

SAINT ANTHONY

MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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13 November 2022
Announcement to Zechariah Sunday



SUNDAY READINGS

Epistle - Romans 4:13-25

13 It was not through the law that the promise was made to Abraham and his descendants that he would inherit the world, but through the righteousness that comes from faith. 14 For if those who adhere to the law are the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. 15 For the law produces wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. 16 For this reason, it depends on faith, so that it may be a gift, and the promise may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not to those who only adhere to the law but to those who follow the faith of Abraham, who is the father of all of us, 17 as it is written, "I have made you father of many nations." He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into being what does not exist. 18 He believed, hoping against hope, that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "Thus shall your descendants be." 19 He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body as [already] dead (for he was almost a hundred years old) and the dead womb of Sarah. 20 He did not doubt God's promise in unbelief; rather, he was empowered by faith and gave glory to God 21 and was fully convinced that what he had promised he was also able to do. 22 That is why "it was credited to him as righteousness." 23 But it was not for him alone that it was written that "it was credited to him"; 24 it was also for us, to whom it will be credited, who believe in the one who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, 25 who was handed over for our transgressions and was raised for our justification.

Gospel - Luke 1:1-25

1 Since many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the events that have been fulfilled among us, 2 just as those who were eyewitnesses from the beginning and ministers of the word have handed them down to us, 3 I too have decided, after investigating everything accurately anew, to write it down in an orderly sequence for you, most excellent Theophilus, 4 so that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received.

5 In the days of Herod, King of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah of the priestly division of Abijah; his wife was from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. 6 Both were righteous in the eyes of God, observing all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blamelessly. 7 But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren and both were advanced in years. 8 Once when he was serving as priest in his division's turn before God, 9 according to the practice of the priestly service, he was chosen by lot to enter the sanctuary of the Lord to burn incense. 10 Then, when the whole assembly of the people was praying outside at the hour of the incense offering, 11 the angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right of the altar of incense. 12 Zechariah was troubled by what he saw, and fear came upon him. 13 But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, [e] Zechariah, because your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall name him John. 14 And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, 15 for he will be great in the sight of [the] Lord. He will drink neither wine nor strong drink. [f] He will be filled with the holy Spirit even from his mother's womb, 16 and he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God. 17 He will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah [g] to turn the hearts of fathers toward children and the disobedient to the understanding of the righteous, to prepare a people fit for the Lord." 18 Then Zechariah said to the angel, "How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years." 19 And the angel said to him in reply, "I am Gabriel, [h] who stand before God. I was sent to speak to you and to announce to you this good news. 20 But now you will be speechless and unable to talk [i] until the day these things take place, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled at their proper time."

21 Meanwhile the people were waiting for Zechariah and were amazed that he stayed so long in the sanctuary. 22 But when he came out, he was unable to speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the sanctuary. He was gesturing to them but remained mute. 23 Then, when his days of ministry were completed, he went home. 24 After this time his wife Elizabeth conceived, and she went into seclusion for five months, saying, 25 "So has the Lord done for me at a time when he has seen fit to take away my disgrace before others."

PARISH LIFE

Safro (Morning Prayer)

Monday—Friday - 7:30am

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday —9:30am - 10:30am

Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 9:30am - 10:15am

and by appointment

Baptism and Chrismation

Make arrangements as soon after birth as possible

Mystery of Crowning

Contact the pastor 6 months

Parish Calendar. Please see stanthonymaronitechurch.org for the parish calendar.

Liturgical Hours. Monday through Saturday 9:00 am daily Divine Liturgy in the chapel
Sunday 8:30 am and 11am Divine Liturgies

First Saturday of the Month. Marian devotions at 9:30 am.

St. Sharbel Devotions. Third Sunday of the month at 11:00 am Divine Liturgy

POINTS OF INTEREST

Second Collection. Sunday, 13 November, for the Maronite Patriarchal Charities

Liturgy Intentions. Please send in your liturgy intentions for the holidays as soon as possible. We need at least two weeks to schedule them. Use this Liturgy Intention form. **A form is included below.**

Congratulations to Adam and Stephanie (Cole) Schlesinger who were married in the Cannon Chapel at the University of Richmond on 29 October. May God bless them with abundant graces as they begin their journey of married life. and Stephanie (Cole) Schlesinger who were married in the Cannon Chapel at the University of Richmond on 29 October. May God bless them with abundant graces as they begin their journey of married life.

St. Joseph the Provider Society Coat Drive, 6 November - 20 November . Bring in winter coats for Catholic Charities and the coat-closet at St. James Catholic Church. The children's coats will go to two lower income elementary schools. Boxes will be in the back of the church.

Finding Baby Jesus. Each week leading up to Christmas, 12 MCF families will take home a small baby Jesus, a nativity picture to set on a table and the “Unity Prayer” card to say as a family each day. Families are asked to say the prayer together as a family each day. Questions are included, one for each day to help encourage family discussion and prepare their hearts for Christmas. At the end of the week families will return everything to pass to another family and will receive an ornament for their tree. If you have any questions, please see Amanda Walton.

The annual Benefit Dinner is Sunday, 4 December. Tickets will be sold this Sunday after each of the liturgies: \$30 for adult tickets, \$10 for a child's ticket. Cash or check only.

The Christmas Star program will begin on 27 November. Take a star from the tree in the vestibule. Put your name and star number on the sign up sheet. Bring it back wrapped with the star taped to the top by Sunday, 18 December.

Christmas Flowers. If you would like to donate Christmas Flowers (\$25 each), please complete this form: <https://forms.gle/91fdGLrHLFiEEkfM9> or contact Glenda Shulleeta. Please order by Sunday, 11 December.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Saturday, 12 November at 12 noon. Liturgy Committee Meeting

Sunday, 13 November at 12 noon. Maronite Women's Fellowship Meeting. All women are invited. Bring a friend and a dish.

Sunday, 20 November at 11:00 Liturgy. St. Sharbel devotions

LITURGY SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Sunday, 13 November Season of the Glorious Birth of Our Lord,
Announcement to Zechariah, St. John Chrysostom, St. Frances Cabrini

8:30 am

In memory of Peggy, Julia and Abe Massad, requested by John Massad

11:00 am

In memory of Elham Harika Jalkh, requested by Ghassan and Michelle Harika

Monday, 14 November St. Philip the Apostle

Tuesday, 15 November Sts. Gurias, Samonas, and Habib the Deacon

Wednesday, 16 November St. Matthew the Evangelist, Apostle

Thursday, 17 November St. Gregory the Wonderworker

Friday, 18 November St. Romanos, St. Rose Philippine Duchesne

Saturday, 19 November Pope St. Pontian

Sunday, 20 November Announcement to the Virgin Mary,
St. Gregory of the Decapolis

8:30 am

In memory of Harry Shaia, Sr., requested by Harry Shaia, Jr.

In memory of Augie Bain (on his wedding anniversary), requested by Carolyn Bain and Family

11:00 am

In memory of Stuart Beasley, Sr. (day of passing), requested by The Beasley Family

MARONITE CHRISTIAN FORMATION

13 November. All Students

20 November Preschool- 8th grades.

27 November No class (Thanksgiving holiday)

4 December All Students (7th, 8th, and High School meet in the church)

11 December Preschool - 6th grades, Life-Teen (7th - 12th) meets in the Hall.

18 December Nativity and Santa Breakfast

LECTORS SCHEDULE

13 Nov	8:30	John Saad	11:00	Mary Shaia
20 Nov	8:30	Cathy George	11:00	Leo Maynes
27 Nov	8:30	Jacqueline Gray	11:00	Claudia Bouhaidar

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

We encourage all Acolytes to serve Sunday Liturgies until a schedule is made. If you would like your child to serve liturgies, please bring them 10 minutes early.

COLLECTION COUNTERS SCHEDULE

November: John Zeheb & John Nadder	January: Joe George & Anthony Shibley
December: David Walton & Paul Shibley	February: George Yesbeck

STEWARDSHIP

7 Nov 2022

Collections: \$3059

Contributions: \$990

Candle donations: \$281

Thank you for your generosity! Please, when you make a contribution to the parish, indicate your envelope number so that we can accurately give you credit. You may want to donate through the parish website StAnthonyMaroniteChurch.org which also provides for automatic giving. Make it easy on yourself.



Friendsgiving Gathering!

Let's eat, drink & be thankful together!

St Anthony

Maronite Women's Fellowship

Sun
Nov
13

12:00PM

*Bring a friend and a
dish to share!*

For a gathering of food
fun and friends!!



Christmas Flowers 2022

Deadline: Sunday, 11 December

Requested by:

In memory of:

and/or

In thanksgiving for:

Request for Special Intention at a Divine Liturgy

Please offer a Divine Liturgy for the special intention of:

on the occasion of: *(Optional: Birthday, Wedding Anniversary, Day of Passing)*

The person is living deceased

The preferred date of the celebration is _____ at

Sunday 8:30 Sunday 11 Weekday 9

Please notify me if the Divine Liturgy is to be celebrated on a different date.

The stipend is enclosed .

The suggested stipend is \$20 for Sunday and \$10 for weekdays. Offerings above that amount will be allocated to more than one Divine Liturgy.

Requests should be made two weeks in advance for publication in bulletin.

Signed _____ Date: _____

Phone or email: _____

For Office Use:



Maronite Formation Program Schedule 2022-2023

Sunday	Sept. 18	ALL students Blessing of the Catechists	9:30 am
Sunday	Sept.25	Pre-S – 8 th (2nd grade mtg)	9:30 am
Sunday	Oct. 2	Pre-S – 6 th 7th-12th grades—LifeTeen	9:30 am 9:30 - 11:30 am
Sunday	Oct. 9	Pre-S – 8 th Parent First Confession Class	9:30 am
Sunday	Oct. 16	ALL students	9:30 am
Sunday	Oct. 23	Pre-S – 8 th	9:30 am.
Sunday	Oct. 30	Pre-S – 6 th 7th-12th grades—LifeTeen	9:30 am 9:30 - 11:30 am
Sunday	Nov. 6	Pre-S – 8 th Parent First Confession Class	9:30 am
Sunday	Nov. 13	ALL students	9:30 am
Sunday	Nov. 20	Pre-S – 8 th	9:30 am
Sunday	Nov. 27	Free	
Sunday	Dec. 4	All Students	9:30 a.m.
Sunday	Dec. 11	Pre-S – 6 th 7th-12th grades—LifeTeen	9:30 a.m. 9:30 - 11:30 am
Sunday	Dec.18	Children's Liturgy, Nativity, Santa Breakfast	8:30 am

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