

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."

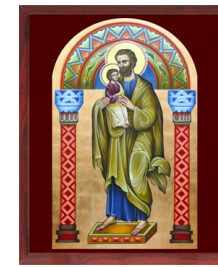
Meanwhile the people were waiting for Zechariah and were amazed that he stayed so long in the Sanctuary. But when he came out, he was unable to speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the Sanctuary. He was gesturing to them but remained mute. Then, when his days of ministry were 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 16** *St. Matthew the Evangelist. A*
Second Anniversary of Priesthood
for Fr. Chuck Van Heusen
With Love, St. Joseph's Parishioners .. **4:00 PM**
- Sun, Nov 17** *St. Gregory the Wonderworker. C*
Repose of Charles Bredehoff
& Infant Daughter, Carolyn
By: The John Ash Family **10:00 AM**
- Mon, Nov 18** *St. Romanos (Raymond). M |
St. Rose Philippine Duchesne (USA). C*
No Liturgy
- Tues, Nov 19** *Pope St. Pontian (+235). M*
In Loving Memory of Nickie & Dickie Baire
With Love, The Sawaya's **9:00 AM**
- Wed, Nov 20** *St. Gregory of the Decapolis. C*
Restore to Good Health Michael & Laurie Losey
With Love, The Sawaya's **9:00 AM**
- Thur, Nov 21** *Presentation of the Virgin Mary in the Temple*
In Memory of Mary Ann Johnston
By: David Johnston **9:00 AM**
- Fri, Nov 22** *Sts. Joachim & Anne. Parents of the Virgin Mary*
Happy Thanksgiving to our Family & Friends
With Love, The Peter & Norma
Sawaya Family **9:00 AM**
- Sat, Nov 23** *St. Sassine. Bishop of Cyzicus. M*
Repose of Emil, Mary & David Ash
By; The John Ash Family **4:00 PM**
- Sun, Nov 24** *St. Catherine of Alexandria. M*
Repose of Lou Joseph
By: Bob Ash **10:00 AM**



Saint Joseph Maronite Church

November 17, 2024

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:

- ◆ Estella Wood (Mother-in-law of Kathy Covert & Aunt of Kathy Baldwin)
- ◆ Vicky Eddy (The Pines)
- ◆ Maria Oszwaldowska & Family (Special Intention)
- ◆ Easton James & Brynn Isabel Hamed (Son & Daughter of Sara & Lindsey)
- ◆ Mike Losey (Husband of Laurie Losey, suffered two strokes)
- ◆ Cynthia Crawford (Knee Surgery)
- ◆ Coradean "Deany" Simon (The Pines)
- ◆ Phyllis Gayton
- ◆ Kathy Baldwin
- ◆ Emily Schnitzer (17 yr old niece of Cherie LaValley, diagnosed with MS)
- ◆ Evalina Bordoy (Granddaughter of Kathy Covert)
- ◆ Tom Freitag (Prayers for his left-side torn Rotator Cuff and Shoulder)
- ◆ William Tunberg (Relative of the Ash Family in CA)

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 11/4-11/17/2024

Burns for the Sawaya Family

By: Dennis & Ann Marie Wright & 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:	\$535.00
2nd Collection:	\$.00
Candles:.....	\$18.00
Total Collected:	\$553.00
Approx. Needed Weekly:	\$3,250.00
Weekly Deficit:	-\$2,697.00
Fundraiser Income:	\$1,007.00
YTD Deficit	\$57,853.37

Sunday Lector Schedule:

Nov 17, 2024 Paul Sawaya	Dec 8, 2024 Mikki Cole
Nov 24, 2024 Brandon LaValley	Dec 15, 2024 Paul Sawaya
Dec 1, 2024 Lisa Zlockie	Dec 22, 2024 Brandon LaValley

ST. JOSEPH MARONITE CHURCH PRESENTS

International
CHRISTMAS FAIR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2024 • 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

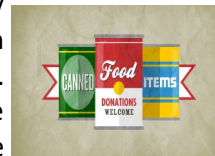
12:00: DOORS OPEN
1:00: HOLIDAY AND DESSERT AUCTION*
2:00: COOKIE DECORATING
3:00: A VISIT WITH ST. NICHOLAS

NOTE: ITEMS WITH * INDICATE PAID ACTIVITY



St. Joseph's Food Drive

We will be collecting can goods, dry goods, personal hygiene and baby items again this year to benefit the **Olean Food Pantry**. Please bring any items you would like to donate between now and **Sunday, November 24th**. We will deliver the donations on Monday, November 25th in time for Thanksgiving. *Your benevolence is very much appreciated.*



Chili Cook-Off Results

On behalf of St. Joseph's I would like to thank David & Cherie LaValley for chairing this event and everyone who helped them make our Chili Cook-Off a success, especially those who entered the contest.

Due to all of your efforts we made **\$1,007.00!**

Shower For Mary

For more than two decades, the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany have ensured local mothers had enough clothing, diapers and necessities to care for their babies and toddlers during the holidays and new year through the "Shower for Mary" collection.



Participants are asked to assemble and donate complete "Welcome to the Neighborhood Bags" being collected for the approximately 600 babies born at Olean General Hospital each year.

For more information and details, follow the link for the article in the *Olean Times Herald*:

https://www.oleantimesherald.com/news/shower-for-mary-event-to-support-newborns-at-ogh/article_4bc21480-a058-11ef-ba75-fff70a353fe4.html

Adult Advent Calendar

Christmas Countdown

Tickets: 1 for \$10.00

or 3 for \$20.00

ON SALE NOW

At the Church Office

(716) 379-8436

Calendar Prizes Include:

*Cash, Lottery Tickets, Gift Cards
& Mini-Bar Booze Bottles*

Drawing December 1, 2024

After Sunday Liturgy at St. Joseph's Church Hall
*Must be 21 years of age or older to purchase tickets & win
Winner need not be present*