



Saint Ann Catholic Church • Maronite Rite

A Catholic Parish of the Antiochian Syriac Maronite Church

Jurisdiction: Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn (http://stmaron.org/)

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Mass Schedule

Sundays: 10:00 AM | Tuesdays – Saturdays: 7:30 AM

Holy Days of Obligation:

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

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 parish office 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 parish office 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 parish office no later than Wednesday.

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 parish office or sending an e-mail to schedule intentions.

Upcoming events – Mark your calendars

Parish Vocations

Priesthood: Chorbishop Joe Kaddo, (Pastor of St. Anthony Fall River) **Religious Life**: Brother Paul HOOVER of the Most Holy Trinity Monastery

Candidate to subdiaconate: Richard THORNTON

CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS

Parish Pastoral Council

As an advisory Board, this council meets on the 1st Wednesday of every month. – *President: Joe JABOUR*.

Daughters of St. Ann

This woman's organization meets on the **3rd Thursday** of each month at 6:30 PM. – *President: Eva ABDALLAH*.

St. Maron Men's Society

This men's organization meets on the 1st Sunday of each month after Mass. – President: Albert NAHAL.

Junior MYO

The Junior MYO is a group of young people 10 years old and up. The Youth organization meets on the **last Sunday** of every month after 10 am Mass in the church. – *Coordinator: Carol SHUFELT*.

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: Sr Florence Joseph FLAHERTY, D.C.*

St. Ann Liturgical Choir

Choir practice takes place the first Monday of each month at 6:30 pm. No special training is required. – *Director: Richard THORNTON*.

Family & Sanctity of Life Committee

The Purpose of this committee is to promote within our parish prayer, education, and action in the defense of all life. Meets on the 2nd Sunday of each month after 10 AM Mass. – *Chairperson: Richard THORNTON, Sr.*

Liturgical & Spiritual Committee

Upcoming MEETINGS

Mon	Jan 6	Choir Practice at 6:30pm
Wed	Jan 8	Parish Pastoral Council
Sun	Jan 12	Family and Sanctity of Life Committee
Sun	Jan 12	St. Maron Men's Society
Thu	Jan 16	Daughters of St. Ann
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Altar Gifts for Jan 2014

In memory of Baby Rita Theresa RIZK.

Requested by Michel and Kathy Boutros

The Sanctuary Lamp burns 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.

The 2014 Calendar is now available to register your intentions. These are scheduled on a first-come- first-served-basis to ensure an equal opportunity for everyone. Contact the office to arrange your memorial.

Divine Liturgy Intentions Season of the Glorious Epiphany Sun, Jan 12 – 1st Sunday after Epiphany

The Council of Trent (1545)

2 Cor 10:1-11 Jn 1:29-34

The Divine Liturgy intentions are in memory of:

★ the Souls in Purgatory

For the blessing and special intentions of:

\$\phi\$Good health of Cancer patients, our sick & homebound

Ushers Tony Abdallah, Al Patnode, David

Nicholas, Patrick Washington

Greeter Karen Rezey
Ar. Lector Diana Hannoush
En. Lector Carolyn Lalli
Intercessions Denise Nahal

Weekly Schedule

Mon, Jan 13; St. Jacob of Nisibis, C

2 Cor 10:12-18 Mk 1:1-8

NO Divine Liturgy

Tue, Jan 14;

2 Cor 11:1-6 Jn 1:19-28

NO Divine Liturgy

Wed, Jan 15; Our Lady of the Sowing; St. John Calybites, C

2 Cor 11:7-15 Jn 3:22-30

NO Divine Liturgy

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

2 Cor 11:18, 22-30 Jn 3:31-36

NO Divine Liturgy

Fri, Jan17; St. Anthony the Great, C

2 Cor 12:1-10 Mt 14:1-12

NO Divine Liturgy

Sat, Jan 18; Establishment of the Chair of St. Peter in Rome; St. Athanasius, Doctor of the Church, C 2 Cor 12:11-16 Jn 10:40-42

NO Divine Liturgy

Sun, Jan 19 – 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

St. Macarius the Egyptian, C

2 Cor 4:5-15 Jn 1:35-42

The Divine Liturgy intentions are in memory of:

For the blessing and special intentions of:

\$\phi \text{Good health of Cancer patients, our sick & homebound}\$

Ushers Joe Jabour, Richard Peters, Gerard

Golden, Jim Traa

Greeter Beverly Traa
Ar. Lector Michel Boutros
En. Lector Patricia Thornton
Intercessions Mikayla Boutros

Pope's Jan Prayer Intentions

Universal: That all may promote authentic economic development that respects the dignity of all peoples.

For Evangelization: That Christians of diverse denominations may walk toward the unity desired by Christ.

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, Joyce & Christy FIRSTIUN, Juliann HALLAL, Donata CALDARONI, Alisa BURKE, Jamileh K-MOUAWAD, Caroline-Marjorie FIELDS, Della MAWAD, Katherine RIBUSTELLI, Marilyn MARVIN, Margaret McDonough; Pauline NAHAL, Sarah BRENENSTUHL, Thomas RILEY, Sr., Gail MOFFRE, Patti THORNTON

Requested prayers from the Book of prayers

Please pray for the health and well being of Barbara Hakim.

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 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.

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. Please consider sponsoring Sunday refreshments. Thank you.

Jan. 12 St. Maron's Men's Society

lan. 19 Daughters of St. Ann

Jan. 26 AVAILABLE

2nd Special Collections for Jan

1/05 Building Fund

1/12 Fuel & Heat

1/19 Snow Removal, Assessment/ Bishop Appeal

1/26 US Catholic Bishops Worldwide Charities

Your Gift to God for Jan. 5

We do apologize for not posting the collection of Sunday, Jan 5.

Schedule for Collection Counters

Jan 12 Rosemary Patnode, Georgette Hannoush

Jan 19 Thomas Riley Sr. & Rolla Mooney

Jan 26 Richard Thornton, Sr. & Ronald Bagley

Special Thank You from Fr. George

This humble message comes from the heart and with you in mind. I would like to extend my gratitude and sincere thanks for the kindness and generosity shown to me through the many cards and many other expressions of good wishes during the Christmas Season and for my travel to Lebanon.

May the peace and joy of Christ's love be yours throughout the New Year. Thank you and it is greatly appreciated. Please be assured of my prayers for you and your families at the Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon, Harissa - Lebanon.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Father George BOUCHAAYA, M.L.M.

Pope Francis via Twitter - @Pontifex

Let us leave a spare place at our table: a place for those who lack the basics, who are alone..!

Annual Maronite Clergy Retreat

Per the 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 13 – 17, 2014**, at "Our Lady of Florida Spiritual Center" in North Palm Beach, FL. During the pastor's absence, there will be no 7:30 AM Divine Liturgy. In case an emergency arises in your family, please contact a Latin priest.

Please keep Bishop Gregory, Fr. George and the priests in your prayers.

2014 Offertory Envelopes

As we approach the start of the coming year, I take a moment to remind and encourage all parishioners to obtain a box of weekly envelopes for the upcoming year 2014.

Those who currently do not use envelopes for our Sunday collection, please take a moment and think of the benefit you may have at the end of the year by claiming your donations to your church on your tax return.

We welcome new parishioners into the envelope system as we ask the Lord to reward you for all you do and give to your spiritual Home.

If your name is not on a box & you would like a box for next year's use, and in order to keep your information up to date, please call the rectory at (518) 272-6073 or leave a note

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in the basket collection or via e-mail at stann1905@gmail.com for any change of address or other important information.

Thank You for your generosity during this past year.

Urgent Stem Cell Request Donor

Cathy Christine Habeeb-Sheehan, age 44 and the mother of 3 young children, now living in Boston, was diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia in April, 2013, necessitating a stem cell transplant. Her brother was a match, but the transplant failed. Unfortunately, there are no other donor matches in either the US National or global Donor Registers. The medical staffs at Boston's Dana Farber Institute are seeking potential donors. The ideal donor is aged 18 to 44 years old. Middle Eastern ethnicity might be helpful, but not required. Please contact Fr. George for more detailed information.

Sincere Condolences

We join with the entire parish in offering our sincere condolences to **Sayed Frangie and Family** on the passing of Sayed's brother, *Badoui Salim FRANGIE*, who passed away recently in Lebanon.

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

Church Etiquette

Please observe the following etiquette while attending mass:

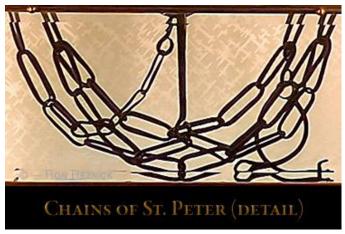
- 1. Arrive 5 minutes prior to mass to prepare yourself for the Divine Liturgy
- 2. Stay in Church until the final Blessing is given
- 3. Turn your cell phones to silent mode
- 4. Refrain from chewing gum, food or drinks, & long and loud personal conversations
- 5. Refrain from leaving pews during the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

Jan 16 - St. Peter in Chains

Acts 12

To please the enemies of the Christians, Herod Agrippa put St. James to death, and now he planned to do the same to St. Peter, the Head of the Church. Once he had him in prison, he set a heavy guard about him to make sure he would not escape. But all the Christians of Jerusalem were begging the Lord to save St. Peter, and their prayers were answered. The night before he was to be condemned, St. Peter was peacefully sleeping in his prison cell between his two guards bound tightly by two chains. He was unafraid of death and ready to do God's will. Suddenly an angelappeared and tapped him on the side to awaken him. He told him to get up at once, put on his cloak and sandals and follow him. At the same moment, both the chains fell from his hands! Out the two went, past two sets of guards, to the gate. This iron gate opened to them by itself and the angel led St. Peter out to the street. Then he disappeared. Up until then, Peter thought he might be dreaming, but now he knew that God had really sent anangel to free him! What joy and gratitude filled his heart! At once,

the Apostle went to the home of Mary, St. Mark's mother, where many Christians were praying for his safety. He knocked at the door and a young woman named Rhoda came to ask who it was, without opening the door. When she heard St. Peter's voice, she ran joyfully to tell the others. They, however, could not believe the news. "It must be his angel," they said when she kept insisting. Meanwhile St. Peter knocked again. At last they let him in, and their happiness was immense when they saw it was truly St. Peterhimself! He told them how the angel had freed him, and altogether they blessed and thanked the Lord.



The Empress Eudoxia (wife of Emperor Valentinian III), who received the chains as a gift from her mother, Aelia Eudocia, consort of Valentinian II, presented them to Pope Leo I. Aelia Eudocia had received these chains as a gift from Iuvenalis, bishop of Jerusalem. The chains are preserved today in *San Pietro in Vincoli*, a titular church and minor basilica in Rome, Italy. The basilica was consecrated in 439 by Pope Sixtus III.

Pope urges faithful to remember 'glorious hope' of Baptism

Vatican City, Jan 8, 2014 / 07:00 am (EWTN News/CNA)

In his weekly general audience, Pope Francis reflected on the importance of the sacrament of Baptism, highlighting how it is a gift which incorporates us into the body of Christ and impels us to evangelize.

"Let us not forget the great gift we have received," Pope Francis stated during his Jan. 8 general audience, "our baptism has changed us, given us a new and glorious hope, and empowered us to bring God's redeeming love to all."

The Pontiff greeted the pilgrims gathered in St. Peter's Square, announcing the beginning of a new catechesis on the Sacraments, during which he will reflect on each of the seven, beginning with Baptism.

"The Second Vatican Council tells us that the Church herself is a 'sacrament,'" he explained, "a grace-filled sign which makes Christ's saving work present in history, through the power of the Holy Spirit."

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As "the first of the Church's seven sacraments, baptism gives us new birth in Christ," said the Pope, and it "makes us sharers in the mystery of his death and resurrection, grants the forgiveness of sin and brings us new freedom as God's children and members of his Church."

"Baptism is the sacrament on which our faith is founded and we are living members of Christ and of his Church," the Pontiff emphasized, highlighting how it is not just "a simple rite or a formal act."

"For Him, we dive into the inexhaustible source of life; we come from the death of Jesus. So we can live a new life of communion with God, and with our brothers."

Pope Francis noted that although there are many who "don't have the slightest memory of this sacrament," we are all "called to live each day aspiring to the vocation that we receive in Him."

"If we follow Jesus and remain in the Church," observed the Pope, "with our limits and our fragilities, and sins...we become new creatures and we are clothed in Christ" through the Sacraments.

Drawing attention to the Church's missionary dynamic, the Pontiff explained how "our baptism has changed us, given us a new and glorious hope, and empowered us to bring God's redeeming love to all, particularly the poor, in whom we see the face of Christ."

"Our baptism," he continued, "has also given us a share in the Church's mission of evangelization; as disciples, we are also missionaries."

"As we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord this Sunday, let us ask him to renew in us the grace of our baptism and to make us, with all our brothers and sisters, true children of God and living members of his body, the Church."

Pope Francis concluded his weekly address by inviting all to experience "in everyday life the grace that we receive in Baptism," and greeted pilgrims present from numerous countries around the world.

Turning to those in the Middle East, particularly in Syria, the Pontiff asked that they remember the day of their Baptism and celebrate it, because thanks to this Sacrament "we have all become new creatures in Christ, temples of the Spirit, adoptive children of the Father."

We are "members of the Church, brothers in faith and announcers of the Gospel," he affirmed, who are "capable of forgiving and loving all, even our enemies."

Sharing the Vision of Christ

The parish of St. Ann has adopted this theme for 2014. Throughout the year, we will be posting some insights into that vision and how we, as a community, can bring it to fruition. In keeping with the Church's mission to promote life, let us consider the words of

Blessed John Paul II:

"A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer."

Blessed Pope John Paul II, Evangelium Vitae, no. 100

"The future starts today, not tomorrow."

Maronites on the Web

Maronite Blogger - This is a Catholic Maronite blog posting stories, news, articles and documentaries about the Catholic Church in general and the Maronite Church and Saints in particular. The only aim of this blog is to serve the Word and contribute to the evangelization.

http://maronite-blogger.blogspot.com/

Project Roots

Project Roots is an endeavor of the two Maronite Eparchies in the US in collaboration with the Maronite Foundation in the World / Christian Lebanese Foundation (CLFW).

Register in Lebanon with us and **spread the word** about the need for registration. Your registration will NOT



jeopardize your American citizenship. It will help Lebanon maintain the demographic and political power-sharing balance and prevent the Christians there from becoming only 10% of the population.

Contact one of **Project Roots** representatives **today** and start the process. You can even use the website (<u>www.projectroots.net</u>) to register online and get a chance to win **free tickets to Lebanon**.

If you have already tried to register without success, sign the **Lebanese Citizenship Petition**: <u>www.yes-i-want.com</u>. Together, we can effect change!

March for Life

US bishops announce 9 days of prayer January 18-26, 2014

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has announced "Nine Days of Prayer, Penance and Pilgrimage" around January 21, the 41st anniversary Roe v. Wade-- the Supreme Court decision that struck down laws protecting unborn human life.

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The U.S. bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities is asking Catholics to pray "for healing and conversion, for elected officials who support abortion and for all people whose lives have been forever changed by an abortion."

"The bishops recognize that prayer is the foundation of all our efforts on behalf of human life," said Tom Grenchik, executive director of the USCCB's Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities.

"These nine days of focused prayer and sacrifice are a great opportunity for people across the nation to unite their voices in prayer to God. Through this prayer campaign, I hope that many will be blessed with a new spirit of faith and encouragement in their pro-life efforts."

4 Ways to Join

This year, you have more ways than ever to get involved! You can join by app, text or email. For more details on these options, visit this USCCB link: http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/january-roe-events/nine-days-of-prayer-penance-and-pilgrimage.cfm

Prayer for Reverence for Life

Almighty God, giver of all that is good, we thank You for the precious gift of human life:

- ♥ for the life in the womb, coming from Your creative power
- ♣ for the life of children, making us glad with their freshness and promise
- ♥ for the life of young people, hoping for a better world
- $f \Psi$ for the life of the handicapped and disabled, teaching us humility
- ★ for the life of the elderly, witnessing to the ageless values of patience and wisdom.

Like Blessed Mary,
may we always
say "YES" to Your gift.
May we defend it and promote it
from conception to its natural end.
And bring us at last, O Father,
to the fullness of eternal life
in Jesus Christ Our Lord.

Amen





Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Church 7142 Alaska Avenue N.W. Washington D.C. 20012

Maronite Vigil For Life & March For Life 2014

Join us as we pray, march and send a peaceful message to the world!!

ALL LIFE IS SACRED and WORTHY OF RESPECT !!!

The Office of Family and Sanctity of Life of the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn is pleased to host the first Maronite Vigil For Life on Tuesday January 21st, 2014 at Our Lady Of Lebanon Maronite Church in Washington DC.

All Maronite parishes are invited to join us for an evening of prayer, worship and fun. Please arrive around 5 pm. Our evening will include activities for the youth, dinner, Eucharistic Adoration, music, fellowship and movie.

For those who want to attend the Vigil For Life at the National Shrine at 6:30pm, you are welcome to join us before and after.

Bring your sleeping bags.

On Wednesday January 22_{nd}, we will have Maronite Divine Liturgy at 8:30am followed by breakfast, then we will meet at the Starbucks at the corner of Indiana Ave. and 7th St. at 11:00am to join the March For Life.

Sponsored by
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Please RSVP with number of people attending by no later than Monday January 20th
Contact Joseph & Simona Hallal 540-815-2104 & 540-798-8450
jhallal@verizon.net

Free will donation of \$30 per person to cover the cost of the meals.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. In Loving Memory Of our parents In Loving Memory of In Memory Of In Memory Of Claramae and Joseph Joseph & Helen Rose, Father Paul, the deceased members of **KARAM** Mike, Joe, Peter RICE & HEALY YAMIN JABOUR **KORKEMAZ Families** Requested by Joe & Kathy JABOUR Requested by the KARAM Family In Memory Of For the living and In Loving Memory Of In Loving Memory of Walter J. & Mary GOLDEN deceased members of the deceased members & the deceased members of **Michael-David Hannoush** of the the GOLDEN & VOLKOMER TAMER & **JOSEPH-NACKLEY & Families PATNODE** Families by his grandparents, Elias & Georgette THORNTON Families In Memory Of In Memory Of In Loving Memory Of The Deceased Members of In Loving Memory of the deceased Solomon A. & **Donald & Edith** members of the the TALARICO & DEEP Patricia H. JABOUR **REZEY & NACKLEY, SEE &** (Joseph) Patnode & **Families CLOUGH Families** son, Vincent-Paul by their children & grandchildren In Loving Memory Of In Loving Memory of In Memory Of our grandparents In Memory Of Dot RILEY Francis & Marsha KADDO, Abraham & Mary Joseph-David & Jenny and the deceased members of the and Suleiman & Jamileh **Nackley and their RILEY, MANLEY & PETERSON REZEY & Nehme** FRANGIE deceased daughters **Families FRANGIE** Requested by the KADDO Family Requested by Tom RILEY, Sr. In Memory Of **Boulos, Georgette & Assaad ABDALLAH Nagieh & Simon FRANGIE** Requested by the ABDALLAH Family For Ad info, Call St. Ann's Church at: 1 (518) 272-6073

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