



# Saint Ann

## Maronite Catholic Church

### *1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Epiphany*

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#### MARONITE LITURGY

##### *\*The Liturgy, Source of our Identity*

This same Liturgy became incorporated in the life of the Maronite Church and shaped her identity and mission from her Syriac Antiochene tradition, distinctive in its Liturgy, theology, spiritually and organization. For, the Maronite Liturgy is of Antioch and Jerusalem origins and affiliation, and Syriac in spirituality. It has developed and interacted with its Mount Lebanon environment, retaining common elements with the Chaldean Rite and the rites of the Syriac liturgical families in line with the renowned School of Edessa and with the Roman Rite in some of its aspects. All these characteristics afford our Maronite Church an ecumenical mission with our sister churches in the pastoral, spiritual and educational sectors.

The Maronite Liturgy is distinctive in the dimensions which crystallized its identity and specified the expanse of its mission, which are:

##### **a. The Theological Dimension**

The Liturgy emanates from the Holy Trinity, and to the Trinity it is oriented. Through liturgical rituals and prayers, its summit being the Eucharistic Sacrifice known as the Prayer of Blessing, glory, thanksgiving and praise is raised to God, the Father, Lover of all people, to the Son, Savior of the world through His death and resurrection and to the Holy Spirit, Perfecter “here and now” of the work of redemption, and the One who accomplishes the fruits of salvation in us and in the world. He directs the Church and leads her and abides in her as through a perpetual Pentecost.

##### **b. The Christological Dimension**

Its theological and biblical meanings appear through two fundamental narratives in the public ministry of Jesus Christ: The narrative of His baptism at the hands of John the Baptist in the Jordan River, which forms the launching of his evangelical mission, and the event of His death on the Cross, and His glorious resurrection from among the dead. *to be continued*

Liturgical Schedule & Intention				Readers & Greeter	Readings	Feast day
Sat	09 Jan	4:30 PM	For the health of Edith Farina and family. In loving memory of Dominic Farina, requested by Edith Farina & family.		G: Jn 5:31-38 E: Gal 5:2-15	
Sun	10 Jan	10:00 AM	For the good health of the Hannoush Family, requested by Ann Rasi Lewis	Greeter: Karen Rezey En: Betty Karrat Ar: Michel Boutros	G: Jn 1:29-34 E: 2 Cor 10:1-11	
Th	14 Jan	12:00 Noon	<i>No Liturgy</i>		G: Jn 3:31-36 E: 2 Cor 11:18, 22-30	
Fr	15 Jan	12:00 Noon	<i>No Liturgy</i>		G: Mt 14:1-12 E: 2 Cor 12:1-10	St. John Calybites, C

Please remember to submit your intentions for Divine Liturgies as early as possible.

FINACIAL CORNER	
<b>Saturday Jan 2 - 4:30 pm</b>	95.00
<b>Sunday Jan 3 - 10 am</b>	801.90
<b>Snow Removal</b>	111.30
<b>Fuel</b>	25.00
<b>Bishop's Appeal</b>	30.00
<b>Solemnity of Mary</b>	71.00
<b>Initial Envelope Donation</b>	59.00
<b>Epiphany</b>	30.00
<b>Memorials</b>	60.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,283.20</b>

Thank You! شكرًا  
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UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS			
<b>Thu</b>	07 Jan	6:30 PM	Parish Council
<b>Mo-Fr</b>	11-15 Jan		Parish Office Closed
<b>Sun</b>	17 Jan	9:00 AM	Religious Education / Rosary
<b>Sun</b>	07 Feb	9:00 AM	Religious Education / Rosary
<b>Sun</b>	07 Feb	10:00AM	Sunday of the Entrance into Lent Celebration of the Feast of St. Maron
<b>Mon</b>	08 Feb	6:30 PM	<b>Ash Monday</b> - Liturgy, blessing and distribution of ashes
<b>Tue</b>	09 Feb	6:30 PM	<b>Feast of St. Maron</b>

Hospitality		
<b>Sun</b>	10 Jan	Beverly Traa
<b>Sun</b>	17 Jan	Available
<b>Sun</b>	24 Jan	Available
<b>Sun</b>	31 Jan	Monthly Breakfast

If unable to show up on the day assigned, it is your responsibility to switch with someone else.

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS	
<b>10 Jan</b>	Fuel & Heat
<b>17 Jan</b>	Bishop's Appeal
<b>24 Jan</b>	US Catholic Bishop's Charities
<b>31 Jan</b>	Week of the Faithful Departed

"Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap" (Luke 6: 38)

"I give thanks to my God always on your account for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus, that in him you were enriched in every way, with all discourse and all knowledge" (1 Corinthians 1:4- 5).

If you are traveling or unable to come to church, please help us by sending a check or donating online. Your support helps us to continue our mission.

MEMORIALS for the month of January	
<b>+ Altar Bread, Wine &amp; Sanctuary Lamp</b>	
<b>In Loving Memory of William Grady family, Frank Mayu family &amp; Elias Nashburn family. Requested by Ann Marie Grady</b>	
<b>+ Incense, Charcoal, Candles &amp; Sanctuary Plants</b>	
<b>In Loving Memory of Mareline Akkroush- Aibef Requested by Rolla &amp; Gaby Mooney</b>	
<b>Customary offering is \$60 per month.</b>	

## POINTS OF INTEREST

**First Communion.** Families with children in grade 2 or higher, who are preparing for First Communion, are asked to please contact Fr. Alaa, at your earliest convenience .

**Note.** From Jan 11- 15, there will be no daily Liturgy and the Parish Office will be closed. In case of emergency, please call Father Alaa and leave a message.

**REMINDER.** + Altar Bread, Wine & Sanctuary Lamp/ + Incense, Charcoal, Candles & Sanctuary Plants are available. For your donation please call or talk to Father Alaa.

**Contribution Envelopes 2016.** Envelopes for the new year are ready. They are on the table in the parish hall. Please pick up your envelopes. **Thank you for your contributions that help us to continue the parish mission.** Father Alaa.

**The Glorious Epiphany of the Lord:** On Jan 6 we celebrated the Glorious Epiphany of the Lord.. If you were unable to join us, blessed water is available in the church hall. If you would like to have your house blessed, please call Father Alaa.



**Ash Monday.** Liturgy with the blessing and distribution of ashes will be at 6:30 PM. If you have blessed palm branches from last year, please bring them to Fr. Alaa for proper disposal.

**Relics of St. Charbel.** The relics of St. Charbel will be at St. Ann's on May 6 and 7. Additional information will be posted as we draw closer to those dates.

+ **BAPTISM & CHRISMATION:** Preparation is required. We encourage this to begin at least one month before the Baptism.

+ **MARRIAGES:** Arrangements six (6) months in advance.

+ **NEW PARISHIONERS:** Welcome to our parish family. May you find spiritual nourishment among our community. Please be sure to register with our parish by calling the Parish House.

+ **HOSPITAL VISITS, SICK CALLS & SHUT-INS:** If someone is hospitalized, sick, in rest homes or unable to leave home, please let us know by calling Father Alaa Issa at (561) 273- 5867.

+ **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** First & third Sunday of the month from 9:00 AM – 9:45 AM in the church hall.

+ **CONFESSIONS:** Saturday 3:30-4:15 PM and by appointment.

+ **DEVOTIONS:** Rosary on every Sunday at 9:00 AM before the Divine Liturgy.

## In Loving Memory of Abraham & Mary (Joseph) NACKLEY & daughters Mary, Catherine, Rose & EDITH

In Memory of the deceased members of The RICE & HEALY Families	In Memory of Michael-David HANNOUSH by his grandparents, Elias & Georgette
In Memory of The deceased members of The REZEY & NACKLEY, SEE & CLOUGH families	In Loving Memory of Our parents Claramae & Joseph KARAM requested by the KARAM family
In Loving Memory of Rose, Fr. Paul, Mike, Joe & Peter KORKEMAZ	In Memory of the deceased members of The TALARICO & DEEP Families
In Loving Memory of Dominic FARINA, Sr. requested by Edith FARINA & family	In Loving Memory of Dot RILEY & the deceased members of the RILEY, MANLEY & PETERSON families requested by Tom RILEY, Sr.
In Loving Memory of Joseph & Helen YAMIN JABOUR requested by Joe & Kathy JABOUR	In Memory of The deceased members of The TAMER & THORNTON families
In Loving Memory of Walter & Mary GOLDEN & the deceased members of the VOLKOMER & GOLDEN families	In Loving Memory of James TRAA Requested by his wife Beverly Traa and the Family



*Be merciful, just  
as your Father is  
merciful. (Luke 6: 36)*

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