

# SAINT ANTHONY MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## Genealogy Sunday 22 December 2024



## SUNDAY READINGS

### EPISTLE - ROMANS 1:1-12

1 Paul, a slave of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God, 2 which he promised previously through his prophets in the holy scriptures, 3 the gospel about his Son, descended from David according to the flesh, 4 but established as Son of God in power according to the spirit of holiness through resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord. 5 Through him we have received the grace of apostleship, to bring about the obedience of faith, for the sake of his name, among all the Gentiles, 6 among whom are you also, who are called to belong to Jesus Christ; 7 to all the beloved of God in Rome, called to be holy. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

8 First, I give thanks to my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is heralded throughout the world. 9 God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in proclaiming the gospel of his Son, that I remember you constantly, 10 always asking in my prayers that somehow by God's will I may at last find my way clear to come to you. 11 For I long to see you, that I may share with you some spiritual gift so that you may be strengthened, 12 that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by one another's faith, yours and mine.

### GOSPEL - MATTHEW 1:1-17

2 Abraham became the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers. 3 Judah became the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar. Perez became the father of Hezron, Hezron the father of Ram, 4 Ram the father of Amminadab. Amminadab became the father of Nahshon, Nahshon the father of Salmon, 5 Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab. Boaz became the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth. Obed became the father of Jesse, 6 Jesse the father of David the king.

David became the father of Solomon, whose mother had been the wife of Uriah. 7 Solomon became the father of Rehoboam, Rehoboam the father of Abijah, Abijah the father of Asaph. 8 Asaph became the father of Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, Joram the father of Uzziah. 9 Uzziah became the father of Jotham, Jotham the father of Ahaz, Ahaz the father of Hezekiah. 10 Hezekiah became the father of Manasseh, Manasseh the father of Amos, Amos the father of Josiah. 11 Josiah became the father of Jechoniah and his brothers at the time of the Babylonian exile.

12 After the Babylonian exile, Jechoniah became the father of Shealtiel, Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, 13 Zerubbabel the father of Abiud. Abiud became the father of Eliakim, Eliakim the father of Azor, 14 Azor the father of Zadok. Zadok became the father of Achim, Achim the father of Eliud, 15 Eliud the father of Eleazar. Eleazar became the father of Matthan, Matthan the father of Jacob, 16 Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary. Of her was born Jesus who is called the Messiah.

17 Thus the total number of generations from Abraham to David is fourteen generations; from David to the Babylonian exile, fourteen generations; from the Babylonian exile to the Messiah, fourteen generations.

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## 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. 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

**Parochial Vicar.** Bishop Gregory has appointed Rev. Toni Jabbour, OMM, to serve as the parochial vicar at St. Anthony Church. Father Toni will officially join our parish on 9 January, and we eagerly welcome him with open arms and hearts. We are grateful for his willingness to serve our community and look forward to his ministry among us.

As we prepare to welcome Father Toni, let us also continue to hold Father Naji Kiwan in our prayers. Father Naji remains on leave for health reasons, and we pray fervently for his healing, strength, and comfort during this time. May the Lord bless and guide both of these devoted servants in their vocations.

**Congratulations.** We congratulate Mark and Hala Rizk Lucas and their son Luca Lorenzo Lucas who was baptized and chrismated on 7 December, 2024. We also congratulate Samuel and Danielle Shibley and their son Hudson Shibley who was baptized and chrismated on 8 December, 2024. May they receive many blessings as they grow in the faith.

**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.

**Maronite Young Adult Retreat.** The MYA will have a retreat on Saturday, 4 January at 5 pm, "Who Do You Say I Am?" See the flier to register online by 29 December.

**Nativity and Santa Breakfast.** The MCF classes are having a Children's Liturgy at 8:30 am on Sunday, December 22. Children should pick up their costumes in the MCF building by 8:15 that day. They will present the Nativity in the church at the end of Liturgy - all the children are included. The MYA is preparing the Santa Breakfast in the hall and the MYO is serving. Breakfast is free, donations are accepted.

**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

**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.

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## LITURGY SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

### **Sunday, 22 December Genealogy Sunday, St. Anastasia of the Balkans**

**8:30 am**

In memory of Vincent Shulleeta and Tom and Sue Shulleeta, requested by Kathy and Andy Shulleeta  
In memory of Goldie Faris, requested by Cathy and Joe George

**11:00 am**

In memory of the deceased members of the Beasley Family, requested by the Beasley Family  
In memory of Richelle Faris, requested by Mary and Anthony Shaia

### **Monday, 23 December St. Eugenia**

No Divine Liturgy

### **Tuesday, 24 December Vigil of the Glorious Birth**

**4:30 pm**

In memory of the deceased members of the Beasley Family, requested by the Beasley Family  
For the members of the Oley and Bain Families, requested by Carol Bain  
In thanksgiving for the living and deceased members of the Tran Family, requested by the Tran Family

In memory of the deceased members of the Esaf and Naifa Shaheen Family as requested by George Shaheen.

### **Wednesday, 25 December The Glorious Birth of Our Lord**

**10 am**

In memory of Diane Barton, requested by Darlene Coleman  
In memory of Gina Marie Loehr, Joseph and Julia Shaar and deceased family members, requested by Regina Shaar Loehr

### **Thursday, 26 December Felicitations to the Virgin Mary**

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

### **Friday, 27 December St. Stephen, the First Martyr and Deacon**

In memory of Goldie Faris, requested by Sam and Maral Haboush

### **Saturday, 28 December The Adoration of the Magi, St. Marina**

In memory of Paul Hoa Tran, requested by the Tran Family

### **Sunday, 29 December Flight into Egypt, Massacre of the Children of Bethlehem**

**8:30 am**

In memory of Gary Camp, requested by Lisa Camp  
In memory of Susan Fodill Wright, requested by Regina Shaar Loehr

**11:00 am**

In memory of Goldie Faris, requested by Mary and Anthony Shaia  
In memory of Harry, Margaret, and Christopher Shaia, requested by Harry and Melissa Shaia

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## MEETINGS AND EVENTS

**Sunday, 22 December at 8:30.** Children's Liturgy, Nativity, Santa Breakfast

**Sunday, 5 January at 9:30.** MCF resumes for all students.

## STEWARDSHIP

### **22 December**

Collections: \$1723

Contributions: \$2050

End of Year Contribution: \$9000

Christmas Flowers: \$350

Hall Rental: \$200

## COLLECTION COUNTERS

December: David Walton & Paul Shibley

January: Joe George & Anthony Shibley

February: George Yesbeck

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.

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## USHERS SCHEDULE

Dates	8:30 Divine Liturgy	11:00 Divine Liturgy
22 Dec	Tom Dailey, Ed Yesbeck, Jr., John Zeheb, Harry McIvor	John Nadder, Jr., Justin Shulleeta, Anthony Shulleeta, Clarke Sawyer
29 Dec		

**Christmas Eve** 4:30 Trey Shibley, Mason Shibley, Dave Howard, Joseph Fodill

**Christmas Day** 10:00 Raymond Khoury, Milad Habboush, Freddy Fakher, Charbel Chaoul

## ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

Dates	8:30 Divine Liturgy	11:00 Divine Liturgy
22 Dec	Nicholas and Tobias Edwards, Owen Hendrix, Kingston Lewter, Brycen Howard	Patrick Savage, Christian Funk, Grayson Funk
29 Dec	Asher and Braxton McIvor, George Oley, Arthur Oley	Sami Sakr, Luke Salloum, Eli Stephan

**Christmas Eve** 4:30 Nolan Roberts, Miko Aboutanos, Matthew Habboush

**Christmas Day** 10:00 Ghady Karam, Eli Stephan, Matthew Habboush, Luke Salloum

## TRANSFER OF GIFTS

Dates	8:30 Divine Liturgy	11:00 Divine Liturgy
22 Dec	Magdalena Choueifati, Alexa Haddad, Kaylee Ransom, Dylan Carr	Ashley Maust, Alyssa Maust, Romi Rustom, Jenna Chaoul
29 Dec	Stella McIvor, Rosie Boykin, Amina Howard, Lili Boykin, Emily Carr	Jenna Chaoul, Leanne Siefke, Kylie Stephan, Romi Rustom

**Christmas Eve** 4:30 Rosie, Lili, Ivy Boykin, Amina Howard, Hannah Roberts

**Christmas Day** 10:00 Jenna Chaoul, Romi Rustom

## LECTORS SCHEDULE

Dates	8:30 Divine Liturgy	11:00 Divine Liturgy
15 Dec	Chip Shaia (Cooper Sheriff - epistle)	Mary Shaia
29 Dec	Kelly Edwards	
<b>Christmas Eve</b> 4:30	Kelly Edwards	<b>Christmas Day</b> 10:00 Leo Maynes



# 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  
Monday 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 CHRISTIAN FORMATION SCHEDULE 2024-2025

8 Dec	All Students Nativity Practice 7-12	9:30 am
15 Dec	PreS-6 LifeTeen for 7-12 Nativity Practice PreS-6	9:30 am 9:30 am - 11 am
22 Dec	Children's Liturgy, Nativity, Santa Breakfast	8:30 am - 11 am
5 Jan	All Students	9:30 am
12 Jan	PreS-8	9:30 am
19 Jan	PreS-6 LifeTeen for 7-12	9:30 am 9:30 am - 11 am
26 Jan	PreS-8	9:30 am
2 Feb	All Students	9:30am
9 Feb	PreS-8	9:30am
16 Feb	PreS-6 LifeTeen for 7-12	9:30 am 9:30 am - 11 am
23 Feb	PreS-8th Parents First Communion Class	9:30am
2 Mar	All Students	9:30am
9 Mar	PreS-8th Parents First Communion Class	9:30am



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