

Sunday Readings

Epistle Reading: Eph 3: 1-13
 Gospel Reading: Mt 1: 18-25

Gospel

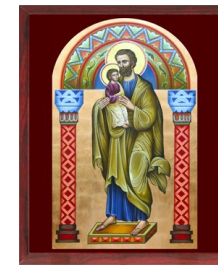
Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention when, behold, the Angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name Him Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the Prophet: “Behold, the Virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name Him Emmanuel,” which means “God is with us.” When Joseph awoke, he did as the Angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home. He had no relations with her until she bore a son, and he named Him Jesus.

This is the truth! Peace be with you!

Liturgy Intentions

- 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
- Mon, Dec 18 *Daniel the Prophet. C*
 No Liturgy
- Tues, Dec 19 *St. Athenodorus. M*
 For Fr. Chuck & Marie VanHeusen
 By: St. Joseph Parishioners 9:00 AM
- Wed, Dec 20 *St. Ignatius of Antioch. M*
 In Loving Memory of Dotty Flynn
 With love from the Peter & Norma Sawaya Family 9:00 AM
- Thurs, Dec 21 *St. Julian. M*
 For the Family of Nickey & Dicky Baire
 With love from the Sawaya Families 9:00 AM
- Fri, Dec 22 *St. Anastasia of the Balkans. M*
 Repose of the Soul of Rocky Baire
 By: Dennis & Ann Marie Wright 9:00 AM
- Sat, Dec 23 *St. Eugenia. M*
 Repose of Joe Ash
 By: Fred Eade 4:00 PM
- Sun, Dec 24 *Genealogy Sunday*
 Repose of Domnick Cavallo
 By: Deacon Matt & Mary Wenke & Family 10:00 AM

Vigil of the Glorious Birth (Holy Day of Obligation)
 Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph Parish
 By: The John Ash Family 4:00 PM
- Mon, Dec 25 *The Glorious Birth of Our Lord (Holy Day of Obligation)*
 In Memory of Betty Zlockie
 By: Steve & Lisa Zlockie 10:00 AM



Saint Joseph Maronite Church

December 17, 2023

Revelation to Joseph



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 12/18-12/31/2023

Burns for Charlie, Christine & Steve Stimson

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:	\$612.00
Candles:.....	\$12.00
Total Collected:	\$624.00
Approx. Needed Weekly:	\$3,250.00
Weekly Deficit:	-\$2,626.00
Fundraiser Income	\$0.00
YTD Deficit	\$84,814.56

Sunday Lector Schedule:

December 17, 2023	January 7, 2024
Mikki Cole	Brandon LaValley
December 24, 2023	January 14, 2024
Paul Sawaya	Lisa Zlockie
December 31, 2023	January 21, 2024
Mykal Karl	Mikki Cole

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*
- 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

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!

Christmas & New Year's Liturgical Schedule

Genealogy Sunday (Sunday, Dec 24th):	10:00 AM
Christmas Eve (Sunday, Dec 24th):	4:00 PM
Christmas Day (Monday, Dec 25th):	10:00 AM
Finding in the Temple (Sunday, Dec 31st):	10:00 AM
New Year's Eve (Sunday, Dec 31st):	4:00 PM
New Year's Day (Monday, Jan 1st):	10:00 AM

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER



A time to share...

WHEN
Christmas Day, December 25, 2023
 Home Delivery 10 am—12 noon
 Take-Out 10 am—11:30 am

WHERE
Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels
 119 West Henley Street
 Lower Basilica Dining Hall, South 1st Street Entrance

SMALEAN.ORG FOR INFO & DONATIONS



BASILICA of ST. MARY of the ANGELS

COMPLIMENTARY DINNER includes
 Ham, Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Fruit Cup, Roll and Dessert

Reservations
 For Home Delivery or Take-Out

Basilica Office
 716-372-4841
 Monday thru Friday
 9 am to 4 pm

RESERVATIONS NEED TO BE MADE BY 4 pm DECEMBER 22nd

After December 22nd call: 716-969-5248

TO VOLUNTEER or DONATE
 Call Basilica Office or Lauren Limerick
 716-969-5248