

Saint Ann Maronite Catholic Church

Season of the Glorious Birth of Our Lord
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Jesus is Born

Merry Christmas &

Happy New Year



MARONITE LITURGY

Mass of the Lord Jesus is our Mass

Jesus celebrated His first Mass after His resurrection with the two disciples of Emmaus (Luke 24:13-33). From that basis, our Mass came to exist, in its two services: the Service of the Word, and the Service of the Eucharist.

In the Service of the Word, the two disciples of Emmaus were listened as Jesus explained the Scriptures to them but their eyes were prevented from recognizing Him. He walked with them on the road and began to dispel their grief and strengthen their resolve and cement their faith through "what referred to him in all the scriptures". Each of them had a burning desire to know the truth about what happened to Jesus of Nazareth. They heard Him explain the Scriptures and apply them to the all events which had occupied their minds. Because of the immense attachment they had to Him, His words and explanations, they insisted He stay the night with them. He transformed their despair into hope, and when they recognized Him in the Breaking of the Bread, one of them said, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?" (Luke 24:32).

He walked with them; explained the Scriptures; they listened to Him; He calmed their hearts with a touch of the Spirit...These are the actions of the Service of the Word in every Mass...

... to be continued

BULLETIN Dec 24 - 25 /2016

| Liturgical Schedule & Intentions | | | | Readers & Greeter | Readings | Feast day |
|----------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|--|---|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Sat | 24 Dec | 4:30 PM | For the good health of the parishioners of St. Ann and all who passed away this year. In loving memory of Mary Louise Basle by daughter, Mary Lou, and sons | Greeter: Karen Rezey En: Henry Nahal Ar: Rita Frangieh | G: Lk 2:1-20 E: Heb 1:1-12 | |
| Sun | 25 Dec | 10:00 AM | For the good health of the parishioners of St. Ann and all who passed away this year. | Greeter: Rose Patnode En: Betty Karrat Ar: Diana Hannoush | G: Lk 2:1-20 E: Heb 1:1-12 | The Glorious Birth of Our Lord |
| Thu | 29 Dec | 12:00 PM | No Divine Liturgy | | G: Mt 2:13-18 E: Heb 11:23-31 | |
| Fri | 30 Dec | 12:00 PM | No Divine Liturgy | | G: Mt 2:19-23 E: Acts 7:2, 30-37 | |

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

| FINACIAL CORNER | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Dec 17 & 18 / 2016 | |
| First Collection | 1,168.00 |
| Assessment | 300.00 |
| Snow Removal | 252.00 |
| Christmas Flowers | 20.00 |
| Christmas | 100.00 |
| Donation – Hafli | 65.00 |
| TOTAL | \$1,905.00 |

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| UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS | | | |
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| Fri | 06 Jan | 6:30 PM | Epiphany |
| Sun | 05 Jan | 11:00 | Religious Education |
| Wed | 08 Feb | 6:30 PM | Parish Council |

| Hospitality | | |
|-------------|--------|---------------------|
| Sun | 25 Dec | Available |
| Sun | 01 Jan | Available |
| Sun | 08 Jan | Religious Education |
| Sun | 15 Jan | Available |

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

| UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS | |
|------------------------------|------------------------|
| 01 Jan | Snow Removal |
| 06 Jan | Epiphany |
| 08 Jan | Support for Assessment |
| 15 Jan | Fuel & Heat |

"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.

" Everything that is done out of Love acquires greatness and beauty."

St. Josemaria Escriva

Points of Interest

Christmas Novena Thank you to all who contributed their time and talent to welcoming Bishop Gregory. From the delicious food to the children's choir, the bishop appreciated his visit to St. Ann's.

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 email address, please pass this information along to Fr. Alaa so that he may update the parish records.

May this Christmas bring lots of happiness and prosperity in your life. Merry Christmas!



+ **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

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| 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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