

Our Lady of Victory Maronite Catholic Parish

At Saint Pamphilus
1000 Tropical Avenue Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15216

DECEMBER 3-10, 2023

The Visitation-Reminding Us of Our Joy in Christ

A sincere heart and humility can go hand in hand when it comes to serving others. God will bless that service and allow it to affect so many lives. Our job as a servant is to follow God's plan and to proceed with caution, hence we fall into pride. Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ came on earth to serve, not to be served. Thus, a true servant must be led by His example.



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OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday—Friday from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm



VISITATION TO ELIZABETH

BAPTISM & CHRISMATION: Arrangements for these Mysteries may be preceded by instructional classes for Parents & Sponsors. Both sponsors <u>must be Catholic</u> and <u>must be 18</u> years of age or older. Sponsorship Forms are required for sponsors.

MARRIAGES: The couple themselves should contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance and before any other arrangements or commitments are made.

FUNERALS: Please contact the Pastor or Parish Office before making any arrangements. The pastor must be consulted to set times for Prayer Services and Funeral Liturgies. We will celebrate ALL Funeral Liturgies here at the Church.

Liturgy Intentions: December 3-10, 2023

WE WILL SAY THE ROSARY MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY AT 5PM FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

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Dec 2	4:00PM	Habakkuk	1. Soul of Nadia Sassine	Rich & Alice Anthony
			2. Souls of Aida Farah and	Family
			Victoria & Adib Abboud	
Sun Dec 3	8:30AM	Francis Xavier	Soul of Evelyn Tihey	Bill Eassie
	11:00AM		1. Soul of Joan Marie Kovach	Borik Family
			2. Souls of Anne Marie & Louis Giordano	GiordanoBosiljevac Family
			3. Michelle Martorella	Giordano-Bosiljevac Family
on Dec 4 5:30PM Barbara		Soul of Amy Habib	Debbie Raymond	
Dec 5	5:30PM	Saba	Barack Family	The Pastor
Dec 6	5:30PM	Nicholas	Joe & Lori Bosiljevac-	Family
			Good Health	-
Dec 7	5:30PM	Ambrose	Anthony Family	The Pastor
mmaculo	ıte Conception			
Dec 8	5:30PM		Soul of Betty Pearce	Raymond & Hart Families
of John	the Baptist			
Dec 9	4:00PM	St. Francis	1. Soul of Edith Romano	Dick & Shirley Kail
			2. Souls of Nais & Gloria George	Daughter, Marie
Dec 10	8:30AM	Pope Miltiades		The Pastor
				Said & Eva Nehme
			2. Soul of Elias Kassouf	Nick & Ida Kassouf Family
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November 2023	29-Oct	5-Nov	12-Nov	19-Nov	26-Nov	Total
Collection	\$917	\$2,753	\$2,747	\$1,417	\$929	\$8,763
Mail Collection	\$70	\$895	\$170	\$425	\$90	\$1,650
Online Giving	\$45	\$145	\$165	\$215	\$125	\$695
Christmas Flowers	\$0	\$50	\$75	\$545	\$45	\$715
Help for Lebanon	\$11	\$33	\$205	\$0	\$0	\$249
Patriarchal Charities	\$0	\$105	\$50	\$0	\$0	\$155
Candle Offering	\$76	\$76	\$64	\$57	\$31	\$304
Altar Bread & Wine	\$0	\$0	\$25	\$0	\$0	\$25
Individual Donation	\$150	\$150	\$1,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,300
Church Fund	\$0	\$205	\$125	\$25	\$0	\$355
Total	\$1,269	\$4,412	\$4,626	\$2,684	\$1,220	\$14,211
Expenses	-\$7,663	-\$7,320	-\$5,732	-\$9,058	-\$1,995	-\$31,768
Balance	-\$6,394	-\$2,908	-\$1,106	-\$6,374	-\$775	-\$17,557

GENEALOGY SUNDAY LITURGY SCHEDULE

4PM Saturday, Dec. 23, 2023 8:30AM & 11AM Sunday, Dec. 24, 2023

CHRISTMAS LITURGY SCHEDULE
6:00PM Sunday, December 24, 2023
11:00AM Monday, December 25, 2023

On December 16 & 17, 2023, the Land of Peace mission will be at OLOV selling Holy Land art work and rosaries made of olive wood native to the Holy Land. Proceeds benefit Christian families in the Holy Land. Please support them.

Please note the collections are as follows:

December 3, 2023: Weekly Church Offering & Monthly Church Fund
December 8, 2023—Immaculate Conception

December 10, 2023: Weekly Church Offering & Helping Lebanon The envelope for Christmas Flowers can be used now through Christmas.

PRAYER BEFORE THE EUCHARIST

The church is open from Tuesday to Friday from 10 AM to 6 PM for prayer and meditation

MYSTERY OF RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION

Confession is available before and after Liturgies on Saturday and Sunday, and by appointment during the week.

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Please keep in your prayers:

Maxine Schoen, Chuck Borik, Martha Kail, Peter DeSando, Angie Joseph, Michael Rattie, Alicia Hruby, Helen McGoun, Dr. Adnan Abla, Ashley Ayoob, Frances Barack, David Ingrid Franklin, Donald Kovanis, Faten Fatfat, Sr., Mary Ann Karas, Franice Pattinato, Helen Mierski, Rebecca Rodgers, Rina Molinaro, Patty Doerzbacker, Anna Marie Mecca, Ken Kovach, Frank Joseph, Alex Joseph, Rosemary Thomas Hartman, Celeste Cancilla, Stephanie Vail, John Abbas (Youngstown), James Brocato, Dalal Romah, Isaac Simon, Sue Cravens, Kim B., Chrissy Coury, Logan Gump, Darius Xavier Collins, Melissa Rodriguez, Amanda Marie, Matthew James Rendell, Jadon Michael, Jean Westerman, Attila Shumaker, Timmy Droege, Denise Mytiva Mastro, Kate Jacobs, Vincent Scully, Ed Folino, Valerie Bonner, John Kavulic, Jaime Perrucci, and Lyuva Lazovski.

Scripture Readings

Visitation of the Virgin to Elizabeth (Dec. 3rd)

2 Sam 6: 9-15, 17, 18b

Lk 1: 39-45 Eph 1: 1-14

Birth of John the Baptist (Dec. 10th)

1 Sam 1: 9-11, 19b-23

Gal 4:21-5:1 Lk 1: 57-66

All Scripture Readings are taken from the Revised Edition of the New American Bible

Saint Sharbel Liturgy



Every 22nd (or the weekday closest) of the month we will celebrate the Lituray of Saint Sharbel which will be offered for the intentions of our parishioners, relatives and friends who need our prayers.

MARK YOUR CALENDERS!

OLOV Annual Cookie Walk

Saturday, December 16, 2023, 9AM to 3PM

Please call the office and let us know if you are making cookies and/or can volunteer to help us the day of the event.

> **OLOV Annual Family Christmas Party** Sunday, December 17, 2023

PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE TO CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE.

Month of December 2023

Altar Bread and Wine

In loving memory of Judith Marchando requested by Ronna George

Sanctuary Lamps

In loving memory of the Barack, Monoriti, Budway, Davis, Kuzma & Kovach Families requested by Frances Barack & Family

Altar Bread & Wine or Sanctuary Lamps can be sponsored for a donation of \$25.

St. Sharbel Spiritual Life Center:

Your tax deductible donation can be made online at www.stmaron.org or by sending a check payable to The Eparchy of St. Maron to: Eparchy of Saint Maron, 109 Remsen Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201. All financial assistance is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support.

VISITATION TO ELIZABETH



The third Sunday of the Season of Announcement commemorates another important event in the unfolding of the promises of God: Mary went to visit her cousin, Elizabeth.

After receiving such tremendous good news, Mary could have secluded herself in a life of prayer and contemplation. However, after the angel of the Lord had communicated the news of Elizabeth's conception to her, Mary perceived it as the Lord's will that she go to be with Elizabeth, and thus chose to share the divine life within her with another. Mary shared Jesus with others even before his birth. The fundamental task of an apostle is to share Jesus with others, and so, Mary is called the "Queen of the Apostles."

Impelled by the Spirit of God, Mary left on a journey that required four days of difficult travel, especially for a poor girl such as herself. Yet, as the Mother of God and our Mother, she was already concerned for the welfare of others. Our Maronite Liturgy today observes: As Elizabeth's child (John) leapt for joy at your coming, so did the mountains and hills leap and jump for joy as their Creator descended to dwell upon them." (Sedro of the Divine Liturgy for today). This takes us back to Old Testament times when God appeared on the mountains and hills (El Shaddai—God upon the mountains).

When Mary encountered Elizabeth, the unborn infant in her womb leapt for joy, and Elizabeth herself was filled with the Spirit and sang of the blessedness of Mary.

Mary is blessed, not simply because she was to be the Mother of God, but also because of her own personal faith. She heard the words of the angel and accepted everything that was to happen with humility. For this reason, she is blessed throughout the ages.

The hymn of Mary differs from that of Zechariah. His hymn is communal: he is proclaiming gratitude to God on behalf of all the people of Israel. On the other hand, Mary's hymn is personal, "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord." She is humbly proclaiming the great things that God has done for her. In humility, the Virgin of Nazareth proclaims how great the Lord has made her by choosing her as the Mother of his Son.

The hymn of Mary announces a revolution which God will bring about through his Son. This revolution has a variety of aspects: it is moral ("He has confused the proud in their inmost thoughts."); social ("He has deposed the mighty from their thrones and raised the lowly to high places.") and economic ("The hungry he has given every good thing, while the rich he has sent empty away").

To be called by God for any task, brings with it a crown of sorrow and a crown of joy. God chooses us not for our own glorification, but in order to use us to bring about his kingdom. Like Mary, all of us should respond with humility and be grateful to God for choosing us as his instruments.

OUR LADY OF VICTORY MARONITE CHURCH TENTATIVE 2024 PARISH ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

Saint Maron Day Liturgy and Hafli

Lenten Meals

Easter Egg Hunt

Palm Sunday (Sha'neenee)

Great Holy Week

Sunday of the Glorious Resurrection

First Eucharist

Antique Car Show May

Beirut Vibes Fri & Sat

Annual Lebanese Festival

Community Picnic

Craft Show October

Cash Bash October

Veteran's Day Liturgy & Dinner

Annual Cookie Walk

Family Christmas Party

February 10, 2024

February 16th & 23rd; March 1st, 8th 15th & 22nd

March 16, 2024

March 24, 2024

March 25-30, 2024

March 31, 2024

May 26, 2024

(date to be determined)

May through August

September 6, 7, & 8, 2024

September 21, 2024

(date to be determined)

(date to be determined)

November 9, 2024

December 14, 2024

December 15, 2024

OLOV 2023 PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Two-Year Term One-Year Term

Rosy Habib Christina Irani David Joseph Joe Ayoob

Frank Mecca Hoda Bassil

Nick Kassouf Marwan Sadaka

Ken Krauss Joe Barack

Michelle Cindrich Tamara Alchoufete

Alexis Joseph Joe Zischkau

George Jabra

OLOV 2023 FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS

Richard Kail
Nicholas Romah
Joseph Habib
Adam Kassab
Anne Ayoob
Danny Chahine
Dima Fares-Ayoob

Members are appointed to a two-year term beginning November 1,2023.

COME JOIN US FOR THE OLOV PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY

DATE: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023

TIME: 12PM (FOLLOWING THE 11AM LITURGY)

RSVP: NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 12, 2023

PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE AT 412-278-0841

TO CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE.



Join us for a day of homemade Christmas sweets & treats

Take them home or enjoy at our coffee & hot chocolate bar!

VOLUNTEERS &

DONATIONS

WILL BE APPRECIATED

FOR MORE INFO CALL: 412-278-0841



