

Saint Ann Maronite Catholic Church



Season of the Glorious Epiphany of the Lord

Third Sunday after Epiphany

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"I ask you a question: who among you remembers the day of their baptism?" "it's the date of our rebirth as children of God," Pope Francis

MARONITE LITURGY

Service of the Word

The Prayer of Forgiveness (*Hoosoyo* in Syriac) begins with us glorifying and thanking Almighty God and seeking the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the patron saint of the parish church or monastery, and the saints. As the prayer unfolds, we beseech forgiveness for our sins and those of the whole world. We seek Divine Mercy from Christ, the Son of God, who saved and redeemed us through His incarnation, death and resurrection, calling out three times:

"You are Holy, O God, You are Holy, O Strong One, You are Holy, O Immortal One, have mercy on us ..."

Through the intercession of the priest, we ask Him to,

"sanctify our minds and purify our consciences that we may praise You with pure hearts and listen to Your Holy Scriptures", and accept them in our hearts and abide by them.

Through the Psalms of the Readings, filled with praise and *hallelujahs*, we listen to the Word of God, with a living faith. The Epistle is proclaimed by the light of one candle, whereas two candles and incense accompany the reading of the Gospel. The people stand reverently, chanting the *Hallelujah* hymn while the priest processes the Book of the Gospels, eager to hear the word of the Lord read by the priest. The people then sit for the homily, which helps them understand the words they heard and how to apply them in their daily life.

Receiving the blessing from the priest or bishop celebrant before beginning the two readings symbolizes the divine authority given to them, first and foremost for proclaiming the Word of God. The Service of the Word concludes with the recitation of the Creed with the congregation standing.

... to be continued

Liturgical Schedule & Intentions				Readers & Greeter	Readings	Feast day
Sat	21 Jan	4:30 PM	For the donors of Catholic Extension society		E: 2 Cor 13:5-13 G: Mt 10:1-6	
Sun	22 Jan	10:00 AM	For the donors of Catholic Extension society	Greeter: Betty Karrat En: Rose Patnode Ar: Michel Boutros	E: Gal 3:23-29 G: Jn 3:1-16	St. Timothy, Disciple of St. Paul
Thu	26 Jan	12:00 PM	For the donors of Catholic Extension society		E: 2 Cor 6:14 -7:1 G: Jn 9:26-41	
Fri	27 Jan	12:00 PM	For the donors of Catholic Extension society		E: 2 Cor 7:2-10 G: Jn 7:40-52	

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

FINACIAL CORNER	
Jan 14 & 15 / 2017	
First Collection	1,132.00
Fuel & Heat	216.00
Epiphany	10.00
Assessment	60.00
Snow Removal	20.00
Memorial	60.00
Candles	84.00
Property Rental Income	100.00
TOTAL	\$1,682.00

Thank you! شكرًا

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UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS			
Sun	22 Jan	11:00	Religious Education
Sun	29 Jan	11:00	Pancake Breakfast
Wed	8 Feb	6:30 PM	Parish Council
Thu	9 Feb	6:30 PM	Feast of St. Maron
Sun	12 Feb	11:00	Religious Education St. Maron Luncheon

Hospitality		
Sun	22 Jan	Religious Education
Sun	29 Jan	Pancake Breakfast
Sun	05 Feb	Available
Sun	12 Feb	St. Maron Luncheon

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

MEMORIALS for the month of January

Altar Bread, Wine & Sanctuary Lamp

For the good health of the Karrat and Hakim Families

by Betty and Fred Karrat



Incense, Charcoal, & Candles

For the good health of Wadih Frangieh and family

by Wadih and Rita Frangieh



Customary offering is \$60 per month.

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS	
22 Jan	USCCB Charities
29 Jan	Bishop's Appeal
05 Feb	Building & Ground Maintenance
12 Feb	Support for Assessment

"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.

" To one who has faith, no explanation is necessary. To one without faith, no explanation is possible. "

St. Thomas Aquinas

Points of Interest

Pancake Breakfast: Please support St. Ann Church by joining us on January 29 for our monthly pancake breakfast.

St Maron Luncheon: Mark your calendars and join us on Sunday, February 12 as we celebrate the Feast of St. Maron. Following the Divine Liturgy, a luncheon will be held in the parish hall. Please consider bringing a covered dish for the event.

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.

RESPECT LIFE: The Office of Family and Sanctity of Life of the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn is pleased to host the Fourth Maronite Vigil For Life on Thursday January 26, 2017 at Our Lady Of Lebanon Maronite Church- DC. All are invited to join. Talk to Fr. Alaa for more information, no later than Monday, January 23rd.

INVITATION: The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops invites you to join 9 Days for Life, a period of focused prayer and action from Saturday, January 21, 2017—Sunday, January 29, 2017. Answer Pope Francis's call to stand for life using simple, enjoyable, and quick suggestions!

Visit www.9daysforlife.com to download a free app (iTunes / GooglePlay) or a printable version of the novena, to sign up for daily email, text messages—or join on Facebook (goo.gl/UMtYrL)! Each day focuses on a different aspect of respecting each other's God-given dignity—from the beginning of life to the end of life.

Daughters of St. Ann: If you have not yet done so, please see Georgette Hannoush or Mrs. Patti Thornton to submit your 2017 dues.

+ **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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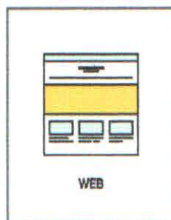
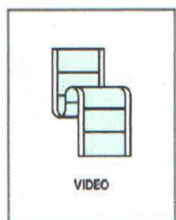
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