



Saint Maron

Maronite Catholic Church



Season of the Glorious Birth of Our Lord

December 10-11, 2022

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TUESDAY – FRIDAY 10:30AM – 4:00PM

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Revelation to Joseph

Dec 8, Feast of the Immaculate Conception



There are four Marian dogmas in the church Mary Mother of God, Immaculate Conception, perpetual virginity, and Assumption. On December 8 (nine months before we celebrate the feast of the Nativity of Mary), the church celebrates the feast of the Immaculate Conception.

The dogma of the Immaculate Conception asserts that, *"from the first moment of her conception, the Blessed Virgin Mary was, by the singular grace and privilege of Almighty God, and in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of Mankind, kept free from all stain of original sin."*

This blessed feast is a reminder for us that we, need to be cleansed from all iniquities to receive our Lord Jesus Christ. So, let us turn to the Mother of Mercy and ask her to lead us to her Son especially during this blessed season of the Glorious Birth of Our Lord as we prepare ourselves to welcome Jesus and celebrate His Divine Mercy in the Sacraments of Eucharist and Penance.

Let us turn to Mary and take her as a mentor and a companion for us. She who has accepted God's will in her life and became the mother of the Church can help us understand God's will for us and accept it in profound trust and confidence.

May we follow Jesus Christ our savior and redeemer as we repeat the words of our Blessed Mother: "Let it be done to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38).

Readings

First Reading

Ephesians 3:1-13

Gospel Reading

Matthew 1:18-25

Choir Practice

Monday, December 19, 2022
7:00PM

Sanctuary Candle

The Sanctuary Candle is burning
for Cancer Patients

DIVINE LITURGIES

Saturday, December 10, @ 6:00PM, liturgy is offered in memory of deceased members of the DeBuono and Mosier families requested by Terry Koway. May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, December 11, @ 11:00AM, liturgy is offered in memory of Salim Mikhael and the deceased members of the Mikhael family and in memory of Kafa Abou Jaoude requested by Philip and Vivian Rai and family. May their souls rest in peace.

Saturday, December 17, @ 6:00PM, liturgy is offered in memory of Edward and Rose Koway requested by Terry Koway. May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, December 18, @ 11:00AM, liturgy is offered in memory of Victor Condo requested by Pauline Salerno. May his soul rest in peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

If you are sick and homebound and wish to receive communion at home, please contact: the Church Office at 215-389-2000 or Fr. Andrawos at 978-241-2977

WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR December 3-4, 2022

Sunday Collection	\$ 1,707.00
PayPal	\$ 150.00
Coffee Hour	\$ 37.00
Total:	\$ 1,894.00
Memorial	\$ 250.00

IN OUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers

Michael Thomas, Barbara Impriano, Mary McKinney, Jessica McKinney, Angela McKinney, Skyla Simon, Peter Labaki, Nancy Murphy, Marentha Young-Heart, Allison Tretina, Stephanie Devinney, Angela S corza Anderson, Robert Nigro, Thomas Jones, Raymond Fitzpatrick, Linda Yeckes, Frankie Olivieri,

Richy Grande, Marie Eddis, Mia Andrilla, Natalie Ciancaglini, Ashley Iaconelli, Stephen Bressi, Elissar Ayoub, Joanne Simon-Turing, Suzanne Haney, Linda DiBernardo, Joan Speck, David Joseph Cook, Eddie Tayoun, Dennis Strelchuk, Gladys Dalcourt, Denise Furey, Mirta Ruiz, Rita Impo, Jade Kellam, Marion Thomas Branca, Francesca Impo, Lucy DiLuce, Laurent Chidiac, Tom Hart, John Hart, Fadi Jaber, Joseph Realdine, Lisa Alestra, John Nader, Joey Gdowick, Francis Joseph Kerns, Samer Chokeir, Kathy Newman, Rita Arrigale, Maryann Bratton, Renee Sahar, Sister Nahida Al-Sawa, James Cordisio, Stacey Fuentes, Debbie Freedenberg, Noel Andjuhar, and Angel Salerno.

We ask Almighty God to bless them with good health so that they may join us in the Church and give glory and thanksgiving to God. Please notify the Church office of any family member who is ill so that we may remember them in our daily prayers and on our altar of intention.

A dark green rectangular graphic with a red border. It features a candy cane on the left and a wrapped gift on the right. The text is in white and green.

**CHRISTMAS
2022**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18
Following Divine Liturgy

Putlock Luncheon
Bring a dish to share

CHRISTMAS PUTLOCK & LUNCHEON

CHRISTMAS CONCERT AND PLAY

CHRISTMAS PLAY & CONCERT BY OUR CHILDREN

Sunday, December 18, 2022

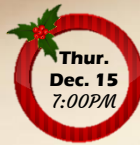


REHEARSAL DATES

Sundays following Divine Liturgy
November 27 - December 4 - December 11



Christmas Novena Schedule 2022



**Thur.
Dec. 15
7:00PM**

Divine Liturgy & Christmas Novena
liturgy is offered for the children in foster care



**Fri.
Dec. 16
7:00PM**

Evening Prayer & Christmas Novena
we pray for a special intention



**Sat.
Dec. 17
6:00PM**

Divine Liturgy & Christmas Novena
liturgy is offered in memory of Edward and Rose Koway



**Sun.
Dec. 18
11:00AM**

Divine Liturgy & Christmas Novena
liturgy is offered in memory of Victor Condo



**Mon.
Dec. 19
7:00PM**

Evening Prayer & Christmas Novena
we pray in memory of Msgr. Sharbel Lischaa



**Tue.
Dec. 20
7:00PM**

Divine Liturgy & Christmas Novena
liturgy is offered in memory of Francis, Mary and Siham Dib



**Wed.
Dec. 21
7:00PM**

Evening Prayer & Christmas Novena
we pray for all cancer patients



**Thur.
Dec. 22
7:00PM**

Divine Liturgy & Christmas Novena
liturgy is offered for the homeless and people in need



**Fri.
Dec. 23
7:00PM**

Divine Liturgy & Christmas Novena
liturgy is offered in memory of the deceased members of our parish



CHRISTMAS LITURGIES

Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 24 @ 6:00PM

Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25 @ 11:00AM

UPCOMING EVENTS



GIVING TREE

Return Gifts by December 11, 2022
unwrapped with the name attached



CHRISTMAS NOVENA

December 15 – December 23, 2022



CHRISTMAS PARTY & POTLUCK

Sunday, December 18, 2022



CHRISTMAS LITURGIES

Saturday, December 24, 2022 @ 6:00PM

Sunday, December 25, 2022 @ 11:00AM

IMPORTANT UPDATES

January 2022 to Date

Bishop's Appeal Collection:	\$ 3,156.00
Bishop's Appeal Payment:	\$ 3,500.00
NET	- \$ 344.00

Building Insurance Collection:	\$ 312.00
Building Insurance Payment:	\$ 13,594.00
NET	- \$ 13,282.00

Eparchial Assessment Collection:	\$ 300.00
Eparchial Assessment Payment:	\$ 8,000.00
NET	- \$ 7,700.00

Eparchial Loan

Loan Principal and Interest Owed:	\$ 57,125.00
Total Amount Paid as of Nov. 2022:	\$ 31,375.00
Remaining Loan Balance:	\$ 25,750.00

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE



Saint Maron Church Men's Club

If you wish to join the men's club in our parish,
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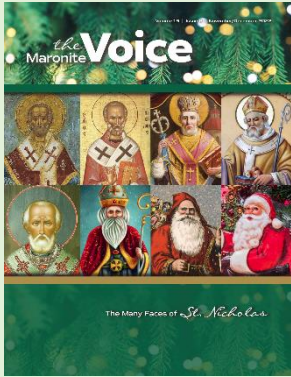


CHARITY

Donations to: "Ozanam's Care Home" – Batroun, Lebanon

Total Donations Received: \$3,372.00

The first shipment of fuel has been delivered to the elderly home on 12/6/2022.

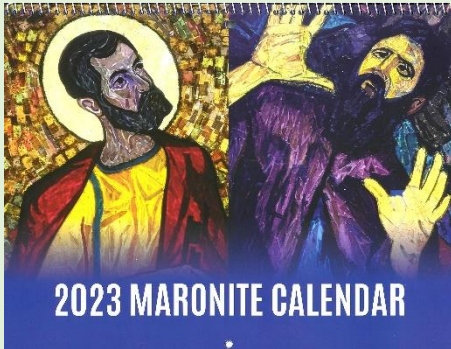


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Click on the link: <https://www.maronitevoice.org/>

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Most Reverend Gregory J. Mansour

To learn more about the congregation, click on the following link

<https://www.maroniteservants.org>



IS JESUS CALLING you?!

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First Reading

Ephesians 3:1-13

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians. Your blessing father...

Brothers and Sisters:

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him. I pray therefore that you may not lose heart over my sufferings for you; they are your glory.

Praise be to God always.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل أفسس

يا إِخْوَتِي، أَنَا بُولُسُ، أَسِيرُ الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ مِنْ أَجْلِكُمْ، أَيُّهَا الْأَمَمَ... إِنْ كُنْتُمْ قَدْ سَمِعْتُمْ بِتَدْبِيرِ نِعْمَةِ اللَّهِ الَّتِي وَهَبَتْ لِي مِنْ أَجْلِكُمْ، وَهُوَ أَنِّي بَوَّحِي أُطْلِعْتُ عَلَى السِّرِّ، كَمَا كَتَبْتُ إِلَيْكُمْ بِإِيجَازٍ مِنْ قَبْلُ، حِينَئِذٍ يُمَكِّنُكُمْ، إِذَا قَرَأْتُمْ ذَلِكَ، أَنْ تَذَرِكُوا فَهْمِي لِسِرِّ الْمَسِيحِ، هَذَا السِّرِّ الَّذِي لَمْ يُعْرَفْ عِنْدَ بَنِي الْبَشَرِ فِي الْأَجْيَالِ الْغَابِرَةِ، كَمَا أُعْلِنُ الْآنَ بِالرُّوحِ لِرُسُلِهِ الْقَدِيسِينَ وَالْأَنْبِيَاءِ، وَهُوَ أَنَّ الْأَمَمَ هُمْ، فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ، شُرَكَاءُ لَنَا فِي الْمِيرَاثِ وَالْجَسَدِ وَالْوَعْدِ، بِوَاسِطَةِ الْإِنْجِيلِ، الَّذِي صِرْتُ خَادِمًا لَهُ، بِحَسَبِ هِبَةِ نِعْمَةِ اللَّهِ الَّتِي وَهَبَتْ لِي بِفِعْلِ قُدْرَتِهِ؛ لِي أَنَا، أَصْغَرُ الْقَدِيسِينَ جَمِيعًا، وَهَبَتْ هَذِهِ النِّعْمَةَ، وَهِيَ أَنْ أُبَشِّرَ الْأَمَمَ بِغِنَى الْمَسِيحِ الَّذِي لَا يُسْتَقْصَى، وَأَنْ أُوضِحَ لِلْجَمِيعِ مَا هُوَ تَدْبِيرُ السِّرِّ الْمَكْتُومِ مُنْذُ الدُّهُورِ فِي اللَّهِ الَّذِي خَلَقَ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ، لِكَيْ تُعْرَفَ الْآنَ مِنْ خِلَالِ الْكَنِيسَةِ، لَدَى الرِّئَاسَاتِ وَالسَّلَاطِينِ فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ، حِكْمَةُ اللَّهِ الْمُتَنَوِّعَةِ، بِحَسَبِ قَضْدِهِ الْأَزَلِيِّ الَّذِي حَقَّقَهُ فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ رَبَّنَا، الَّذِي لَنَا فِيهِ، أَيْ بِالْإِيمَانِ بِهِ، الْوُصُولُ بِجُرْأَةٍ وَثِقَةٍ إِلَى اللَّهِ. لِذَلِكَ أَسْأَلُكُمْ أَنْ لَا تَضْعُفَ عَزِيمَتُكُمْ بِسَبَبِ الضَّيِّقَاتِ الَّتِي أُعَانِيهَا مِنْ أَجْلِكُمْ: إِنَّهَا مَجْدٌ لَكُمْ!

والتسبيح لله دائماً.

Gospel Reading

Saint Matthew 1:18-25

The Apostle Writes:

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.' When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِيسِ مَتَّى

أَمَّا مِيلَادُ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ فَكَانَ هَكَذَا: لَمَّا كَانَتْ أُمُّهُ مَرْيَمُ مَخْطُوبَةً لِيُوسُفَ، وَقَبْلَ أَنْ يَسْكُنَا مَعًا، وَجَدَتْ حَامِلًا مِنَ الرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ. وَلَمَّا كَانَ يُوسُفُ رَجُلًا بَارًّا، وَلَا يُرِيدُ أَنْ يُشْهَرَ بِهَا، قَرَّرَ أَنْ يُطْلِقَهَا سِرًّا. وَمَا إِنْ فَكَّرَ فِي هَذَا حَتَّى تَرَأَى لَهُ مَلَاكُ الرَّبِّ فِي الْحُلُمِ قَائِلًا: "يَا يُوسُفُ بْنُ دَاوُدَ، لَا تَخَفْ أَنْ تَأْخُذَ مَرْيَمَ امْرَأَتَكَ، فَالْمَوْلُودُ فِيهَا إِنَّمَا هُوَ مِنَ الرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ. وَسَوْفَ تَلِدُ ابْنًا، فَسَمِّهِ يَسُوعَ، لِأَنَّهُ هُوَ الَّذِي يُخَلِّصُ شَعْبَهُ مِنْ خَطَايَاهُمْ". وَحَدَّثَ هَذَا كُلَّهُ لِيَتِمَّ مَا قَالَهُ الرَّبُّ بِالنَّبِيِّ: هَا إِنَّ الْعَذْرَاءَ تَحْمِلُ وَتَلِدُ ابْنًا، وَيُدْعَى اسْمُهُ عِمَّاْنُوئِيلَ، أَيِ اللَّهِ مَعَنَا. وَلَمَّا قَامَ يُوسُفُ مِنَ النَّوْمِ، فَعَلَ كَمَا أَمَرَهُ مَلَاكُ الرَّبِّ وَأَخَذَ امْرَأَتَهُ. وَلَمْ يَعْرِفْهَا، فَوَلَدَتْ ابْنًا، وَسَمَّاهُ يَسُوعَ.

حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانُ لِكُلِّكُمْ.