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Sunday of the Visitation to the Virgin Mary to Elizabeth 1 December 2024



SUNDAY READINGS

EPISTLE - GALATIANS 4:21-5-1

21 Tell me, you who want to be under the law, are you not aware of what the law says? 22 For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by the slave woman and the other by the free woman. 23 His son by the slave woman was born according to the flesh, but his son by the free woman was born as the result of a divine promise.

24 These things are being taken figuratively: The women represent two covenants. One covenant is from Mount Sinai and bears children who are to be slaves: This is Hagar. 25 Now Hagar stands for Mount Sinai in Arabia and corresponds to the present city of Jerusalem, because she is in slavery with her children. 26 But the Jerusalem that is above is free, and she is our mother. 27 For it is written:

“Be glad, barren woman,
you who never bore a child;
shout for joy and cry aloud,
you who were never in labor;
because more are the children of the desolate woman
than of her who has a husband.”

28 Now you, brothers and sisters, like Isaac, are children of promise. 29 At that time the son born according to the flesh persecuted the son born by the power of the Spirit. It is the same now. 30 But what does Scripture say? “Get rid of the slave woman and her son, for the slave woman’s son will never share in the inheritance with the free woman’s son.” 31 Therefore, brothers and sisters, we are not children of the slave woman, but of the free woman.

GOSPEL - LUKE 1:39-45

39 At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, 40 where she entered Zechariah’s home and greeted Elizabeth. 41 When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. 42 In a loud voice she exclaimed: “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! 43 But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? 44 As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. 45 Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!”^{el} departed from her.

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 for the parish calendar.

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

Sunday 8:30am and 11am Divine Liturgies. Summer Hours: Sat 5:30 pm, Sun 10 am

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 Nathaniel and Megan Boiteau on the 23 November baptism and chrismation of Saanvi Eponine Boiteau. May God bless her and her family always.

2025 Pilgrimage. Please join the pilgrimage to the Marian Shrines in Portugal, Spain, and France from 14–23 September 2025. This promises to be a spiritually enriching journey as we visit some of the most beautiful and sacred sites dedicated to Our Blessed Mother.

Maronite Women’s Fellowship annual Christmas Dinner. All women of the parish 18 and up are invited on Thursday, 12 December from 6 to 8 pm., \$20 per person. If you would like to participate in the White Elephant exchange, bring a wrapped gift - \$10 to \$20. See flier.

Christmas Novena. Join us for the Christmas Novena beginning Sunday, 15 December through Tuesday, 23 December. On Sundays it will be at 12 noon, and weekdays at 6:30 pm. Confessions will be available during the Novena.

MYA is sponsoring a talk by Vincent Mowad, “Who are the Maronites?” on Tuesday, 17 December at 6:30 pm in the hall, followed by a bonfire. See flier.

Christmas Star Program begins on 23 November. 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 **15 December.** Gifts will be distributed by the Comboni Sisters to needy families in the area.

Christmas Flowers. Donate flowers in memory of a loved one, \$25 each, by 17 December:
<https://forms.gle/hPuByj4byQQHG3eg6>

End-of-Year Appeal. As we approach the holiday season, I wanted to follow up on the update I previously shared about the life of our parish and my earlier request for contributions to help close our budget gap. Your past generosity has enabled us to do so much good for our parish family, and we are deeply grateful. If you haven’t yet had the opportunity, please consider making a contribution to support our continued efforts. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to our parish community.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Sunday, 1 December. No MCF Classes

Monday, 2 December at 5 pm. Serving the evening meal at the Salvation Army

Sunday, 8 December at 9:30. MCF All Students

Monday, 9 December at 6:30 pm. Adult Catechumen Class

Thursday, 12 December at 6 pm. Maronite Women’s Fellowship Christmas Dinner

LITURGY SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Sunday, 1 December Visitation of the Virgin to Elizabeth, Nahum the Prophet
8:30 am

In memory of Eddie Yesbeck, Sr., requested by Edward and Nancy Yesbeck
In memory of Fred and Ethel Shibley, requested by Danny and Theresa Shibley

11:00 am

In memory of Gina Marie Loehr, Joseph and Julia Shaar and deceased family members,
requested by Regina Shaar Loehr
For the intentions of our parishioners, living and deceased

Monday, 2 December Habakkuk the Prophet

No Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, 3 December St. Francis Xavier

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

Wednesday, 4 December St. Barbara

For the intention of Anh Mai Tran (Blessing Day), requested by Anh Mai Tran

Thursday, 5 December St. Saba the Hermit

In memory of Richelle Faris, requested by Joseph and Gloria Nadder

Friday, 6 December St. Nicholas (Zakhia)

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

Saturday, 7 December St. Ambrose

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

Sunday, 8 December Birth of John the Baptist, The Immaculate Conception
8:30 am

For a special intention, requested by Barbara Belsky
In memory of Goldie Faris, requested by Mary and Anthony Shaia

11:00 am

In memory of Louis and Roslyn Simon, requested by Ken and Lourie Sledd
In memory of Richelle Faris, requested by Regina Shaar Loehr

USHERS SCHEDULE

Dates	8:30 Divine Liturgy	11:00 Divine Liturgy
1 Dec	Tom Dailey, Ed Yesbeck, Jr., John Zeheb, Harry Mclvor	John Nadder, Jr., Justin Shulleeta, Anthony Shulleeta, Clarke Sawyer
8 Dec	Andy Shulleeta, William Shulleeta, Frank Greco, Marshall Stephenson	Bill Maust, John Saad, Alex Fabiato, Diana Yaqoo

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

Dates	8:30 Divine Liturgy	11:00 Divine Liturgy
1 Dec	Nicholas and Tobias Edwards, Owen Hendrix, Kingston Lewter, Bryson Howard	Vincent Carr, George Choueifati, Elie Stephan
8 Dec	Asher and Braxton Mclvor, Thomas Shaia, George Oley, Arthur Oley	Patrick Savage, Christian Funk, Grayson Funk

TRANSFER OF GIFTS

Dates	8:30 Divine Liturgy	11:00 Divine Liturgy
1 Dec	Stella Mclvor, Rosie and Lili Boykin, Amina Howard, Emily Carr	Jenna Chaoul, Kylie Stephan, Helena Haddad, Ana Haddad
8 Dec	Stella Mclvor, Rosie, Lili and Ivy Boykin, Amina Howard	Jenna Chaoul, Kylie Stephan, Helena Haddad, Ana Haddad

LECTORS SCHEDULE

Dates	8:30 Divine Liturgy	11:00 Divine Liturgy
1 Dec	John Saad	Leo Maynes
8 Dec	Denise Maurer	John Saad

STEWARDSHIP

24 November

Collections: \$2041

Contributions: \$830

End of Year Contribution: \$5872

Christmas Flowers: \$1075

Snack Bar: \$2442.30

COLLECTION COUNTERS

November: John Zeheb

December: David Walton & 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

2024 SCHEDULE

Christmas Novena

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

There will be an opportunity for confession during the Novena.

Nativity Play & Santa Breakfast

Sunday 22 December 9:30am

Divine Liturgies

GENEALOGY SUNDAY

Sun 22 December 8:30 am and 11 am

FEAST OF THE NATIVITY

Tue 24 December 4 pm (Christmas Carols) 4:30 pm

Wed 25 December 10 am

FLIGHT INTO EGYPT,

MASSACRE OF THE CHILDREN OF BETHLEHEM

Sun 29 December 8:30 am and 11 am

FEAST OF THE CIRCUMCISION (NEW YEAR) ★

Tue 31 December 6:30 pm

Wed 1 January 10 am



MARONITE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Christmas Dinner

THURSDAY
December 12
6-8PM

Catered by

Casa Italiana

MENU

Pan Roasted Salmon
Chicken Piccata over Vegetables
Penne Alfredo with Chicken
Salad and Bread

DESERT

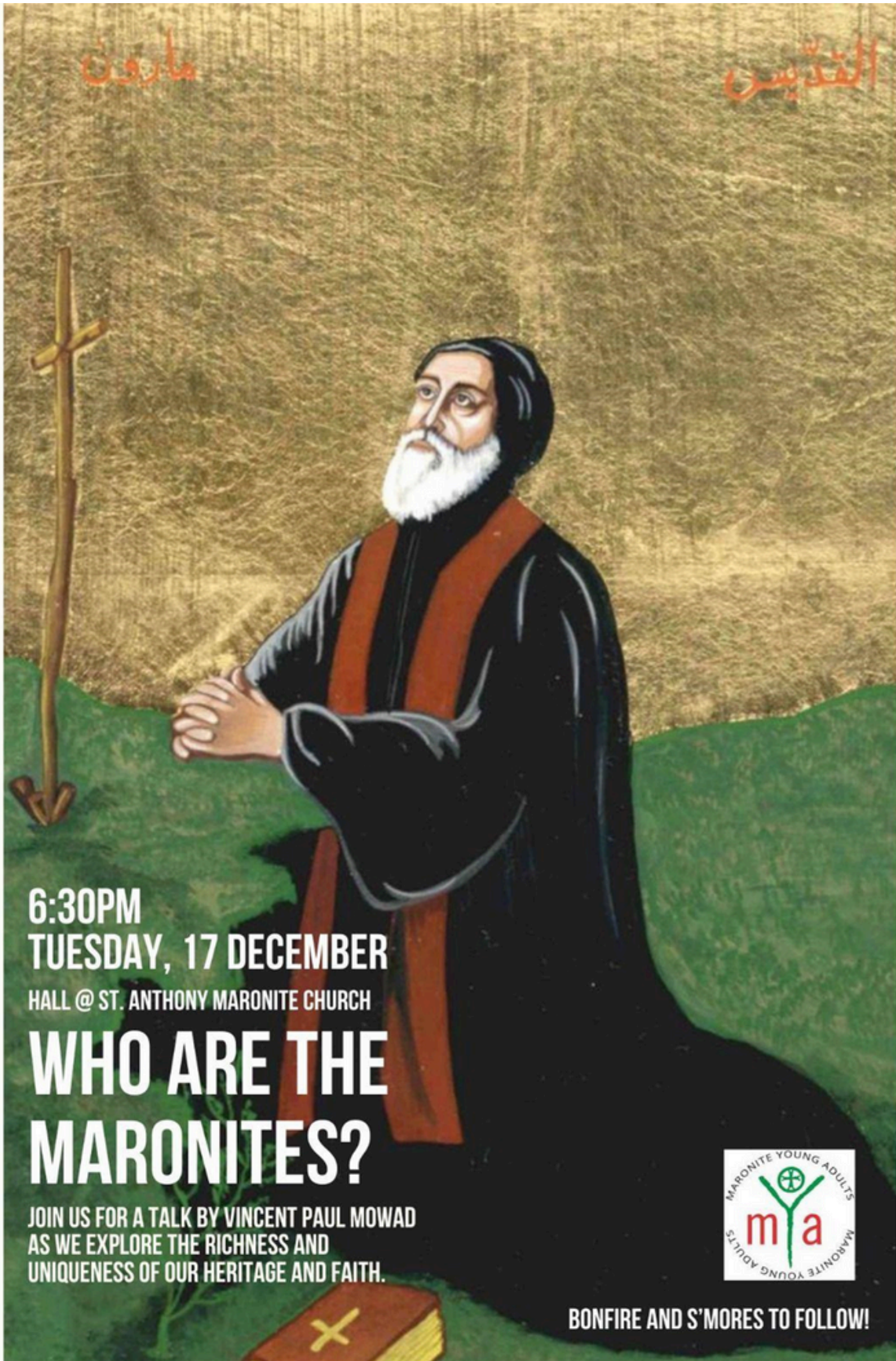
Mini Cannoli
Tiramisu

TICKETS \$20

White Elephant Gift Exchange

If you would like to participate
bring a 10-\$20 wrapped gift





6:30PM
TUESDAY, 17 DECEMBER

HALL @ ST. ANTHONY MARONITE CHURCH

WHO ARE THE MARONITES?

JOIN US FOR A TALK BY VINCENT PAUL MOWAD
AS WE EXPLORE THE RICHNESS AND
UNIQUENESS OF OUR HERITAGE AND FAITH.



BONFIRE AND S'MORES TO FOLLOW!

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