

Saint Ann Maronite Catholic Church

Genealogy Sunday



Season of the Glorious Birth of Our Lord

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THE PRINCIPLES OF THE LITURGICAL RENEWAL

Tradition and Renewal

The liturgical renewal is not a mere return to tradition; it is, rather, a pastoral need stemming from the basic principles of the liturgy and leading toward a new and active participation of the community, in agreement with the spirit of the rite and with common sense. Here we did not create new prayers and hymns; on the contrary, we went back to prayers and hymns selected from our Syriac sources and roots. Most of the time we used the Syriac text as a basis for the translated texts. Indeed, the inherited Syriac text has such a depth and such an authenticity, as to allow it to insure the life of the liturgy, that noble legacy perpetuated by past generations, and to express, at the same time, needs and requirements beneficial to each generation in particular.

We must declare that we did not offer here liturgical texts that would last for ever; only liturgical texts that are authentic. We must rely on them in every ecclesial change deemed necessary, in their content as well as in their form, according to our legacy and to the pastoral requirements. In fact, the future and the true liturgical and pastoral praxis of the Church will demonstrate the need for new directions. The Church itself, through its Commission on Liturgy, will follow these directions and will find a solution to each problem, while affirming the two basic principles: identity on one hand and evolution on the other. Here lies the norm of life itself in all things.

... to be continued

PARISH OFFICE HOURS & CONTACT INFORMATION

Thu - Fri : 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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Welcome

Thank you for worshipping with us today. We are blessed by your presence. The Maronite Church is one of 21 Eastern Catholic Churches in full communion with Rome. The Maronite Church dates back to the early Christians of Antioch where "they were called Christians for the first time" (Acts 11:26)

Some differences you may notice:

- + The Entrance dialog and Consecration are in Syriac Aramaic, the language of Jesus, Mary and the Apostles.
- + The Sign of Peace begins at the altar and is carried to the congregants by peace bearers.
- + Communion is by intinction and on the tongue. There is no communion in the hand.

We hope and pray your experience is spiritually enriching.

Christmas Liturgies:



Mon, Dec 24 at 5 pm

Tue, Dec 25 at 10 am

Liturgical Schedule & Intentions				Readers & Greeter	Readings	Feast Day
Sat	22 Dec	4:30 PM	<i>In loving memory of Tom Riley</i>		E: Rom 12:9-21 G: Jn 7:345-53	
Sun	23 Dec	10:00 AM	<i>In loving memory of Rita Jabour by her family</i>	Greeter: Patty Thornton En: Bob Stolar Ar: Micheal Boutors	E: Rom 1:1-12 G: Mt 1:1-17	
Mon	24 Dec	5:00 PM	<i>For parishioners of St. Ann both living and departed</i> <i>In loving memory of Mary Louise Basle by her daughter, sons and grandchildren</i>	Greeter: Karen Rezey En: Henry Nahal Ar: Toni Dergani	E: Heb 1:1-12 G: Lk 2:1-20	Christmas Eve
Tue	25 Dec	10:00 AM	<i>For the parishioners of St. Ann both living and departed</i>	Greeter: Betty karrat En: Mikyla Boutros Ar: Mirvatte Hannoush	E: Heb 1:1-12 G: Lk 2:1-20	Glorious Birth of Our Lord

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

FINANCIAL CORNER	
Dec 08 -09 / 2018	1,416.00
Snow Removal	258.00
Christmas Flowers	30.00
Good Will / Craft Fair	478.00
TOTAL	\$2,182.00

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS/ Save the Date			
Mon-Fri	Dec 17-21	6:30 pm	Christmas Novena
Sat & Sun	Dec 22-23	After liturgies	Christmas Novena
Sun	Jan 6	10 am 11 am	Epiphany/ blessing the water Religious Education
Wed	Feb 6	6:30 pm	Parish Concil Meeting

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS	
23 Dec	Building & Grounds Maintenance
30 Dec	Snow Removal
06 Jan	Fuel & Heat
13 Jan	Bishop's Appeal

Hospitality		
Sun	23 Dec	Available
Sun	30 Dec	Available
Sun	06 Jan	Available
Sun	13 Jun	Available

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

It is your responsibility to provide all supplies, clean up afterwards and remove the garbage



Thank you for your Donation!



Let Jesus be born in your heart

MEMORIALS for the month of December	
Altar Bread, Wine & Sanctuary Lamp	
In loving memory of Jay Mooney by Rolla & Gaby Mooney	
Incense, Charcoal, & Candles	
In loving memory of Elie Alfred Gemayal by his children	
<i>Customary offering is \$60 per month.</i>	

"He was created of a mother whom He created. He was carried by hands that He formed. He cried in the manger in wordless infancy. He, the Word, without whom all human eloquence is mute." - St. Augustine

Points of Interest

St. Joseph's Pantry Fundraiser

As we prepare to give thanks to God for the blessings in our lives, we are asking parishioners to consider donating canned and/or dry goods for the food pantry. Items most in need include canned soups, stews, fish, vegetables and sauces. Dry goods might include cereals, pasta, grains, etc. They also need diapers, formula, wipes and baby food. We will be collecting up until Christmas. Please leave your contributions in the parish hall. Thank you for your generosity.

Memorials 2019:

MEMORIALS for 2019 are available should anyone like to offer Altar Bread, Wine & Sanctuary Lamp Incense, Charcoal, & Candles for the coming year. Please see Father Alaa.

Envelops 2019:

Dear parishioners thank you for your support of St. Ann Church throughout 2018. Your 2019 envelopes, with gift pen, are ready in the parish hall. Please remember to take your envelopes, and verify your name and number are correct. If you don't see your envelopes, check with Fr. Alaa. Your commitment and support enables the parish family of St Ann to carry out its mission and provides for a secure future. I deeply thank you. May God, reward your loving concern and generosity.

Adopt a Family:

This year, we have adopted a family with 4 children, one of whom has disabilities. Dad works and mom cares for the family. Please take an ornament from the tree. Each one has a duplicate. Place one of the tags in the box next to the tree and the other on the wrapped gift. All gifts should be placed under the tree by December 23, 2018.

Christmas Party & Sale:

Our grateful appreciation who organized, donated, volunteered and helped to make this year's Christmas party a huge success. Special thanks to Georgette Hannoush, Henry & Denise Nahal for the Spirit of Christmas sale.

Merry Christmas: Christmas provides a unique opportunity to place before the infant Jesus, our need for Him to heal our brokenness and look to Him for hope. He came to bring peace between God and man. This is why, in our Maronite liturgy, we repeat, with joy and gladness, the angels' proclamation:

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace and good hope to all"
As a new year approaches, I invite you to renew yourselves through the Spirit of God and to see our great need to be a people of prayer, faith, hope, love, and mercy.

It has been a privilege to serve you these past three years and I look forward to doing so for many years to come. I pray for you all, with deep gratitude. Your love, kindness, generosity, and hospitality have been a source of great encouragement. Wishing you a merry Christmas

Yours in Christ
Fr. Alaa Issa

Pastoral Instruction

+ **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.

+ **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 Memory of the deceased members of the TAMER & THORNTON Families
In Loving Memory of Joseph & Helen YAMIN JABOUR requested by Joe & Kathy JABOUR	Prayer for Life Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn child that I have spiritually adopted, who is in danger of abortion. Bishop Fulton J. Sheen
In Loving Memory of Walter & Mary GOLDEN & the deceased members of the VOLKOMER & GOLDEN Families	In loving memory of James Traa Requested by Beverly Traa

**May the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God,
rest in peace.
Amen**



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