

Saint Ann Maronite Catholic Church

Season of the Glorious Birth of our Lord *Genealogy Sunday*



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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

Third, Maronites have spoken many different languages over the years by virtue of exposure to those who traveled through or settled in Lebanon. They also took on the language of whatever place they found themselves. At one time, due mainly to the work of Maronites, Lebanon of the 18th century posted a literacy rate higher than that of Europe. Maronites outside the Middle East have built bridges between the culture they left and the culture in which they found themselves. Today there are Maronites born after five generations in new lands who appreciate the country and culture of their origin and who now welcome those new immigrants who come from their homeland as they did generations ago.

Fourth, Maronites have been strong advocates for the family. When European travelers visited Lebanon in the Middle Ages they wrote about how Maronite husbands and wives are ever faithful to each other, build families on love, and expend every means to educate and raise their children in the faith. They wrote about the modest, pious and devout families who shared deeply in the life of the Church while making room for aunts, uncles, godparents, grandparents, teachers, elders, monks, priests and sisters, each of whom played a vital role in the formation of the family. ... continued



O come let us adore Him

Christmas Liturgies

Tuesday, Dec 24th at 5:00 pm

Wednesday, Dec 25th at 10:00 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	21 Dec	4:30 PM			E: Rom 12:9-21 G: Jn 7:45-53	
Sun	22 Dec	10:00 AM	<i>In memory of Loura Bagley by Son Ronald. And John Healy by Mr & Mrs Clayton Shufelt and family.</i>	Greeter: Betty Karrat En: Rosemary Patnode Ar: Diana Hannoush	E: Rom 1:1-12 G: Mt 1:1-17	
Tue	24 Dec	5:00 PM	<i>For the Parishioners of St. Ann. And for our beloved who passed away this year</i>	Greeter: Karen Rezey En: Betty Karrat Ar: Michel Boutros	E: Heb 11:7-10 G: Jn 8:12-20	<i>Christmas Eve</i>
Wed	25 Dec	10:00 AM	<i>For the Parishioners of St. Ann. And for our beloved who passed away this year</i>	Greeter: Mikayla Boutros En: Bart Trudeau Ar: Georgette Hannoush	E: Heb 1:1-12 G: Lk 2:1-20	<i>Christmas Day</i>
Wed	01 Jan	6:30 PM	<i>For the Parishioners of St. Ann</i>		E: Eph 2:11-22 G: Lk 2:21	<i>Basil and Gregory, C</i>

Merry Christmas

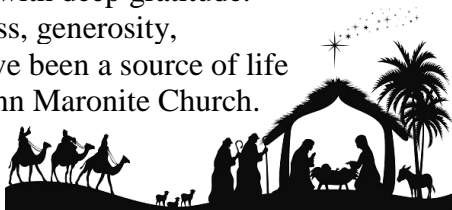
Christmas provides a unique time to place before Jesus, our need for Him to heal ourselves and look to Him for hope. He came to bring hope, life and peace to us. This is why, in our Maronite liturgy, we repeat the angels' proclamation:

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace and good hope to all"

As a new year approaches, God invite us to renew ourselves through the Spirit of God and to see our great need to be a people of peace and life so He can dwell in us, as we pray in the Christmas novena "May you dwell in us through the Mystery of your sacred Body and Blood, as you have dwelt in the womb of your Mother for nine months. May we be enlightened by the instruction of your Holy Angels, as were the meek shepherds. May we render you a true spiritual adoration, as did the wise men when we offer you not gold, frankincense and myrrh, but faith, hope and warm love"

I pray for you all, with deep gratitude.
Your love, kindness, generosity,
and hospitality have been a source of life
and hope at St. Ann Maronite Church.

Fr. Alaa Issa



UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS/ Save the Date

Tue	24 Dec	4:30 pm	Christmas Carols
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	22 Dec	Holy Family Society
Sun	29 Dec	Monthly Breakfast
Sun	5 Jan	Gerard Golden
Sun	12 Jan	Holy Family Society

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

First Collection, Dec 14-15 / 2019	1638.00
Christmas Flowers	410.00
Building & Maintenance	5.00
Snow Removal	5.00
Christmas	5.00
Caritas	715.00
TOTAL	\$2,778.00

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

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

22 Dec	Building & Ground Maintenance
25 Dec	Christmas Collection for Pastor
29 Dec	Snow Removal
5 Jan	Fuel & Heat

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)

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

Christmas Party and decorations. Thank you :

- 1- Many thanks to the Holy Family Society for donating Christmas gifts to our parish children, and to all who donated food and helped with the Christmas party. May the joy of Christmas be with you always. A special thank you to Santa for bringing joy to our children.
- 2- Special thanks to Michel Boutros and his family for this year's beautiful Christmas nativity and decorations.
- 3- Thanks to all who donated to Adopt a Family. your Christmas gifts will bring joy and happiness to the heart of this family.
- 4- **Raffle for Caritas Lebanon:** our raffle was very successful, we raised \$715.00. We deeply thank and appreciate your generosity and love. We wish you a season filled with joy and good health.

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

Offerings Envelops for 2020:

Production was delayed by the supplier and won't be received until Jan. In the interim, please use the blank envelopes in the rear of the church. Remember to print your name and/or envelope number.

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 SALAMEH Family	
In loving memory of Ted & Ellen DEEB Requested by Their family	<i>Available</i>
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