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Feast of Finding Jesus in the Temple

31 December 2023



Finding Jesus in the Temple

SUNDAY READINGS

Epistle - Hebrews 7:11-19

11 If, then, perfection came through the levitical priesthood, on the basis of which the people received the law, what need would there still have been for another priest to arise according to the order of Melchizedek, and not reckoned according to the order of Aaron? 12 When there is a change of priesthood, there is necessarily a change of law as well. 13 Now he of whom these things are said belonged to a different tribe, of which no member ever officiated at the altar. 14 It is clear that our Lord arose from Judah, and in regard to that tribe Moses said nothing about priests. 15 It is even more obvious if another priest is raised up after the likeness of Melchizedek, 16 who has become so, not by a law expressed in a commandment concerning physical descent but by the power of a life that cannot be destroyed. 17 For it is testified:

“You are a priest forever

according to the order of Melchizedek.”

18 On the one hand, a former commandment is annulled because of its weakness and uselessness, 19 for the law brought nothing to perfection; on the other hand, a better hope is introduced, through which we draw near to God.

Gospel - Luke 2:41-52

41 Each year his parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, 42 and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. 43 After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. 44 Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, 45 but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. 46 After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, 47 and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. 48 When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, “Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety.” 49 And he said to them, “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?” 50 But they did not understand what he said to them. 51 He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. 52 And Jesus advanced [in] wisdom and age and favor before God and man.

SUNDAY READINGS

Feast of the Circumcision of Jesus

Epistle - Ephesians 2:11-22

11 Therefore, remember that at one time you, Gentiles in the flesh, called the uncircumcision by those called the circumcision, which is done in the flesh by human hands, 12 were at that time without Christ, alienated from the community of Israel[a] and strangers to the covenants of promise, without hope and without God in the world. 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have become near by the blood of Christ.

14 [b]For he is our peace, he who made both one and broke down the dividing wall of enmity, through his flesh, 15 abolishing the law with its commandments and legal claims, that he might create in himself one new person[c] in place of the two, thus establishing peace, 16 and might reconcile both with God, in one body, through the cross, putting that enmity to death by it. 17 He came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near, 18 for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.

19 So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the holy ones and members of the household of God, 20 built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the capstone.[d] 21 Through him the whole structure is held together and grows into a temple sacred in the Lord; 22 in him you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Gospel - Luke 2:21

The Circumcision and Naming of Jesus. 21 When eight days were completed for his circumcision, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

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

Christmas Liturgical Schedule. See attached flier.

Circumcision of Jesus (Holy Day of Obligation), Monday, 1 January. Liturgies are at 6:30 pm on Sunday and 10 am on Monday.

Feast of the Epiphany (Holy Day of Obligation), Saturday, 6 January. Liturgies are at 9:00 am and 6:30 pm.

Saturday Arabic Divine Liturgy at 5:30 pm on 13 January by Father Peter. It will satisfy your Sunday obligation. Everyone is invited.

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

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. - <http://www.206tours.com/cms/chorbishop>

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Monday, 1 January at 4 pm. Serving the evening dinner at Salvation Army

Wednesday, 3 January at 9:30 am to 7:30 pm. Eucharistic Adoration and Prayer for Vocations

Thursday, 4 January at 4 pm. Food Festival Kickoff Meeting in Social Hall.

Sunday, 7 January at 9:30 am. MCF All Students

Tuesday, 9 January at 7 pm. Pastoral Council Meeting

Sunday, 14, January at 9:30 am. MCF Preschool–Eighth Grades

LITURGY SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Sunday, 31 December Finding of Our Lord in the Temple

8:30 am (Father John)

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

11:00 am (Father Peter)

For the living and deceased members of the Saad Family

6:30 pm Circumcision of Jesus (Father Peter)

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

Monday, 1 January Circumcision of Jesus, Sts. Basil and Gregory

10 am (Father John and Father Peter)

In memory of Bill Hailey, requested by Regina Shaar Loehr

Tuesday, 2 January Pope St. Silvester I

Wednesday, 3 January Malachi the Prophet

In memory of Harry, Margaret and Christopher Shaia, requested by Harry and Melissa Shaia

Thursday, 4 January Pope St. Caius, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Friday, 5 January St. Paul, the First Hermit, St. John Neumann

Saturday, 6 January Feast of the Glorious Epiphany

9 am (Father John)

In memory of Samir and Warde Abboud, requested by Katia Rustom

In memory of Norma and John Nadder, Sr., requested by Teresa and John Nadder, Jr.

6:30 pm (Father Peter)

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

Sunday, 7 January First Sunday after Epiphany, Praises of St. John the Baptist

8:30 am (Father John)

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

11:00 am (Father Peter)

In memory of FeFe Deeb, requested by Regina Shaar Loehr

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

USHERS SCHEDULE

Dates	8:30 Divine Liturgy	11:00 Divine Liturgy
31 Dec	8:30 am Danny Shibley, Sr., Anthony Shibley, Dennis Shibley, Joseph Shibley, Jr., Stephen Shibley, Jr.	
31 Dec	11:00 am Peter George, Duane Peppel, Daniel Dailey, Sam LaNeave	
31 Dec	6:30 pm John Nadder, Jr., Leo Chaoul, Anthony Shulleeta, Raymond Khoury, Peter George	
1 Jan	10:00 am Tom Dailey, Ed Yesbeck, Jr., John Zeheb, Harry Mclvor, Clarke Sawyer	
7 Jan	Trey Shibley, Ed Shibley, Jr., Dave Howard, Joseph Fodill	Raymond Khoury, Milad Habboush, Freddy Fakher, Mary Habboush

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

Dates	8:30 Divine Liturgy	11:00 Divine Liturgy
1 Jan	10am Vincent Carr, Sami Sakr	
7 Jan	Ross Craig, Jack Craig, Jacob Walton, Eli Walton, Lucas BouAbssi	Elie Stephan, Sami Sakr, George ChouEIFati, Luke Salloum
14 Jan	George Oley, Henry and Wilby Craig, Nolan Roberts	Matthew Habboush, Ghady Karam, Vincent Carr

TRANSFER OF GIFTS

Dates	8:30 Divine Liturgy	11:00 Divine Liturgy
7 Jan	Coco Aboutanos, Hannah Roberts, Cooper Sheriff, Emily Carr	Ashley Maust, Alyssa Maust, Magdalena ChouEIFati
14 Jan	Madison Shibley, Anna Grace Shaia, Amina Howard	Jenna Chaoul, LeeAnne Siefke, Kylie Stephan, Romi Rustom

LECTORS SCHEDULE

Dates	8:30 Divine Liturgy	11:00 Divine Liturgy
31 Dec	Jacqueline Gray	Claudia Bouhaidar
1 Jan	10:00am Mary Shaia	
6 Jan	9:00 am Leo Maynes	
7 Jan	Margaret Grat	Leo Maynes

STEWARDSHIP

Saturday 23 & Sunday 24

Collections: \$1259

Contributions: \$4775

End of Year Appeal: \$5800

Christmas Day: Collections: \$4840

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.

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

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

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MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

The Carlson Family

In memory of Emile Khattar

Nicolas Khattar

In memory of Eleanor Marjorie Ann Washburn

The Dailey-Petry Family

In memory of Don, Melinda, and Caroline Cassidy

Todd and Stephanie Cassidy

In memory of Dick Hoagland and deceased Haddad and Markham family

Pat Haddad

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

Darlene Coleman and Family

In memory of Denise Shibley

Sam Shibley

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

Theresa and Danny Shibley

In memory of Connie Yesbeck.
In thanksgiving for blessings.

Melanie Meadows

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

Theresa Hanzel

In memory of Charles Gary Camp

Lisa Camp and Family

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

Eve Shelton

In memory of A. Emerson Wilby, II

His loving wife, children, and
grandchildren

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

Lourie and Ken Sledd

For the intentions of Tia Maria and Tony Azzi

Noha Azzi

For the Beasley family both living and deceased

Billy and Jamie Maust

Faiz and Sue Shaheen

Children of Faiz and Sue Shaheen

In thanksgiving for family, friends and health

Layla Kamal

In memory of A. Emerson Wilby II

From his loving wife, children and
grandchildren

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.

Melissa and Harry Shaia

In memory of Tom, Sue and Vince Shulleeta,
Helen and William Shulleeta, Sr.,
Deceased members of Stupasky family

Anonymous

In memory of Augie Bain

From his family

In memory of George, Rose and Faiz Oley

Carol Bain

In memory of Harvey Hairfield, Ella and Earl Carroll,
Roger Jones, Pam Hall, Paul and Gwen Thomas

Betty Hairfield

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, Fettoush, 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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