



# Saint Ann Maronite Catholic Church



*Season of the Glorious Birth of Our Lord  
Genealogy Sunday / Birth of Our Lord*

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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.*



## Christmas Message

My dear parishioners,

I pray that this Christmas finds you and your family in good health.

Christmas is a joyous season when we join with Christians all over the world in welcoming into our hearts our savior Jesus Christ.

My heart is full of gratitude to God for all the blessings he has bestowed upon our parish this year. My thoughts turn to our love for and dedication to our patroness, St. Ann. She leads us to Jesus, her grandson, and in turn, He comes to our aid.

I am sincerely proud of the works accomplished by the Parish Council, Financial Committee, St. Maron Men's Assoc., Daughters of St. Ann and Holy Family Society. On behalf of myself and the parish family I extend my deepest Christmas wishes to our organization members and to all of you, my dear children.

Celebrating the Nativity of the Lord Jesus gives us the opportunity to return to the true spirit of this blessed season. The danger for us is to forget the reason for this celebration, Jesus Christ. You and I must be witnesses of the Lord Jesus, reminding our neighbors and friends of the great birthday celebration of the Lord. We have to make Christmas a season of faith and charity, announcing to the world the great love and mercy of God. Only then can we rediscover the true spirit of Christmas.

May our Lord Jesus Christ and his most Blessed Mother grant you the joy and peace of this holy season and keep you and your loved ones safe.

Wishing you a Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Alaa Issa

**BULLETIN Dec 23 – 24 /2017**

Liturgical Schedule & Intentions				Readers & Greeter	Readings	Feast day
<b>Sat</b>	23 Dec	4:30 PM	For the donors of Catholic Extension		E: Rom 12:9-21 G: Jn 7:45-53	
<b>Sun</b>	24 Dec	10:00 AM	For the donors of Catholic Extension		E: Rom 1:1-12 G: Mt 1:1-17	Genealogy Sunday
<b>Sun</b>	24 Dec	4:30 PM	For the living & deceased parishioners of St. Ann In loving memory of Mary Louise Basle by her daughter, sons and grandchildren	Greeter: Karen Rezey En: Henry Nahal Ar: Michell Boutros	E: Heb 1:1-12 G: Lk 2:1-20	<b>Christmas Eve</b>
<b>Mon</b>	25 Dec	10:00 AM	For the living & deceased parishioners of St. Ann	Greeter: Betty Karrat En: Richard Peters Ar: Georgette Hannoush	E: Heb 1:1-12 G: Lk 2:1-20	<b>Glorious Birth of our Lord</b>
<b>Thu</b>	28 Dec	12:00 PM	No Liturgy		E: Rev 21:9-10 G: Mt 2:1-12	Adoration of the Magi
<b>Fri</b>	29 Dec	12:00 PM	No Liturgy		E: Heb 11:23-31 G: Mt 2:13-18	Flight into Egypt Holy Innocents, M

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

FINANCIAL CORNER	
<b>Dec 09 &amp; 10 / 2017</b>	910.00
Building & Grounds	196.00
Candle Donations	85.00
Maronite Patriarch	5.00
Christmas Flowers	35.00
Donations	250.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,481.00</b>

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS/ Save the Date			
<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

Hospitality		
<b>Sun</b>	24 Dec	Available
<b>Sun</b>	31 Dec	Available
<b>Sun</b>	07 Jan	Gerard Golden
<b>Sun</b>	14 Jan	Available

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



#### 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.



UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS	
<b>24 Dec</b>	Bishop's Appeal
<b>31 Dec</b>	Snow Removal
<b>07 Jan</b>	Bishop's Appeal
<b>14 Jan</b>	Snow Removal



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

*Psalms 46:1*

## Points of Interest

**Religious Education:** First Communion classes continue on Sunday, Jan 7, immediately following Divine Liturgy. Please ensure children are present at Mass and Religious Education. Our topic will be, the Jesus Opens Heaven for Us. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

**Epiphany:** Father will celebrate the Epiphany of our Lord at the Divine Liturgies on Saturday Jan 6<sup>th</sup> and Sunday Jan 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Memorials 2018:** *MEMORIALS for 2018 are available should anyone like to offer Altar Bread, Wine & Sanctuary Lamp Incense, Charcoal, & Candles for the coming year. Please see Father Alaa.*

**Prayer for Christian Unity:** An evening of prayer for Christian unity will be held at Immaculate Heart of Mary, 2416 7<sup>th</sup> Ave, on Wed. January 17 at 7:00 pm (snow date is Jan. 24). All are invited to attend.



**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.

**Food Pantry & Giving Tree:** Thank you to everyone who so generously donated to these charities. May your gifts enrich the lives of those who are in need.

+ **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

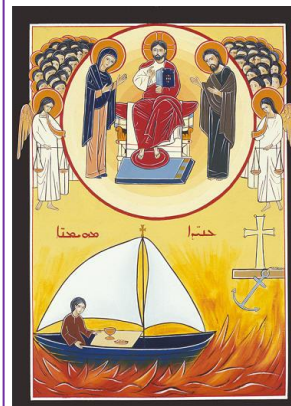
In Loving Memory of  
Dominic & Edith FARINA  
requested by their Family

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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