

Saint Ann Maronite Catholic Church



Season of the Glorious Birth of Our Lord
Birth of John the Baptist

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Christmas Novena

Tuesday, December 20th 6:30 PM

With Bishop Gregory Mansour



MARONITE LITURGY

Duty of the Bishop

The person primarily responsible for the Liturgy is the bishop, in his capacity as head of the clergy of the people of God in his eparchy. The spiritual life of the faithful is entrusted to him. He presides over the liturgical life in its entirety. His role is to promote liturgical life and organize it in accordance with the specific precepts of the Maronite Church, her legitimate traditions and heritage. This is how he achieves communion with his brother bishops. He is to unite with his clergy and be the vigilant guard over the living liturgical conscience among his people.

It is his duty to form a liturgical committee that connects with the Patriarchal Committee and works to consolidate liturgical endeavors in the eparchy. The faithful are to value greatly liturgical life around the bishop, especially the cathedral church, which should be the model of exercising liturgical life.

The bishop is to provide his priests with ongoing liturgical formation through courses and periodic lectures concerned with liturgical affairs that spring from the authentic heritage of our Church. He is to lead the faithful to her spiritual spring waters and watch over applying her precepts in accordance with her ongoing guidance, for the purpose of invigorating her, causing her to grow and to advance, thus, preserving our noble and rich heritage.

... to be continued

Liturgical Schedule & Intentions				Readers & Greeter	Readings	Feast day
Sat	03 Dec	4:30 PM	For the donors of Catholic Extension Society		G: Lk 5:27-32 E: Eph 4:1-7	St. Francis Xavier, C
Sun	04 Dec	10:00 AM	in loving memory of Salma Fawaz by Fred and Betty Karrat and Family	Greeter: Beverly Traa En: Karen Rezey Ar: Rita Frangieh	G: Lk 1:57-66 E: Gal 4:21-5:1	St. Barbara, M
Thu	07 Dec	12:00 PM	In loving memory of George Yamin by John and Victoria Healy		G: Lk 11:27-32 E: Heb 7:11-17	Immaculate Conception
Fri	08 Dec	12:00 PM	in loving memory of Anna Yamin Rice by John and Victoria Healy		G: Mt 11:16-19 E: Rom 9:30-33	

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

FINACIAL CORNER	
Nov 26 & 27 / 2016	
First Collection	1,238.00
Snow Removal	148.00
Building Fund	5.00
Thanksgiving	30.00
Feast of All Saints	25.00
Candles	84.00
TOTAL	\$1,530.00

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS			
Wed	7Dec	6:30 PM	Parish Council
Sun	11 Dec	11 AM	Christmas Party
Sun	18 Dec	11 AM	Religious Education
Tue	20 Dec	6:30 PM	Visit of Bishop Gregory Mansour

Hospitality		
Sun	04 Dec	Available
Sun	11 Dec	Christmas Party
Sun	18 Dec	Religious Education
Sun	25 Dec	Available

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

Thank you! شكرًا

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS	
04 Dec	Fuel & Heat
11 Dec	Christmas Flowers
18 Dec	Snow Removal
25 Dec	For the Parish

"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 consider sending a check or donating online**. Your support helps us to continue our mission.

MEMORIALS for the month of December

Altar Bread, Wine & Sanctuary Lamp

In loving memory of Chantelle Boudiwan
by Mr. & Mrs. Elias Boudiwan
and family



Incense, Charcoal, & Candles

In loving memory of Jay Mooney
by Rolla and Gabby Mooney



Customary offering is \$60 per month.

" There are more tears shed over answered prayers than over unanswered prayers."

St. Teresa of Avila

Points of Interest

Giving Tree The parish has adopted a family for Christmas. The Daughters of St. Ann will put up a small tree with paper tags indicating clothing sizes of parents and children. Please consider making this holiday special by taking a tag and purchasing the specified items. Wrapped gifts should be returned to church by Dec. 18 for distribution in time for Christmas. Thank you for sharing your love and generosity this Holiday Season.

Bishop Visit: We are honored to have Bishop Gregory Mansour join us on Tuesday, Dec. 20 for the Christmas Novena and Adoration, beginning at 6:30 pm. This will be followed by a coffee hour. We hope you will join us for this special occasion. Please use the signup sheet if you plan bring a meatless dish.

Christmas Party: Mark your calendars and join us on December 11 for Divine Liturgy, followed by our family Christmas Party.

REMINDER. + Altar Bread, Wine & Sanctuary Lamp/ + Incense, Charcoal & Candles are now being reserved for Calendar Year 2017. These are available on a first come, first served basis. The customary offering is \$60 per month. Please see Father Alaa for availability and to ensure reserving these memorials for specific dates or occasions.

REMINDER If you have recently moved, changed your phone number or your email address, please pass this information along to Fr. Alaa so that he may update the parish records.

+ **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.

+ **CONFESSIONS:** 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, Lena & 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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