

Sunday Readings

Epistle Reading: Rom 4: 13-25

Gospel Reading: Lk 1: 1-25

Gospel

Since many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as those who were eyewitnesses from the beginning and ministers of the word have handed them down to us, I too have decided, after investigating everything accurately anew, to write it down in an orderly sequence for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received.

In the days of Herod, King of Judea, there was a Priest named Zechariah of the Priestly division of Abijah; his wife was from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. Both were righteous in the eyes of God, observing all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blamelessly. But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren and both were advanced in years. Once when he was serving as Priest in his division's turn before God, according to the practice of the Priestly service, he was chosen by lot to enter the Sanctuary of the Lord to burn incense. Then, when the whole assembly of the people was praying outside at the hour of the incense offering, the Angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right of the Altar of Incense. Zechariah was troubled by what he saw, and fear came upon him. But the Angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, because your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall name him John. And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He will drink neither wine nor strong drink. He will be filled with the Holy Spirit even from his mother's womb, and he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God. He will go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah to turn the hearts of fathers toward children and the disobedient to the understanding of the righteous, to prepare a people fit for the Lord."

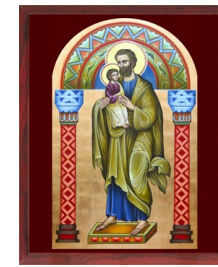
Then Zechariah said to the Angel, "How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years." And the Angel said to him in reply, "I am Gabriel, who stand before God. I was sent to speak to you and to announce to you this Good News. But now you will be speechless and unable to talk until the day these things take place, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled at their proper time."

Meanwhile the people were waiting for Zechariah and were amazed that he stayed so long in the Sanctuary. But when he came out, he was unable to speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the Sanctuary. He was gesturing to them but remained mute. Then, when his days of ministry were completed, he went home. After this time his wife Elizabeth conceived, and she went into seclusion for five months, saying, "So has the Lord done for me at a time when he has seen fit to take away my disgrace before others."

This is the truth. Peace be with you

Liturgy Intentions

- Sat, Nov 18** *St. Romanos (Raymond), M | St. Rose Philippine Duchene (USA), C*
 Repose of Chorbishop Francis Shemalie & Monsignor Nemat Allah Chemaly
 By: Annette Shemaly Corey 4:00 PM
- Sun, Nov 19** *Pope St. Pontian (+235), M*
 Repose of Dominick Cavallo
 By: The LaValley Family 10:00 AM
- Mon, Nov 20** *St. Gregory of the Decapolis, C*
 No Liturgy
- Tues, Nov 21** *Presentation of the Virgin Mary in the Temple*
 No Liturgy
- Wed, Nov 22** *Sts. Joachim & Anne, Parents of Our Lady, the Virgin Mary*
 No Liturgy
- Thurs, Nov 23** *St. Sassine, Bishop of Ozycius, M*
 No Liturgy
 Happy Thanksgiving!
- Fri, Nov 24** *St. Catherine of Alexandria, M*
 No Liturgy
- Sat, Nov 25** *Pope St. Clement I (+97), M*
 Repose of Theresa Luty
 By: The Family 4:00 PM
- Sun, Nov 26** *St. Peter, Patriarch of Alexandria, M*
 Repose of Joan VanHeusen (Fr. Chuck's Mother)
 By: Fr. Claude & Parishioners 10:00 AM



Saint Joseph Maronite Church

November 19, 2023

Announcement To Zechariah



Divine Liturgy

Weekdays (Tuesday — Friday) 9:00 AM
 Saturday 4:00 PM
 Sunday 10:00 AM
 Holy Days (unless otherwise specified) 6:30PM

Confession

30 Minutes before each liturgy or upon request

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 Peace Be With You

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Please Pray for those who are Sick, in the Hospital, or Homebound:

- ◆ Vicky Eddy (The Pines)
- ◆ Maria Oszwaldowska & Family (Special Intention)
- ◆ Easton James & Brynn Isabel Hamed (Son & Daughter of Sara & Lindsey)
- ◆ Baby Luca Turco with heart complications
- ◆ Ron DaPolito (Recovery from surgery)
- ◆ Coradean "Deany" Simon (The Pines)
- ◆ Coradean "Corkey" Simon Deany's Mom (The Pines)
- ◆ William Olkosky (Brother-in-law of Kathy Covert & Cousin of Kathy Baldwin)
- ◆ Heidi Johnson (Niece of Mykal Karl)

Please let us know if anyone should be added to or removed from the prayer list.

Please Contact the Office if you would like a Pastoral Visit!

The Sanctuary Lamp

For the Weeks of 11/6-11/19/2023

Burns for the Jadowski, Leroy, Diagle, & Holes Families

By: The Peter & Norma Sawaya Family

In the same way, let your light shine before others that they may
See your charitable deeds and glorify your Father in Heaven.

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM / CHRISMATION (CONFIRMATION):

Please notify the Priest at least a month ahead for preparations.

CROWNING (MARRIAGE):

Contact the Priest at least 6 months ahead for preparations and necessary paperwork.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK:

Please notify the Priest if a family member is sick.

BULLETIN DEADLINE:

Thursdays at Noon

Weekly Collection

Weekend Liturgies:	\$584.00
Candles:.....	\$12.00
Total Collected:	\$596.00
Approx. Needed Weekly:	\$3,250.00
Weekly Deficit:	-\$2,654.00
Fundraiser Income	\$0.00
YTD Deficit	\$74,974.56

Sunday Lector Schedule:

November 19, 2023	December 10, 2023
Paul Sawaya	Lisa Zlockie
November 26, 2023	December 17, 2023
Mykal Karl	Mikki Cole
December 3, 2023	December 24, 2023
Brandon LaValley	Paul Sawaya

Fr. Claude's Vacation

Fr. Claude will be visiting his family in North Carolina for the Thanksgiving Holiday. He will be leaving on **Sunday, November 19th** after the Divine Liturgy and returning on **Thursday, November 30th**.

While Fr. Claude is away there will **NOT** be any Daily Liturgies. The Divine Liturgies for the **weekend of November 25th and 26th** will be covered by **Fr. Chuck VanHeusen**. Please welcome Fr. Chuck and his wife, Marie.

ST. JOSEPH MARONITE CHURCH PRESENTS

International CHRISTMAS FAIR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 • 12PM-4PM

ST. JOSEPH'S HALL | 1102 WALNUT ST. OLEAN, NY

- CHRISTMAS VILLAGE DISPLAYS
- FONTANINI NATIVITY SCENE
- HOT COCOA AND HOT CIDER*

- BAKE SALE AND FOOD*
- CHRISTMAS MARKET*
- PHOTO BOOTH

● CRAFTS FOR KIDS & MUCH MORE

SPECIAL TIMES

- 12:00: DOORS OPEN**
- 1:00: HOLIDAY AND DESSERT AUCTION***
- 2:00: GINGERBREAD HOUSE CONTEST***
- 3:00: A VISIT WITH ST. NICHOLAS**
- 4:00: GIFT GIVING BASKET RAFFLE DRAWING***

NOTE: ITEMS WITH * INDICATE PAID ACTIVITY

Condolences

On behalf of St. Joseph Maronite Church, I would like to extend our heartfelt condolences to the Luty Family on the passing of **Mike Luty**.

May our Heavenly Father accept Mike into His Loving Arms and welcome him into His Heavenly Kingdom!

St. Joseph Maronite Church

Gift "Giving" Basket Raffle

* 3 Baskets full of all kinds of goodies ready to be given away to friends and family!

* Plus, a "Money Tree" valued at **OVER \$300.00!**

* **\$5.00** per ticket or **3 for \$10.00**

* For Tickets Call St. Joseph Church (716) 379-8436 or Sally (716) 372-0509

* Ticket will be pulled at the *International Christmas Fair* at St. Joseph's Hall on **December 17, 2023 at 4:00.**



Happy Thanksgiving!

