

SAINT ANTHONY

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Birth of John the Baptist

10 December 2023



SUNDAY READINGS

Epistle—Galatians 4:21-5:1

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

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

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.

Saturday Arabic Divine Liturgy at 5:30 pm on 9 December by Father Peter. It will satisfy your Sunday obligation.

There will be **Eucharistic Adoration** all day in the chapel on the first Wednesday of the month after Divine Liturgy. We will pray a Rosary for Vocation at 6:30 pm and we conclude with Benediction around 7:20 pm. All are invited to stop by for as long as they can. Please sign in as you walk in the chapel as a visitor.

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. Registered parishioners will vote on 10 December at the end of each 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. 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.

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, 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

Saturday, 13 January. St. Anthony Hafli (see flier)

LITURGY SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

**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 Mark Barton, requested by Darlene Coleman

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

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

Monday, 11 December St. Daniel the Stylite

In memory of Lucia Tuy Thi Nguyen and for all her children, requested by Anh Mai Tran

Tuesday, 12 December St. Spiridion the Wonderworker, Our Lady of Guadalupe

Wednesday, 13 December St. Lucy

Thursday, 14 December St. Nemtallah El-Hardini

Friday, 15 December St. Eleutherius and His Mother

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

Saturday, 16 December Haggai the Prophet

**Sunday, 17 December Season of the Glorious Birth of Our Lord, Revelation to Joseph,
The 3 Young Men: Ananias, Azarias, and Misael**

8:30 am (Father Peter)

In memory of William Hailey, requested by Joe and Cathy George

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

11:00 am (Father John)

In memory of Tommy and Anne Dailey and deceased family members, requested by Mary and Chris Siefke

In memory of Anahid Berberian, requested by her Family

USHERS SCHEDULE

Dates	8:30 Divine Liturgy	11:00 Divine Liturgy
10 Dec	Danny Shibley, Sr., Anthony Shibley, Dennis Shibley, Joseph Shibley, Jr., Stephen Shibley, Jr.	Peter George, Duane Peppel, Daniel Dailey, Sam LaNeave
17 Dec	Tom Dailey, Ed Yesbeck, John Zeheb, Harry McIvor	John Nadder, Leo Chaoul, Clarke Sawyer, Anthony Shulleeta
23 Dec	6:30 Divine Liturgy Trey Shibley, Ed Shibley, Joseph Fodill, Dave Howard	

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

Dates	8:30 Divine Liturgy	11:00 Divine Liturgy
10 Dec	Henry & Wilby Craig, George Oley, Nolan Roberts	Joseph Chaoul, Patrick Savage, Christian & Grayson Funk
17 Dec	Mark and Malek El-Oukalli, Owen Hendrix, Vincent Carr	Matthew Habboush, Karam Ghady, Luke Salloum

TRANSFER OF GIFTS

Dates	8:30 Divine Liturgy	11:00 Divine Liturgy
10 Dec	Madison Shibley, Anna Grace Shaia, Amina Howard	Jenna Chaoul, Leanne Siefke, Kylie Stephan, Romi Rustom
17 Dec	Ashley Maust, Madison Shibley, Anna Yesbeck, Megan Shibley	

LECTORS SCHEDULE

Dates	8:30 Divine Liturgy	11:00 Divine Liturgy
10 Dec	Chip Shaia	John Saad
17 Dec	Michael Spooner	Mary Shaia
23 Dec	6:30 Divine Liturgy Cathy George	

STEWARDSHIP

3 Dec 2023
Collections: \$1845 Contributions: \$1245
End of Year Appeal: \$2970
Hall Rental: \$1000
Christmas Flowers: \$600

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 stanthonymaroonitechurch.org which also provides for automatic giving. Make it easy on yourself.

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

GENEAOLOGY SUNDAY

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

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 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 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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