

## 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."

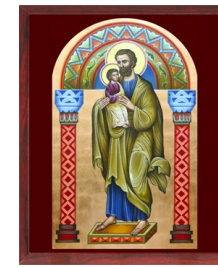
All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the Prophet: "Behold, the Virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name Him Emmanuel," which means "God is with us."

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

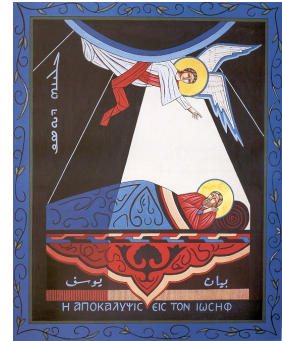
- Sat, Dec 14** *St. Nemtallah El-Hardini, C*  
In Memory of Vickie Eddy  
By: Souad Eade ..... 4:00 PM
- Sun, Dec 15** *St. Eleutherius & His Mother, M*  
Rita Lynch  
By: Phil & Jo Ann Snyder ..... 10:00 AM
- Mon, Dec 16** *Haggai the Prophet*  
No Liturgy
- Tues, Dec 17** *The 3 Young Men: Ananias, Azarias, and Misael, C*  
For All Saints & All Souls  
By: The Peter & Norma  
Sawaya Family ..... 9:00 AM
- Wed, Dec 18** *Daniel the Prophet*  
In Memory of Nickie & Dickie Baire  
By: Alex & Mikki Cole ..... 9:00 AM
- Thur, Dec 19** *St. Athenodorus, M*  
In Loving Memory of Sharon Lynn Orcutt  
With Love, the Orcutt  
& Sawaya Families ..... 9:00 AM
- Fri, Dec 20** *St. Ignatius of Antioch, M*  
In Loving Memory of D. J. Butchello  
With Love, The Sawaya's ..... 9:00 AM
- Sat, Dec 21** *St. Julian, M*  
Christmas Wishes & Blessings for Family  
& Friends for a happy, healthy New Year  
With Love, The Sawaya's ..... 4:00 PM
- Sun, Dec 22** *St. Anastasia of the Balkans, M*  
For the Personal Intentions of  
the LaValley Family  
By: Loving Friends ..... 10:00 AM



# Saint Joseph Maronite Church

## December 15, 2024

## 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:**

- ◆ Estella Wood (Mother-in-law of Kathy Covert & Aunt of Kathy Baldwin)
- ◆ 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 12/2-12/15/2024**

**Burns for the Snyder & Zemer 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: .....	<b>\$406.00</b>
2nd Collection: .....	<b>\$167.00</b>
Candles:.....	<b>\$18.00</b>
Total Collected: .....	<b>\$591.00</b>
<b>Approx. Needed Weekly:</b> .....	<b>\$3,250.00</b>
Weekly Deficit: .....	<b>-\$2,659.00</b>
<b>Fundraiser Income (International Christmas Fair):</b> .....	<b>\$2,603.00</b>
<b>YTD Deficit:</b> .....	<b>\$63,999.37</b>

**Sunday Lector Schedule:**

<b>Dec 15, 2024</b> Paul Sawaya	<b>Jan 5, 2025</b> Mikki Cole
<b>Dec 22, 2024</b> Brandon LaValley	<b>Jan 12, 2025</b> Paul Sawaya
<b>Dec 29, 2024</b> Lisa Zlockie	<b>Jan 19, 2025</b> Brandon LaValley

**Please Join Us!**

You are invited to a "Thank You/Christmas Brunch" on **Sunday, December 23rd** following the 10:00am Divine Liturgy. Father Claude and I are so very grateful for all you have done for our Church this year.

Please invite your family and friends! Please bring a dish to pass and just sit and enjoy our Church family and the Christmas decorations.

A sign-up sheet is in the back of the Church on the table.

Thank you all, again & again!  
*Mikki Cole & Fr. Claude*

**COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER**



**WHEN**  
Christmas Day, December 25, 2024  
Home Delivery or Take-Out  
10 am—12 noon

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

**EMCatholic.org** FOR INFO & DONATIONS



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

**Reservations**  
For Home Delivery or Take-Out  
EM Catholic Parish Office Hub  
716-372-4841  
Monday thru Friday  
9 am to 2 pm

**RESERVATIONS NEED TO BE MADE BY 2 pm DECEMBER 20th**

After December 20th call:  
716-790-3785

**TO VOLUNTEER**  
or DONATE  
Call EM Catholic Parish Office  
or 716-790-3785

**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 **Sunday, December 15th** until **Monday, 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 Sunday, December 15th, Saturday, December 21st and Sunday, December 22nd**.

*All Novena Services will be held in the Church!*



**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.

**International Christmas Fair**

On behalf of the *International Christmas Fair* Committee, I would like to thank everyone who contributed and participated in our event. Due to your efforts and tireless work, we raised **\$2,603.00!**

The *International Christmas Fair* funds raised break down as follows:

<b>Donation:</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>
<b>Food:</b>	<b>\$775.00</b>
<b>Cardinals:</b>	<b>\$83.00</b>
<b>50/50:</b>	<b>\$125.00</b>
<b>Auction:</b>	<b>\$1,420.00</b>