

#### Weekdays

- -8:30 a.m. Tuesdays & Thursdays
- 7:00 p.m. Wednesday following with Holy Hour
- No Liturgy on Mondays (Except Holy Days)
- Fridays at noon; no liturgies on legal holidays

#### Weekends

- Saturday evening at 4:30 p.m.
- Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

#### **CONFESSION**

Every Saturday at 3:30 p.m. • Wednesdays 8:00 p.m. Sundays 30 mins. before Liturgy, or by appointment

#### **COMMUNION CALLS FOR SHUT-INS**

Conducted weekly. Please contact the Parish office to arrange for special visits.

#### **HOSPITAL CALLS**

If someone is in the hospital, please call the Parish office.

Maronite Center: 330-792-7671 Antonine Sisters: 330-538-2567 Adult Daycare: 330-538-9822

Music Director: Micky Hafely 330-272-7557

Pastor: Rev. Tony Massad Deacon: William George Subdeacon: James Essad

Director of Religious Education:

Sr. Samia Abou-Shakra

#### **PRAYER LINE**

Please call the office with names of family and friends in need of our prayers.

# **MYSTERIES OF INITIATION** (BAPTISM AND CHRISMATION)

Arrangements for these Mysteries must be preceded by instructional classes for parents and sponsors. (One sponsor must be an active Catholic and both sponsors must be 18 years or older.) It is desirable that classes be taken when a couple learns of pregnancy. Sponsorship forms are required for sponsors. Contact Fr. Tony Massad for instructions.

#### **MARRIAGES**

The couple themselves should contact the Parish office at least **six months** in advance.

#### **FUNERAL LITURGY AND PRAYER SERVICES**

Have the funeral director contact the Parish Office directly. Pastor must be consulted to set times for Prayer Service and Funeral Liturgies. The regular Parish Liturgy will be cancelled on the day of the funeral, on weekdays only.

#### **MARONITE CATHOLIC FORMATION (MCF)**

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# **DIVINE LITURGIES**





We pray the Rosary in church every Saturday at 4:10 pm and before weekday liturgies at 8:10 am on Tuesday and Thursday and at 11:40 am on Friday. We also pray the Rosary every Wednesday at 6:15 pm in the church and on Facebook.

SAT 29 NOV/VISITATION OF THE VIRGIN TO ELIZABETH/Sts. Saturninus and Sisinius 4:30 PM

- + Repose of Shirley Sunderlin by Barbara Timcisko
- + Repose of **Thomas Dohar** by Carol Essad

30 NOV / VISITATION OF THE VIRGIN TO ELIZABETH /St. Andrew/St. Bishoy 08:30 AM

- + 40-Day Memorial of **George ElKhoury** by Wife Nasta ElKhoury & Family
- + Repose of James Thomas by Mark & Anne-Marie Luchansky, and Joe & Deebie Thomas, & Families

- + Repose of Subdeacon Albert Dohar by Sami & Rita Rafidi
- + Repose of Msgr. Assad Awad by Jeffrey & Julie Palusak, and Family

MON 01 DEC / Nahum the Prophet / St. Charles de Foucauld **NO LITURGY** 

TUE 02 DEC / 8:30 AM / Habakkuk the Prophet

+ Repose of Michael Mike, Jr. by Dennis & Lisa Judy

03 DEC / 7:00 PM / St. Francis Xavier

+ Repose of The Deceased Members of Boutros Nawfal's Family by Clara Nawfal

04 DEC / 10:00 AM / St. Barbara

+ Repose of **The Holy Souls in Purgatory** by John Abbas, Jr.

FRI 05 DEC / EUCHARISTIC ADORATION - 11:00 AM DIVINE LITURGY - 12:00 PM / St. Saba the Hermit

+ Repose of **Gertrude Greco** by The Borak Family

06 DEC / BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST / St. Nicholas (Zakhia) SAT 4:30 PM

- + Repose of **George & Agnes Galip** by Family
- + Repose of Richard, Francis, Lena & Ronnie Marinelli by Beverly Marinelli
- + Repose of Sam & Connie Beshara by Bukovinsky Nieces & Nephews

SUN 07 DEC / BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST / St. Ambrose 08:30 AM

- + Repose of Gertrude Greco by Beverly Marinelli
- + Repose of **Joseph A. Warino** by Joe, Linda, & the Warino Family

- + Repose of Elizabeth Manser by Richard Coury & Daughter Sierra
- + Repose of George ElKhoury by Richard Coury & Daughter Sierra





#### **SHUT-INS AT HOME:**

Ann Detec, Marie Eckenrode, Joann Knuth, Vail Rohan, Frank Santisi, Jr.



#### CONNECT TO LIVE STREAMS:

Website: https://www.stmaronyoungstown.org Facebook: www.facebook.com/stmaronyoungstown Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/saintmaronyo



#### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

2 Sam 6:9-15,17,18b; Eph 1:1-14

Lk 1:39-45

Lectors - November 29 & 30

Saturday

4:30 pm: Christopher Brocious

/ Charles Zidian, Jr.

Sunday

8:30 am: Thomas Calko

/ Theresa Calko

11:00 am: Charbel Farah

/ Christa Farah

#### **NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**

1 Sam 1:9-11,19b-22; Gal 4:21-5:1; Lk 1:57-66

Lectors - December 6 & 7

Saturday

Madeline Clarke 4:30 pm:

/ Carol Essad

Sunday

Beverly Mike-Nard 8:30 am:

/ Vince Talley

11:00 am: Joseph Simon

/ MCF (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade)

#### ALTAR SERVERS

THIS WEEK - Nov. 29 & 30

Sat. - 4:30 pm Volunteers

**Sun. - 8:30 am** Joe / Anna

11:00 am Charbel / Christa

#### NEXT WEEK - Dec. 6 & 7

Sat. - 4:30 pm Volunteers

**Sun. - 8:30 am** Ryan / Ava

11:00 am Sergio / Juliani

**Ushers:** 

Sat: Michael Essad, Bill Alexander, Buddy Rezek and volunteers, please Sun: John Farris and Volunteers, please



### Please pray for

the following people who have died in the past years November 29 - December 5

Caroline Essad, Sadie Rushwin, James O'Connor, Barbara J. Acerra, Genevieve M. Abdalla, Nafla Joseph, Elizabeth A. Nassar, Mary George, Franjyeh Abdalla, Georgette Naffah, Michael Zenn, Joseph M. Dohar, John Rushwin, Basma Hesainy, Mary Mousie, Russell Saadey, Sr.

For emergencies, Please contact: Fr. Tony Massad at (810) 691-7055

### VISITATION OF THE VIRGIN TO ELIZABETH

#### NOVEMBER 29 & 30, 2025

#### SANCTUARY CANDLES - NOVEMBER

- ♦ In Loving Memory of **Thomas & Catherine Abraham** by Michael & Georgia Dohar, and Families.
- ♦ In Loving Memory of **Thomas M. & Mary Zakia Joseph** by Their children, Grandchildren, and Great-grandchildren.
- ♦ In Loving Memory of Nabeh J. & Frances E. Rouhana by Anna Seidensticker

#### <u>ALTAR WINE - NOVEMBER</u>

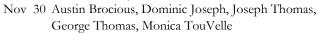
♦ In Loving Memory of Nabeh J. & Frances E. Rouhana by Anna Seidensticker

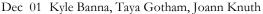
#### ALTAR BREAD - NOVEMBER

♦ In Loving Memory of Nabeh J. & Frances E. Rouhana by Anna Seidensticker

#### Happy Birthday!

Nov 29 Victoria El-Hayek, Keith Lemke





Dec 03 Mounir El-Hayek, Anthony Koury, Tony Maroun

Dec 04 Thomas Awaida, Sheena Dohar

#### ANNUAL GIVING TREE

The giving tree is up in the church foyer. Deadline to submit your donations is Sunday, December 14th.



#### **GOSPEL OF THE WEEK**

In Luke 1:39-45, when Mary greets Elizabeth, the child in Elizabeth's womb, John the Baptist, leaps for joy, already beginning his prophetic mission of announcing the presence of the Messiah. Filled with the Holy Spirit, Elizabeth proclaims Mary "blessed among women" and honors her faith, saying, "Blessed is she who believed that the Lord's word to her would be fulfilled." This passage reveals Mary as the first bearer of Christ's presence to others, a living tabernacle of the Lord. Her journey of love and service shows that true faith moves us outward, leading us to share Christ's joy with others. It teaches that when we welcome God into our hearts, His presence overflows into every relationship and encounter, transforming ordinary moments into encounters of grace.

The 40-day memorial service for the repose of the soul of **George ElKhoury** will be offered during the 8:30 am Mass this Sunday. Donuts and coffee in Antioch Hall are generously sponsored by his family in loving memory. Please keep him in your prayers.

Weekly Financial Report	11/23/2025
Offertory Collection (71 envelopes used of 258)	\$5,103.00
Candles	\$117.00
Needy (2 envelopes)	\$40.00
Christmas Flowers (11 envelopes)	\$330.00
Online Offerings (5 envelopes)	\$375.00

#### Thank you for your generous donations!

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

CALENDAR

Silver Bullets Christmas Party - Wed., Dec. 10th (Antioch Hall)

Adult Christmas Party - Fri., Dec. 12th at 7 pm

Parish Christmas Pageant & Party - Sunday, Dec. 14th

MYO Kolachi Day - Sat., Dec. 20th (Antioch Hall)

Save The Date - St. Maron Festival 2026 - July 11th & 12th, 2026

#### SILVER BULLETS CHRISTMAS PARTY!!

If you are 50 years or older, join us on Wed., Dec. 10th -Liturgy at 11:00 am and party to follow. Please bring a "White Elephant wrapped gift to exchange (\$10 spending Limit) RSVP to the Parish Office at 330-792-2371 by Wed., Dec. 3rd.

#### ADULT GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY

Join us on Friday, Dec. 12th, at 7:00 pm in Antioch Hall. We'll have food, fun, music and dancing. All of our parishioners are welcome to join. Please bring a dessert to pass - BYOB Sign-up form is in the church's fover.

#### **CHRISTMAS PAGEANT & PARTY**

Our Christmas Pageant will be held on Sunday, December 14th after the 11:00 am Liturgy. You can sign-up online at Kids' Christmas pageant or you can find forms in the church's foyer. Following the pageant, all parishioners are welcome to come & celebrate with us at the Maronite Center at our annual Christmas Party. Reservations are required at the office or online at **Annual Christmas**. Christmas party reservations forms are in the church's foyer. Please complete the form, enclose the number of attendees (adults & kids), and submit it to the church's office by December 7th, with a \$20 donation per family.

If you don't have kids, reserve your seats and enjoy lunch together.

#### MYO CHRISTMAS KOLACHI BAKE SALE!

Order your delicious Kolachi rolls for the season!!! Your choice of Nut, Poppy Seed, or Apricot, for \$15 each! Orders are due by Wednesday, Dec. 17th, and the rolls will be available for pickup after Liturgies on Saturday, December 20th at 5.30 pm and on Sunday, December 21st at 9.30 am & 12.30 pm. Order forms are in the church's foyer, call the church office to place your order, or order online at MYO Christmas Kolachi Order.

#### **CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**



If you wish to donate poinsettia plants for the altar during Christmas time, in memory of a loved one or for any intention, you may do so by contributing \$20 per plant. Have your contribution with your intention in an envelope dropped in the offertory basket or at the office. The names will be listed in a special insert in the Christmas bulletin.

#### MYO "Branches of Love" Christmas Ornament

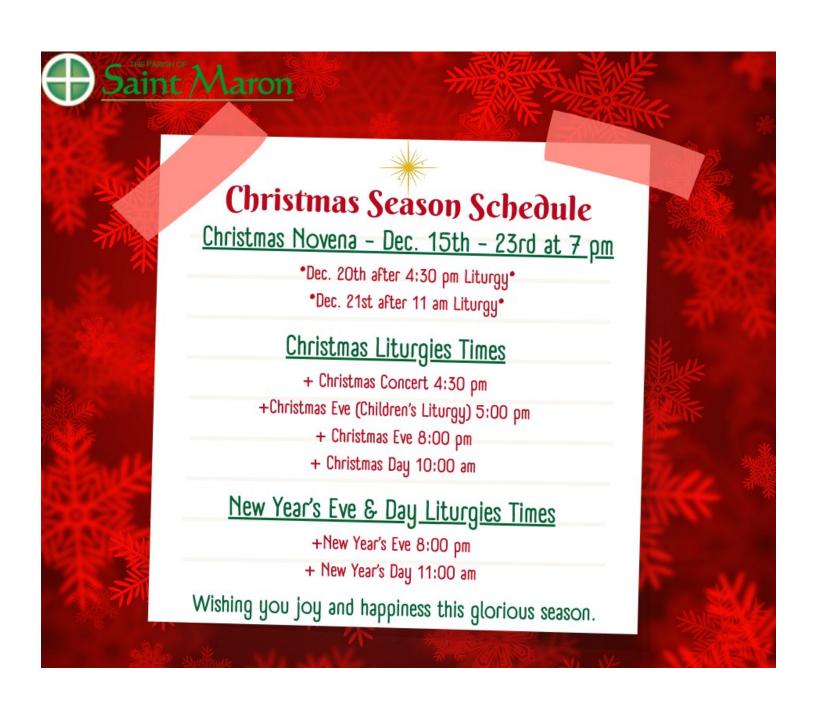
The Maronite Youth Organization (MYO) invites you to honor the living and deceased members of your family with a "Branches of Love' Memorial Ornament.

These ornaments are available to order after each liturgy on Saturdays and Sundays, and will be placed on the beautiful Christmas tree in back of the church. Please fill out the order slip (one form per ornament) indicating the name of the family member you wish to honor (living or deceased), and return the completed slip with your donation to the MYO volunteer table. Thank you for your support!

#### PREGNANCY PARENTING CENTER

Please remember to return your filled baby bottles to the Parish Office this week! Your generosity makes a lasting difference for mothers, babies, and families in need. For more information, contact the Parish Office. The Baby Bottle Boomerang is a fun, way to support the Pregnancy and

Parenting Center and help raise awareness for their important mission.







# **CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

If you wish to donate poinsettia plants for Christmas in memory of a loved one, or for any other intention. The suggested donation is

\$20 per plant





# **SILVER BULLETS CLUB**

**CELEBRATING** 

# **CHRISTMAS**

JOIN US ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10TH
MASS AT 11:00 AM, LUNCH TO FOLLOW, AT THE ANTIOCH HALL

PLEASE BRING A "WHITE ELEPHANT" WRAPPED GIFT TO EXCHANGE
(\$10 SPENDING LIMIT)

RSVP TO THE PARISH OFFICE





# St. Maron Maronite Church

# Children's Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 14th, 2025

(At the end of the 11:00 am Divine Liturgy — in the Church)



### Open to ALL children in the parish!

Little ones can be sheep or angels

#### **Rehearsal Schedule:**

Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11:00 AM (Lunch provided)
Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM (Lunch provided)
Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM (Lunch provided & Dress Rehearsal)

#### Please contact:

Tresa Van Heusen at 910.988.6620 or info@monasticcreations.org Or the office at 330.792.2371 or stmaronyoungstown@gmail.com for more information.

### Children's Christmas Pageant

Please fill out this form and return to \_\_\_\_\_ Roles will be decided at the first rehearsal on \_\_\_\_\_

Parents/Guardian:		Email:			
<u>Child #</u> 1					
Name:		Age:	What role would the child like to play? Please		
list three options:			2nd:	3rd	
<u>Child #2</u>					
Name:		Age:	What role would the child	like to play?	
Please list three options:	1st:		2nd:	3rd:	
Child #3					
Name:		Age:	What role would the child	like to play?	
Please list three options:	1st:		2nd:	3rd:	
Child #4					
Name:		Age: What role would the child like to play?			
P <del>lease</del> list three options:	1st:		2nd:	3rd:	

Roles Neededin the Play:

Speaking Roles:

Narrator Archangel Gabriel Mary
Joseph
Innkeepers (3)
Shepherds (2)
Angels (2)
Kings (3) Angel Choir (singing) Non-Speaking Roles: Star

Angels Sheep (lambs) Shepherds





# SAVE THE DATE



ST. Maron





FESTIVAL 2026

FunFest on Saturday & Sunday, July 11th & 12th, 2026

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