

Sunday Readings

Epistle Reading: Tit 2: 11-3:7

Gospel Reading: Lk 3: 15-22

Gospel

Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Messiah. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of His sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in His hand to clear His threshing floor and to gather the wheat into His barn, but the chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire." Exhorting them in many other ways, he preached good news to the people.

Now Herod the tetrarch, who had been censured by him because of Herodias, his brother's wife, and because of all the evil deeds Herod had committed, added still another to these by also putting John in prison.

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, Heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from Heaven, "You are My beloved Son; with You I am well pleased."

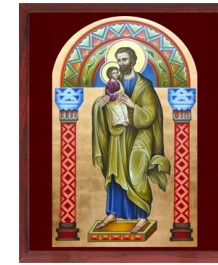
This is the truth. Peace be with you

Liturgy Intentions

- 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*
In Memory of Richard Baire
By: John & Liz Ash 10:00 AM

No Weekday
Liturgies
while
Father Claude
is in
Lebanon!

- Sat, Jan 11 *St. Theodosius of Antioch, C*
In Memory of Vickie Eddy
By: Dennis & Ann Marie Wright 4:00 PM
- Sun, Jan 12 *St. Tatiana of Rome, M*
In Memory of Vickie Eddy
By: John & Liz Ash 10:00 AM



Saint Joseph Maronite Church

January 5, 2025

The Glorious
Epiphany



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 12/30/2024-1/12/2025

Burns for Betty Zlockie

By: Steve & Lisa Zlockie

*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

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| Weekend Liturgies: | \$559.00 |
| 2nd Collection: | \$.00 |
| Candles:..... | \$18.00 |
| Total Collected: | \$577.00 |
| Approx. Needed Weekly: | \$3,250.00 |
| Weekly Deficit: | -\$2,673.00 |
| Fundraiser Income: | \$.00 |
| YTD Deficit: | \$66,672.37 |

Sunday Lector Schedule:

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| Jan 5, 2025 | Jan 26, 2025 |
| Mikki Cole | Lisa Zlockie |
| Jan 12, 2025 | Feb 2, 2025 |
| Paul Sawaya | Mikki Cole |
| Jan 19, 2025 | Feb 9, 2025 |
| Brandon LaValley | Paul Sawaya |

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 myeparchystmaron.org/events

Father Claude in Lebanon

Dear Saint Joseph's Parishioners,

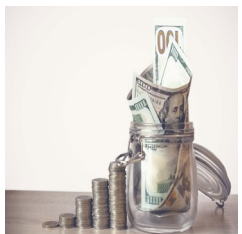
If you haven't heard, I will be traveling to Lebanon with Bishop Gregory for three weeks, from **January 6th to January 23rd**, for Maronite Liturgical meetings. Please pray for Bishop Gregory and myself that we have a safe trip there and back. In my absence, **Fr. Chuck Van Heusen will be covering the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

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.**