

Sunday Readings

Epistle Reading: Rom 4:13-25

Gospel Reading: Lk 1:1-25

Gospel

Since many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as those who were eyewitnesses from the beginning and ministers of the word have handed them down to us, I too have decided, after investigating everything accurately anew, to write it down in an orderly sequence for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received.

In the days of Herod, King of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah of the priestly division of Abijah; his wife was from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. Both were righteous in the eyes of God, observing all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blamelessly. But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren and both were advanced in years.

Once when he was serving as priest in his division's turn before God, according to the practice of the priestly service, he was chosen by lot to enter the Sanctuary of the Lord to burn incense. Then, when the whole assembly of the people was praying outside at the hour of the incense offering, the Angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right of the altar of incense. Zechariah was troubled by what he saw, and fear came upon him. But the Angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, because your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall name him John. And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He will drink neither wine nor strong drink. He will be filled with the Holy Spirit even from his mother's womb, and he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God. He will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah to turn the hearts of fathers toward children and the disobedient to the understanding of the righteous, to prepare a people fit for the Lord."

Then Zechariah said to the Angel, "How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years." And the angel said to him in reply, "I am Gabriel, who stand before God. I was sent to speak to you and to announce to you this good news. But now you will be speechless and unable to talk until the day these things take place, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled at their proper time."

Meanwhile the people were waiting for Zechariah and were amazed that he stayed so long in the Sanctuary. But when he came out, he was unable to speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the Sanctuary. He was gesturing to them but remained mute. Then, when his days of ministry were completed, he went home. After this time his wife Elizabeth conceived, and she went into seclusion for five months, saying, "So has the Lord done for me at a time when he has seen fit to take away my disgrace before others."

This is the truth! Peace be with you!

Liturgy Intentions

Sat, Nov 15 *St. Guriyas, Samonas, and Habib the Deacon, M*
Philip and David Johnston
By: Libby and JoAnn.....4:00 PM

Sun, Nov 16 *St. Matthew the Evangelist .Ap*
Charles Brenderhopt & infant daughter Carolyn
By: John Ash Family.....10:00 AM

Mon, Nov 17 *St. Gregory the Wonderworker. C*
No Liturgy

Tues, Nov 18 *St. Romanos (Raymond). M |*
St. Rose Philippine Duchesne (USA). C
Michelle Dean
by: Rosemarie Panella.....9:00 AM

Wed, Nov 19 *Pope St. Pontian (+235). M*
Michelle Dean
By: Rosemarie Panella.....9:00 AM

Thurs, Nov 20 *St. Gregory of the Decapolis. C*
Michelle Dean
By: Rosemarie Panella.....9:00 AM

Fri, Nov 21 *Presentation of the Virgin Mary in the Temple*
Birthday Liturgy for Nancy Farris
By: Judy Kramer.....9:00 AM

Sat, Nov 22 *Sts. Joachim and Anne.*
Parents of Our Lady, the Virgin Mary
Mike and Theresa Luty
By: Terry & Kathy Covert.....4:00 PM

Sat, Nov 23 *St. Sassine, Bishop of Cyzicus, M*
Repose of Lou Joseph
By: John Ash Family.....4:00 PM



Saint Joseph Maronite Church

Nov 16, 2025 Announcement to Zechariah



Divine Liturgy

Weekdays (Tuesday — Friday) 9:00 AM
Saturday4:00 PM
Sunday10:00 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 Home-bound:**
- ♦ 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 ♦ Phyllis Gayton
 - ♦ Coradean “Deany” Simon (The Pines)
 - ♦ Pat Tucker (The Pines)
 - ♦ Kathy Baldwin ♦ Missy (13yr old with Cancer)
 - ♦ Tom Freitag (Prayers for his left-side torn Rotator Cuff and Shoulder)
 - ♦ William Tunberg (Relative of the Ash Family in CA)
 - ♦ Libby Gustin (Recovery)
 - ♦ Teresa Hibye ♦ Mark Chew (Stroke – Friend of Mary Ellen Ash)
 - ♦ Fred Shaheen (Relative of the Ash Family – Pancreatic Cancer)
 - ♦ Jan Mulgrew (sister of Jo Ann Snyder—Knee Replacement)
 - ♦ James Snyder (On Heart Transplant list at Cleveland Clinic)
 - ♦ Darlene Harrison (Friend 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 11/3/2025-11/16/2025

Deceased Members of the Ash Family

By: Alex and Mikki Cole

*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.

ANointing OF THE SICK:
Please notify the Priest if a family member is sick.

BULLETIN DEADLINE:
Thursdays at Noon

Weekly Collection

Weekend Liturgies:	\$599.00
Candles:	\$33.00
Total Collected:	\$632.00
Approx. Needed Weekly:	\$2,400.00
Weekly Deficit:	-\$1,768.00
Individual Donation:	\$.00
Second Collection:	\$175.00
Fundraiser Income:	\$1,000.00
YTD Deficit:	\$25,647.18

Sunday Lector Schedule:

Nov 16, 2025	Dec 7, 2025
Mikki Cole	Paul Sawaya
Nov 23, 2025	Dec 14, 2025
Brandon LaValley	Mikki Cole
Nov 30, 2025	Dec 21, 2025
Lisa Zlockie	Brandon LaValley

Annual Food Drive

It is that time of year again for giving! Let’s all do our best to contribute to our annual food drive for the local food pantry. This year we will extend our giving *until* **Sunday December 21, 2025.**



HO! HO! HO! Where did this year go?

We are already looking ahead to next year and recapping this year’s events.
We will be having a meeting after liturgy on **Sunday November 16, 2025.** We need everyone’s input, so even if you aren’t available to come to the meeting, please let someone know your thoughts and ideas.
We are small & mighty for sure, but we need to work together in unity to make our events work successfully.
I can’t even begin to thank everyone for helping & supporting all the events. Even though they are lots of work, it makes us a stronger community. I am so proud to be part of this community.

For the upcoming Christmas Fair, we will need lots of baked goods, candy, fudge, breads, or whatever you would like to make for us. We can wrap everything at the hall, so don’t worry about fancy packaging.
We also need goods and services for the Auction. The works days for wrapping and setup will be in the bulletin soon.

Thank you again and again!
Mikki

THANK YOU

The annual chili cook-off was successful again in raising some much needed funds for St. Joseph’s. Thanks to everyone’s participation, help and setup of this year’s event as we made **\$1,000.00** this year.

ST. JOSEPH MARONITE CHURCH PRESENTS

International
CHRISTMAS FAIR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2025 • 12PM
ST. JOSEPH’S HALL | 1102 WALNUT ST. OLEAN, NY

ALL DAY ACTIVITIES

- CHRISTMAS VILLAGE DISPLAYS
- BAKE SALE AND FOOD*
- FONTANINI NATIVITY SCENE
- COOKIE DECORATING
- HOT COCOA AND HOT CIDER*
- PHOTO BOOTH
- ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS

SPECIAL TIMES

- 12:00: DOORS OPEN**
- 1:00: A VISIT WITH ST. NICHOLAS**
- 2:00: HOLIDAY AND DESSERT AUCTION***

*NOTE: ITEMS WITH * INDICATE PAID ACTIVITY*

