

OUR LADY OF MERCY

MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Newly
updated

BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST/IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

December 8th 2024



Reconciliation (Confessions)

Saturday - 2:30PM to 3:30PM

Sunday - 8:30AM to 9:30AM

By appointment

Divine Liturgy/Mass Schedule

Tuesday through Friday 9AM

in the Chapel.

Saturday - 4PM/Sunday - 10AM

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursdays - 5:30pm to 6:30pm

Fridays - 9:30am- 10:30am

Saturday - 2PM to 3:45PM

First Saturday Devotion

Every 1st Saturday

2:00pm - Eucharistic Exposition

3:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

3:10pm Holy Rosary

4:00 pm Divine Liturgy

Baptism and Chrismation

Contact the priest at least
three (3) months prior to the
requested date.

Matrimony /Crowning

Contact the priest at least
one (1) year prior to
requested date.

If you are new to the parish, please know that you are dearly loved and welcomed to be a member of our community of faith. To ensure receiving communication from the parish as a parishioner, please see the priest or one of the ushers.

"YOU ARE PRECIOUS AND HONORED IN MY SIGHT AND I LOVE YOU" ISAIAH 43:4

Divine Liturgy Intentions – BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

Saturday December 7th / First Saturday Devotion - In memory of Ghassan, Ghandoura, and Samia Tabet

Sunday December 8th - For the intentions of the parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

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

Monday December 9th – For the intention of Eleonor Lemelin (2nd Birthday)

Tuesday December 10th – For the intentions of Mason & Maddie Carlton

Wednesday December 11th – For the intentions of Mario, Linda and Anna Romagnoli

Thursday December 12th – For the intentions of Edmund and Allison Romagnoli

Friday December 13th - In memory of Naaman, Ghandoura, and Samia Tabet requested by Lore Zoghbi

Saturday December 14th - For the intentions of Tony, Amal, Andrew and Anthony Saade

Sunday December 15th -

Stewardship of God's Blessings for the Week of 11/25-12/01/2024

Saturday/Sunday collection - \$1307.00 Online Giving - \$328.39 **Total – \$ 1635.39**

Thank you for your continuous support of our parish and its many needs. May God bless your generosity to Our Lady of Mercy. To make a tax-deductible online offering especially when you are not here, please go [to](#)

[our Church's website](#) and scroll down to donate.

ALL PARENTS OF YOUTH (GRADES 7-12) ARE ASKED TO COMPLETE [THE MYO FORMS](#) & EMAIL THEM TO ME OR BRING THEM TO CHURCH.

Please remember Our Lady of Mercy Church in your will.

- 1. REGISTER FOR OUR ARABIC CLASSES STARTING IN JANUARY 2025 AND HELP US IN PROMOTING IT.**
- 2. YOU STILL CAN JOIN US IN 33 DAYS TO MORNING GLORY & DO-IT YOURSELF RETREAT AND CATCH UP ON THE READINGS.**
- 3. JOIN US FOR A SLOW AND FLOW STRETCH SESSION ON FRIDAY DECEMBER 6TH**
- 4. JOIN US ON SATURDAY DECEMBER 7TH FOR ADULTS GAME NIGHT**
- 5. JOIN US ON SUNDAY DECEMBER 15TH FOR BREAKFAST AND PHOTO WITH SANTA**
- 6. JOIN US FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY- DECEMBER 31ST**

Please check the flyers for more information

ALL LADIES ARE INVITED TO JOIN FATHER PETER FOR A MEETING ON DECEMBER 8TH.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS OFFERING – Click [here](#) for more information

Gifts of the Heart for the Month of December

Altar Bread and Wine in the chapel, Altar Candles and Sanctuary Lamp in the church and in the chapel – All these items are offered for the intentions of the Parishioners of St Anthony in VA.

Altar Bread and Wine in the church - In Thanksgiving for God's blessings requested by Deacon Adonis ElAsmar

Adoration Candles in the Church – For the Blati Family

Altar Candles in the chapel - In memory of Louis Iovieno requested by Louise Iovieno

Promoting Vocations - The Eparchy is trying to bring more awareness to the different vocations in life. For this reason, an icon of the Holy Family along with a prayer will be given to a different family each week for prayer every night so God may guide us to discern and promote the various vocations. **See Fr. Peter for more information. To register, please click [here](#).**

Interested in Learning Arabic?

Our Lady of Mercy is starting an Arabic program for Kids and Adults starting in January 2025

كنيسة سيدة الرحمة ستبدأ برنامجاً لتعليم اللغة العربية للأطفال والكبار ابتداءً من كانون الثاني 2025 للمزيد من المعلومات، التواصل مع:

For more information contact:
Mayssa Aboody at: olommcc@gmail.com

Or scan the QR code to register



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Join us on Dec. 6th at 10:30 am
Men & Women are welcome

Slow Flow & Stretch



Connect your body, mind and breath with a mix of poses that will stretch & tone

\$20 per person
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Our Lady of Mercy Church Hall - 341 June St. Worcester MA 01602

Game Night

FUN CHRISTMAS GAMES & PRIZES

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400
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BINGO

RAFFLE

Saturday December 7th
@ 7:00 pm

\$35 PP INCLUDING DINNER

RSVP to Carine El Hayek 508-981-0127

CASH BAR

\$15/Person
\$8 kids 10 & under

Sunday December 15
11:30 am - 01:30 pm



Breakfast & photo with Santa

Please RSVP by December 8

For reservation: Rony Zoghby (774) 312-3447

Our Lady of Mercy church hall
341 June St, Worcester MA 01602

Dinner

Ring In 2025 Together

Music

NYE Party
Our Lady of Mercy Church Hall

08:30 pm: Divine Liturgy - 09:30 pm: Party

Bring a gift worth \$15 to participate in the Christmas White Elephant Exchange (optional)

Please RSVP by December 10

For Reservation: Elie Sleiman: (978) 746-4639
Rony Zoghby: (774) 312-3447

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St. Therese *The Little Flower,*
Please pick me a Rose from the Heavenly
Garden and send it to me with a Message of
Love. Ask God to grant me the Favor I Thee
implore and tell Him I will Love Him each day
More and More.

(The above prayer, plus 5 Our Fathers, 5 Hail Mary's, 5 Glory Be's, must be said on 5 successive days, before 11 a.m. On the 5th day, the 5th set of prayers having been completed, offer one more set — 5 Our Father's, 5 Hail Mary's, 5 Glory Be's.)

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Sunday of the Birth of St John the Baptizer

Letter to the Galatians 4:21-5:1

Tell me, you who desire to be subject to the law, will you not listen to the law? For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by a slave woman and the other by a free woman. One, the child of the slave, was born according to the flesh; the other, the child of the free woman, was born through the promise. Now this is an allegory: these women are two covenants. One woman, in fact, is Hagar, from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery. Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia and corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. But the other woman corresponds to the Jerusalem above; she is free, and she is our mother. For it is written, 'Rejoice, you childless one, you who bear no children, burst into song and shout, you who endure no birth pangs; for the children of the desolate woman are more numerous than the children of the one who is married.' Now you, my friends, are children of the promise, like Isaac. But just as at that time the child who was born according to the flesh persecuted the child who was born according to the Spirit, so it is now also. But what does the scripture say? 'Drive out the slave and her child; for the child of the slave will not share the inheritance with the child of the free woman.' So then, friends, we are children, not of the slave but of the free woman. For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

The Gospel according to Saint Luke 1:57-66.

Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. But his mother said, 'No; he is to be called John.' They said to her, 'None of your relatives has this name.' Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. He asked for a writing-tablet and wrote, 'His name is John.' And all of them were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. Fear came over all their neighbors, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. All who heard them pondered them and said, 'What then will this child become?' For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him.

أحد مولد يوحنا

رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل غلاطية 4:21-5:1

يا إخوتي، قُولُوا لِي، أَنْتُمْ الَّذِينَ تُرِيدُونَ أَنْ تَكُونُوا فِي حُكْمِ الشَّرِيعَةِ، أَمَا تَسْمَعُونَ الشَّرِيعَةَ؟ فَإِنَّهُ مَكْتُوبٌ: كَانَ لِإِبْرَاهِيمَ ابْنَانِ، وَاحِدٌ مِنَ الْجَارِيَةِ، وَوَاحِدٌ مِنَ الْحُرَّةِ.

أَمَّا الَّذِي مِنَ الْجَارِيَةِ فَقَدْ وُلِدَ بِحَسَبِ الْجَسَدِ، وَأَمَّا الَّذِي مِنَ الْحُرَّةِ فَبِقُوَّةِ الْوَعْدِ. وَفِي ذَلِكَ رَمَزٌ: فَسَارَةُ وَهَاجَرُ تُمَثِّلَانِ عَهْدَيْنِ، عَهْدًا مِنْ جَبَلِ سَيْنَاءَ يُلِدُ لِلْعُبُودِيَّةِ، وَهُوَ هَاجَرُ؛ لِأَنَّ هَاجَرَ هِيَ جَبَلُ سَيْنَاءَ الَّذِي فِي بِلَادِ الْعَرَبِ، وَتُوافِقُ أُورُشَلِيمَ الْحَالِيَةَ، لِأَنَّهَا فِي الْعُبُودِيَّةِ هِيَ وَأَوْلَادُهَا.

أَمَّا أُورُشَلِيمُ الْغُلْيَا فَهِيَ حُرَّةٌ، وَهِيَ أُمُّنَا؛ لِأَنَّهُ مَكْتُوبٌ: «إِفْرَحِي، أَيَّتُهَا الْعَاقِرُ الَّتِي لَمْ تَلِدْ؛ إِنْدَفِعِي بِالْتَرَنِيمِ وَاصْرُخِي، أَيَّتُهَا الَّتِي لَمْ تَتَمَحَّضْ؛ لِأَنَّ أَوْلَادَ الْمَهْجُورَةِ أَكْثَرُ مِنْ أَوْلَادِ الْمُتَزَوِّجَةِ.» أَمَّا أَنْتُمْ، أَيُّهَا الْإِخْوَةُ، فَإِنَّكُمْ أَوْلَادُ الْوَعْدِ مِثْلُ إِسْحَقِ. وَلَكِنْ، كَمَا كَانَ حِينُنَا أَلْمُولُودُ بِحَسَبِ الْجَسَدِ يَضْطَهِدُ الْمُولُودَ بِحَسَبِ الرُّوحِ، فَكَذَلِكَ الْآنَ أَيْضًا.

وَلَكِنْ مَاذَا يَقُولُ الْكِتَابُ؟ «أَطْرُدِ الْجَارِيَةَ وَابْنَهَا، لِأَنَّ ابْنَ الْجَارِيَةِ لَا يَرِثُ مَعَ ابْنِ الْحُرَّةِ.» إِذَا، أَيُّهَا الْإِخْوَةُ، لَسْنَا أَوْلَادَ جَارِيَةٍ، بَلْ أَوْلَادُ الْحُرَّةِ.

إِنَّ الْمَسِيحَ قَدْ حَرَّرَنَا لِنَبْقَى أَحْرَارًا. فَاتَّبِعُوا إِذَا وَلَا تَعُودُوا تَخَضَعُونَ لِنِيرِ الْعُبُودِيَّةِ.

إنجيل القديس لوقا 1:57-66

تَمَّ زَمَانُ الْيَصَابَاتِ لِتِلْدَ، فَوَلَدَتْ أَبْنًا. وَسَمِعَ جِيرَانُهَا وَأَقَارِبُهَا أَنَّ الرَّبَّ قَدْ عَظَّمَ رَحْمَتَهُ لَهَا، فَفَرَحُوا مَعَهُ. وَفِي الْيَوْمِ الثَّامِنِ جَاءُوا لِيُخَنِّتُوا الصَّبِيَّ، وَسَمَّوْهُ بِاسْمِ أَبِيهِ زَكَرِيَّا. فَأَجَابَتْ أُمُّهُ وَقَالَتْ: «لَا! بَلْ يُسَمَّى يُوْحَنَّا.» فَقَالُوا لَهَا: «لَا أَحَدٌ فِي قَرَابَتِكَ يُدْعَى بِهَذَا الْأَسْمِ.» وَأَشَارُوا إِلَى أَبِيهِ مَاذَا يُرِيدُ أَنْ يُسَمِّيَهُ.

فَطَلَبَ لَوْحًا وَكَتَبَ: «إِسْمُهُ يُوْحَنَّا!» فَتَعَجَّبُوا جَمِيعُهُمْ. وَانْفَتَحَ فَمُّ زَكَرِيَّا، وَأَنْطَلَقَ لِسَانُهُ، وَجَعَلَ يَتَكَلَّمُ وَيُبَارِكُ اللَّهَ، فَاسْتَوْلَى الْخَوْفُ عَلَى جَمِيعِ جِيرَانِهِمْ، وَتَحَدَّثَتِ النَّاسُ بِكُلِّ هَذِهِ الْأُمُورِ فِي كُلِّ جَبَلِ الْيَهُودِيَّةِ.

وَكَانَ كُلُّ مَنْ سَمِعَ بِذَلِكَ يَحْفَظُهُ فِي قَلْبِهِ قَائِلًا: «مَا عَسَى هَذَا الْطِفْلُ أَنْ يَكُونَ؟» وَكَانَتْ يَدُ الرَّبِّ حَقًّا مَعَهُ.