says the priest as he makes the sign of cross with ashes on our foreheads. The ashes are made by burning the previous year's blessed palms. This is a vivid reminder of our mortal nature. We are bodies fashioned from dust. "Then the Lord God formed man out of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living being" (Gen 2:7). Our bodies were made from nothing, and will return to nothing when we die. Ashes are a symbol of this passing world, a reminder of our death.

The imposition of ashes is also a symbol of penance and sorrow for our sins. Ashes remind us of the curse from

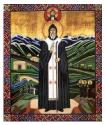
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Genesis. After Adam and Eve committed the Original Sin, God expelled them from the Garden of Eden with these words: Cursed be the ground because of you; in toil shall you eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles shall it bring forth to you, and you shall eat the plants in the field. In the sweat of your brow you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, since out of it you were taken; for dust you are and unto dust you shall return (Gen 3:17-19).

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!

Saint Maron

Saint Maron, born in the middle of the 4th century was a priest who later became a hermit, retiring to a mountain of Taurus near Antioch. His holiness and miracles attracted many followers, and drew attention throughout the empire. St John



of Chrysostom sent him a letter around 405 AD expressing his great love and respect asking St Maron to pray for him.

St Maron is considered the Father of the spiritual and monastic movement now called the Maronite Church. This movement had a profound influence on Northern Syria and Lebanon. Saint Maron spent all of his life on a mountain in the region of Cyrrhus in Syria.

St Maron was a mystic who started this new ascetic-spiritual method that attracted many people in Syria and Lebanon to become his disciples. Accompanying his deeply spiritual and ascetic life, he was a zealous missionary with a passion to spread the message of Christ by preaching it to all he met. He sought not only to cure the physical ailments that people suffered, but had a great quest for nurturing and healing the "lost souls" of both pagans and Christians of his time.

This missionary work came to fruition when in the mountains of Syria, St Maron was able to convert a pagan temple into a Christian Church. This was to be the beginning of the conversion of Paganism to Christianity in Syria which would then influence and spread to Lebanon. After his death in the year 410 AD, his spirit and teachings lived on through his disciples.

St Maron's way was deeply monastic with emphasis on the spiritual and ascetic aspects of living. For Saint Maron, all was connected to God and God was connected to all. He did not separate the physical and spiritual world and actually used the physical world to deepen his faith and spiritual experience with God.

St Maron embraced the quiet solitude of the mountain life. He lived his life in open air exposed to the forces of nature such as sun, rain, hail and snow. His extraordinary desire to come to know Gods presence in all things, allowed St. Maron to transcend such forces and discover that intimate union with God. He was able to free himself from the physical world by his passion and fervor for prayer and enter into a mystical relationship of love with God.



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 deceased members of the	For the living and
Walter J. GOLDEN	TAMER & THORNTON	deceased members of the
& the deceased members of the GOLDEN & VOLKOMER Families		JOSEPH-NACKLEY &
GOLDEN & VOLKOWIER FAIIIIILES	Families	PATNODE Families
	In Loving Memory Of the deceased members of the REZEY & NACKLEY, SEE	
	& CLOUGH Families	
In Memory Of	In Memory Of	In Loving Memory Of
David & Jenny REZEY	[□] The Deceased Members	□ Dot RILEY
-	of the TALARICO & DEEP	and the deceased members of the RILEY, MANLEY &
& Nehme FRANGIE	Families	PETERSON Families
		Requested by Tom RILEY, Sr.
In Memory Of	In Memory Of our	In Loving
☐ Boulos, Georgette &	grandparents	Memory Of our Mother
Assaad ABDALLAH	Francis & Marsha	Clara Mae KARAM
Nagieh & Simon FRANGIE	KADDO, and Suleiman &	
Requested by the ABDALLAH Family	Jamileh FRANGIE	Requested by the KARAM Family
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