

SAINT ANTHONY

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25 December 2022
The Glorious Birth of the Lord



SUNDAY READINGS

Epistle - Hebrews 1:1-12

1 In times past, God spoke in partial and various ways to our ancestors through the prophets; 2 in these last days, he spoke to us through a son, whom he made heir of all things and through whom he created the universe,

3 who is the refulgence of his glory,
the very imprint of his being,
and who sustains all things by his mighty word.
When he had accomplished purification from sins,
he took his seat at the right hand of the Majesty on high,
4 as far superior to the angels
as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.
5 For to which of the angels did God ever say:

“You are my son; this day I have begotten you”?
Or again:

“I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me”?
6 And again, when he leads[c] the first-born into the world, he says:

“Let all the angels of God worship him.”
7 Of the angels he says:

“He makes his angels winds
and his ministers a fiery flame”;
8 but of the Son:

“Your throne, O God,[d] stands forever and ever;
and a righteous scepter is the scepter of your kingdom.
9 You loved justice and hated wickedness;
therefore God, your God, anointed you
with the oil of gladness above your companions”;
10 and:

“At the beginning, O Lord, you established the earth,
and the heavens are the works of your hands.
11 They will perish, but you remain;
and they will all grow old like a garment.
12 You will roll them up like a cloak,
and like a garment they will be changed.
But you are the same, and your years will have no end.”

Gospel - Luke 2:1-20

1 In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled. 2 This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. 3 So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. 4 And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, 5 to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. 6 While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, 7 and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

8 Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. 9 The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear. 10 The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. 11 For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord. 12 And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." 13 And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying:

14 "Glory to God in the highest

and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

The Visit of the Shepherds. 15 When the angels went away from them to heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go, then, to Bethlehem to see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." 16 So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. 17 When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. 18 All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. 19 And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. 20 Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them.

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

Save the Dates. There will be an MYA Day of Recollection here from 9 am to 2 pm on Saturday, 14 January with speaker Vivian Akel. There is no cost; lunch will be provided. Anyone 18-35 is invited. Ms. Akel will also be the guest speaker at the Maronite Women's Fellowship gathering on Sunday, 15 January at noon.

Social Distancing. In response to the concerns of some parishioners who are more vulnerable, we shall reserve the space in the baptistry area for those who feel the need for social distancing. Communion will be distributed in the hand by a vaccinated minister wearing a mask. We hope that this is helpful.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Saturday, 31 December at 11 am. Liturgy Committee Meeting

Monday, 2 January at 4:00 pm. Serving the evening meal at the Salvation Army

Wednesday, 4 January at 6:30 pm. Adoration for Vocations

Saturday, 7 January at 9:30 am. First Saturday Marian Devotions.

LITURGY SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Saturday, 24 December Vigil of the Glorious Birth (No 9 am liturgy)

4:30 pm

In memory of Elham Harika Jalkh, requested by Theresa and Danny Shibley

In memory of William Shulleeta, Sr., requested by William Shulleeta

7:00 pm

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

For the intentions of the Nguyen, Troung and Tran family, requested by Anh Mai Tran

Sunday, 25 December Glorious Birth of Our Lord

10:00 am

In memory of Diane Barton, requested by Darlene Coleman

In memory of Don Coleman and Family, and Richard and Rose Jacob and Family, requested by Darlene Coleman

Monday, 26 December Praises to the Virgin Mary

Tuesday, 27 December Martyrdom of Stephen

Wednesday, 28 December Adoration of the Magi, St. Marina (Margaret) in Pisidia

Thursday, 29 December Flight to Egypt, Massacre of Holy Innocents

Friday, 30 December Return from Egypt

Saturday, 31 December Circumcision of Jesus (No 9 am Liturgy)

6:30 pm

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

Sunday, 1 January Circumcision of Jesus

8:30

In memory of Harvey Hairfield, and Gwen and Paul Thomas, requested by Betty Hairfield

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

11:00

In memory of Ross Girardi, requested by Teresa George

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

MARONITE CHRISTIAN FORMATION

8 January Classes Resume

LECTORS SCHEDULE

24 Dec	4:30	Kelly Edwards	7:00	
25 Dec	10:00	Leo Maynes		
31 Dec	5:30			
1 Jan	8:30	Denise Maurer	11:00	
6 Jan	9:00	Leo Maynes	6:30	Leo Maynes

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

18 Dec 2022

Collections: \$3503

Contributions: \$1920

End of Year Appeal: \$3770

Christmas Flowers: \$195

Lebanon: \$10,000

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 2022 Schedule

CHRISTMAS NOVENA

Thursday	15 December	6:30 pm
Friday	16 December	6:30 pm
Saturday	17 December	6:30 pm
Sunday	18 December	12 noon
Monday	19 December	6:30 pm
Tuesday	20 December	6:30 pm
Wednesday	21 December	6:30 pm
Thursday	22 December	6:30 pm
Friday	23 December	6:30 pm

There will be an opportunity for confession during the Novenas.

Nativity and Santa Breakfast	Sunday	18 December	8:30 am
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DIVINE LITURGIES

Genealogy Sunday	Sunday	18 December	8:30 am 11 am
Glorious Birth of the Lord	Saturday	24 December	4:30 pm (English) 7pm (Arabic/English)
	Sunday	25 December	10 am (English)
Praises to the Virgin Mary	Monday	26 December	9 am
Martyrdom of Stephen	Tuesday	27 December	9 am
Adoration of the Magi	Wednesday	28 December	9 am
Flight to Egypt / Holy Innocents	Thursday	29 December	9 am
Return from Egypt	Friday	30 December	9 am
Circumcision of Jesus	Saturday	31 December	6:30 pm
	Sunday	1 January	8:30 am 11 am
Finding in the Temple	Monday	2 January	8:30 am 11 am
Glorious Epiphany of the Lord	Thursday	6 January	9 am 6:30 pm

Christmas Flower Donations

The Aboutanos Family	In memory of Badih Aboutanos and Jorge Zacur; For the good health of the Aboutanos and Zacur Families
Linda and Carlisle Bannister	In memory of Louis and Roslyn Simon In memory of Deabie and Carlisle Bannister.
Sam and Maral Haboush	Merry Christmas to all
Carmen Dailey-Petry	In thanksgiving for our loving families. In memory of Rev. Lowell Petry
Mr and Mrs Joseph Shibley and Family	In memory of the Shibley, Makhlouf, Khoury and DeQuatro Families
Bob and Libby Soffee	In memory of George and Elizabeth Soffee
The Schroder Family	In Memory of Gloria Schroder
Chip and Melissa Shaia	In memory of Margaret Shaia, Chris Shaia, Harry and Zackia Shaia, Philip and Mary Gibrall, Carlisle and Deabie Bannister, Louis and Roslyn Simon. In thanksgiving for Harry Shaia, Jr, and Carlisle and Linda Bannister
Stephanie Cassidy	In Thanksgiving for my parents Sandra and Oogie Shulleeta, and my siblings Lisa, Eugene, and Melissa and their Families.
William Shulleeta	In memory of Tom, Sue and Vince Shulleeta, Helen and William Shulleeta, Sr., and the deceased members of Stupasky Family
Lourie and Ken Sledd	In memory of Louis and Roslyn Simon, Kenneth Sledd, Sr. and Ann Couch
Rebecca Anthony	In memory of Tom G. Anthony
Theresa Oley Hanzel	In memory of Charlie and Rita Oley, their son Paul Oley and all deceased Family members
Thomas Shulleeta	In memory of Tom, Sue and Vince Shulleeta
Barbara Zohab	In thanksgiving
Sarah Oley Thomas	In thanksgiving
George and Dean Shaheen	In memory of Esaf Shaheen, Nafia Shaheen, Effie Shaheen Vanarsdall, Gloria Shaheen Kirksey, Shirley Shaheen Gay
John and Eva Fadool	In memory of deceased members of the Azar, Swam, Fadool, Dip and Zajur Families

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Joe and Gloria Nadder	In memory of Mr. and Mrs Joseph M. Shulleeta, Sr., Nicholas McDaniel, Dylan Patterson, and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph S. Nadder, Sr.
Charles Camp	In memory of Al and Mae Chezik
Anh Mai Thi Tran and Family	In memory of Family, living and departed. In thanksgiving to the most holy Trinity, the Holy Family, angels and saints of God.
Victor Shaheen	In loving memory of the deceased members of the Shaheen and Gee Families, from their Children and Grandchildren
Theresa and Danny Shibley	In memory of Fred and Ethel Shibley, Louis and Daisy DeQuatro, Linda and Milaad Sebaali, and Father Anthony Gemayel
Betty Hairfield	In memory of Harvey Hairfield, Ella and Earl Carroll, Roger Jones, Pam Hall, and Paul and Gwen Thomas
Eddie Shibley and Family	In memory of Jackie Shibley, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Shibley and Family, Mr. and Mrs. William Soffee and Family
Ross and Lylarose Craig and Family	In memory of A. Emerson Wilby II
John and Teresa Nadder, Jr.	In memory of the deceased members of the Nadder, Shibley, Sanyour, Soffee, and Mazloom Families
Carolyn Oley Bain	In memory of Augie Bain, George and Rose Oley, Faiz Oley
Siham and George Oley	In memory of the deceased members of the Oley and Haboush Families
Sam and Joann Shibley	In memory of Denise Shibley and Paul Davia
The Beasley Family	In memory of Stuart, Joyce, Anthony, Christopher, Vicki, and Trina Beasley
Vickie Fahed	In loving memory of Faris Fahed and Margaret Fahed In loving memory of Shirley Fahed Coulbourn
Cynthia Saady	In memory of Robert W. Saady, Sr., Madelyn Lewis Saady, and Norma and John Nadder, Sr.
Gwen and Leigh McDaniel	In memory of In memory of Nicholas McDaniel, Dylan Patterson, Beverly and Jeff McDaniel
Harry Shaia, Jr.	In memory of Margaret, Christopher, Harry and Zackia Shaia and Rafie Shaia

MARONITE FORMATION PROGRAM WINTER/SPRING 2023

Sunday	Jan. 8	ALL students	9:30 am
Sunday	Jan. 15	ALL students St. Anthony Feast Day Celebration	9:30 am
Sunday	Jan. 22	Pre-S – 8 th	9:30 am
Sunday	Jan. 29	Pre-S – 6 th 7th-12th grades—LifeTeen	9:30 am 9:30 - 11:30 am
Sunday	Feb. 5	Pre-S – 8 th	9:30 am
Sunday	Feb. 12	ALL students	9:30 am
Sunday	Feb. 19	Pre-S – 8 th Parent First Communion Class	9:30 am 9:30 am
Sunday	Feb. 26	Pre-S – 6 th 7th-12th grades—LifeTeen	9:30 am 9:30 - 11:30 am
Sunday	Mar. 5	Pre-S – 8 th Parent First Communion Class	9:30 am 9:30 am
Sunday	Mar.12	ALL Students	9:30 am
Sunday	Mar. 19	Pre-S – 8 th	9:30 am
Sunday	Mar. 26	Pre-S – 6 th 7th-12th grades—LifeTeen Youth Regional Retreat	9:30 am 9:30 - 11:30 am
Sunday	Apr. 2, 9	Palm Sunday, Easter Easter Egg Party TBA	
Sunday	Apr. 16	ALL Students	9:30 am
Sunday	April 23	Pre-S – 8 th	9:30 am
Sunday	April 30	Pre-S – 6 th 7th-12th grades—LifeTeen May Procession	9:30 am 9:30 - 11:30 am 12 noon
Tuesday	May 2	First Communion Practice	6:30 pm
Sunday	May 7	First Communion	11:00 am

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:

Date Received: _____ Date Deposited: _____

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