

## OUR LADY OF MERCY

### MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Newly  
updated

## THE FLIGHT TO EGYPT December 29<sup>th</sup> 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 - 9:30am to 10:30am

Fridays - 9:30am - 10:30am

Saturday - 2PM to 3:45PM

### First Saturday Devotion

Every 1<sup>st</sup> 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**

**I AND MARISE WISH YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES A VERY BLESSED, JOYFUL  
AND MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HEALTHY, HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

**Divine Liturgy Intentions – THE FLIGHT TO EGYPT**

**Saturday December 28<sup>th</sup> - In memory of David “Duddie” Massad (5 years anniversary of death)**

**Sunday December 29<sup>th</sup> – In memory of Barbara Karrat (1-year anniversary of death)**

**Heb 11:23-31; Matthew 2:13-18**

**Monday December 30<sup>th</sup> NO DIVINE LITURGY**

**Tuesday December 31<sup>st</sup>, New Year Eve Vigil (8:30pm) – For the intentions of Jean & Jeanine Melki**

**Wednesday January 1<sup>st</sup> - New Year Day (11:00 AM)– In memory of Odette El Ybri requested by Mirra Morroe**

**Thursday January 2<sup>nd</sup> – In memory of Cecila Manrique Ortiz**

**Friday January 3<sup>rd</sup> - In memory of Naaman, Ghandoura, and Samia Tabet**

**Saturday January 4<sup>th</sup> - For the intentions of Cathy Flammia Yego**

**Sunday January 5<sup>th</sup> – In memory of Kattour Derjani**

**Stewardship of God’s Blessings for the Week of 12/22-12/28/2024**

Saturday/Sunday collection - \$1906.00 Online Giving - \$213.61; Stipend, Donations, Candles, Gifts of the heart...  
\$1200.00 Christmas Collection - \$3080.00 **Total – \$6399.61 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.**

**Please remember Our Lady of Mercy Church in your will.**

**1. REGISTER FOR OUR ARABIC CLASSES STARTING IN JANUARY 2025**

**2. JOIN US FOR NEW YEAR’S EVE PARTY- DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>**

**3- NEW YEAR’S LITURGY-TUESDAY 12/31/2024 8:30PM & WEDNESDAY 1/1/2025 11:00AM**

**For more information about our events listed above, our hall rental, please check the flyers.**

**November 2024 Financial Standing**

**Ordinary Income Collections on Sundays- \$8772.46** Stipend, Donations, Candles, Gifts of the heart...

**\$1100 All Saints Day Party: \$3400** **Total Income - \$13272**

**Ordinary Expenses Payroll, Gas, Electricity, Eparchial Appeal, Garbage pickup, past due expenses...**

**\$16,707.71** **Total Ordinary Income vs Expenses: -\$3435.25**

**Do you know? A couple of basic monthly expenses: The Church’s monthly building Insurance is \$1764.00. The Monthly Eparchial Assessment & Bishop’s Appeal is 1,000 a month. Thank you for your support and for maintaining the Church through your donation and the different activities we plan.**

**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](#).**



Many thanks to everyone who offered  
Christmas Flowers to decorate our church

***To the Glory of God  
and in Loving Memory of:***

***Offered by:***

Sam Aswad & Tony Chaaya

Grace Aswad

Mohsen Bassim, Najat and Faris Melki

Sabine and Adrian Bassim

Bill Bird, Bob Foley, & Sam Borowsky

Maxine Bird

The deceased members of the Daou  
& Kahale Families

Hoda Daou

The deceased members of the  
El Hayek & Sbat Families

Carine and Ralph ElHayek

Louis Iovenio

Louise Iovenio

The deceased members of the George  
and Louis Families

Joe & Dianne Louis

The deceased members of the Morroe &  
Elybri Families

Mirra Morroe

Patricia and Walter Thomas

Denise Thomas

***To the Glory of God  
and in Thanksgiving for:***

God's Blessings

Noha Azzi

God's Blessings

Claude and Charles Blati

God's Blessings

Hoda Daou

God's Blessings

Fr Peter & Marise Frangie

God's Blessings

The Flammia Family

God's Blessings

Joan Hanley



**Dinner** **Ring In 2025 Together** **Music**

**NYE Party**  
**Our Lady of Mercy**  
**Church Hall** **BYOB**

**\$50 Adults**  
**\$25 Kids**  
**12 YO & under**

**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 25**

**Playing cards**

**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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### The letter to the Hebrews 11:23-31

By faith Moses was hidden by his parents for three months after his birth, because they saw that the child was beautiful; and they were not afraid of the king's edict.

By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called a son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered abuse suffered for the Christ to be greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking ahead to the reward. By faith he left Egypt, unafraid of the king's anger; for he persevered as though he saw him who is invisible.

By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel.

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned.

By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days.

By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

### The Gospel according to Saint Matthew 2:13-18

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.'

Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt,

and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, 'Out of Egypt I have called my son.'

When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men.

Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: 'A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.'

### الرسالة إلى العبرانيين 11:23-31

بِإِيمَانِي، بِإِيمَانِ مُوسَى، لَمَّا وُلِدَ، أَخْفَاهُ أَبَوَاهُ ثَلَاثَةَ أَشْهُرٍ، لِأَنَّهُمَا رَأَيَا الصَّبِيَّ جَمِيلًا، وَلَمْ يَرْهَبَا أَمْرَ الْمَلِكِ.

بِإِيمَانِ مُوسَى، لَمَّا كَبُرَ، أَبَى أَنْ يُدْعَى ابْنًا لِابْنَةِ فِرْعَوْنَ، وَأَخْتَارَ الْمَشَقَّةَ مَعَ شَعْبِ اللَّهِ عَلَى التَّمَتُّعِ الْوَقْتِيِّ بِالْخَطِيئَةِ، حَاسِبًا عَارَ الْمَسِيحِ غَنَى أَعْظَمَ مِنْ كُنُوزِ مِصْرَ، لِأَنَّهُ كَانَ يَتَطَلَّعُ إِلَى الْمُكَافَأَةِ.

بِإِيمَانِ تَرَكَ مِصْرَ، وَلَمْ يَخْشَ غَضَبَ الْمَلِكِ، وَثَبَّتَ عَلَى عَزْمِهِ، كَأَنَّهُ يَرَى مَا لَا يَرَى. بِإِيمَانِ صَنَعَ الْفِصْحَ وَرَشَّ الدَّمِ، لِيُلْغِيَ يَمَسُّهُمْ مُهْلِكُ الْأَبْكَارِ.

بِإِيمَانِ عَبَّرَ بَنُو إِسْرَائِيلَ الْبَحْرَ الْأَحْمَرَ، كَمَا عَلَى أَرْضِ يَابِسَةٍ، وَلَمَّا حَاوَلَ الْمِصْرِيُّونَ غُبُورَهُ غَرِقُوا. بِإِيمَانِ سَقَطَتْ أَسْوَارُ أَرِيحَا، بَعْدَ الطَّوَافِ حَوْلَهَا سَبْعَةَ أَيَّامٍ.

بِإِيمَانِ رَاحَبُ الْبَغِي لَمْ تَهْلِكْ مَعَ الَّذِينَ عَصَوْا، لِأَنَّهَا قَبِلَتْ الْجَاسُوسِينَ بِسَلَامٍ.

### انجيل القديس متى 2:13-18

بَعْدَمَا أَنْصَرَفَ الْمَجُوسُ، تَرَاءَى مَلَاكُ الرَّبِّ فِي الْحُلُمِ لِيُوسُفَ، وَقَالَ لَهُ: «قُمْ، خُذِ الصَّبِيَّ وَأُمَّهُ، وَاهْرُبْ إِلَى مِصْرَ، وَابْقِ هُنَاكَ إِلَى أَنْ أَقُولَ لَكَ، لِأَنَّ هِيرُودُسَ مُزْمِعٌ أَنْ يَبْحَثَ عَنِ الصَّبِيِّ لِيُهْلِكَهُ.»

فَقَامَ يُوسُفُ وَأَخَذَ الصَّبِيَّ وَأُمَّهُ لَيْلًا، وَلَجَا إِلَى مِصْرَ. وَبَقِيَ هُنَاكَ حَتَّى مَاتَ هِيرُودُسُ، لِيَتِمَّ مَا قَالَهُ الرَّبُّ بِالنَّبِيِّ: «مِنْ مِصْرَ دَعَوْتُ ابْنِي.»

وَلَمَّا رَأَى هِيرُودُسُ أَنَّ الْمَجُوسَ سَخَرُوا مِنْهُ غَضِبَ جَدًّا. وَأَرْسَلَ فَقَتَلَ جَمِيعَ الصِّبْيَانِ فِي بَيْتِ لَحَمٍ وَضَوَاحِيهَا، مِنْ ابْنِ سَنَتَيْنِ فَمَا دُونَ، بِحَسَبِ الزَّمَنِ الَّذِي تَحَقَّقَهُ مِنَ الْمَجُوسِ.

حِينَئِذٍ تَمَّ مَا قِيلَ بِالنَّبِيِّ إِرْمِيَا:

صَوْتُ سَمِعَ فِي الرَّامَةِ، بُكَاءٌ وَنَحِيبٌ كَثِيرٌ. رَاحِيلُ تَبْكِي أَوْلَادَهَا، وَقَدْ أَبَتْ أَنْ تَتَعَزَّى، لِأَنَّهُمْ زَالُوا مِنَ الْوُجُودِ