

Sunday Readings

Epistle Reading:Gal 4: 21-5:1

Gospel Reading: Lk 1: 57-66

Gospel

When the time arrived for Elizabeth to have her child she gave birth to a son. Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy toward her, and they rejoiced with her.

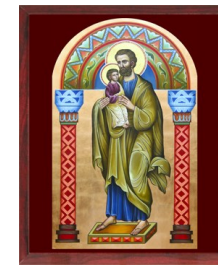
When they came on the eighth day to circumcise the child, they were going to call him Zechariah after his father, but his mother said in reply, "No. He will be called John." But they answered her, "There is no one among your relatives who has this name." So they made signs, asking his father what he wished him to be called. He asked for a tablet and wrote, "John is his name," and all were amazed.

Immediately his mouth was opened, his tongue freed, and he spoke blessing God. Then fear came upon all their neighbors, and all these matters were discussed throughout the hill country of Judea. All who heard these things took them to heart, saying, "What, then, will this child be?" For surely the hand of the Lord was with him.

This is the truth! Peace be with you!

Liturgy Intentions

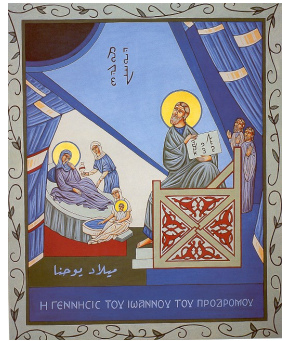
- Sat, Dec 9 *St. Francis of Paola. C*
100th Birthday Remembrance for Lucille Zemer
By: The Family 4:00 PM
- Sun, Dec 10 *Pope St. Miltiades (+314). C*
Repose of Sr. Therese Joyce, OSF
By: Mary Ellen Ash
- 40 Day Memorial for Dominick Cavallo
By: Fr. Claude & St Joseph Parishioners...10:00 AM
- Mon, Dec 11 *St. Daniel the Stylite. C*
No Liturgy
- Tues, Dec 12 *St. Spyridon the Wonderworker. C | Our Lady of Guadalupe (USA)*
As of yet, NO LITURGY
.....9:00 AM
- Wed, Dec 13 *St. Lucy. M*
In Memory of Joe Ash
By: Phil and Jo Ann Snyder9:00 AM
- Thurs, Dec 14 *St. Nemtallah El-Hardini. C*
In Memory of Mike Luty
By: The John Sawaya Family.....9:00 AM
- Fri, Dec 15 *St. Eleutherius and His Mother. M*
In Memory of Rocky Baire
By: The John Sawaya Family.....9:00 AM
- Sat, Dec 16 *Haggai the Prophet. C*
Repose of Gerry Mahar
By: Marcia Reynolds 4:00 PM
- Sun, Dec 17 *The 3 Young Men: Ananias, Azarias, and Misael. C*
Repose of Dan Piccolli
By: The Peter & Norma Sawaya Family ...10:00 AM



Saint Joseph Maronite Church

December 10, 2023

Birth of John the Baptist



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 12/4-12/17/2023
Burns for Zemer & Snyder Families
By: Phil & Jo Ann Snyder

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:	\$938.00
Candles:.....	\$21.00
Individual Donation:	\$500.00
Total Collected:	\$1,459.00
Approx. Needed Weekly:	\$3,250.00
Weekly Deficit:	-\$1,791.00
Fundraiser Income	\$0.00
YTD Deficit	\$82,188.56

Sunday Lector Schedule:

December 10, 2023 Lisa Zlockie	December 31, 2023 Mykal Karl
December 17, 2023 Mikki Cole	January 7, 2024 Brandon LaValley
December 24, 2023 Paul Sawaya	January 14, 2024 Lisa Zlockie

Christmas Flower Donations



Donations are being accepted to help defray the cost of decorating the Altar for the Christmas Season.

Please use the envelopes on the table in the foyer to donate either in *honor of* or in *memory of* a loved one.

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*
- CRAFTS FOR KIDS & MUCH MORE
- BAKE SALE AND FOOD*
- CHRISTMAS MARKET*
- PHOTO BOOTH

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

Christmas Novena

To prepare ourselves spiritually for the Birth-in-the-Flesh of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Maronite Church celebrates the Christmas Novena beginning **Friday, December 15th** until **Saturday, December 23rd inclusive.**



The Christmas Novena will take place each **Weekday Evening at 6:30PM.** The Christmas Novena will take place **immediately following the Weekend Divine Liturgies on Saturday, December 16th, Sunday, December 17th and Saturday, December 23rd.**

All Novena Services will be held in the Church!

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.**

