

Saint Ann Maronite Catholic Church

Season of the Glorious Birth of our Lord The Birth of John the Baptist



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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.

What it Means to be Maronite: Spiritual Roots

by Bishop Gregory J. Mansour

When I meet someone from the Middle East for the first time they usually ask me where I am from. I say I was born in the United States and so were my parents, but my four grandparents were from Ehden, Lebanon, Damour, Lebanon, Damascus, Syria and Tibneen, Lebanon. The families from Ehden and Damour migrated to Nazareth, in what is now Israel, over the course of three hundred years. My ancestral roots are Palestinian, Syrian, Lebanese and American!

Our ancestry is important, but our identity and our spiritual roots are much deeper than the location of our ancestors, the language we speak and our ethnic background. We can be Maronite Catholic because of ancestry, the choice of our parents, or because we made the choice ourselves as adults. But no matter how we became Maronite, by virtue of our involvement with this beautiful Church, we are responsible for Her care and well-being. There are seven traits of Maronites that can help to define who we are and who we ought to be ... continued



Christmas Party

Sunday, December 15th 2019
at 11:00 am

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Liturgical Schedule & Intentions <i>Please remember to submit your intentions for Divine Liturgies as early as possible</i>				Readers & Greeter	Readings	Feast Day
Sat	07 Dec	4:30 PM	<i>In loving memory of John Healy</i>		E: Eph 4:1-7 G: Lk 5:27-32	<i>St. Ambrose, C Doctor of the Church</i>
Sun	08 Dec	10:00 AM	<i>In memory of Elaine Magdal Scharfenberger, Mother of Bishop Edwad Scharfenberger by the parish family of St. Ann</i>	Greeter: Rosemary Patnode En: Mikayla Boutros Ar: Mirvatte Hannoush	E: Gal 4:21-5:1 G: Lk 1:57-66	<i>Immaculate Conception</i>

Prayer of the Week

St. Pope John Paul II

The People who walked in darkness have seen a great light" (Is 91).

Every year we listen again to these words of the Prophet Isaiah in the moving context of the liturgical revocation of Christ's birth. Every year these words take on a new meaning and cause us to relive the atmosphere of expectation and hope, of amazement and joy typical of Christmas.

To the people, oppressed and suffering, who walked in darkness, there appeared "a great light". A truly "great" light indeed, because the light which radiates from the humility of the crib is the light of the new creation. If the first creation began with light (cf. Gen 13), how much more splendid and "great" is the light which inaugurates the new creation it is God himself made man!

Christmas is an event of light, it is the feast of light in the Child of Bethlehem the primordial light once more shines in humanity's heaven and dissipates the clouds of sin. The radiance of God's definitive triumph appears on the horizon of history in order to offer a new future of hope to a pilgrim people.

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Prayer Requests:

Our heavenly father asks us to "Pray for one another" (James 5:16) and we are happy to join you in praying for your specific need. A book has been placed on a desk at the top of the main staircase. Please write your intention and the date in the book, or email us at stannmaronitechurch@gmail.com "Pray to me, and I will listen to you" (Jeremiah 29; 12)

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS/ Save the Date

Sun	Dec 15	10:00 am	Children's Mass followed by Christmas Party
	Dec 16-23	6:30 pm	Christmas Novena / Christmas Novena on Saturdays at 3:45 pm, on Sundays at 9:15 am before Liturgies.
Tue	Dec 24	5:00 pm	Christmas Eve Liturgy
Wed	Dec 25	10:00 am	Christmas Day Liturgy
Sun	Jan 5	11:00 am	Religious Education with brother Joshua First holy communion class with Ms. Carolyn Lilli
Mon	Jan 6	6:30 pm	Epiphany / Liturgy & blessing of water

Hospitality

Sun	08 Dec	Holy Family Society
Sun	15 Dec	Christmas Party
Sun	22 Dec	Holy Family Society
Sun	29 Dec	Monthly Breakfast

Your responsibility: provide all supplies, clean up afterwards and remove the garbage

MEMORIALS for the month of December 2019

Altar Bread, Wine & Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Jay Mooney

By Rolla & Gabriella Mooney

Incense, Charcoal, & Candles

In gratitude for the blessing of family and parish community

By Carolyn Lalli

STEWARDSHIP

Nov 23-24 / 2019	1,251.00
Nov 30- Dec 1 / 2019	832.00
Flowers	284.00
Bishop Appeal	125.00
Fuel	135.00
Thanksgiving	105.00
Ground Maintenance	5.00
Charities	10.00
Christmas flowers	10.00
Memorial	60.00
TOTAL	\$2,817.00

We are grateful for your contributions, your financial support makes a difference

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

08 Dec	Support for Assessment
15 Dec	Christmas Flowers
22 Dec	Building & Ground Maintenance
29 Dec	Snow Removal

Points of Interest

Adapt a family:

This year we have adopted a family that has three children. The children are of three months girl, a two year old girl and a five year old boy, dad works and mom stays home to tend to the children. The parents aren't asking for anything for themselves. We are reaching out to our parish family to please help this family. Please take an ornament from the tree. Place one of the ornaments in the box next to the tree and the other take with you when you wrap your gift please tape it to the gift. all gifts are due back under the tree by December 15, 2019. thank you

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. We will be collecting up until Christmas. Please leave your contributions in the parish hall. Thank you for your generosity.

Maronite Youth Christmas Trip:

The Holy Family Society is planning a Christmas trip to New York City on Sat, Dec. 21, for youth over the age of 12. The cost is \$35 and includes one meal. Children must be accompanied by their mothers. Please call the Church office and RSVP by Dec. 15.

Christmas Party:

There will be a sign-up sheet in the church this Sunday and the next two Sundays before the Christmas party which will take place on December 15 following the 10 o'clock liturgy. Please choose an item off the list if you'd like and sign your name next to that item on the list. We appreciate all your help.

Thank you:

1-Once again, we would like give many thanks to all of the women, men and children whose hard work made our Hafli such a great success. (Net income 29,778.00)

2-Many thanks to the ladies of the Holy family Society, and all who helped them for a wonderful Thanksgiving Luncheon on Sat, Nov 24. (Net income is \$ 1,127.00)

Offerings 2020:

The offerings for the year 2020 are ready. If you would like to donate for altar bread, wine & sanctuary lamp / incense, charcoal, & candles please call the church office.

Parking lot:

The parking in the rear of the church is intended for the convenience of our handicapped parishioners. Please do not park your car or block the alley. Thank you for cooperation

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
Frieda & John Karrat
Evelyn & Thomas Hakim

In Loving Memory of
Rose, Nabih, Fr. Paul,
Mike, Joe & Peter
KORKEMAZ
The KORKEMAZ Family

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. William &
Marilyn MARVIN
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
Fr. Fared SALAMEH & the
deceased members of the
SALAMEH Family by
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