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SUNDAY OF THE BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

DECEMBER 6, 2020

READING Galatians 4:21-5:1 GOSPEL Luke 1:57-66

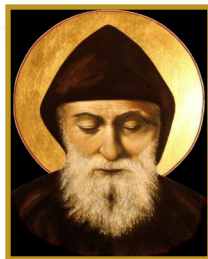


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DIVINE LITURGY  
SATURDAY: 4:00 PM  
SUNDAY: 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION  
1st Saturday: 3:30 PM

FAMILY OF SAINT SHARBEL  
HEALING PRAYERS  
22nd Day of Every Month

Liturgy and Benediction 6:30 PM  
(Fall / Winter)

SAINT SHARBEL MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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PUBLIC MASSES HAVE RESUMED

LIVE STREAMED MASS  
SUNDAY AT 11:30 AM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5TH

- 4:00 PM— Bettyjean Ahee and John Ahee, by Jesse Abraham
- 4:00 PM— Daniel & Mary Daniel and Deceased Members of the Simon and Daniel Families, by Children
- 4:00 PM— Sadie Yamin, by Family
- 4:00 PM— Joseph, Helen, and Betty Shaker Christmas Remembrance, by Family
- 4:00 PM— Judith Deeby Christmas Remembrance, by Brother, Joe Deeby
- 4:00 PM— Emily Michael, by Terry Mahoney

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6TH

- 9:30 AM— Deceased Members of the John & Susan Daniel Family, by Ed & Isabelle Thomas and Family
- 9:30 AM— Deceased Members of the Mike & Mary Thomas Family, by Ed & Isabelle Thomas and Family
- 9:30 AM— Michael Jacobs, by Ed & Isabelle Thomas
- 9:30 AM— Frank Lutfy, by Ed & Isabelle Thomas
- 9:30 AM— Jennieve Danial, by Ed & Isabelle Thomas
- 9:30 AM— Sadie Yamin, by Ed & Isabelle Thomas
- 9:30 AM— Owen Petrzelka Christmas Remembrance, by Grandparents, Anthony & Lucy Shaker
- 9:30 AM— Al & Kay Latouf, by their Children
- 9:30 AM— Cindy Santilli Davey Christmas Remembrance, by Husband, Nelson Davey
- 9:30 AM— Dr. Paul Thomas Christmas Remembrance, by Pastor
- 9:30 AM— Tony and Terry Thomas Christmas Remembrance, by Friends and Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6TH

- 11:30 AM— Marina Hermiz Memorial Mass, by Family
- 11:30 AM— Ameen El Helou Memorial Mass, by Nephew, Sassine El Helou and Niece, Samia Deban and their Families
- 11:30 AM— Lamia Eid 40 Day Remembrance, by Niece, Rima and Fadi Habib and Family
- 11:30 AM— Faraj and Georgette (6 Year Remembrance) Fajou, by Family
- 11:30 AM— Steve Garmo, by Family
- 11:30 AM— Joey Sassine, by Family
- 11:30 AM— Special Intentions for Living and Deceased Members of the David and Hill Families, by Family
- 11:30 AM— Living and Deceased Members of the Tony & Mary Ann Nader Family, by Pastor
- 11:30 AM— Owen Petrzelka, by Grandparents, Anthony and Lucy Shaker
- 11:30 AM— Matty Moroun, by Sister, Anne Moroun
- 11:30 AM— Michael & Catherine Joseph Christmas Remembrance, by Mary Medley
- 11:30 AM— August Al Achkar 31 Year Remembrance, by Wife, Dora and Children
- 11:30 AM— Rev. Youssif Al Ashkar Lebanese Maronite Monk Memorial Mass, by the Choir
- 11:30 AM— Shamo & Victoria Hana Kachel, by Family

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

2020 Christmas Mass Schedule

Thursday, December 24, 2020

Christmas Eve

4:00 PM Children Mass - Live Streamed

7:00 PM

12:00 AM

Friday, December 25, 2020

Christmas Day

9:30 AM

11:30 AM - Live Streamed

2021 New Year Mass Schedule

Thursday, December 31, 2020

New Year Eve

4:00 PM & 7:00 PM

Friday, January 1, 2021

New Year's Day

10:30 AM

**MASSES CONTINUED ...**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8TH**

**PUBLIC**

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

**6:00 PM—Joseph Joseph**, by Mary Medley and Family

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9TH**

**PRIVATE**

**6:00 PM— Renato and Clara Farah**, by Linda Thomas

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10TH**

**PRIVATE**

**6:00 PM— Owen Petrzelka**, by Pastor

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12TH**

**4:00 PM— Living and Deceased Members of the George Sam Family**, by Pastor

**4:00 PM— Paul Kanan, Sr., Birthday**, by Pastor

**4:00 PM— Matty Moroun**, by Sister, Anne Moroun

**4:00 PM— Emily Michael**, by Paul and Lena Kanan

**4:00 PM— Mary & Philip Patanis Anniversary Remembrance**, by Family

**4:00 PM— Charles Heady Anniversary Remembrance and his Parents, Charlie & Virginia Heady**, by Family

**4:00 PM— Ronald Caramagno Anniversary Remembrance**, by Family

**4:00 PM— Betty Jolet Birthday Remembrance**, by Family

**4:00 PM— Zina Kanan Elias**, by Virginia Backus

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13TH**

**9:30 AM— Terry Thomas 90th Birthday**, by LAS

**9:30 AM— Michael B. & Gabriel B. Thomas Birthday Remembrance**, by Mickey & Julie Thomas

**9:30 AM— Angela Michael 1 Year Remembrance**, by Family

**9:30 AM— Kay Latouf Birthday Remembrance**, by her Family

**9:30 AM— Jim Tessmer 6 Year Remembrance**, by Wife and Children

**9:30 AM— Owen Petrzelka Christmas Remembrance**, by Joe and Terry Shaker

**9:30 AM— Al and Kay Latouf Christmas Remembrance**, by their Children

**9:30 AM— 2020 Ad Book Sponsors**, by Pastor

**9:30 AM— Sadie Yamin Christmas Remembrance**, by Family

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13TH**

**11:30 AM— Living and Deceased Members of the Nazira Yasso Family**, by Family

**11:30 AM— Najat Arsan**, by Pastor and Parishioners

**11:30 AM— Shamo & Victoria Hana Kachel**, by Family

**11:30 AM— Backos Joseph**, by Mary Medley and Family

**11:30 AM— In Loving Memory of the Mona, Adel, and Naji Aldaoud Family**, by Emad & Rywaida Aldaoud & Family



**SANCTUARY CANDLE**  
**FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER BURNS FOR:**  
 Special Intention

**CHAPEL CANDLE**  
**FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER BURNS FOR:**  
 In Loving Memory of  
 Al & Kay Latouf  
 by their Children

**INCENSE AND CHARCOAL**  
**FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER**  
 In Loving Memory of  
 George & Henriette Chalhoub  
 by Family

**THANK YOU!**

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**  
**November 21 & 22, 2020**  
**Envelopes: \$4,170.00**  
**Online: \$1,030.00**  
**Total Collection: \$5,200.00**

**November 28 & 29, 2020**  
**Envelopes: \$5,381.00**  
**Online: \$1,030.00**  
**Total Collection: \$6,411.00**

*May God bless you for your generosity and support of your parish especially during these most difficult of times!*

**NOVENA PRAYER FOR AN END TO THE  
CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC**

O Mary, full of grace, Patroness of this nation and Mother of the Church, in this time of illness and world-wide need we seek your intercession for the human family before your Son's throne of grace and mercy. We ask for strength in adversity, health in weakness, and comfort in sorrow. Help us. O Blessed Mother, to be filled with confidence and trust in the tender compassion of our God. Let us not be afraid, like our own Saint Marianne Cope, who entrusted her life and ministry among the outcasts of society into the care of our Divine Physician. Continue to watch over all who are sick as well as those who care for them and give wisdom to all who are seeking a cure. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



**LET US PRAY  
HEALING PRAYERS FOR . . .**

<p><b>All infected with the covid virus</b>  <b>All healthcare providers</b>  <b>All essential business workers</b>                  Raheel Abbawi                  Nafee Aboo                  David Ajbib                  Claire Aouad                  Salam Askar                  Adeet D. Aiyer                  Maria Bartolomeo                  Baby Luke Burton                  Stephanie Clark                  Tim Cowper                  Alma Dadoush                  Haifa Dawood                  Patrick Doyle                  Chuck Eisenman                  Nancy Esho                  Keri Faircloth                  Pat Farrar                  Stephanie Felgenauer</p>	<p>Dorothy Ferrara                  Mary Floore                  Charbel Francis                  Albert Gantos                  Marie Gantos                  Diane George                  Eric Grobbel                  Phil Grobbel                  John Grzadzinski                  David Habib                  Ellie Hadid                  Feras Haisha                  Blake Hamama                  Dr. Sameer Hana                  Anthile Hermese                  Judy Hindy                  Baby Sebastian Hopper                  Joseph Jacob                  Edward &amp; Suham John                  Baby Jayden                  Dominic Joseph Juricic</p>	<p>Sylvia Kaltz                  Lena Kanan                  Leeno Kas-Mikha                  Tom Kiernicki                  Jackie Lael                  Agnes Langschied                  Donna Latouf                  Teresa Logan                  Matthew Lomasney                  Fabiola Maduro                  Michele Makhoulouf                  Edward Moffett                  Cheryl Moultrie                  Newborns Adeline &amp; Madeleine                  Raymond Nicholas                  Betty Ann Peeples                  Nelson Peitz                  Narden Alexander Saeed                  Ruby Salmen                  Remone Salmen                  Nadre Salmen                  Anwar &amp; Suham Seman                  and Children                  Eddie Sesi</p>	<p>Nancy Sesi                  Bobbi Sfire                  Jason Sfire                  Deacon John Sfire                  Alfred Shina                  Saba Simon                  Vivian Simon                  Christian Charbel Slewah                  Terry Thomas                  Baby John Venturini                  Jad Yacoub                  Christina Yako                  Ghazi Aziz Yaldo                  Nazira Yasso                  Marco Youssif                  Emmanuel Zaya</p>
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**UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS**

- December 6 Sunday Mass Live Stream 11:30 AM
- December 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception 6 PM Mass
- Dec. 18 Christmas Recital 7 PM Open to the public
- Dec. 20th Santa Claus Sunday after both Masses
- Dec. 15th Christmas Novena Begins at 7 PM except for
- Dec. 23rd Dec. 19th/20th the Novena will follow each Mass
- Jan/Feb Super Bowl Fundraiser
- July 17/18 St. Sharbel Feast Day Weekend Church Festival

**PASTOR'S CORNER**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,  
 It seems so appropriate that before we get to “the most wonderful time of the year”, that we take a few moments to express our thanks to God. Without a doubt, we could spend much time focusing on the many things going wrong in our world, but I want to remind us of the tremendous importance and calling we have to be a people of Thankfulness!

Be assured that we pray for you and this parish daily in our Divine Liturgy. We also pray especially for those of us who are carrying heavy crosses over this holiday season that they may be able to see beyond the shadow of the Cross, and discover anew a loving God who supports us and unites us with the sufferings of His Son. For it is the same Jesus Christ who will turn our mourning into joy, our sorrow into gladness and who will give us yet another reason to give thanks.

May you have safe journeys in your comings and goings this holiday season and may the Lord Jesus Christ, who never ceases to give thanks to His loving Father, raise His arms of benediction over us all as we prepare for this Christmas Season!!

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is this Tuesday, December 8 and it is a Holy Day of Obligation. We will celebrate a Mass on Tuesday at 6:00 PM and it will be open to the public. Please follow all safety protocols if you plan on attending this Mass in person.

**CHRISTMAS NOVENA**

All major feast days in the Church have always been preceded by a period of fasting in order to prepare the faithful spiritually for the celebration of the feast. Through the years, fasting was reduced to the Great Lent that precedes Easter. Since we are no longer obligated to fast before Christmas, let us prepare ourselves spiritually for the Glorious Birth of Our Lord by going to confession, receiving the Eucharist and praying the Christmas Novena which runs from the 15th through the 23rd of December. Please note that the Novena is always celebrated with and after the Masses: On weekdays at 7:00 PM, and on weekends after the Saturday and Sunday Masses.

**A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS GIFT**

The St. Sharbel Church Choir, along with Chorbishop Alfred and Deacon Mike, will pray a special Christmas Novena on Friday, December 18, 2020 at 7:00 PM with festive Christmas Carols for the Parish. This is a special gift to all of the parish from St. Sharbel Church to all of you. It will be live streamed on Facebook and You Tube. The link will be sent to you if you are subscribed to receive our emails.

It will include a special Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration along with traditional Advent and Christmas Carols in English, Arabic and Syriac. The Church will be open to the public that evening. Everyone is welcome! For those who cannot attend in person, we encourage you to watch it from home with your family and loved ones. Merry Christmas!

**SANTA CLAUS SUNDAY!**

On Sunday, December 20th, Santa will pass out candy after both Masses!

God bless you and protect you,  
 Chorbishop Alfred Badawi  
 Pastor



**CONGRATULATIONS!**

**BAPTISM AND CHRISMATION**

Congratulations to  
**Emad and Deena Batayeh**  
 on the Baptism of their Son,  
**Elias Emad Batayeh**  
 at St. Sharbel Church  
 on Tuesday, December 1, 2020  
 by Chorbishop Alfred Badawi.  
*May Elias be steadfast in his faith  
 and grow constantly in the Lord!*

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

Congratulations to  
**Andrew and Vanessa Hatty**  
 as they celebrate their  
**7th Wedding Anniversary!**  
*May our Lord bless this couple as they  
 continue to provide witness  
 to the love of God  
 by their commitment to each other  
 and their families!*

**GRADUATION**

Congratulations to  
**Kayla Elkhoury**  
 on earning her Bachelor’s Degree  
 from Oakland University!  
 Chehade and Carolyn Elkhoury  
 are the proud parents of Kayla!  
 Best wishes, Kayla, for a future filled  
 with success and happiness!



The American Lebanese Joint Civic Association (ALJCA) is offering How to Speak Lebanese, read, and write Arabic classes for Ages 6-10, 11-18, and Adults for a period of 8 Weeks. Classes are available for different levels and start January 7th, 2021. For more information, visit ALJCA.org.

For enrollment, contact Mrs. Nadine Touma ([Nadine-touma@hotmail.com](mailto:Nadine-touma@hotmail.com)).



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