

Sunday Readings

Epistle Reading: Rom 1: 1-12

Gospel Reading: Mt 1: 1-17

Gospel

The Book of the Genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

Abraham became the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers. Judah became the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar. Perez became the father of Hezron, Hezron the father of Ram, Ram the father of Amminadab. Amminadab became the father of Nahshon, Nahshon the father of Salmon, Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab. Boaz became the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth. Obed became the father of Jesse, Jesse the father of David the king.

David became the father of Solomon, whose mother had been the wife of Uriah. Solomon became the father of Rehoboam, Rehoboam the father of Abijah, Abijah the father of Asaph. Asaph became the father of Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, Joram the father of Uzziah. Uzziah became the father of Jotham, Jotham the father of Ahaz, Ahaz the father of Hezekiah. Hezekiah became the father of Manasseh, Manasseh the father of Amos, Amos the father of Josiah. Josiah became the father of Jechoniah and his brothers at the time of the Babylonian exile.

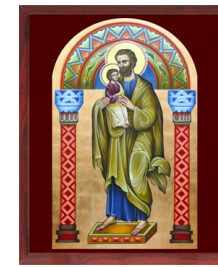
After the Babylonian exile, Jechoniah became the father of Shealtiel, Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, Zerubbabel the father of Abiud. Abiud became the father of Eliakim, Eliakim the father of Azor, Azor the father of Zadok. Zadok became the father of Achim, Achim the father of Eliud, Eliud the father of Eleazar. Eleazar became the father of Matthan, Matthan the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary. Of her was born Jesus who is called the Messiah.

Thus the total number of generations from Abraham to David is fourteen generations; from David to the Babylonian exile, fourteen generations; from the Babylonian exile to the Messiah, fourteen generations.

This is the truth. Peace be with you

Liturgy Intentions

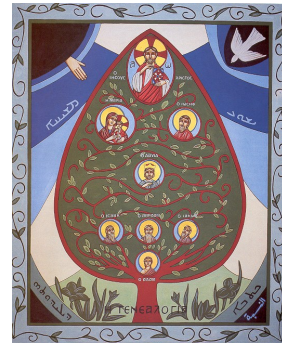
- Sat, Dec 21** *St. Julian, M*
Christmas Wishes & Blessings for Family & Friends for a happy, healthy New Year With Love, The Sawaya's **4:00 PM**
- Sun, Dec 22** *St. Anastasia of the Balkans, M*
For the Personal Intentions of the LaValley Family
By: Loving Friends **10:00 AM**
- Mon, Dec 23** *St. Eugenia, M*
No Liturgy
- Tues, Dec 24** *Vigil of the Glorious Birth (Christmas Eve)*
Merry & Blessed Christmas to Our Family & Friends
With Love, Peter & Norma
Sawaya Families **4:00 PM**
- Wed, Dec 25** *The Glorious Birth of Our Lord (Christmas Day)*
Repose of Betty Zlockie
By: Steve & Lisa Zlockie **10:00 AM**
- Thur, Dec 26** *Felicitations to the Virgin Mary*
In Loving Memory of Mark Carapellatti
With Love, The Sawaya's **9:00 AM**
- Fri, Dec 27** *St. Stephen, the First Martyr, the First Deacon, M*
In Loving Memory of Judy Mark
With Love, the Peter & Norma Sawaya, Dr. Knight, and James & Martha Schnell Families **9:00 AM**
- Sat, Dec 28** *St. Marina (Margaret) in Pisidia, M*
Happy Epiphany (Little Christmas)
With Love, The Peter & Norma Sawaya Family **4:00 PM**
- Sun, Dec 29** *The Flight into Egypt |
The Massacre of the Children of Bethlehem*
For Fred & Mary Louise Ash
By: Mary Ellen Ash & Family **10:00 AM**



Saint Joseph Maronite Church

December 22, 2024

Genealogy Sunday



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 12/16-12/29/2024

**Burns for the Living & Deceased Members of
the John Ash Family
By: The Ash 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:	\$632.50
2nd Collection:	\$0.00
Candles:.....	\$21.00
Total Collected:	\$653.50
Approx. Needed Weekly:	\$3,250.00
Weekly Deficit:	-\$2,596.50
Fundraiser Income:	\$0.00
YTD Deficit:	\$64,652.87

Sunday Lector Schedule:

Dec 22, 2024	Jan 12, 2025
Brandon LaValley	Paul Sawaya
Dec 29, 2024	Jan 19, 2025
Lisa Zlockie	Brandon LaValley
Jan 5, 2025	Jan 26, 2025
Mikki Cole	Lisa Zlockie

Please Join Us!

You are invited to a **"Thank You/Christmas Brunch"** on **Sunday, December 22nd** 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

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.

Christmas & New Year's Liturgical Schedule

Christmas Eve (Tuesday, Dec 24th):	4:00 PM
Christmas Day (Wednesday, Dec 25th):	10:00 AM
New Year's Eve (Tuesday, Dec 31st):	4:00 PM
New Year's Day (Wednesday, Jan 1st):	10:00 AM

Father Claude in Lebanon

Dear Saint Joseph's Parishioners,

If you haven't heard, I will be traveling to Lebanon with Bishop Gregory for three weeks, from **January 6th to January 23rd**, for Maronite Liturgical meetings. Please pray for Bishop Gregory and myself that we have a safe trip there and back. In my absence, **Fr. Chuck Van Heusen will be covering the weekends of January 11-12 & January 18-19.**

God bless you all,
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