

WALKING TO BETHLEHEM

We continue in our *Season of Announcements* in preparation for the birth of our Lord. For the next 5 Sundays we will hear the stories of the people most closely concerned with Jesus' birth.

- 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*

*Information about placing ads
in our bulletin coming next week!*



Bishop Gregory will be visiting our parish on Sunday, January 4, 2026. Please save this date to welcome him to our Liturgy!

From Deacon Steven

Coming next week, we will have a new, larger bulletin, with ads! In order to sell ads in the bulletin, we had two choices: 1) keep the same size and create an insert; or 2) go bigger so that we would have the back page free for ads. In the long run, going larger seemed like the better option. Going forward, we will have more space to fill each week. To help with this, I am asking everyone to please send me parishioner news - such as weddings or babies - or news of opportunities, programs, or speakers happening locally or anything else you think might be appropriate for the bulletin. Thank you all for your help!

LAST SUNDAY'S NUMBERS

Attendance: 56

Collection: \$617.00

*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

Thank you

to Rami and Rita Chkaiban
for donating the charcoal
used with the incense
at Liturgy.

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!*



PRIEST

Rev. Paul Tarabay OMM

paultarabay@hotmail.com

734-578-6952

DEACON

Steven Marcus

stevenmarcusneg@gmail.com

SACRISTAN/ALTAR SERVER

Kamil Madkour

Jay Hamilton

MUSIC MINISTRY

Alijah Madkour

Youssef Sakr

PARISH COUNCIL

Samia Risk, President

Zeina Brax, Vice President

Stephen Maroon, Treasurer

Lena Ina, Secretary

Rami Chkaiben

John Dina

Kamil Makdour

Martha Michael

Michael Middendorf

Krithika Venugopal

WEBSITE

naplesmaronite.org



FACEBOOK

Naples Maronite Community



INSTAGRAM

@Naples Maronite Community

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 23, 2025

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

**ANNOUNCEMENT TO
THE VIRGIN MARY**

[PAGE 27 IN THE BOOK OF OFFERING]

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

THE LITURGY THIS WEEK IS OFFERED
in thanksgiving for Bishop Gregory
Mansour on his birthday.

*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

GALATIANS 3:15-22

I give an example from daily life: once a person's will has been ratified, no one adds to it or annuls it. Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring; it does not say, "And to offsprings," as of many; but it says, "And to your offspring," that is, to one person, who is Christ. My point is this: the law, which came four hundred thirty years later, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to nullify the promise. For if the inheritance comes from the law, it no longer comes from the promise; but God granted it to Abraham through the promise. Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, until the offspring would come to whom the promise had been made; and it was ordained through angels by a mediator. Now a mediator involves more than one party; but God is one. Is the law then opposed to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could make alive, then righteousness would indeed come through the law. But the scripture has imprisoned all things under the power of sin, so that what was promised through faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

A THANK YOU FOR FATHER BOB KANTOR

This past week, Zeina Brax, Fr. Paul and Deacon Steven visited with Fr. Bob Kantor, the pastor of Saint Agnes Parish. We thanked Father for the love and joyfulness he and his parish show to the Maronite people in Naples. We presented Fr. Bob with a relic of St. Sharbel, our patron, as well as a book about his life. Thank you, Fr. Bob for all you do for the people of God.



GOSPEL

LUKE 1:26-38



The Birth of Jesus Foretold
The Evangelist said:

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.



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



Mr. and Mrs. Samir Makhlof, Fr. Paul and
Fr. Nicolas after Divine Liturgy last week.

**PARISHIONER
SNAPSHOTS!**