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 Flizabeth

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!

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

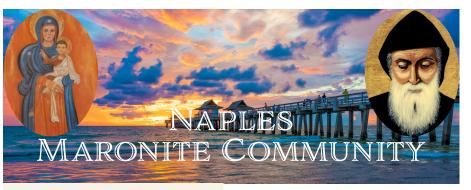
SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 2026 at St. William Church in Naples.

More information to follow in the coming weeks.

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

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!



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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 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 thanksqiving 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 Maronite Heritage.com/icons

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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.



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

