

Sunday Readings

Epistle Reading: Heb 7: 11-19

Gospel Reading: Lk 2: 41-52

Gospel

Each year his parents went to Jerusalem for the Feast of Passover, and when He was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom.

After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but His parents did not know it. Thinking that He was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for Him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding Him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for Him.

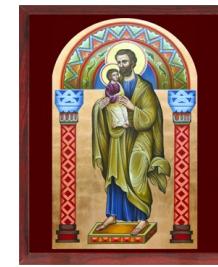
After three days they found Him in the Temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard Him were astounded at His understanding and His answers.

When His parents saw Him, they were astonished, and His mother said to Him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for You with great anxiety." And He said to them, "Why were you looking for Me? Did you not know that I must be in My Father's house?" But they did not understand what He said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and His mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.

This is the truth. Peace be with you

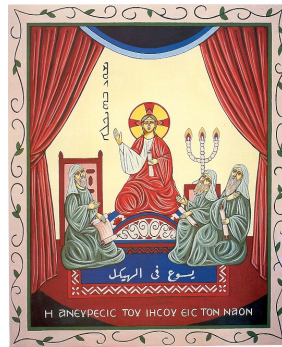
Liturgy Intentions

- 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**
- Mon, Dec 30** *St. Anysia, M*
No Liturgy
- Tues, Dec 31** *St. Zoticus, M |*
Vigil of the Circumcision of Jesus (New Year's Eve)
For the Living & Deceased Members
of Saint Joseph Church
By: Fr. Claude **4:00 PM**
- Wed, Jan 1** *Sts. Basil & Gregory, Doctors of the Church |*
The Circumcision of Jesus (New Year's Day)
For the Living & Deceased Members
of Saint Joseph Church
By: Fr. Claude **10:00 AM**
- Thur, Jan 2** *Pope St. Silvester I (+335), C*
In Loving Memory of Mom, Dad, Mike,
Linda Sue, Jan & O
With Love, Your Family **9:00 AM**
- Fri, Jan 3** *Malachi the Prophet*
Repose of Grace Ash
By: Bob Ash **9:00 AM**
- Sat, Jan 4** *Pope St. Caius (+296), M |*
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (USA), C
In Memory of Vickie Eddy
By: Paula Eade Newcomb **4:00 PM**
- Sun, Jan 5** *St. Paul the First Hermit, C |*
St. John Neuman (USA), C |
Vigil of the Glorious Epiphany
In Memory of Richard Baire
By: John & Liz Ash **10:00 AM**



Saint Joseph Maronite Church

December 29, 2024 Finding of Our Lord in the Temple



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:	\$1,245.00
2nd Collection:	\$0.00
Christmas Collection:	\$806.00
Candles:.....	\$93.00
Total Collected:	\$2,144.00
Approx. Needed Weekly:	\$3,250.00
Weekly Deficit:	-\$1,106.00
Fundraiser Income:	\$0.00
YTD Deficit:	\$65,105.37

Sunday Lector Schedule:

Dec 29, 2024	Jan 19, 2025
Lisa Zlockie	Brandon LaValley
Jan 5, 2025	Jan 26, 2025
Mikki Cole	Lisa Zlockie
Jan 12, 2025	Feb 2, 2025
Paul Sawaya	Mikki Cole

MARCH FOR LIFE 2025
Life: WHY WE MARCH

**JANUARY 23-26, 2025
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

Join us for the National March for Life! Together, we stand for the unborn.

Questions? Contact mya.eparchystmaron@gmail.com or the Eparchy Family and Sanctity of Life Office (540)520-1679
Hotel block information can be found at myaeparchystmaron.org/events

New Year's Liturgical Schedule

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.**



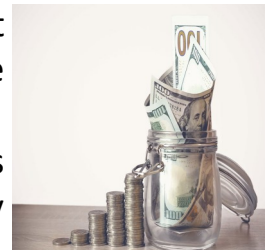
God bless you all,

Fr. Claude

The Spare Change Challenge is BACK!

Beginning **January 1st** put your spare change in the jar at the Church Entrance.

On **February 1st** the coins will be counted and matched by the **Ash Family**.



Thank you in advance for your donation!

Divine Liturgies

If you would like to schedule Liturgies for your friends and loved ones for the 2025 Liturgical Year, please contact **Mikki Cole (716) 498-4279**.