

**LITURGY INTENTIONS****IN LOVING MEMORY OF****REQUESTED BY**

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|-----------|---------|----------|--|---|
| Saturday  | Dec. 16 | 5:00 pm  | Elias, Sadie, and Joseph E. Joseph<br>Deceased of the Crehan & Haroney Families<br>Peter Moses | The Family<br>Mr. Phillip Haroney<br>Rosemary & Regina Joseph                       |
| Sunday    | Dec. 17 | 10:00 am | Joseph Mansour<br>Peter Moses<br>William Robidoux<br>Majid & Badwiah Mansour                   | Samir & Katia Mansour<br>Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Mullen<br>Abouna Elie                    |
| Sunday    | Dec. 17 | 12:15 pm | Loulou Khoury<br>Joseph G. Hanna, Sr.<br>Ibrahim Aboudib (40 Day Mass)                         | Mr. & Mrs. Elias Mansour<br>The Family<br>Mrs. Mona Hanna & Family<br>Assad Aboudib |
| Tuesday   | Dec. 19 | 8:00 am  | No Mass  |   |
| Wednesday | Dec. 20 | 8:00 am  | No Mass  |   |
| Thursday  | Dec. 21 | 8:00 am  | No Mass  |   |
| Friday    | Dec. 22 | 8:00 am  | No Mass  |   |
| Saturday  | Dec. 23 | 5:00 pm  | Rose and James Abraham   | Daughters & Families  |
| Sunday    | Dec. 24 | 10:00 am | Ghassan Dergam   | Mr. & Mrs. Sayed ElKhoury   |
| Sunday    | Dec. 24 | 12:15 pm | Loulou Khoury<br>Rhada & Father John Chbat   | The Family<br>Mr. & Mrs. Chayban Chayban  |
|           | Dec. 24 | 5:00 pm  | <b>Christmas Vigil Mass</b><br>Deceased Members of Joseph<br>and Moran Families                | Abouna  |

**The Altar Bread** for December is in memory of Souhad Hayek by Marie Butera Hayek

**The Altar Wine** for December is in memory of Souhad Hayek by Marie Butera Hayek

**The Sanctuary Lamp** for December is in memory of Souhad Hayek by Marie Butera Hayek

**\*Wealth May Last A Lifetime. A Legacy of Charity & Good Deeds Lasts Forever.\***

**\*PLEASE REMEMBER ST. JOHN MARON PARISH IN YOUR ESTATE PLANNING\***

**OUR GRATITUDE TO ALL WHO ARE SUPPORTING ST. JOHN MARON CHURCH.  
YOUR GENEROSITY IS A BLESSING.**

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP (December 10, 2017)**

**Regular Tithes: 5:00 pm & 10:00 am Mass: \$2,036.00 ~ 12:00 pm Mass: \$882.00 Total: \$2,918.00**

**\*ALTAR SERVERS: Sun. 10:00 am:** Elias & Jonathan Mansour

**\*LECTORS:**

**Sat. 5:00 pm** Tom Haykel  
**Sun. 10:00 am** Lena Issa  
**Sun. 12:15 pm** Elie Korkomaz

**\*PEACE BEARERS: Sun. 10:00 am:**

**DEACONS:**

**Sat. 5:00 pm** Regina Joseph  
**Sun. 10:00 am** Joe Bittar  
**Sun. 12:15 pm** Jamil Anz

**\*INTERCESSIONS: Sun. 10:00 am:**

**\*GIFT BEARERS: Sat. 5:00 pm** - Regina Joseph & Jamie Abraham  
**Sun. 10:00 am** - Elias & Ivonne Mansour  
**Sun. 12:15 pm** - Mr. & Mrs. Assad Aboudib

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Dec. 17 ~ Regular Class  
 Dec. 24 ~ No Class  
 Dec. 31 ~ No Class

### COFFEE HOUR:

Dec. 17 ~~~ George and May Atallah  
 Dec. 24 ~~~ No coffee hour  
 Dec. 31 ~~~ No coffee hour

### CCD COFFEE HOUR:

**To Parents and Coffee Servers** - Children are **not allowed** to take donuts without a parent present.

IN ADDITION, children are not allowed donuts before class. It is up to the parents to purchase a donut for their child to be eaten only AFTER class. Also, please remember to clean up your area after coffee and dessert. Let's all be considerate and not leave a mess for coffee servers to clean up. As every family takes a turn serving coffee, let us all treat others the way we would want to be treated when it is our turn to host. Thank you kindly.

### WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy and sincere condolences go to the family, friends, and relatives of Laura Azzi, who passed away in Lebanon. Laura was the sister of Theresa Bittar. May the Lord grant eternal rest to His servant, Laura, and may He grant comfort and consolation to all who mourn her.

## CARMELITE MONASTERY ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TRIDUUM

The Solemn Christmas Triduum, beginning Thursday, Dec. 21st and closing on Saturday, Dec. 23rd will be held at the Carmelite Monastery on Carmel Road in Buffalo. Services each evening of the Triduum will begin with the Rosary at 7:00 p.m., followed by Mass. There will also be a Mass offered at 11:30 p.m., December 31st, to give thanks to God for all our blessings of 2017, and to ask for His blessings for 2018.

### WITH MARY ~ ITALY PILGRIMAGE

Join St. Teresa of Calcutta Maronite Catholic Mission, for a trip to **Rome May 22 to June 4, 2018. There are limited seats available.** For more information or to register by January 5, 2018, please contact Father Tony Kairouz at (724) 732-4064 or stteresamaronite@gmail.com.

## PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Aboutna Youssef Khoury, Josette Sfeir, Sarah Attea Griffin, Frances Flynn, Douglas Franke, Mirna Haieck, Chris Curry, Loulou Chbat, Mona Arida, Robert DiSibio, Victor Khoury, Joseph Martino, Pamela Ravangard, Victoria Healy, Rita Larson, Naja Sfeir

## PARISH ROSARY

We, the Altar and Rosary Society, would like to invite and remind all parishioners that a **Parish Rosary** will take place on a **Monday of each month (Oct. – May 2017-2018) at 7:00 PM in the Church. The next Rosary is scheduled for Monday, January 8, 2018 at 7:00 PM.** We hope you and your family will join us in praying for your intentions, the intentions of Pope Francis, and for world peace. If you are interested in saying a decade of the Rosary either in English or Lebanese, please contact Carole Farah at 317-902-5323 or Regina Joseph at 716-883-6194.

## PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY THANK YOU

A great big thank you to all who helped make our Parish Christmas party on December 9th a huge success. From those who attended the party, to those committees that helped in preparations, it was truly appreciated. A special thank you to Rita, Therese and Souad Hayek and their committee for the beautiful decorations. Also, a big thank you to all of the parishioners who made the delicious food. A party would be nothing if no one attended, so a huge thank you to Dolores Sapienza for making the reminder calls about the party to parishioners. Thank you all!!

## LEBANESE CITIZENSHIP

Bishop Gregory Mansour has sent us a letter regarding Lebanese citizenship. As many know, at this time in history, the status of Christianity in Lebanon and throughout the Middle East is under great pressure. It is important for Lebanon to maintain a vibrant and significant Christian presence and witness. The Lebanese Nationality Program is an initiative launched by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Emigrants for people of Lebanese heritage around the world to apply for Lebanese Citizenship. For full details, please go to our website, [stjohnmaron.org](http://stjohnmaron.org) and at the top of the home page click on links and then click joint lebanese-citizenship-2017-pdf-2.pdf.

**THE SECOND COLLECTION FOR THIS WEEK IS FOR FUEL AND UPKEEP.**

**THE SECOND COLLECTION FOR NEXT WEEK IS FOR ASSESSMENT/BISHOPS APPEAL .**

**This Weekend's Sacred Scriptures: Epistle: Eph 3:1-13 ~ Gospel: Mt 1:18-25**  
**Next Weekend's Sacred Scriptures: Epistle: Rom 1:1-12 ~ Gospel: Mt 1:1-17**

*ST. JOHN MARON THANKS*

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## 2017 CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S SERVICE & MASS SCHEDULE

**Friday, Dec. 15 - Saturday, Dec. 23**

Christmas Novena @ 7:00 p.m.

**Saturday, December 23**

Regular Saturday Mass @ 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday, December 24:**

Regular Sunday Mass @ 10:00 a.m.

Regular Sunday Mass @ 12:15 p.m.

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass @ 5:00 p.m.

**Monday, December 25:**

Christmas Midnight Mass @ 12:00 a.m.

Christmas Day Mass @ 11:00 a.m.

**Saturday, December 30:**

Regular Saturday Mass @ 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday, December 31:**

Regular Sunday Mass @ 10:00 a.m.

Regular Sunday Mass @ 12:15 p.m.

**New Year's Eve Vigil Mass (Holy Day of Obligation) @ 5:00 p.m.**

**Monday, January 1:**

**New Year's Day Mass (Holy Day of Obligation) @ 11:00 a.m.**

### CARING & SHARING

During the **Month of December**, we ask you to donate condiments, canned vegetables, and bags of candy and popcorn for the caring and sharing project. The containers are at the entrances of the Church. If you know of any family or person who is in need, please contact Abouna. This information will be kept confidential. As always, thank you for your help!

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS?

Please remember to notify the Rectory Office if you have a **Change of Address or Phone Number**.

### GUM CHEWING IN CHURCH

Our Church is a special place calling for special behavior. Our actions should respect the house of God. In that regard, **please refrain from chewing gum in Church, and please do not discard the gum in Church, under the pews, or on the Church grounds.**

### PARISH PARKING LOT

All parishioners are kindly advised to **call and notify the parish office if it is necessary to leave your car in the parking lot of St. John Maron Church.** Any car of which the parish is not aware, will be towed away at the owner's expense. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

### A LASTING GIFT

Have you considered making a lasting gift in memory of a loved one in lieu of flowers at a time of Death, Wedding, Baptism, First Communion, or any occasion? Please give primary consideration to the **ST. JOHN MARON ENDOWMENT FUND & ST. JOHN MARON SCHOLARSHIP FUND.** These two special funds will ensure that the work and mission of St. John Maron Church can continue for generations. Making such a donation is a lasting testament that has great significance.

*"Joy is a net of Love by which we catch souls"*

*~Saint Teresa of Calcutta*

## ST. JOHN MARON CHURCH MEMBERSHIP FORM

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

- New Registration
- Change of Address
- Moving Out Of Parish
- Want Envelopes