

# SAINT ANTHONY

## MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## Revelation to Joseph

17 December 2023

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## **SUNDAY READINGS**

### **Epistle– Ephesians 3: 1-13**

1 Because of this, I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ[ Jesus for you Gentiles– 2 if, as I suppose, you have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace that was given to me for your benefit, 3 [namely, that] the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly earlier. 4 When you read this you can understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, 5 which was not made known to human beings in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit, 6 that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

7 Of this I became a minister by the gift of God’s grace that was granted me in accord with the exercise of his power. 8 To me, the very least of all the holy ones, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the inscrutable riches of Christ, 9 and to bring to light [for all] what is the plan of the mystery hidden from ages past in God who created all things, 10 so that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the principalities and authorities[ in the heavens. 11 This was according to the eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord, 12 in whom we have boldness of speech and confidence of access through faith in him. 13 So I ask you not to lose heart over my afflictions for you; this is your glory.

### **Gospel - Matthew 1: 18-25**

18 Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the holy Spirit. 19 Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly. 20 Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. 21 She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” 22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet:

23 “Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son,  
and they shall name him Emmanuel,”

which means “God is with us.” 24 When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home. 25 He had no relations with her until she bore a son, and he named him Jesus.

## 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  
in advance

**Parish Calendar.** Please see [stanthonymaronitechurch.org](http://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

**Christmas Star Program.** Please return wrapped gifts with star on the outside at Sunday's liturgies, 17 December.

**Children's Liturgy, Nativity and Santa Breakfast** beginning at 8:30 am on 17 December.

**Christmas Liturgical Schedule: January through May.** See attached flier.

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

**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

**Saturday, 16 December at 12 noon.** Liturgy Committee Meeting

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

## LITURGY SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

**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

**Monday, 18 December Daniel the Prophet**

**Tuesday, 19 December St. Athenodorus**

In memory of Nicholas McDaniel, requested by Joseph and Gloria Nadder

**Wednesday, 20 December St. Ignatius of Antioch**

For the intention of David Lemelin, requested by Barbara Belsky

**Thursday, 21 December St. Julian**

**Friday, 22 December St. Anastasia of the Balkans**

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

**Saturday, 23 December St. Eugenia**

**9:00 am**

**6:30 pm (Father John)**

In memory of Bill Hailey, requested by his nieces and nephews

**Sunday, 24 December Season of the Glorious Birth of Our Lord, Genealogy Sunday**

**8:30 am (Father John)**

For the living and deceased members of the Saad Family  
In memory of Harry Shaia, Jr., requested by Harry and Melissa Shaia

**11:00 am (Father Peter)**

In memory of Roger Koury, requested by Regina Shaar Loehr

**4:30 pm (Father John) Vigil of the Glorious Birth of Our Lord**

In memory of Charles Gary Camp, requested by Lisa Camp  
In memory of Diane and Mark Barton, requested by Darlene Coleman

**6:30 pm (Father Peter) Arabic Liturgy**

For the living and deceased members of the parish

**Monday, 25 December Glorious Birth of Our Lord**

**10 am (Father John)**

In memory of Diane Jacob Barton, requested by Darlene Coleman  
In memory of Michel Zajur, requested by Joe and Cathy George

## USHERS SCHEDULE

Dates	8:30 Divine Liturgy	11:00 Divine Liturgy
17 Dec	Tom Dailey, Ed Yesbeck, John Zeheb, Harry Mclvor	John Nadder, Leo Chaoul, Clarke Sawyer, Anthony Shulleeta
23 Dec	6:30 pm Trey Shibley, Ed Shibley, Joseph Fodill, Dave Howard	
24 Dec	Danny Shibley, Sr., Anthony Shibley, Dennis Shibley, Joseph Shibley, Jr. Stephen Shibley, Jr.	Peter George, Duane Peppel, Daniel Dailey, Sam LaNeave
24 Dec	4:30 pm Tom Dailey, Ed Yesbeck, Jr., John Zeheb, Harry Mclvor, Clarke Sawyer	
24 Dec	6:30 pm Raymond Khoury, Milad Habboush, Freddy Fakher, Mary Habboush	
25 Dec	10:00 am Bill Maust, John Saad, Alex Fabiato, Diana Yaqoo	

## ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

Dates	8:30 Divine Liturgy	11:00 Divine Liturgy
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, Andi Yazbeck

## LECTORS SCHEDULE

Dates	8:30 Divine Liturgy	11:00 Divine Liturgy	23 Dec	6:30 pm	Cathy George
17 Dec	Michael Spooner	Mary Shaia	24 Dec	4:30 pm	Kelly George
24 Dec	Denise Maurer	Leo Maynes	25 Dec	10:00 am	Leo Maynes

## STEWARDSHIP

**10 Dec 2023**  
 Collections: \$2167 Contributions: \$820  
 Contributions: \$820 End of Year Appeal: \$15,650  
 Christmas Flowers: \$520  
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## 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](http://stanthonymaronitechurch.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 Formation Program Winter/Spring Schedule 2024***

Sunday	Jan. 7	Pre-S – 8 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am
Sunday	Jan. 14	<b>ALL students</b>	9:30 am
Sunday	Jan. 21	Pre-S – 6 <sup>th</sup> 7th-12th grades—LifeTeen	9:30 am 9:30 - 11:30 am
Sunday	Jan. 28	Pre-S – 8 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am
Sunday	Feb. 4	ALL students	9:30 am
Sunday	Feb. 11	Pre-S – 8 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am
Sunday	Feb. 18	Pre-S – 6 <sup>th</sup> 7th-12th grades—LifeTeen	9:30 am 9:30 - 11:30 am
Sunday	Feb. 25	Pre-S – 8 <sup>th</sup> <b>Parent First Communion Class</b>	9:30 am
Sunday	Mar. 3	All Students	9:30 am
Sunday	Mar. 10	Pre-S - 8th <b>Parent First Communion Class</b>	9:30 am.
Sunday	Mar. 17	Pre-S – 6 <sup>th</sup> 7th-12th grades at the <b>Youth Regional Retreat 15th - 17th</b>	9:30 am 9:30 - 11:30 am
Sunday	Mar. 24 Palm Sunday, Mar. 31 Easter	Palm Sunday, Easter <b>Easter Egg Party TBA</b>	
Sunday	Apr. 7	PreS - 8th	9:30 am
Sunday	Apr. 14	PreS – 6 <sup>th</sup> 7th-12th grades—LifeTeen	9:30 am 9:30 - 11:30 am
Sunday	April 21	ALL Students	9:30 am
Tuesday	April 23	First Communion Practice	6:30 pm
Sunday	April 28	<b>First Communion</b>	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





## Christmas Flowers



In memory of Tom, Sue and Vince Shulleeta

In memory of Tom Brown and deceased members of our family

In memory of Tom Anthony

In memory of Tom and Anne Dailey and Samuel Meade

In memory of the deceased members of the Oley and Haboush families

In memory of the deceased members of the Nadder, Shibley, Sanyour, Soffee, and Mazloom families.

In memory of Subdeacon Kenneth J. Fodill, Sr.

In memory of Shibley, Makhlof, Khoury and De'Quatro families

In memory of Sam and Annie Shibley

In Memory of Robert Saady, Sr.  
In Memory of Madelyn Saady

In memory of Rita Yesbeck Koenig, John Koenig, and Bob Hendricks

In memory of Nicholas McDaniel In Memory of Dylan Patterson  
In Memory of Beverly and Jeffrey McDaniel

In memory of my sister, Elham ElJor

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph J. George and Family

In memory of Louis and Roslyn Simon and Deabie Bannister

In memory of Kenneth Joseph Fodill, Sr. and Edward Herman Davis, Jr.

In memory of Joseph and Thelma Shulleeta, Connie Yesbeck, Nick McDaniel,  
Dylan Patterson

In memory of Jorge D. Zacur and Badih Aboutanos.  
For the Good Health of the Zacur and Aboutanos Families

In memory of Janet Carlson

In memory of Jackie Shibley, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Shibley and Family,  
Mr. and Mrs. William Soffee and Family

In memory of Harry and Margaret Shaia, William Gerraughty,  
Christopher Shaia, Williams Lyons

### Requested by

Andy and Kathy Shulleeta

Anonymous

Rebecca Anthony

Mark Dailey

Siham and George Oley

John and Teresa Nadder, Jr.

Jamal and Janna Lewter

Anonymous

Paul Shibley

Lauren Shinault

Faith K. Hendricks

Leigh and Gwen McDaniel

Noha ElJor

Joe and Cathy George

Linda and Carlisle Bannister

Steve and Jeniffer Fodill

Kathy Hobbie

The Aboutanos Family

The Carlson Family

Eddie Shibley, Sr.

Mary & Anthony Shaia

## Christmas Flowers

In Memory of Gloria Schroder

In memory of George and Elizabeth Soffee

In memory of Gary Camp In memory of the Joseph family and their loved ones

In memory of Emile Khattar

In memory of Eleanor Marjorie Ann Washburn

In memory of Don, Melinda, and Caroline Cassidy

In memory of Dick Hoagland and deceased Haddad and Markham family

In memory of Diane and Mark Barton, Don Coleman, Vicky Jacob,  
Richard and Rose Jacob and family.

In memory of Denise Shibley

In memory of Daisy and Louie DeQuatro, Fred and Ethel Shibley, Milaad  
and Linda Sebaali and Father Anthony Gemayel

In memory of Connie Yesbeck.  
In thanksgiving for blessings.

In memory of Charlie and Rita Oley, their son Paul Oley and all deceased  
members of their family.

In memory of Charles Gary Camp

In memory of Adam and Eva Kottfis, John and Alice Dupling

In memory of A. Emerson Wilby, II

In loving memory of Louis and Roslyn Simon, and Karina Simon Slaughter

For the intentions of Tia Maria and Tony Azzi

For the Beasley family both living and deceased

Faiz and Sue Shaheen

In thanksgiving for family, friends and health

In memory of A. Emerson Wilby II

In memory of Harry and Margaret Shaia, Christopher Shaia,  
Harry and Zackia Shaia, Philip and Mary Gibrall, Carlisle and  
Deabie Bannister, Louis and Roslyn Simon  
In honor of Carlisle and Linda Bannister.

### Requested by

The Schroder Family

Bob and Libby Soffee

The Carlson Family

Nicolas Khattar

The Dailey-Petry Family

Todd and Stephanie Cassidy

Pat Haddad

Darlene Coleman and Family

Sam Shibley

Theresa and Danny Shibley

Melanie Meadows

Theresa Hanzel

Lisa Camp and Family

Eve Shelton

His loving wife, children, and  
grandchildren

Lourie and Ken Sledd

Noha Azzi

Billy and Jamie Maust

Children of Faiz and Sue Shaheen

Layla Kamal

From his loving wife, children and  
grandchildren

Melissa and Harry Shaia

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