

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 20

St. Lucy, V. M

Elizabeth M. Bateski

By: Mary Elizabeth Koch.....4:00 PM
- Sun, Dec 21

St. Julian of Tarsus, M

Repose of Grace Ash& Infant daughter Karen

By: John Ash Family.....10:00 AM
- Mon, Dec 22

St. Anastasia of the Balkans, M

NO LITURGY
- Tues, Dec 23

St. Eugenia, M

Sawaya, Lian, Bader, Jadlofski, & Holes Families

With Love The Sawayas.....9:00 AM
- Wed, Dec 24

Vigil of the Glorious Birth

Merry, Blessed Christmas

With Love the Sawayas.....4:00 PM
- Thurs, Dec 25

The Glorious Birth of our Lord

In Loving Memory of Diane Rose Stebick Reitz

w/Love: Pete/Norma Sawaya Family.....9:00 AM
- Fri, Dec 26

Praises of the Mother of God

NO LITURGY
- Sat, Dec 27

St. Stephen, the First Martyr, the First Deacon, M

In Memory of John S. Simon, Jr.

With Love: The Sawayas.....4:00 PM
- Sun, Dec 28

St. Marina (Margaret)in Pisidia, V. M

Repose of Joe Luzier

By: Liz & John Ash.....10:00 AM



Saint Joseph
Maronite Church



December 21, 2025
Genealogy Sunday

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) ♦ Maria Putzke (Breast Cancer)
 - ♦ 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)
 - ♦ Steve Mike (Prostate cancer- Brother of Fr. Anthony Salim)
 - ♦ 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 12/15/25 - 12/28/25

In Memory of Gavin Walter Hamed

Love Mommy, Momma, Charlie, Brynn, & Easton

*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:	\$524.00
Candles:	\$25.00
Total Collected:	\$549.00
Approx. Needed Weekly:	\$2,400.00
Weekly Deficit:	-\$1,851.00
Individual Donation:	\$.00
Second Collection:	\$0.00
Fundraiser Income:	\$3,042.00
YTD Deficit:	\$30,945.93

Sunday Lector Schedule:

Dec 21, 2025	Jan 11, 2026
Brandon LaValley	Mikki Cole
Dec 28, 2025	Jan 18, 2026
Lisa Zlockie	Paul Sawaya
Jan 4, 2026	Jan 25, 2026
Paul Sawaya	Mikki Cole

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.**



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 **Monday, December 15th** until **Tuesday, 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 **Saturday, December 20th** and **Sunday, December 21st**.



All Novena Services will be held in the Church!

Christmas & New Year’s Liturgical Schedule

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



Clear Your Calendars and Save the Day!!!

On **Sunday December 28, 2025** we will be celebrating Fr. Claude’s service to St. Joseph’s Church. We will have a farewell potluck brunch after 10:00 AM Liturgy.

Make sure to sign up and let us know what your potluck dish will be for the brunch! Sign up sheet on the table by the bulletins!

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.

International Christmas Fair

On behalf of the International Christmas Fair Committee, I would like to thank everyone who contributed and participated in our event. Due to your efforts and tireless work, we raised **\$3,042.00!**

**COMMUNITY
CHRISTMAS
DINNER**



WHEN
Christmas Day, December 25, 2025
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

RSVP Online:
EMCatholic.org

**Or text delivery address &
number of dinners to**
716-790-3785

TO VOLUNTEER
or **DONATE** go to
EMCatholic.org

or
Make checks payable to
Basilica of St. Mary of the
Angels/Christmas Dinner