

SAINTS FOR THIS WEEK

- 16** St. St. Matthew the Evangelist, Ap
- 17** St. Gregory the Wonderworker, C
- 18** St. Romanos (Raymond), M
St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, C
- 19** Pope St. Pontian (+235), M
- 20** St. Gregory of the Decapolis, C
- 21** Presentation of the Virgin Mary
in the Temple
- 22** Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of
Our Lady

WALKING TO BETHLEHEM

This Sunday begins our *Season of Announcements* in preparation for the birth of our Lord. For the next 6 Sundays we will hear the stories of the people most closely concerned with Jesus' birth.

- NOVEMBER 16** *The Announcement to Zechariah*
- NOVEMBER 23** *The Announcement to the Virgin Mary*
- NOVEMBER 30** *The Visitation of the Virgin to Elizabeth*
- DECEMBER 7** *The Birth of John the Baptist*
- DECEMBER 14** *The Revelation to Joseph*
- DECEMBER 21** *Genealogy Sunday*

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for Zechariah, and wondered at his delay in the sanctuary. When he did come out, he could not speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the sanctuary. He kept motioning to them and remained unable to speak. When his time of service was ended, he went to his home. After those days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she remained in seclusion. She said, "This is what the Lord has done for me when he looked favorably on me and took away the disgrace I have endured among my people." This is the truth. Peace be with you.

LAST SUNDAY'S NUMBERS

Attendance: 67

Collection: \$585.00

When you are out of town, you can still donate to the collection by using this link.
<https://naplesmaronite.org/donate>

We are grateful for all your generous financial support. The bank has requested that all checks must be made out to
Heart of Jesus Naples Maronite Mission

*Information about placing ads
in our bulletin coming soon!*

SAVE THE DATE!!!

The Naples Maronite Mission
will hold a **HAFLI** on
SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 2026
at St. William Church in Naples.
More information to follow
in the coming weeks.

*Mark your calendars now, as we are
planning on a great time!*



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MARONITE DIVINE LITURGY

SUNDAY, 9:30 A.M.

St. Agnes Chapel

7775 Vanderbilt Beach Road
Naples, Florida

WEDNESDAY, 12:00 NOON

Saint Peter the Apostle Catholic Church
5130 Rattlesnake Hammock Road
Naples, Florida

THURSDAY, 5:30 P.M.

Our Lady Of Guadalupe Chapel
Ave Maria University Campus

NOVEMBER 16, 2025

**SEASON OF THE GLORIOUS
BIRTH OF OUR LORD**

ANNOUNCEMENT TO ZECHARIAH

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*Fr. Paul is always available to hear
confessions before Divine Liturgy.*

THE LITURGY THIS WEEK IS OFFERED
for the intentions of
the new parish council
and their families.

*If you would like to request a Mass for
someone or some special intention,
please text your request to
Fr. Paul Tarabay at 734-578-6952*

EPISTLE

ROMANS 4:13-25

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") — in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification. Praise be to God always!

GOSPEL

LUKE 1:1-25



Since many have undertaken to set down an orderly account of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as they were handed on to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, I too decided, after investigating everything carefully from the very first, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may know the truth

concerning the things about which you have been instructed. In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly order of Abijah. His wife was a descendant of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. Both of them were righteous before God, living blamelessly according to all the commandments and regulations of the Lord. But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were getting on in years. Once when he was serving as priest before God and his section was on duty, he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the sanctuary of the Lord and offer incense. Now at the time of the incense offering, the whole assembly of the people was praying outside.



THE ANNOUNCEMENT TO ZECHARIAH. *The Maronite Icons: Modern Sacred Art.* Dar Sader Publishers: Beirut 1999. Via Maronite Heritage.com/icons

Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified; and fear overwhelmed him. But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John. You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He must never drink wine or strong drink; even before his birth he will be filled with the Holy Spirit. He will turn many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. With the spirit and power of Elijah he will go before him, to turn the hearts of parents to their children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." Zechariah said to the angel, "How will I know that this is so? For I am an old man, and my wife is getting on in years." The angel replied, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. But now, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time, you will become mute, unable to speak, until the day these things occur." Meanwhile the people were waiting