



# Saint Ann Maronite Catholic Church



*Season of the Glorious Birth of Our Lord  
Revelation to Joseph*

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## Christmas Liturgies:

### Christmas Eve

*Sunday, Dec 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm*

### Christmas Day

*Monday Dec 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.*



*May this Christmas be filled with joy and happiness.*

## Maronite History

### The Process of Latinization

The actions of the Papal legates and the Synods of 1580 and 1596 give us graphic examples of the attempted Latinization of Maronite liturgical practices. As we have seen, elements of Latinization can be traced back to the time of the Crusades. However, at that time the practices were superficial, limited to such secondary points as the wearing of ring and miter by prelates, the manner of making the sign of the cross, the use of bells, unleavened bread, and Western altar furnishings. Even these changes did not become universal. With the Synods of 1580 and 1596 we see an attempt to give canonical and ritual legitimization to a systematic process of Latinization. This does not mean that there was an intentional policy on the part of the Roman Church to Latinize another tradition. Rather, we should recall that in this period after the Protestant Reformation in Europe and the holding of the Council of Trent, there was a desire to ensure ritual correctness seemingly through uniformity of practice.

Although conferring the three sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist at the same time was the ancient tradition of Christian Initiation in both the Western and Eastern Churches, as time went on the Roman Church had introduced the practice of conferring Confirmation by the bishop and the Holy Eucharist only after the age of reason. The Churches of the East had continued the ancient practice. It would seem that the Papal legates felt that the Roman practice should be favored and supersede the Maronite practice as a better way of conferring the sacraments. In the same way, preference was given to the Roman sacramental formulas as a better way to ensure ritual correctness. Ironically, the Maronite College of Rome also had a decisive influence on the Latinization of Maronite practice. Its students were anxious to follow the idea of their teachers and the customs of the center of Christendom.

On the other hand, the Maronites were anxious to show their fidelity to the Roman Church and their gratitude for its support and concern. Even so, decades and sometimes centuries passed before these Latinizations went into practice. And there were certain proposals that the Maronites actively resisted. It should also be noted that most of the Latinizations dealt with externals, and the essence of the Maronite tradition remained unaffected.

The 17th century was a transitional one in Maronite Church history. While two synods were held in 1598 and 1644, they were not assembled in the presence of Papal legates, but called and presided over by the Patriarchs themselves. It was during this time that the declarations regarding liturgy and practice of previous synods and of Papal legates were either implemented or disregarded. During this period there was a steady stream of correspondence between the Holy See and the Patriarchate regarding the matters studied by the previous synods and current problems.

**BULLETIN Dec 16 – 17 /2017**

Liturgical Schedule & Intentions				Readers & Greeter	Readings	Feast day
<b>Sat</b>	16 Dec	4:30 PM	<i>For the donors of Catholic Extension</i>		E: Rom 10:1-13 G: Jn 5:31-36	
<b>Sun</b>	17 Dec	10:00 AM	<i>In loving memory of Wadih &amp; Emile El Hajj by Marie El Hajj, Allam Eid &amp; Family and Joseph El Hajj &amp; Family</i>  <i>For John &amp; Frieda Karrat by the Karrat family And for the good health of William Zyglewicz Settlor &amp; his family</i>	Greeter: Karen Rezey En: Betty Karrat Ar: Mirvatte Hannoush	E: Eph 3:1-13 G: Mt 1:18-25	
<b>Thu</b>	21 Dec	12:00 PM	<i>No Liturgy</i>		E: Rom 11:25-36 G: Mt 21:23-27	
<b>Fri</b>	22 Dec	12:00 PM	<i>No Liturgy</i>		E: Rom 12:1-8 G: Jn 7:37-44	

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

<b>FINANCIAL CORNER</b>	
<b>Dec 09 &amp; 10 / 2017</b>	1,432.00
Snow Removal	45.00
Fuel	54.00
Immaculate Conception	98.00
Christmas Flowers	355.00
Donations	50.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,034.00</b>

<b>UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS/ Save the Date</b>			
<b>Sun</b>	17 Dec	11:00 am	Religious Education
<b>Sat</b>	06 Jan	4:30 pm	Epiphany
<b>Sun</b>	07 Jan	11:00 am	Religious Education
<b>Sun</b>	21 Jan	11:00 am	Religious Education
<b>Sun</b>	04 Feb	11:00 am	St. Maron Breakfast
<b>Wed</b>	07 Feb	6:30 pm	Parish Council

# Thank you!



<b>Hospitality</b>		
<b>Sun</b>	17 Dec	Not Available
<b>Sun</b>	24 Dec	Available
<b>Sun</b>	31 Dec	Available
<b>Sun</b>	07 Jan	Available

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



<b>UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS</b>	
<b>17 Dec</b>	Building & Grounds Maintenance
<b>24 Dec</b>	Bishop's Appeal
<b>31 Dec</b>	Snow Removal
<b>07 Jan</b>	Bishop's Appeal

**MEMORIALS for the month of December**

**Altar Bread, Wine & Sanctuary Lamp**  
In loving memory of Jay Mooney  
by Rolla & Gabby Mooney

**Incense, Charcoal, & Candles**  
In loving memory of Chantelle BouDiwan by her Family

Customary offering is \$60 per month.


*"God is our refuge and our strength,  
an ever-present help in distress.."*  
**Psalm 46:1**

## Points of Interest

**Religious Education:** First Communion classes continue on Sunday, Dec 17, immediately following Divine Liturgy. Please ensure children are present at Mass and Religious Education. Our topic will be, the Son of God becomes Man. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

**Children's Mass & Christmas Party:** Sincere gratitude to Michel Boutros, Diana Hannoush, Patti Thornton and all who contributed food for this year's Christmas party. A special thank you to the children who contributed their unique talents and gifts during the Divine Liturgy.

**Food Pantry:** With the holidays upon us, we turn our hearts to those less fortunate. St Joseph's food pantry in Troy, is in desperate need of food supplies. Please consider donating some boxed and or canned foods to help them restock. A collection box will be available in the Parish Hall until Sunday, Dec. 17. Thank you for your generosity.



**Christmas Novena:** Please join us as we prepare to welcome the birth of our Savior. Dec 15- Dec 23 at 4:30 pm. Saturday & Sunday at the end of the divine liturgy.

**Giving Tree:** Our parish has adopted a family for Christmas. Please take a tag from the Giving Tree and return the wrapped gift by December 20.

+ **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.

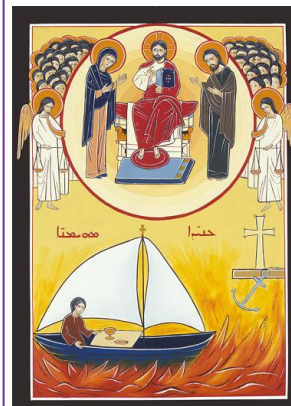
+ **HOSPITAL VISITS, SICK CALLS & SHUT-INS:** If someone is hospitalized, sick, in rest homes or unable to leave home, please let us know by calling Father Alaa Issa at (561) 273- 5867.

+ **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 & Edith FARINA requested by their Family	
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



O God, May the dead who rest in your hope enter into the happiness of your saints. With them may we rejoice eternally in your sight and give you glory and honor, now and forever.



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