

## DIVINE LITURGIES

### SATURDAY: 23 DECEMBER

**4:30 PM** Repose of **Rizzie & Genevieve Daboul Yazbek**  
by Family  
Repose of **Norman & Sadie Bishara**  
by the Yazbek & Bishara Families

### SUNDAY: 24 DECEMBER / GENEALOGY SUNDAY

**10:00 AM** Repose of **Joann Nakley** by brother, Tom Nakley

### 7:00 PM CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL

For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Maron Parish

### MONDAY: 25 DEC. / GLORIOUS BIRTH OF OUR LORD

**10:00 AM** For the Living & Deceased Members  
of St. Maron Parish

### TUESDAY: 26 DECEMBER / FELICITATIONS TO THE VIRGIN MARY

No Liturgy, Office Closed

### WEDNESDAY: 27 DEC. / ST. STEPHEN, 1ST MARTYR

**8:30 AM** Repose of **Dr. Anthony J. Thomas**  
by Yvonne Marzano  
Repose of the Holy Souls in Purgatory

### THURSDAY: 28 DECEM. / ADORATION OF THE MAGI

No Liturgy

### FRIDAY: 29 DECEMBER / FLIGHT INTO EGYPT/ KILLING OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS

**12:00 Noon** Repose of **Anthony Saadey, Sr.** by George Farris  
Repose of the Holy Souls in Purgatory

### SATURDAY: 30 DECEMBER

**4:30 PM** Repose of **Richard A. Beshara**  
by Richard & Margo Beshara & Family  
Repose of **Mary Daniel** by Yvonne Marzano

### SUNDAY: 31 DECEMBER / FINDING OF OUR LORD IN THE TEMPLE

**10:00 AM** Repose **Argent Haklane Sleiman**  
by Lloyd & Linda Yazbek

### 7:00 PM NEW YEAR'S EVE

For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Maron Parish

### MONDAY: 01 JANUARY, 2018 / THE CIRCUMCISION OF JESUS/ Holy Day of Obligation

**10:00 AM** For the Living & Deceased Members  
of St. Maron Parish

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PLEASE PRAY FOR the following people who have died in the past years, Dec. 23- Dec. 29: Naman Rezek, Joseph Mike, Sr., Ray Dohar, Florence Wansack, Ray Nakley, Sr., Ghoundore Tabet, Roned Deeb, Raymond Wilkeson, Camille Chamoun, Rizzie Yazbek, Anna Rushwin, Benjamin Hayek, Joseph Farris, Farid Rafidi, Tufic Saadi, Stella Abbas, Saada Hage, Sam Ellis, Mary Sovick, Thecla Nakley, Richard A. Beshara, Rouhanieh Rouhana.

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### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Dec. 23 @ 4:30 & Dec. 24 @ 10:00 AM

**FIRST READING:** Micah 5: 1-3

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 1: 1-17

Dec. 24 @ 7:00 PM & Dec. 25 @ 10:00 AM

**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 62: 1-5

**GOSPEL:** Luke 2: 1-20

### LECTORS - Dec. 23 & 24 & 25

**Saturday** 4:30 PM Charles Zidian, Jr.

**Sunday** 10:00 AM Kalyn Sharrow

**Christmas Eve:** 7:00 PM Patti Machuga

**Christmas Day:** 10:00 AM Madeline Clarke

### ALTAR SERVERS - Dec. 23 & 24 & 25

**Sat.** 4:30 PM Emily Smith, Brian Zidian

**Sun. 10:00 AM** Jacob, Christopher & Alexander  
Simon

**Christmas Eve:** 7:00 PM **ALL SERVERS**

**Christmas Day:** 10:00 AM **Volunteers please**

### USHERS FOR DECEMBER

**Sat** 4:30 pm Damon Dohar, Michael Essad, Bebe Matta

**Sun** 8:30 am John Dohar, Mike Dohar, Charles Zidian, Jr.

11:00 am Johnny Farris, Salloum Sahyoun, George Clarke

**This Week:** All Available



### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Dec. 30 @ 4:30 & Dec. 31 @ 10:00 AM

**FIRST READING:** Wisdom 1: 1-7

**GOSPEL:** Luke 2: 41-52

Dec. 31 @ 7:00 PM & Jan 01 @ 10:00 AM

**FIRST READING:** Eph 2: 11-22

**GOSPEL:** John 14: 27-31

### LECTORS - Dec. 30, 31 & Jan. 01

**Saturday** 4:30 PM Joseph Simon

**Sunday** 10:00 AM Jude Nohra

**New Year's Eve** 7:00 PM Joseph Ciarniello

**New Year's Day** 10:00 AM Madeline Clarke

### ALTAR SERVERS - Dec. 30, 31 & Jan. 01

**Sat.** 4:30 PM Tristan & Antonio Maroun

**Sun. 10:00 AM** Joseph & Dominic Marzano,  
Thomas Awaida

**New Year's Eve:** 7:00 PM **ALL SERVERS**

**New Year's Day:** 10:00 AM **Volunteers please**

### WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT 12-17-2017

**Offertory Collection this week:** \$4,717.00

72 Envelopes of 300 used

**Gross Bingo Proceeds 12-14 & 12-19:** \$1,019.58

*No Bingo expenses have been deducted from this figure.*

**All other weekly Income:** \$2,500.00

November Loan Balance: \$90,626.00

Candles: \$57.00

Christmas Decorations: \$15.00

Patriarchal Charity: \$25.00

**SANCTUARY CANDLES—DECEMBER**

In Loving Memory of Vincent L. Marzano Sr. & Vince L. Marzano Jr. by wife & mother, Yvonne Marzano, Joseph & Dawn Marzano, Brad & Beth Marzano & Families

In Loving Memory of Thomas M. & Mary Zachea Joseph by their Children, Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren of the Joseph, Marzano & Yargas Families

In Loving Memory of George & Agnes Galip by Family

**ALTAR WINE—DECEMBER**

In Loving Memory of Joseph & Eleanor Beshara by George & Ronald Beshara

**ALTAR BREAD—DECEMBER**

In Loving Memory of Giddoo Rizzie & Grandma Honey by Sarah, George & Becky Clarke

**BINGO WORKERS FOR DECEMBER**

(Tuesday)

Card Sellers: Marie Eckenrode, Charlotte, Andrew & Sara Rogers

Caller: Joe Khoury

Kitchen: Carmen & Sabine Moradian

Thursday

Card Sellers: Nicholas Luchansky

Caller: Volunteer

Kitchen: Mark & Anne-Marie Luchansky



**DONUTS ARE BEING DONATED ON DECEMBER 17TH, 24TH & 31ST IN LOVING MEMORY OF +JOSEPH A. MIKE, SR. BY WIFE, THERESA MIKE.**

# BIRTHDAYS

- Dec. 23 Brittany Dohar
- Dec. 24 Kathleen Bukovinsky, Berni Hamrock
- Dec. 25 Jesus, Subdeacon Albert Dohar, Habib Khoury
- Dec. 28 Yolla Boulos, Jeffrey Palusak
- Dec. 29 Peter Dohar, William Yurchyk

# Announcements

The Education Foundation Dinner will be Friday, November 2, 2018 at the Maronite Center. Because we are doing a bit of a different format, we decided to cancel 2017 and wait until 2018 to make sure we do it right. Please mark your calendar and look for further announcements.

**A Christmas Carol with Hidden Meaning**

- The **partridge in a pear tree** was Jesus Christ.
- Two turtle doves** were the Old and New Testaments.
- Three French hens** stood for faith, hope and love.
- The **four calling birds** were the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke & John.
- The **five golden rings** recalled the Torah or Law, the first five books of the Old Testament.
- The **six geese a-laying** stood for the six days of creation.
- Seven swans a-swimming** represented the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit--Prophecy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership, and Mercy.
- The **eight maids a-milking** were the eight beatitudes.
- Nine ladies dancing** were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit--Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self Control.
- The **ten lords a-leaping** were the ten commandments.
- The **eleven pipers piping** stood for the eleven faithful disciples.
- The **twelve drummers drumming** symbolized the twelve points of belief in the Apostles' Creed.

**NON-STOP CHRISTMAS MUSIC!**

The Living Bread Radio Network presents Non-Stop music all throughout Christmas! Tune in on Christmas Eve, beginning at 3:00 p.m. for all of your favorite religious Christmas songs. Then on Christmas Morning at 8, tune in for a special presentation of "The Bible Story of Christmas," narrated by Bing Crosby. The whole hour will feature Bing and his unforgettable Christmas music! Listen on the radio, online, on their mobile app, or even through Amazon's Alexa!

**J** Thanks to all who attended and supported another successful St. Maron's Children's Christmas Party, which focused on a candy-caned "J is for Jesus" theme this year. This event, orchestrated and sponsored by Linda Dohar Awad, is in memory of her father, Michael Joseph Dohar Sr., who was a member of the old "St. Maron's Club" and "Family Life Committee" for his entire adult life. Michael loved bringing his parish family together to celebrate the holidays, and, in that spirit, Linda continues to honor him by giving of her time, talent, and treasure to St. Maron Parish through this event. Although this event is not a fundraiser, registration money was collected and donated to the St. Maron General Fund. Food, decorations and gifts were supplied by Linda (and Santa). Please feel free to thank her for her generosity, dedication and love of St. Maron and your children.

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**SHUT-INS :** Elaine Zenn, (Sunrise at Poland), Helen Saadey (Greenbriar), Karimeh Rafidi (Inn at Christine Valley), Madeline Michael Boulson (National Church Residences), Mary Shaheen, (Antonine Village), Abraham Hammond, (Austin Woods), Maron Fares, (Omni Manor), Terry Khoury (Park Vista).

**SHUT-INS: (at home)** - Frank Santisi, Jr., Saada Simon, Bessie Thomas, Liz Manser, Bill & Georgette Hammond, M. Charlotte Mike, Tom Dohar.