

May the light of the Christ Child  
shine brightly in your hearts and homes  
this holy season!

Merry Christmas  
December 25, 2023



*“Open your soul, throw open the depths of your heart  
to see the riches of simplicity,  
the treasures of peace, the sweetness of grace.  
Open your heart and run to meet the Sun of eternal light  
that illuminates all men.”*

St. Ambrose

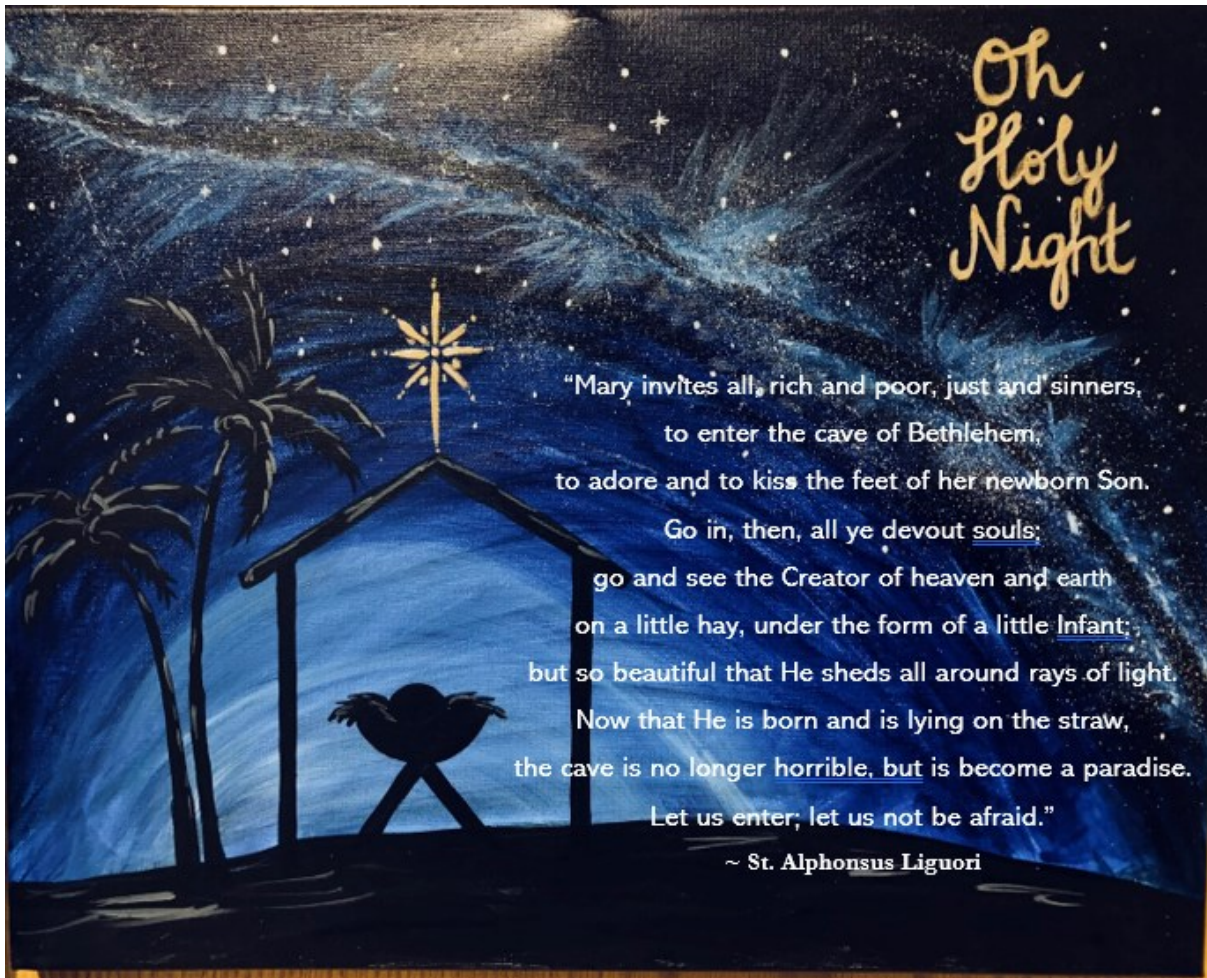
**SAINT SHARBEL MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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# ST. SHARBEL MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH

GENEALOGY SUNDAY - DECEMBER 24, 2023

READING ROMANS 1: 1 - 12    GOSPEL MATTHEW 1: 1 - 17

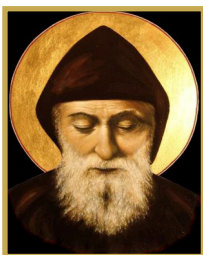


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## DIVINE LITURGY

**SATURDAY: 4:00 PM**

**SUNDAY: 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM**

**ROSARY: 30 MINUTES BEFORE**  
**SATURDAY & SUNDAY MASSES**

**WEEKDAY LITURGIES**  
**SEE INSIDE OF BULLETIN**  
**FOR WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

**CONFESSIONS: BY APPOINTMENT**

**FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION**  
**1st Saturday: 3:30 PM**

**FAMILY OF SAINT SHARBEL**  
**HEALING MASS & BENEDICTION**  
**22nd Day of Every Month**  
**\*6:30 PM (November - March)**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22ND**

**HEALING MASS OF SAINT SHARBEL**

- 5:30 PM — 6:30 PM Confessions
- 6:30 PM— Healing Mass
- 6:30 PM— Living and Deceased Members of the Chaldean Community, by Clergy
- 6:30 PM— Alex Youssef Special Intentions Healing, by Family
- 6:30 PM— Dr. Faouzi Shaya Christmas Remembrance, by Family
- 6:30 PM— The Simon Family: Frank, Lena, Carolena, Alena, Ramzi and Abraham, by Family
- 6:30 PM— Rany and Mays Yaldo and Family, by Family
- 6:30 PM— Sofia and Family, by Family
- 6:30 PM— Rudi, Magan, Katherene, Isabelle and Anthony Yaldo, by Family
- 6:30 PM— Abdo Badawi, by Family
- 6:30 PM— Youssef Boulos Maroun 1 Year Remembrance, by Family
- 6:30 PM— Repose of the Soul of Beatriz Nunes, by Friends of Saint Sharbel
- 6:30 PM— Living and Deceased Members of the Sassy Family, by Family
- 6:30 PM— Matthew Sami Daman, by Family
- 6:30 PM— Rajiv Uttankar Special Intentions, by Rajiv Uttankar

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23RD**

- 4:00 PM— Paul Kanan, Sr. 89th Birthday Celebration, by Clergy
- 4:00 PM— Donors of the Christmas Flowers, by Clergy
- 4:00 PM— Christmas Flower Memorials, by Clergy
- 4:00 PM— Giving Tuesday Donors, by Clergy
- 4:00 PM— Living and Deceased Members of the Pete and Adele Moses Saxe Family Christmas Remembrance, by Family
- 4:00 PM— Matty Moroun and Anne Moroun, by Family
- 4:00 PM— Matthew Sami Daman, by Family
- 4:00 PM— Toni and Marie Soyad Christmas Remembrance, by Family
- 4:00 PM— Dr. Paul G. Thomas Christmas Remembrance, by Wife, Linda Thomas

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH**

- 9:30 AM— Donors of the Christmas Flowers, by Clergy
- 9:30 AM— Christmas Flower Memorials, by Clergy
- 9:30 AM— Giving Tuesday Donors, by Clergy
- 9:30 AM— Mickey and Julia Thomas, by Isabelle Raad
- 9:30 AM— Joseph, Helen and Betty Shaker Christmas Remembrance, by Family
- 9:30 AM— Luciana Gianino Christmas Remembrance, by St. Sharbel Parish
- 9:30 AM— Gowro Gowro, Marogi Gowro, Nano Yousif, and Mary Dawood, by Family

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH**

- 11:30 AM— Donors of the Christmas Flowers, by Clergy
- 11:30 AM— Christmas Flower Memorials, by Clergy
- 11:30 AM— Giving Tuesday Donors, by Clergy
- 11:30 AM— Special Intention Healing Vincent Shamoun, by his Mother, Sana
- 11:30 AM— Special Intention Cara Noelle Hahn-Harik, by Clergy
- 11:30 AM— Living and Deceased Members of the Raif and Hanane Harik Family, by Clergy
- 11:30 AM— Vera Hakim Christmas Remembrance, by Family

**SANCTUARY CANDLE**

**FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER  
BURNS FOR:**

Elias and Zina Bassil

**CHAPEL CANDLE**

**FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER  
BURNS FOR:**

Elias and Zina Bassil

**INCENSE AND CHARCOAL**

**FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER**

In Loving Memory of  
George & Henriette Chalhoub  
by Family

**BREAD AND WINE**

**FOR THE YEARS 2023 - 2026**  
Living and Deceased Members of the  
Michel and Fadia Nahed Family

**FOR THE YEAR 2023 - 2024**  
In Loving Memory of  
Judith Anne Jacobs  
by Anthony Jacobs and Family

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS**

Congratulations and Happy Birthday Wishes to  
**Paul Kanan**  
on the very special occasion of his  
**89th Birthday!**

*May our Lord bless you  
and keep you in good health  
and filled with happiness always!*

**CHRISTMAS MASS INTENTIONS****SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH****CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL CHILDREN'S MASS**

- 4:00 PM— Children in the World, by Clergy  
 4:00 PM— Peace throughout the World, Ukraine, Ghaza, Holy Land, Lebanon and Iraq, by Clergy  
 4:00 PM— Christmas Flower Memorials, by Clergy  
 4:00 PM— Church Volunteers Christmas Remembrance, by Clergy  
 4:00 PM— Living and Deceased Parishioners Christmas Remembrance, by Clergy  
 4:00 PM— Living and Deceased Benefactors Christmas Remembrance, by Clergy  
 4:00 PM— Daniel and Mary Daniel and the Living and Deceased Members of the Simon and Daniel Family, by their Children  
 4:00 PM— Matthew Sami Daman Christmas Remembrance, by Family  
 4:00 PM— Mickey and Julia Thomas Christmas Remembrance, by Family  
 4:00 PM— Paul Elias Christmas Remembrance, by Linda Elias and Family  
 4:00 PM— Massoud and Catherine Elian Christmas Remembrance, by Family  
 4:00 PM— Virginia and Vincent Filiccia Christmas Remembrance, by Paul and Lena Kanan

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH**

- 5:00 PM— Baptisms Dylan Nohra and Kailyn Nohra

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH****CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL**

- 7:00 PM— Christmas Flower Memorials, by Clergy  
 7:00 PM— Peace throughout the World, Ukraine, Ghaza, Holy Land, Lebanon and Iraq, by Clergy  
 7:00 PM— Living and Deceased Parishioners Christmas Remembrance, by Clergy  
 7:00 PM— Living and Deceased Benefactors Christmas Remembrance, by Clergy  
 7:00 PM— Church Volunteers Christmas Remembrance, by Clergy  
 7:00 PM— Deceased Members of the Shaker Family Christmas Remembrance, by Family  
 7:00 PM— Living and Deceased Members of the Deacon John and Bobbi Sfire Family Christmas Remembrance, by Clergy

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 25TH****CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS**

- 12:00 AM— Christmas Flower Memorials, by Clergy  
 12:00 AM— Peace throughout the World, Ukraine, Ghaza, Holy Land, Lebanon and Iraq, by Clergy  
 12:00 AM— Living and Deceased Parishioners Christmas Remembrance, by Clergy  
 12:00 AM— Living and Deceased Benefactors Christmas Remembrance, by Clergy  
 12:00 AM— Church Volunteers Christmas Remembrance, by Clergy  
 12:00 AM— Living & Deceased Members of the Yammine and Maroun Families and Extended Families, by Elias and Khoulood Yammine  
 12:00 AM— Youssef Boulos Maroun Christmas Remembrance, by Family  
 12:00 AM— Albert and Mona Badawi Christmas Remembrance, by Family  
 12:00 AM— Elie Abouseiman Christmas Remembrance, by Family

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 25TH****CHRISTMAS DAY MASS**

- 9:30 AM— Christmas Flower Memorials, by Clergy  
 9:30 AM— Peace throughout the World, Ukraine, Ghaza, Holy Land, Lebanon and Iraq, by Clergy  
 9:30 AM— Living and Deceased Parishioners Christmas Remembrance, by Clergy  
 9:30 AM— Living and Deceased Benefactors Christmas Remembrance, by Clergy  
 9:30 AM— Church Volunteers Christmas Remembrance, by Clergy  
 9:30 AM— Joseph Deeby 3 Year Remembrance, by Sister, Donna Deeby  
 9:30 AM— Judith Deeby Christmas Remembrance, by Sister, Donna Deeby  
 9:30 AM— Mickey and Julia Thomas Christmas Remembrance, by Clergy  
 9:30 AM— James Lertola, Jr. and Deceased Members of the Andary/ Eissa Families, by Georgia Andary

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 25TH****CHRISTMAS DAY MASS**

- 11:30 AM— Christmas Flower Memorials, by Clergy  
 11:30 AM— Peace throughout the World, Ukraine, Ghaza, Holy Land, Lebanon and Iraq, by Clergy  
 11:30 AM— Living and Deceased Parishioners Christmas Remembrance, by Clergy  
 11:30 AM— Living and Deceased Benefactors Christmas Remembrance, by Clergy  
 11:30 AM— Church Volunteers Christmas Remembrance, by Clergy  
 11:30 AM— Living and Deceased Members of the Raif and Hanane Harik Family Christmas Remembrance, by Clergy  
 11:30 AM— Alice Katra, Thomas Katra, Samir Katra and Charbel Francis, by Sandra Youssef  
 11:30 AM— Nahat Richan Boutros, by Family  
 11:30 AM— Hamid Elias, by Family  
 11:30 AM— Elie Abouseiman Christmas Remembrance, by Family

**READERS****READERS FOR****SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23**

- 4:00 PM - Ann Marie Ferris

**READERS FOR:****SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24**

- 9:30 AM - Ed O'Brien

**READERS FOR:****SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24**

- 11:30 AM - Cloie Chidiac  
 Elie Tome

**READERS FOR:****SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24****CHRISTMAS EVE - VIGIL MASS [CHILDREN'S MASS]**

- 4:00 PM - Allan Brazier

**READERS FOR:****SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24****CHRISTMAS EVE - VIGIL MASS**

- 7:00 PM - Joseph Ejbeh

**READERS FOR:****MONDAY, DECEMBER 25****MIDNIGHT MASS**

- 12:00 AM - George Habbouche  
 Ramella Badawi

**READERS FOR:****MONDAY, DECEMBER 25****CHRISTMAS DAY**

- 9:30 AM - Ed O'Brien

**READERS FOR:****MONDAY, DECEMBER 25****CHRISTMAS DAY**

- 11:30 AM - Fadia Nahed  
 Najee Mondalek

**READERS FOR****SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30**

- 4:00 PM - Gwen Rashid

**READERS FOR:****SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31**

- 9:30 AM - Pat Helou

**READERS FOR:****SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31**

- 11:30 AM - Reema Sweidan  
 Majida Nakhle

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26TH**  
NO MASS

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27TH**  
NO MASS

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28TH**  
NO MASS

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29TH**  
9:30 AM— Albert and Mona Badawi Christmas Remembrance,  
by Family

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30TH**  
4:00 PM— Donors of the Christmas Flowers, by Clergy  
4:00 PM— Christmas Flower Memorials, by Clergy  
4:00 PM— Giving Tuesday Donors, by Clergy  
4:00 PM— Leonard Thomas and Joyce Neumaier  
Christmas Remembrance, by Clergy  
4:00 PM— Deceased Members of the Pete & Adele Moses Saxe Family  
Christmas Remembrance, by Family  
4:00 PM— Matty Moroun and Anne Moroun  
Christmas Remembrance, by Family  
4:00 PM— Matthew Sami Daman Christmas Remembrance, by Family

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31ST**  
9:30 AM— Donors of the Christmas Flowers, by Clergy  
9:30 AM— Christmas Flower Memorials, by Clergy  
9:30 AM— Giving Tuesday Donors, by Clergy  
9:30 AM— Mickey and Julia Thomas Christmas Remembrance,  
by Chorbishop Alfred Badawi  
9:30 AM— Joseph, Helen and Betty Shaker  
Christmas Remembrance, by Family

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31ST**  
11:30 AM— Donors of the Christmas Flowers, by Clergy  
11:30 AM— Christmas Flower Memorials, by Clergy  
11:30 AM— Giving Tuesday Donors, by Clergy  
11:30 AM— Special Intention Cara Noelle Hahn-Harik, by Clergy  
11:30 AM— Living and Deceased Members of the  
Raif and Hanane Harik Family, by Clergy  
11:30 AM— Vera Hakim Christmas Remembrance, by Family  
11:30 AM— Khalil Chidiac, by Naji Chidiac & Family  
11:30 AM— Dunia Hattar Dababneh, by Elias & Khouloud Yammine

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Just a few words about Mass intentions. **The 2024 Mass Record Book is now available** for you to schedule your upcoming Mass intentions. Masses may be said for the living and deceased, in remembrance, in thanksgiving, for healing, and for special intentions and occasions.

**Please do your best to schedule your Mass intentions several weeks prior to the date you want.** Often times our bulletin has already been sent to print when a Mass intention is given. However, your Mass intention will be given to the priest and your intention will be prayed for.

**We do our best to accommodate all requested Mass intentions.** Please remember if you call after the bulletin has already been sent to print, they will not be listed in the hard copy printed version of the Bulletin. However, your intentions will still be announced and prayed for at your requested Mass date and time!

**We apologize for any misspellings, mistakes or omissions,** as occasionally they do happen! Just call and we will make the correction!

Please email or call the office to schedule your intentions. Thank you for your understanding!

**THANK YOU!****WEEKLY COLLECTION**

December 16 & 17, 2023

Envelopes: \$7,188.00

Online: \$740.00

**Total Collection: \$7,928.00**

With sincere gratitude and thanks for your faithful and loving support of our parish!

**SANCTUARY CANDLES**

Openings are now available for **the 2024 Sanctuary Candles.** Two candles are available each month for your intentions: one in the Church and one in the Chapel. These are scheduled on a first come basis, and your intention is for a specific month.

Please email or call the office to check availability for a specific month! Donation \$25. Thank you!

2023 CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS  
IN HONOR /LOVING MEMORY OF

Sunny Abousleiman  
Mr. and Mrs. Issam Akiki  
Georgia Andary

Elie Abousleiman

James Lertola, Jr.  
Deceased Members of the Andary/ Eissa Families

Anonymous  
Janet, Michael & Jacob Asmar  
Asmar Family  
Mr. & Mrs. Michel Ayoub  
Elias and Zina Bassil

Paul Asmar  
Theresa Asmar

Bassil Family  
Bagosly Family  
Edmund Bousho  
Rebecca Bousho  
David Bousho

Dan and Christiane Bousho

Mr. & Mrs. John A. Cafagna  
Mr. & Mrs. John Cafagna  
Jacques and Patricia Chaptini

The Molinaro Family  
Ray Chaptini and Family

Naji Chidiac

Khalil Chidiac  
Yolla Chidiac

Marilyn Daniels  
Abdou and Samia Deban

Michael & Sheffia Thomas  
Rose & Farid Deban  
Jad Nemr  
Colette & Hanna Helou

DeBruyn Children and  
Grandchildren

Michael F. DeBruyn  
Deeby Family  
Edmond Donabedian  
James Ruhanna

Donna Deeby  
Olivia Donabedian  
Mary H. Dronzkowski  
Mr. & Mrs. Elie Eid  
Linda Elias and Family  
Ann Marie Bob Ferris  
Vito and Char Fortuna

Paul Elias  
The Bolis and Ferris Families  
Alessandro & Concetta Fortuna  
Caterina Byszko & Marcello Pozzi  
Frederick and Elizabeth Francis  
Ramez & Josephine Harb  
Antoine & Roland Gemayel

Francis Family Children  
Chuck and Jano Gemayel

Mary Dawood  
Gowro Gowro  
Marogi Gowro  
Nano Yousif

Waad and Helen Gowro

Mr. & Mrs. Fady Habib  
Hakim Family  
Lidwina Hakim  
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Hatty

Simon & Philomena Hakim and Deceased Family Members

Maroun Hakim  
Thomas & Sheila Hatty  
Bill & Eileen York  
John Marsh  
Donna Marsh  
Deceased Members of the Hatty Family

Chris Herbert

Don Herbert and Family  
Peter Migala and Family  
Oliver Herbert and Family

Rose Ann Jacobs and  
Paul Nagurka  
Karen Johns

Deceased Family Members  
Peter Johns, Jr.  
Margaret Foley and Family  
Josephine & Peter Johns, Sr.  
Akram Karromi

Nawal Karromi  
Madeleine Katra  
Klingbail Family  
Helene Latiff

George & Mary Ann Sassin  
Jennie & Anthony Latiff  
Denec (Dee) & Bill Boulus, Sr.

2023 CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS  
IN HONOR /LOVING MEMORY OF

Kautz Family

Joseph G. Saad  
Margaret J. Saad  
Oscar C. Saad  
Shirley A. Saad  
John A. Veith  
James W. Kautz  
Virginia M. Backus  
Agnus C. Judd

Maassarani Family  
Richard and Nancy Magri  
Tom and Lolita Maliskey

El-Haje Family  
Maliskey Family  
Aghni Malouf  
Josephine Harb  
Ramez Harb

Toni and Eliane Malouf

Thomas Matthew  
Mr. and Mrs. Roman Millett  
Marcelle Nasr  
Ed and Therese O'Brien

Bassam Nasr  
The Hellow Family  
Mary Saad  
Claire Elizabeth Rabine  
Madeline Louise Rabine  
Naif & Mary Ejbeh-Agby  
Philip Agby  
Jeanette Agby  
Olga Agby  
Monsour & Louise Hakim  
Joe & Souad Hakim

Don and Liz Rabine & Family

Elizabeth Raies  
Philip Ranno  
Mary Saad

The Raies Family  
Jean Ranno  
William Saad  
Dr. & Mrs. Michael Saba

In Thanksgiving for Chorbishop Alfred, Fr. Chris & Deacon Mike  
Deceased Members of the Saba, Harb, Doueiry and Nasr Families  
Abraham & Helen Salomon and Deceased Family Members  
Thanksgiving for Special Intention  
Penny Sam  
Mary & Romeo Sam  
Deceased Members of the Sam Family

Salomon Family  
Elena Salomon  
George Sam

Koshaya Sfeir

Therese Sfeir  
Mansour & Virginie Sfeir  
Nadia Tannous

Toufic and Jeanette Soyad

Neily Family  
Tony & Marie Soyad and Family  
Tom and Bea Joseph  
John & Susan Daniel  
Mike & Mary Thomas  
Genevieve Daniel

Sam and Kathy Taormina  
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Thomas

Mr. and Mrs. Emad Tobia  
Linda Thomas

Naif & Susan Thomas  
Michel & Angelina Besteni  
Dr. Paul G. Thomas

Denise Werner

Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Werner  
Mark Werner  
Marie Annis  
Danny Werner

Elias and Khoulood Yammine

Moubarak & Marie Yammine  
Youssef Boulos Maroun

Nazira Yasso

Joseph Yasso

**MAKE THIS SEASON HOLY - PLAN NOW TO ATTEND !**

ST. SHARBEL CHURCH  
2023 Christmas &  
New Year's Mass Schedule  
قداديس عيد أَلَمِيلاد المَجد

CHRISTMAS EVE  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

4:00 PM [English]

CHILDREN'S MASS

7:00 PM [English & Arabic]  
CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

12:00 AM [Arabic]  
MIDNIGHT MASS

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CHRISTMAS DAY  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

9:30 AM [English]

11:30 AM [Arabic]

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NEW YEAR'S EVE  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31  
لَيْلة رأس السَنَة قداديس عيد

4 PM &

7 PM

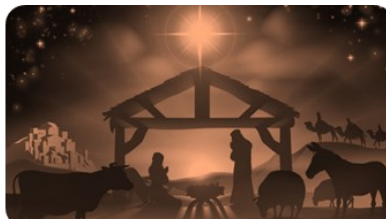
NEW YEAR'S DAY / WORLD DAY OF PEACE

MONDAY, JANUARY 1

عِيد رأس السَنَة

10:30 AM

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!  
May you be blessed with each passing year!*





UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS

- Dec 22 Healing Mass of St. Sharbel 6:30 PM
- Dec 18-22 Christmas Novena 7 PM Church
- Dec 24 Mass Live Streamed 11:30 AM
- Dec 29 College Students Breakfast with Clergy
- Dec 31 New Year's Eve Party
- Jan 6/7 Epiphany Blessing of Water/Haircutting Ceremony

FR. CHRIS' CORNER

Words cannot describe how thankful and grateful I am to each and every one of you for making my first year at St. Sharbel Church an unforgettable experience! Coming here as a deacon, you welcomed me with open arms and formed me into the minister I am today. After being ordained a priest in Cleveland, St. Sharbel Church hosted an incredible First Ordination Mass Celebration that I will never forget! Then, we hit the ground running with the relics of St. Sharbel, the Assumption Pilgrimage, the Gala, the NAM Board Meetings, the Parish Christmas Retreat, and the amazing Christmas Choir Concert!

I am truly honored to serve you as a priest of Jesus Christ and I thank you all for making my first 6-months as a priest an unforgettable experience! With so much love and gratitude in my heart, I thank YOU for being part of our THRIVING parish community, and I look forward to serving you all for many more years to come, God-willing!

Thank you for an amazing first year here at St. Sharbel Church! Be assured of my prayers and I look forward to celebrating 2024 together!

Sincerely in Christ,  
Fr. Chris Nahra

Your Caffeinated, Loves Jesus, Thriving Priest!

CHRISTMAS 2023

This is the time to find within you the joy of a very special season. Rejoice always! Share with others the joy of loving.

When God decided to create us, He did it with joy, with a spirit of self-giving. God wanted to create someone like Himself, someone who could love like Him, someone who could act and live like His only Son did.

Christmas is here and the season brings us joy and love. Let's renew at this time our commitment to our God by loving others just the way He wants us to. This is my commitment: love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends (John15:12-13)

Gifts, greeting cards, Christmas lights on, good food, friends and family! Christmas is here and it is time to celebrate with joyful hearts the gift of love. Emmanuel is among us, let's us give thanks to God for all the blessings. Thanks for being so generous! Your Christmas gifts will bring joy to the people in need. It is a great holy season. The poor in the world is Christ who suffers. In them, the Son of God lives and dies. Through them, God shows His face. Let us always see the face of Christ in those who suffer. Let us remember especially the people in Ukraine and other war torn places in the world.

We are almost at the end of another year. My joy is to serve you and to journey with you through the good and bad times. God is joy. Joy is prayer. Joy is a sign of union with God. Joy is a sign of generosity. Thanks for being generous with your church this Christmas. Every year gets better!

With sincerest wishes for a blessed Christmas,  
Chorbishop Alfred Badawi, Pastor, Fr, Chris Nahra, Associate Pastor  
Fr. Roger Chikri, Fr. Nabil Habchi, and Deacon Mike Magyar

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners, Friends and Visitors,  
Today we celebrate the Genealogy Sunday. Christmas this year is on Monday, December 25, 2023. It is important that we keep holy these holy feasts within our calendars to mark the special events of Our Lord's life and ministry. Together let us prepare the way of the Lord!

CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS

The list of Christmas Flower Memorials will be published Christmas weekend through the Epiphany. Due to the early print deadline required for this bulletin, the list this weekend will be hand inserted on a separate sheet in order to accommodate all incoming donations.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON THANK YOU!

Thanks to all who supported the Christmas Luncheon sponsored by the Ladies Altar Society. It was a wonderful feast and a good time was had by all! Thank you to the 200 guests who supported and attended this annual party during this very busy time of year! We want to extend special thanks to all of the generous raffle basket donors, Char and all members of the LAS! Everyone together made this a huge success!

WITH DEEPEST GRATITUDE!

I want to extend a sincere thank you to Najee Mondalek for conceiving the idea and building our beautiful new nativity scene, and thank you to those who helped him bring it to fulfillment as his helping hands: Elie Nahed, Peter Pollis, Wahib Badawi, and Aziz Charabaty for helping to make the church look so festive. Thank you to Therese O'Brien and Nancy Magri for putting up the Christmas trees in the lobby. Thank you also to George Sassin for putting up the Christmas lights outside. Thank you to our Choirs, Ushers, Altar Servers, Lectors, Religious Education Staff, Office Staff, Gift Shop Team, Finance Council, Money Counters, Media Team, NAM Committee, Ladies Altar Society, Sacristans, Men's Club, Knights. We wish you all a very Merry and blessed Christmas and thank you for your ministry here at St. Sharbel Church!





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