

DIVINE LITURGIES

SAT.: 26 DEC./SUNDAY AFTER THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD
4:30 PM 40-day Liturgy for Richard Beshara by Family
 Repose of **Giddoo Rizzie** by Sarah, Georgie & Becky Clarke
 Repose of **Liz & Ferris George** by John & Jina Tsikerdanos

SUN.: 27 DEC./SUNDAY AFTER THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD
8:30 am Repose of **Mary Rose Hanna** by cousin, Judi Hanna

10:00am Repose of **Dr. Sam Scolaro**
 by Subdeacon James & Paula Essad

MONDAY: 28 DECEMBER /ADORATION OF THE MAGI
No Liturgy

**TUES.: 29 DECEMBER/FLIGHT INTO EGYPT/
 KILLING OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS**

8:30 AM Repose of **Edward Rance** by Rosemary Lewis
 Repose of **Richard A. Beshara** by Family

**WEDNESDAY: 30 DECEMBER / RETURN FROM
 EGYPT TO NAZARETH**

7:00 PM Repose of **Eric Rushwin** by Yvonne Marzano

THURSDAY: 31 DECEMBER / VIGIL OF HOLY DAY

7:00 PM For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Maron

FRIDAY:01 JANUARY, 2021/CIRCUMCISION OF JESUS

11:00 AM ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

12:00 Noon For the Living & Deceased of the Parish Family
 Repose of **Richard Dohar** by Marilyn Mastronarde

**SAT.: 02 JANUARY / FINDING OUR LORD IN THE
 TEMPLE**

4:30 PM 40-Day Liturgy for Peter Dohar by Family

**SUN.: 03 JANUARY / FINDING OUR LORD IN THE
 TEMPLE**

8:30 am Repose of **Maron Fares** by Don & Lisa Latessa
 Repose of **Badra Massad** by Joe & Marilyn Joseph

10:00am Repose of **Rose Thomas** by John & Laurie Farris
**Special Intention for good health for Dr. Jeffery Manser &
 the Manser Family** by Liz Manser

Repose of **Joseph F. Simon, 36th Anniversary** by Family

PLEASE PRAY FOR the following people who have died in
 the past years, Dec. 26-

Jan. 01: Farid Rafidi, Joseph J. Farris,
 Benjamin Hayek, Tufic S. Saadi, Sadda Hage,
 Sam Ellis, Mary Sovick, Thecla Nakley,
 Rouhanieh Rouhana, Richard A. Beshara,
 Assad Galip, Zenouba Thoumee,
 Aleda Lansing, Joseph M. Joseph,
 Theresa Scali, Sylvia Hanna, Fred Hanna, Denise
 Khalife, Selma Lett, Richard A. Dohar, Jose-
 phine Sleiman, Rose Saadi.



SHUT-INS: Karimeh Rafidi (Christine Valley), Jeff Chahine
 (Assumption Village), Bill & Georgette Hammond, (Hampton
 Woods).

IN THE HOSPITAL: No one reported.

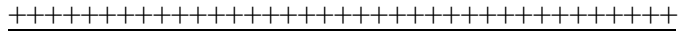


THIS WEEK'S READING: 2Cor. 11: 1-9

GOSPEL: Matthew 23: 29- 24:2

NEXT WEEK'S READING: Heb 7: 11-19

GOSPEL: Luke 2: 41-52



Lectors - Dec. 26 & 27

Saturday @ 4:30 pm Christopher Brocius

Sunday @ 8:30 am Volunteer

@ 10:00 am Kalyn Sharrow



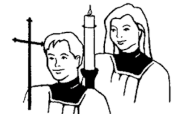
Lectors - Jan. 2 & 3

Saturday @ 4:30 pm Charles Zidian, Jr.

Sunday @ 8:30 am Volunteer

@ 10:00 am Jaclene Feghali

Altar Servers: Volunteers until further
 notice.



Ushers - December

Sat: Damon Dohar, David Clarke,
 George Clarke, Charles Zidian, Jr.

Sun: Anthony Vross, John Dohar,
 Salloum Sahyouon, David Simon

Ushers - January

Sat: Ray Nakley, Michael Essad, Damon Dohar, David Clarke

Sun: John Farris, Johnny Farris, Joe E. Chahine,
 Steven Moradian

For emergencies, please contact
 Fr. Tony Massad at 810-691-7055

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT DEC 20, 2020

Offertory Collection :

\$5,636.00

61 Envelopes of 300 used

December Loan Balance:

\$36,346.42

Candles: \$62.50

Needy: \$45.00

Christmas Flowers: \$15.00

Christmas Collection will be posted in next week's
 bulletin.

*Thank you for sending in your donations.
 It is truly appreciated.*

End of year donations: Please be mindful of the end
 -of-year donations. We are planning for the 2020
 statements to be ready to send the week of Jan 11th.

SHUT- INS AT HOME: Frank Santisi, Jr., Saada Simon,
 Liz Manser, M. Charlotte Mike, Marie Eckenrode, Phil Detec,
 Helene D'Apolito, Elizabeth Ellis, George Beshara,
 Tom Dohar, Birdie Vantell, Susie Kermec.

CHAPEL CANDLE

In Loving Memory of our Son, **David J. Basile**,
by Mom & Dad, Sisters & Families

SANCTUARY CANDLES- DECEMBER

In Loving Memory of **George & Agnes Galip** by Family

In Loving Memory of **Agnes Galip, Katheryn Sunderlin & Alice Ellis** by Shirley Sunderlin

In Loving Memory of **Raymond Nakley, Sr.** by Family

ALTAR WINE—DECEMBER

In Loving Memory of **Norman & Sadie Bishara** by Family

ALTAR BREAD—DECEMBER

In Loving Memory of **Rizzie & Genevieve Yazbek**
by Lloyd & Linda Yazbek & Families

BIRTHDAYS

- Dec. 26
- Dec. 27 Charbel Farah
- Dec. 28 Yolla Boulos, Jeffrey Palusak
- Dec. 29 Alexander Khoury, William Yurchyk
- Dec. 30 Anna Godsen, Brent Beshara, Dolores Bishara, Alexa Ghossain, Joseph Warino
- Dec. 31 Victoria Antonucci, Christopher Healey, David Simon, Jr.
- Jan. 01 Ida Michael, Roxanne Molnar, Adrianna Morgione

Holy Day of Obligation Liturgy Schedule:

Thursday, Dec. 31 @ 7:00 PM

Friday, January 1, Adoration at 11am and Liturgy at 12:00 noon

Epiphany:

Wednesday, January 6th 8:30 am & 7 pm



There is still time to win !!! We are selling tickets for the Raffle Items. Tickets Cost: 1 for \$3.00; 3 for \$5.00; Arm's Length for \$10. Winners will be drawn in the near future.

Dear Lord, May we be lovers of truth, **may the fruits of your spirit be evident** in our lives - your **love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control**. Shine your light in us, through us, over us. May we make a difference in this world, for your glory and purposes. Set your way before us. Amen !

"O come, Desire of nations, bind / In one the hearts of all humankind; / Bid thou our sad divisions cease, / And be thyself our Prince of Peace. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel."
Stanza 7 of "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Dear Parishioners:

Christmas is a glorious time of year. The sight of the Christmas trees in the windows of homes, the lights decorating the houses, the stores with the red and green trim and the fogged storefront windows that make it look like snow. Our church decorated and prepared for the celebration of the Birth of our Lord Jesus. Christmas time feels different, evoking emotions of warmth and tenderness as we anticipate the Christmas gatherings, the cookies, the food, the friends, and our family. Let us not forget all of the Christmas music, some glorious and uplifting, full of meaning and a prayer in themselves and other Christmas songs, that, well, uh, we hope we never hear again. My favorite Christmas hymn is "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel." It's a beautiful hymn and prayer that speaks to God's plan for us and reminds us who we are welcoming and what Jesus offers and gives us.

When we think of Christmas this year, Christmas feels different. We are away from our family and friends, some we have lost, some we cannot see at this time, and we wonder how to celebrate Christmas this year. We look around and wonder why our world is in such turmoil and we say, "Where are you God!? Why have you done this to me!? Why have you left us!?" I wonder if God looks back at us and says, "My children, I have sent you my Son, where is He in your hearts and homes? Have you made room for Him or pushed Him aside and given His place to someone or something else? My children, embrace my Son, Jesus. Put your faith in Him, give Him your trust, and your hearts and lives will have peace." Our world now is not so different than the world our Lord entered so many years ago. It too was a world that had challenges and struggles, heartache and pain, yet the same tidings Jesus brought then He brings to us now, love, joy, hope, and peace.

My prayer for you and for our St. Maron family is that we stay strong, stand firm in our faith, the faith our parents and grandparents had as their foundation through difficult times, and in standing firm we hold our heads high and our hearts filled with love to share the hope of Jesus, knowing that through Him we will receive the peace we so long for in our hearts, in our homes, and in our church.

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With love, prayers, and hope, I want to wish you and yours a very blessed, holy, happy, hopeful, and peace filled Christmas!

Fr. Tony Massad

