



# 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

Sun Feb 2 St. Maron Luncheon & Massabki Award Celebration  
 Sun Feb 09 Mass of St. Maron Men's Society  
 Sun Feb 16 World Day of Prayer for the sick / Sunday of the Righteous & Just: **Healing Mass and Anointing of the Sick Mass**  
 Sun Feb 16 (11.30 am) Parish Town Hall Meeting (2014 Parish Budget)

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month.

– President: Rosemary PATNODE.

### Daughters of St. Ann

This woman's organization meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM. – President: Patti THORNTON.

### St. Maron Men's Society

This men's organization meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month after Mass. – President: Al PATNODE.

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month after 10 AM Mass. – Chairperson: Richard THORNTON.

### Liturgical & Spiritual Committee

## Upcoming MEETINGS

Sun Feb 2 St. Maron Men's Society  
 Mon Feb 3 Choir Practice at 6:30pm  
 Wed Feb 5 Parish Pastoral Council  
 Sun Feb 9 Family and Sanctity of Life Committee  
 Thu Feb 20 Daughters of St. Ann



## 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 26 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

Gal 3:23-29

Jn 3:1-16

#### *The Divine Liturgy intentions are in memory of:*

- ✠ Elias NAOUM, requested by Naim & Janette Nammour
- ✠ Good health of Dominica and Patricia THORNTON, requested by the Daughters of St. Ann

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

- ✠ For Christian Unity, on the occasion of the International Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- ✠ For peace and true reconciliation in Syria and the Middle-East, on the occasion of the Geneva II Peace Conference for Syria
- ✠ Good health of Cancer patients, our sick & homebound

**Ushers** Joe Jabour, Richard Peters, Gerard Golden, Jim Traa  
**Greeter** Carolyn Lalli  
**Ar. Lector** Tony Abdallah  
**En. Lector** Gerard Golden  
**Intercessions** Richard Peters

## Weekly Schedule

### *Mon, Jan 27;*

2 Cor 4:16 - 5:1-5, 10 Jn 5:1-16  
**NO Divine Liturgy**

### *Tue, Jan 28; St. Ephrem the Syriani, Doctor of the Church, C*

2 Cor 5:11-21 Jn 9:1-12  
**7:30 am Divine Liturgy**

### *Wed, Jan 29;*

2 Cor 6:1-13 Jn 9:13-25  
**7:30 am Divine Liturgy**

### *Thu, Jan 30;*

2 Cor 6:14-7:1 Jn 9:26-41  
**7:30 am Divine Liturgy**

### *Fri, Jan 31; St. John Bosco, C*

2 Cor 7:2-10 Jn 7:40-52  
**7:30 am Divine Liturgy**

### *Sat, Feb 1;*

2 Cor 7:11-16

Jn 19:38-42

**7:30 am Divine Liturgy**

## Sun, Feb 2 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Rom 7:1-6

Jn 4:5-7, 9-26

#### *The Divine Liturgy intentions are in memory of:*

- ✠ Nawal FAKHOURY, requested by the Daughters of St. Ann

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

- ✠ Good health of Cancer patients, our sick & homebound

#### **Ushers**

**Greeter** Gerard Golden  
**Ar. Lector** Rita Frangieh  
**En. Lector** Al Nahal  
**Intercessions** Karen Rezey

## 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, Fontine FRANGIE, Joyce & Christy FIRSTIUN, Juliann HALLAL, Donata CALDARONI, Alisa BURKE, Jamileh K-MOUAWAD, Caroline-Marjorie FIELDS, Bella MAWAD, Katherine RIBUSTELLI, Marilyn MARVIN, Margaret McDonough; Pauline NAHAL, Sarah BRENNSTUHL, Thomas RILEY, Sr., Gail MOFFRE, Ellen DEEB

## Requested prayers from the Book of prayers

- ✠ The speedy recovery of Ellen Deeb.
- ✠ For a young man who is suffering from depression and has lost his desire for everything.

## 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. 26 **AVAILABLE**

Feb 02 **Not to be sponsored** / Luncheon of St. Maron

Feb 09 Daughters of St. Ann in honor of St. Maron Men's Society



Feb 16 Sayed Frangie and Family  
 Feb 23 AVAILABLE  
 Mar 02 AVAILABLE

## 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. 19

Counted by Ron Bagley, Thomas Riley, Sr.

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|---|-----------------|
| <b>Weekly Offering</b>                  | <b>\$895.00</b> |
| Building Fund                           | \$60.00         |
| Fuel & Heat                             | \$30.00         |
| Assessment / Bishop Appeal              | \$420.00        |
| Circumcision                            | \$15.00         |
| Epiphany                                | \$15.00         |
| Snow Removal                            | \$156.00        |
| US Catholic Bishops Worldwide Charities | \$15.00         |

**TOTAL \$1606.00**

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.

## Schedule for Collection Counters

Jan 19 Thomas Riley Sr. & Rolla Mooney  
 Jan 26 Richard Thornton, Sr. & Ronald Bagley  
 Feb 2 Rosemary Patnode, Georgette Hannoush  
 Feb 9 Thomas Riley Sr. & Rolla Mooney  
 Feb 16 Richard Thornton, Sr. & Ronald Bagley  
 Feb 23 Rosemary Patnode, Georgette Hannoush

## Pope Francis via Twitter - @Pontifex

*The Lord is knocking at the door of our hearts. Have we put a sign on the door saying: "Do not disturb"?*

## Religious Education

Classes resume on Friday, Jan. 24. Please note the following schedule and have children present with sufficient time to allow for class setup. Please keep our program in your prayers.

|          |        |                   |
|----------|--------|-------------------|
| Friday   | Jan 24 | 4:15 - 6 pm       |
| Saturday | Feb 8  | 10:30am - 12:30pm |
| Friday   | Feb 21 | 4:15 - 6 pm       |
| Friday   | Mar 7  | 4:15 - 6 pm       |
| Friday   | Mar 21 | 4:15 - 6 pm       |

## Heartfelt Gratitude

Many thanks to Rita, Sarkis, Riwa, and Rhea Frangieh for dismantling the church nativity and taking down the Christmas decorations. Not only did they volunteer for this task, they worked hard until everything had been cleaned up and put

away for next year. May our Lord bless them for this selfless gift to the parish.

On the other hand, our gratitude goes to Michel & Kathy Boutros, owners of Boutros Florist, who donate the flowers and the decoration throughout the year.

## Blessing of Homes during Epiphany

House Blessings are traditionally conducted in the weeks following Epiphany. Father George will visit your home, shop and/or your place of business, to sprinkle the Holy Water. If interested, please talk with Father George to schedule a visit.

## St. Maron's Luncheon

St. Ann's Parish family will celebrate the Feast of St. Maron by a **Sunday Divine Liturgy (Sunday, Feb 02 at 10:00am)** in his honor and by holding a luncheon at the Church Hall. The luncheon is a potluck diner and is open to all members of the parish, their families and friends. The festivities will include the awarding of the *2013 Silver Masabki Medal*. For more information, Please contact Gerard Golden.

## Update on Ellen DEEB

Mrs. Ellen DEEB fell at her house last week and was seriously injured. She fractured a vertebra in her neck, but the spinal column is not injured. She has been fitted with a neck brace and is recovering in a rehabilitation center.

According to her family, the next couple of weeks will be very difficult as she undergoes physical therapy. Please keep her in your prayers.

If you would like to send flowers or visit her (after contacting the family), here is the contact information.

Daughters of Sarah Nursing Center  
 180 Washington Ave Extension  
 Rehabilitation Center  
 Albany, New York 12203

Phone: (518) 456-7831 / Fax: (518) 456-1563  
[www.daughtersofSarah.org](http://www.daughtersofSarah.org)

## 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





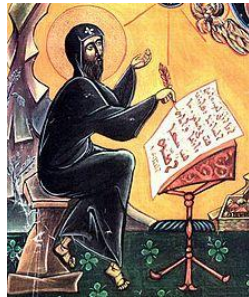
Church.

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

## St. Ephrem the Syriani, Doctor of the Church

St. Ephrem was born around 306 A.D. in Nisibis, Mesopotamia. He is the only Syrian father who is honored as a doctor of the Universal Church.

Ephrem was baptized at the age of eighteen and became a disciple of the famous bishop of Nisibis, St. Jacob. He also accompanied St. Jacob to the Council of Nicaea in 325. Due to his great knowledge of the Church and doctrine, Ephrem was put in charge of a school of theology in Nisibis. He lived through three sieges laid to Nisibis by the Persians. Although the Persians failed to capture the town by direct attack, they obtained it in 363 as part of the price of a peace settlement following the defeat and death of the Emperor Julian. The Christians then abandoned the city and Ephrem retired to a cave in a rocky height overlooking Edessa.



In Edessa, Ephrem led an austere life, sustained only by a little barley bread and a few vegetables. It was here that he wrote the greater part of his spiritual works. His appearance was that of an ascetic. He was of small stature, bald, beardless, and with skin shrivelled and dried up. His gown was all patches and the color of dirt.

As a deacon at Edessa, he vigorously combated the heresies of his time, and to do so more effectively wrote poems and hymns about the mysteries of Christ, the Blessed Virgin Mary and the saints. His works were described as "a storehouse of treasures," and he was called -- "Harp of the Holy Spirit," "Doctor of the world," and "Pillar of the Church." He was a commentator on Scripture and a preacher as well as a poet, and has left a considerable number of works, which were translated into other Eastern languages as well as into Greek and Latin.

St. Ephrem was deeply devoted to Our Blessed Mother and no one in the early Church wrote more about Mary than Ephrem. He called devotion to her "the unlocking of the gates of the heavenly Jerusalem."

Ephrem died in 373. Benedict XV proclaimed him a Doctor of the Church in 1920. Ephrem is the patron of spiritual directors and spiritual leaders.

## Albany: Dedication of Gianna Center for Women's Health



Bishop Howard Hubbard of Albany is flanked by Dr. Anne Nolte and Dr. Jan Patterson after blessing the opening of the Gianna Center of Albany, located in Mechanicville in the Albany Diocese.

On January 17, Bishop Howard Hubbard blessed the facility and the Medical Director renewed her medical vows for a Catholic Hippocratic

oath. Gianna of Albany is the first practice within a 2 hour radius able to offer NaProTECHNOLOGY™, the exciting breakthrough in women's health and fertility. This breakthrough allows you and Dr. Patterson to work together to craft a plan for your health and fertility that is unique to you and to your body. You and your input become an integral part of your care.

Gianna of Albany is founded on the premise that each person is a precious and unique gift from God. It is committed to delivering excellent health care through medical and lifestyle interventions that are consistent with the Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Healthcare Services (ERD). This kind of care is delivered with a deep commitment to honoring your dignity and treating you with the respect that you deserve.

The Gianna Centers are named after Gianna Beretta Molla, an Italian pediatrician from the 20th century who courageously decided to continue her pregnancy when she found that she had a uterine tumor. She delivered a healthy baby girl, also named Gianna, but died tragically 8 days later.

Learn More: <http://www.giannaofalbany.com/>.

## Prayers For The Geneva II Peace Conference

The leaders of the Christian Churches in Syria have launched a renewed campaign of prayer to support peace efforts in view of the Geneva 2 Conference, calling for the end of the war and concrete steps towards national reconciliation.

In his message, Gregory III Laham, the Melkite Patriarch of Damascus, invites the Syrian Christians to gather in prayer for the success of the Conference, while calling on all Christians in the world to join this intention: "**Let us pray for true reconciliation in Geneva II**", says the message, noting that "the key to the success of Geneva II is national reconciliation based on faith, on fundamental human rights".

As noted in a statement by the organization "Middle East Concern", with offices throughout the Middle East, "violence continues to rage in many parts of Syria, causing death, injury and trauma, with severe restrictions for access to food and medical care. Humanitarian crisis is now a problem as much as the violence of the conflict". MEC recalls the scourge of kidnappings and specific cases of persecution, such as "religiously motivated violence against Christians". The NGO invites all the faithful in the world to join the Syrian Christians in prayer so that the Conference puts an end to the crisis in Syria and for delegates to consider the needs and welfare of the Syrian people a priority. The wish expressed is that also the urgency of the millions of Syrians displaced within the country or in neighboring countries are taken into account.

## 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



## Pope Begins New Series of Catechesis on the Sacraments

In his first General Audience of 2014, Pope Francis began a new series of catecheses on the Sacraments in St. Peter's Square.

"Baptism is the sacrament in which our faith is founded upon and which engages us as living members in Christ and in His Church," the Holy Father said. Along with the Sacraments of the Eucharist and Confirmation, the Pope said that all three make-up a single event makes us a sign of God's love.

The sacrament of Baptism, he stressed, is not merely a simple rite or formality, but an act that "profoundly touches our existence."

"With Baptism we come immersed in that inexhaustible source of life that is the death of Jesus, the greatest act of love in all of history; and thanks to this love we can live a new life, no longer at the mercy of evil, of sin and death, but in the communion with God and with the brothers," he said.

Referring to a question often asked by the Pontiff, the Holy Father called on the faithful to again search for the date of their Baptism, the date of their birth into the life of Christ and his Church.

"But the risk is to lose the memory of that which the Lord has done in us, the memory of the gift that we have received. We end up considering it as only an event that happened in the past - and not even by our own will, but that of our parents -, that no longer has any effect in our present," he said.

"We must awaken the memory of our Baptism!"

The Holy Father went onto say that this Sacrament in particular gives us the hope of walking down the path of salvation while making us "bearers of a new hope."

"Thanks to Baptism, we are capable of forgiving and to love even those who offend us and hurt us, that we can recognize in the last ones and in the poor the face of the Lord who visits us and comes close to us and with this Baptism helps us to recognize in the face of the needy, in those suffering, even in our neighbor, the face of Jesus. It is a grace of this strength of Baptism," he said.

Arriving to the third and final aspect of his catechesis, the 77 year old Pontiff, reminded the faithful that Baptism cannot be conferred on oneself but rather by someone who administers it in the name of the Lord.

"Baptism is a gift that is given in a context of solicitude and fraternal sharing. Always in history, on baptizes another, and another. It is a chain, a chain of grace," he said. "But I cannot baptize myself. I must ask another for Baptism. It is an act of brotherhood, an act of filiation to the Church."

Concluding his address, Pope Francis exhorted those present to ask the Lord to experience in daily life the grace received in Baptism. In doing so, he said, "our brothers may encounter true children of God, true brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ, true members of the Church."

## Must-see video: "60 Minutes" profiles the Copts

This is a YouTube link to an interesting program that was on 60 Minutes this aired lately regarding the COPTS (Christians of Egypt)

It begins with the election of a pope and ends with an exorcism.

Fascinating and balanced. And deeply moving.

Kudos to correspondent Bob Simon and producer Harry Radcliffe for giving viewers a glimpse into this corner of the Christian world.

The turmoil in Egypt has led to one of the worse persecutions of the country's Coptic Christians in the nearly 2,000-year history of the sect. Bob Simon reports from Egypt.

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\\_embedded&v=pXUtlMyCTmc](http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=pXUtlMyCTmc)

## Prayer Intentions for the Week of Christian Unity 2014

This week (18-25 January) has been observed as the International Week of Prayer for Christian Unity for over one hundred years. This year's theme is, "Has Christ Divided Us?" (cf. 1 Corinthians 1:13). As we pray together for Christian unity, we remember that we are all united in Christ through baptism and in our desire to grow in intimate relationship with the Father, through the Son, in the Holy Spirit. May our hearts truly be united in love for God and one another this week.

## 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 ([www.projectroots.net](http://www.projectroots.net)) 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**: [www.yes-i-want.com](http://www.yes-i-want.com). Together, we can effect change!

For further information and to register, please click on the following: [www.maronitefoundation.org](http://www.maronitefoundation.org).

## January is Poverty Awareness Month!

"I want a Church which is poor and for the poor." **Pope Francis, The Joy of the Gospel (Evangelii Gaudium)**

During Poverty Awareness Month, join the U.S. Bishops, the [Catholic Campaign for Human Development](http://www.catholiccampaignforhumandevelopment.org) and the Catholic Community in the United States in taking up Pope Francis' challenge to live in solidarity with the poor!

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development is the domestic anti-poverty program of the U.S. Catholic Bishops, working to carry out the mission of Jesus Christ "... to bring good news to the poor ... release to captives ... sight to the blind, and let the oppressed go free." (Luke 4:18)





The belief that those who are directly affected by unjust systems and structures have the best insight into knowing how to change them is central to CCHD. CCHD works to break the

cycle of poverty by helping low-income people participate in decisions that affect their lives, families and communities. CCHD offers a hand up, not a hand out.

## **Parish Pastoral Council Minutes – Session #39** (Date: Wednesday, January 08, 2014 – 6.30 P.M.)

**Attendees:** Rosemary Patnode, Richard Peters, Carol Shufelt, Gerard Golden, Richard Thornton, Patricia Thornton, Sr. Florence J. Flaherty, D.C. , Albert Patnode, Henry Nahal

**Absent:** Abouna Georges Bouchaaya, M.L.M., Georgette Hannoush, Michel Boutros, Albert Nahal

✓ Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by President Rosemary Patnode,

✓ New business

President Patnode had discussed that we really need to take advantage of the free advertising we can do: Metroland, Penny Saver, Troy Record Community Calendar, WVLTV (Watervliet Housing Channel), Time Warner Channel, Watervliet Senior Center News Letter, Community Churches Bulletins

Patti Thornton suggested we also look at the calendars of our sister parishes so that we try not to overlap activities: St. Georges Orthodox church of Albany, Springfield, Utica

### **I. PARISH COUNCIL, LAY ORGANIZATIONS AND COMMITTEES**

#### **1. Daughters of St. Ann:**

- a. First Meeting Thursday January 16, 2014 @ 6:30 P.M.
- b. Discussion of monthly bake sales.

#### **2. St Maron Men's Society**

- a. First meeting Sunday January 12, 2014
- b. Golf Tournament (Chairpersons)
- c. Vegas Night
- d. Night at the races

#### **3. Spiritual and Liturgical Committee**

- a. lent begins March 3, 2014 / Stations of the cross / Benediction
- b. Retreat possible speaker with reputation
- c. short list of possibilities

#### **4. Family & Sanctity of Life Committee**

- a. Email from the Eparchy advising on January 22, 2014 is the March for Life in Washington with a vigil on January 21
- b. Started to minister to shut ins and the sick

#### **5. Christian Formation Committee**

- a. Currently preparing 7 children for First Communion

#### **6. Building & Maintenance Committee**

- a. Kitchen completed (workable)
- b. NYSERDA Award of \$2,000
- c. Submitted extension on the Parks Grant for Water leaking in the Basement

### **II. PASTORAL PROJECTS**

#### **7. Evaluation of the Christmas Party & Play**

- a. There was too much going on in one day.
- b. Consider doing the Novena at a different time

#### **8. Evaluation of Christmas Mass**

- a. 5:30 was a good crowd at Mass: no music / no altar servers
- b. Volunteers to work organ recorded music: Henry Nahal, Rosemary Patnode
- c. Sacristan, ushers, altar servers need to be assigned for each Christmas mass.

#### **9. Ceremony of the Feast of St. Maron Luncheon & Massabki Award Celebration**

- a. Chaired by Gerard Golden / Covered Dish / in our hall on February 2

#### **10. Mass of St. Maron Men's Society**

- a. renewal of memberships and induction of new members Sunday February 9 during mass

### **III. PLANNING AND ORGANIZING**

#### **11. Kings and Queen's Ball**

- a. This has been cancelled, we don't see the reason to have a children dress up to be picked as king and queen
- b. Why wasn't the Junior MYO Director advised on this

#### **12. Parish Town Hall Meeting**

- a. It was proposed by Rick Thornton to change the date from February 9, 2014 to February 16, 2014 after mass all in attendance were in favor.

✓ Next Meeting Tuesday February 5, 2014

Respectfully submitted by Carol SHUFELT





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

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| <p>✠ In Memory Of<br/><b>Joseph &amp; Helen<br/>YAMIN JABOUR</b><br/>Requested by Joe &amp; Kathy JABOUR</p>  | <p>In Loving Memory Of our parents<br/><b>Claramae and Joseph<br/>KARAM</b><br/>✠ Requested by the KARAM Family</p> | <p>In Loving Memory of<br/><b>Rose, Father Paul,<br/>Mike, Joe, Peter<br/>KORKEMAZ</b> ✠</p>   | <p>In Memory Of ✠<br/><i>the deceased members of</i><br/><b>RICE &amp; HEALY<br/>Families</b></p>  |
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