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4 December 2022 Birth of John the Baptizer





SUNDAY READINGS

Epistle - Galatians 4:21-5:1

4:21 21 Tell me, you who want to be under the law, do you not listen to the law? 22 For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by the slave woman and the other by the freeborn woman. 23 The son of the slave woman was born naturally, the son of the freeborn through a promise. 24 Now this is an allegory. These women represent two covenants. One was from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; this is Hagar. 25 Hagar represents Sinai, a mountain in Arabia; it corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery along with her children. 26 But the Jerusalem above is freeborn, and she is our mother. 27 For it is written:

"Rejoice, you barren one who bore no children; break forth and shout, you who were not in labor; for more numerous are the children of the deserted one than of her who has a husband."

28 Now you, brothers, like Isaac, are children of the promise. 29 But just as then the child of the flesh persecuted the child of the spirit, it is the same now. 30 But what does the scripture say?

"Drive out the slave woman and her son!

For the son of the slave woman shall not share the inheritance with the son" of the freeborn. 31 Therefore, brothers, we are children not of the slave woman but of the freeborn woman.

5:1 For freedom Christ set us free; so stand firm and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery.

Gospel - Luke 1:57-66

57 When the time arrived for Elizabeth to have her child she gave birth to a son. 58 Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy toward her, and they rejoiced with her. 59 When they came on the eighth day to circumcise the child, they were going to call him Zechariah after his father, 60 but his mother said in reply, "No. He will be called John." 61 But they answered her, "There is no one among your relatives who has this name." 62 So they made signs, asking his father what he wished him to be called. 63 He asked for a tablet and wrote, "John is his name," and all were amazed. 64 Immediately his mouth was opened, his tongue freed, and he spoke blessing God. 65 Then fear came upon all their neighbors, and all these matters were discussed throughout the hill country of Judea. 66 All who heard these things took them to heart, saying, "What, then, will this child be?" For surely the hand of the Lord was with him.



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 <u>stanthonymaronitechurch.org</u> 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

Benefit Dinner. Sunday, 4 December after 11 am Divine Liturgy. 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.

Prayer for Vocations. Wednesday, 7 December at 6:30 pm. There will be adoration and prayers for priestly and religious vocations.

Immaculate Conception . Thursday, December 8 is a Holy Day of Obligation. Liturgies will be at 9 am and 6:30 pm.

Maronite Women's Fellowship Christmas Party. Tuesday, 13 December at 6 pm. All women of the parish are invited. Pot luck dinner, hot chocolate bar, and \$10 gift exchange. RSVP to Glenda Shulleeta.

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.

The Christmas Novena. Thursday, 15 December – Friday, 13 December at 6:30 except on Sunday after 11 am Divine Liturgy.

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.

Christmas Liturgical Schedule.

- Christmas Novena begins on 15 December. 6:30 pm on weekdays, after 11 am liturgy on Sunday.
- Nativity and Santa Breakfast on 18 December at 8:30 am.
- Christmas Eve Liturgies: 4:30 pm (English), 7:00 pm (Arabic/English)
- Christmas Day: 10 am. (English)



MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Sunday, 4 December at 12:00 noon. Annual Benefit Dinner

Monday, 5 December at 4 pm. Serving the evening meal at Salvation Army

Tuesday, 5 December at 7 pm. Pastoral Council Meeting by Zoom

Thursday, 8 December. Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Liturgies at 9 am and 6:30 pm.

Saturday, 10 December. First Confessions directly after 9 am liturgy.

Tuesday, 13 December at 6 pm. Maronite Women's Fellowship Christmas Party.

Thursday, 15 December at 6:30 pm. Christmas Novena begins.

Sunday, 18 December Nativity, Santa Breakfast, St. Sharbel Devotions

LITURGY SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Sunday, 4 December Birth of John the Baptist, St. Barbara 8:30 am

In memory of Fred and Ethel Shibley, requested by Theresa and Danny Shibley

In memory of Roslyn and Louis Simon and Deabie and Carlisle Bannister, requested by Linda and Carlisle Bannister

11:00 am

In memory of Gina Loehr, Joseph and Julia Shaar and deceased family members, requested by Regina Shaar Loehr

In memory of Elham Harika, requested by Sam Haboush

Monday, 5 December St. Saba the Hermit

Tuesday, 6 December St. Nicholas (Zakhia)

For the intentions of the Saad Family, requested by the Saad Family

Wednesday, 7 December St. Ambrose

Thursday, 8 December The Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation) 9:00

6:30 In memory of Elham Harika Jalkh, requested by Peter and Alison Mazloom and Family

Friday, 9 December St. Francis of Paola

Saturday, 10 December Pope St. Miltiades

In memory of Elham Harika Jalkh, requested by Sam Haboush

Sunday, 11 December Revelation to Joseph, St. Daniel the Stylite 8:30 am

In memory of Fred and Ethel Shibley, requested by Theresa and Danny Shibley In memory of Mark Barton, requested by Darlene Coleman

11:00 am

In memory of Dianne George, requested by Teresa and John Nadder In memory of Elham Harika Jalkh, requested by Peter and Alison Mazloom and Family



MARONITE CHRISTIAN FORMATION

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

4 Dec	8:30	Denise Maurer	11:00	John Saad
11 Dec	8:30	Michael Spooner	11:00	Mary Shaia
18 Dec	8:30	Kelly Edwards	11:00	Denise Maurer

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

December: David Walton & Paul Shibley January: Joe George & Anthony Shibley

February: George Yesbeck

STEWARDSHIP

27 Nov 2022

Collections: \$3252 Contributions: \$1330 Christmas Flowers: \$315

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.





Christmas Flowers 2022

Deadline: Sunday, 11 December

In memory of:	
and/or	
In thanksgiving for:	



Request for Special Intention at a Divine Liturgy

Please oπer a Divine Liturgy to	r the special intention of:	
on the occasion of: (<i>Optional: I</i>	Birthday, Wedding Anniversary, Day of Passing)	
The person is living [] decea	sed []	
The preferred date of the celek	oration is at	
[] Sunday 8:30 [] Sunday 11	L [] Weekday 9	
Please notify me if the Divine L	iturgy is to be celebrated on a different date. []	
The stipend is enclosed [].		
The suggested stipend is \$20 fo allocated to more than one Div	or Sunday and \$10 for weekdays. Offerings above that an inne Liturgy.	nount will b
Requests should be made two	weeks in advance for publication in bulletin.	
Signed	Date:	
Phone or email:		-

For Office Use:		
Date Received:	Date Deposited:	



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