

Sunday Readings

Epistle Reading: Gal 4: 21-5:1

Gospel Reading: Lk 1: 57-66

Gospel

When the time arrived for Elizabeth to have her child she gave birth to a son. Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy toward her, and they rejoiced with her.

When they came on the eighth day to Circumcise the child, they were going to call him Zechariah after his father, but his mother said in reply, "No. He will be called John."

But they answered her, "There is no one among your relatives who has this name."

So they made signs, asking his father what he wished him to be called. He asked for a tablet and wrote, "John is his name," and all were amazed.

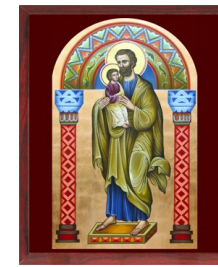
Immediately his mouth was opened, his tongue freed, and he spoke blessing God.

Then fear came upon all their neighbors, and all these matters were discussed throughout the hill country of Judea. All who heard these things took them to heart, saying, "What, then, will this child be?" For surely the hand of the Lord was with him.

This is the truth. Peace be with you

Liturgy Intentions

- Sat, Dec 7** *St. Ambrose, Doctor of the Church, C*
80th Anniversary & Birthday Remembrance for Joe & Lucille Zemer
By: Phil & Jo Ann Snyder **4:00 PM**
- Sun, Dec 8** *The Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation) | Conclusion of the Second Vatican Council (1965)*
Repose of Grace Ash & Infant Daughter Karen
By: The John Ash Family **10:00 AM**
- Mon, Dec 9** *St. Francis of Paola, C*
No Liturgy
- Tues, Dec 10** *Pope St. Miltiades (+314), C*
In Loving Memory of Herber & Lorna Elmore With Love, The Peter & Norma Sawaya & Lian Families **9:00 AM**
- Wed, Dec 11** *St. Daniel the Stylite, C*
In Loving Memory of Marlene Garvin & the Garvin & Martel Families With Love, The Peter & Norma Sawaya Family **9:00 AM**
- Thur, Dec 12** *St. Spyridon the Wonderworker, C | Our Lady of Guadalupe (USA)*
In Memory of Dickie Baire
By: Phil & Jo Ann Snyder **9:00 AM**
- Fri, Dec 13** *St. Lucy, M*
For the Hamed Families With Love, The Sawaya Family **9:00 AM**
- 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**



Saint Joseph Maronite Church

December 8, 2024

Birth of St. John the Baptist / The Immaculate Conception



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

مَلَأْ لِقَلْبُكَ
 Peace Be With You

Fr. Claude W. Franklin, Jr.

Office Address:
 1102 Walnut Street
 Olean, New York 14760
 (716) 379-8436

Rectory Address:
 225 N. 4th Street
 Olean, New York 14760

office@stjosepholean.com or pastor@stjosepholean.com
 www.stjosepholean.org

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:	\$868.00
2nd Collection:	\$.00
Candles:.....	\$52.00
Total Collected:	\$920.00
Approx. Needed Weekly:	\$3,250.00
Weekly Deficit:	-\$2,330.00
Fundraiser Income (Advent Calendar):	\$810.00
YTD Deficit:	\$63,943.37

Sunday Lector Schedule:

Dec 8, 2024 Mikki Cole	Dec 29, 2024 Lisa Zlockie
Dec 15, 2024 Paul Sawaya	Jan 5, 2024 Mikki Cole
Dec 22, 2024 Brandon LaValley	Jan 12, 2024 Paul Sawaya

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



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.

Adult Advent Calendar

Congratulations to **Mary Ellen Ash** on winning this year's "Adult Advent Calendar". Due to your generous donations toward the Advent Calendar, we made a total profit of **\$810.00**. Thank you to everyone who participated in buying tickets and donating items for the Advent Calendar. *Special Thanks to Lisa & Steve Zlockie for assembling and hosting this fundraising event.*