

SAINT ANTHONY

MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Visit to Elizabeth

3 December 2023



SUNDAY READINGS

Epistle—Ephesians 1:1-14

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,

To God's holy people in Ephesus, the faithful in Christ Jesus:

2 Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. 4 For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love 5 he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— 6 to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. 7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace 8 that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, 9 he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, 10 to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

11 In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, 12 in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. 13 And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, 14 who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

Gospel - Luke 1:39-45

39 During those days Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, 40 where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. 41 When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the holy Spirit, 42 cried out in a loud voice and said, "Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. 43 And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord[a] should come to me? 44 For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. 45 Blessed are you who believed [b] that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

PARISH LIFE

Safro (Morning Prayer)
Monday—Friday - 7:30am

Reconciliation (Confession)
Saturday 9:30am - 10:15am
and by appointment

Baptism and Chrismation
Make arrangements as soon
after birth as possible

Eucharistic Adoration
Friday —9:30am - 10:30am

Mystery of Crowning
Contact the pastor 6 months
in advance

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

Liturgical Hours. Monday through Saturday 9:00am daily Divine Liturgy in the chapel.

Sunday 8:30am and 11am Divine Liturgies

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

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

POINTS OF INTEREST

Congratulations. We congratulate Joseph and Evelyn (Mazloom) Fodill who were married on 25 November. May God bless them with abundant blessings as they begin their journey of married life.

We congratulate Tommy and Kristina Shibley, parents of Daniel Shibley, IV who was baptized and chrismated on 26 November. May his journey of faith and life be filled with blessings and grace.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception (holy day of obligation), Friday 8 December.

Divine Liturgies will be at 9 am and 6:30 pm.

Grounds Clean-Up on Saturday, 9 December from 10 a.m to 12 n. All help is welcome and appreciated! Bring along rakes, hoes, shovels, and any other tools you may wish to use. Many hands will make the job easier.

End of Year Appeal. Please be generous with the End of Year Appeal to support the expenses of the operation of the parish."

Pastoral Council elections are coming up! Registered parishioners, please nominate yourself or others for the Pastoral Council using the form online or contact Kelly Edwards, kmgeorge102@gmail.com. Nominations are due by **Dec 3rd**. Elections will be held on December 10th at the end of the liturgies. The role of the Pastoral Council is to plan, coordinate and implement pastoral programs in the parish. Members will be expected to attend monthly meetings and collaborate when possible in various programs.

Christmas Star Program. Take a star from the tree in the vestibule. **Put your name and phone number next to the number of the star on the signup sheet on the table.** Wrap new items only and attach the star securely to the package. Deadline for return is **17 December**. Gifts will be distributed by the Comboni Sisters to needy families in the area.

Christmas Liturgical Schedule. See attached flier.

POINTS OF INTEREST *continued*

Christmas Flowers. Please donate Christmas Flowers (\$25 each) by completing this form: <https://forms.gle/UT611UGC2nCGqbm58> or contact Glenda Shulleeta. Please order by Sunday, 10 December. Pay through Flocknote: <https://saintanthonysmaronitecat.flocknote.com/give/1860>

Christmas Novena. The novena begins on Friday, 15 December through Saturday, 23 December (weeknights at 6:30 pm, Sunday at noon). Confessions will be held each evening.

Save the Date. The Maronite Young Adults will host the first annual Saint Anthony Hafli on 13 January. More details will follow.

Parish Regional Retreat for the Maronite Youth Organization, 15 - 17 March. Mark your calendars for teens 13 to 18 to attend our annual retreat. We are hosting the Maronite youth in our region.

Pilgrimage. Saint Anthony Church will host a pilgrimage to Rome -Assisi - Florence from 22 Sep - 1 Oct. See the Website for details. - <https://www.206tours.com/cms/chorbishop>

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Sunday, 3 December at 9:30 am. MCF All Students

Thursday, 7 December at 6 pm. Maronite Women's Fellowship Christmas Party, see flier for details.

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

Saturday, 9 December 10am to 12n. Grounds Clean-Up

Sunday, 10 December at 9:30 am. MCF Preschool - Sixth Grades, Lifeteen Seventh - Twelfth

Sunday, 17 December at 8:30 am. Children's Liturgy, Nativity, Santa Breakfast

LITURGY SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

**Sunday, 3 December Season of the Glorious Birth of Our Lord,
Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth, St. Francis Xavier**

8:30 am (Father Peter)

In memory of Harry Shaia, Jr., requested by Harry and Melissa Shaia

11:00 am (Father Peter)

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

For the living and deceased members of the Saad Family.

Monday, 4 December St. Barbara

Tuesday, 5 December St. Saba the Hermit

Wednesday, 6 December St. Nicholas (Zahkia)

Thursday, 7 December St. Ambrose

Friday, 8 December Feast of the Immaculate Conception

9:00 am (Father Peter)

6:30 pm (Father Peter)

Saturday, 9 December St. Francis of Paola

For the intention of Eleanor Lemelin on her birthday, requested by Barbara Belsky

**Sunday, 10 December Season of the Glorious Birth of Our Lord, Birth of John the Baptist,
Pope St. Miltiades**

8:30 am (Father John)

In memory of Charles Walton, requested by Joe and Cathy George

In memory of Michel Zajur, requested by Theresa Hanzel

11:00 am (Father Peter)

In memory of Harry Shaia, Jr., requested by Harry and Melissa Shaia

USHERS SCHEDULE

Dates 8:30 Divine Liturgy

- 3 Dec Andy Shulleeta, William Shulleeta,
Frank Greco, Marshall Stephenson
- 10 Dec Danny Shibley, Sr., Anthony Shibley,
Dennis Shibley, Joseph Shibley, Jr.,
Stephen Shibley, Jr.
- 17 Dec Tom Dailey, Ed Yesbeck, John Zeheb,
Harry Mclvor

11:00 Divine Liturgy

- Bill Maust, John Saad, Alex Fabiato, Diana Yaqoo
- Peter George, Duane Peppel, Daniel Dailey,
Sam LaNeave
- John Nadder, Leo Chaoul, Clarke Sawyer,
Anthony Shulleeta

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

Dates 8:30 Divine Liturgy

- 3 Dec Ross Craig, Jack Craig, Jacob Walton,
Eli Walton, Lucas BouAbssi
- 10 Dec Henry and Wilby Craig, George Oley, Nolan
Roberts

11:00 Divine Liturgy

- Elie Stephan, Sami Sakr, George Chouefati,
Luke Salloum
- Joseph Chaoul, Patrick Savage, Christian & Grayson Funk

TRANSFER OF GIFTS

Dates 8:30 Divine Liturgy

- 3 Dec Coco Aboutanos, Hannah Roberts,
Cooper Sheriff, Emily Carr
- 10 Dec Madison Shibley, Anna Grace Shaia, Amina
Howard

11:00 Divine Liturgy

- Ashley Maust, Romi Rustom, Magdalena Chouefati,
Alexa Haddad
- Jenna Chaoul, Leanne Siefke, Kylie Stephan,
Romi Rustom, Andi Yazbeck

LECTORS SCHEDULE

Dates 8:30 Divine Liturgy

- 3 Dec Hannah Roberts
- 10 Dec Chip Shaia
- 17 Dec Michael Spooner

11:00 Divine Liturgy

- Sam LaNeave
- John Saad
- Mary Shaia

STEWARDSHIP

26 Nov 2023

Collections: \$2509 Contributions: \$1545
End of Year Appeal: \$480
Memorial Contribution for Albert Salame \$50
Hall Rental: \$523
Benefit Dinner: \$15,717
Christmas Flowers: \$575

COLLECTION COUNTERS SCHEDULE

December: David Walton and Paul Shibley
January: Joe George & Anthony Shibley
February: George Yesbeck
March: John Zehab
April: David Walton and Paul Shibley

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.

MARONITE CHRISTIAN FORMATION SCHEDULE

8 Oct	All Students	9:30 am
15 Oct	Pre-S -8th Parent First Confession Class	9:30 am
22 Oct	Pre-S -6th 7th-12th grades–Life Teen	9:30 am 9:30 am–11:30 am
29 Oct	Pre-S -8th	9:30 am
5 Nov	All Students	9:30 am
12 Nov	Pre-S -6th 7th-12th grades–Life Teen	9:30 am 9:30 am–11:30 am
19 Nov	Pre-S -8th	9:30 am
26 Nov	Free (Thanksgiving)	9:30 am
3 Dec	All Students	9:30 am
10 Dec	Pre-S -6th 7th-12th grades–Life Teen	9:30 am 9:30 am–11:30 am
17 Dec	Children’s Liturgy, Nativity, Santa Breakfast	9:30 am



MARONITE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Eat Drink and Be Merry

please join us for a

White Elephant Christmas Party

December 7 at 6pm

Ticket are \$25 and includes a catered 3 course meal.

Please see Natalie Choueifati for tickets!

Bring a wrapped gift under \$15

All Ladies of St. Anthony's

Parish Welcomed

Feel free to come for only dinner
or only the gift exchange



Christmas 2023 Schedule

CHRISTMAS NOVENA

Friday	15 December	6:30 pm
Saturday	16 December	6:30 pm
Sunday	17 December	12 n
Monday	18 December	6:30 pm
Tuesday	19 December	6:30 pm
Wednesday	20 December	6:30 pm
Thursday	21 December	6:30 pm
Friday	22 December	6:30 pm
Saturday	23 December	7:30pm

There will be an opportunity for confession during the Novena.

NATIVITY PLAY AND SANTA BREAKFAST

Sunday	17 December	9:30 am
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DIVINE LITURGIES

GENEALOGY SUNDAY

Saturday	23 December	6:30 pm (Father John)
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Sunday	24 December	8:30 am (Father John) 11 am (Father Peter)
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FEAST OF THE NATIVITY

Sunday	24 December	4 pm (Christmas Carols) 4:30 pm (Father John) 6:30 pm (Arabic – Father Peter)
Monday	25 December	10 am (Father John)

FINDING OF OUR LORD IN THE TEMPLE

Sunday	31 December	8:30 am (Father John) 11 am (Father Peter)
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FEAST OF THE CIRCUMCISION (NEW YEAR)

Sunday	31 December.	6:30 pm (Father Peter)
Monday	1 January	10 am (Father John)



Maronite Christian Formation

PRESENTS

"O' Come Let Us Adore Him"

Christmas Play

December 17th at 9:30am

followed by:

Santa Breakfast

hosted by the MYA





**The MYA invites you to the first Saint Anthony's Feast Day
Hafle on Saturday, January 13th from 7PM to 2AM**

The party is open to all ages. Tickets are \$50 and include the Dabke workshop, dinner, and party. Tickets for children 12 and under are \$20.

Party-only tickets will be available at the start of January for \$25.

- ❖ **6:00 P.M. - Mass to celebrate Saint Anthony's Feast Day**
- ❖ **7:00 P.M. - Dabke Lessons/Workshop (Optional)**
- ❖ **7:30 P.M. - Guest Check In (In the Dining Hall)**
- ❖ **8:00 P.M. - Traditional Lebanese Dinner**
 - ★ Hummus, Baba Ganoush, Fattoush, Kibbe, Meat Pies, Spinach Pies, Cheese Pies, Chicken and Rice, Baklava, and Petit Four will be served
- ❖ **9:30 P.M. - Hafle**
 - ★ Alcoholic beverages are not included in the ticket, but will be sold during dinner and the party.
- ❖ Raffle tickets for the Derbake (Lebanese Drum) will be sold at the entrance, and the winner of the raffle will be announced at 9PM.

**Join us for a night of food, dance, music, drinks, and
community!**

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