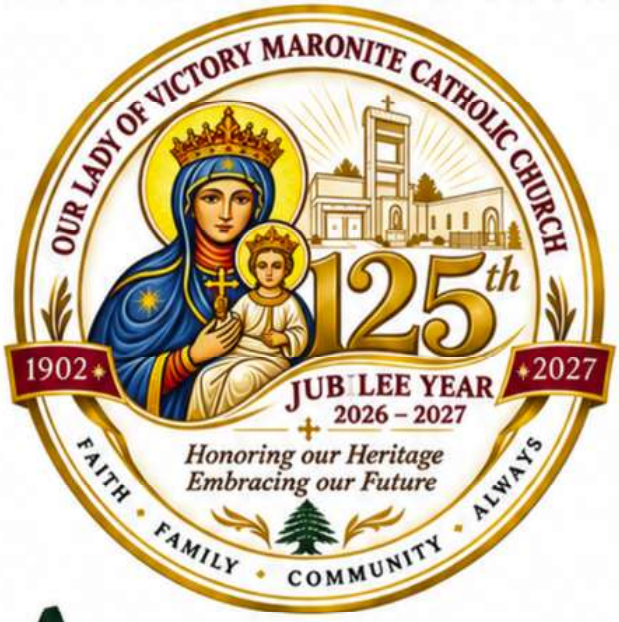
Our Lady of Victory

MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH



The Announcement to Zechariah

First Sunday of the Season of the Glorious Birth

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2026

A Message from Abouna Samir

Zechariah and Elizabeth teach us that God hears the prayers of His people, even when the answer takes longer than we expect. As we begin preparing for Christmas, let us renew our trust in God. No prayer offered in faith is forgotten. This week, pray for someone who is waiting for healing, peace, or hope.

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OUR CHURCH'S FINANCIAL HEALTH

Liturgy Times & Intentions:
November 14-22, 2026

Announcement to Zechariah

Sat	Nov 14 4:00PM	Philip	Soul of Peter Anthony	Family
			Souls of Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Mucek	Family
			Soul of Mario Merkle	Family
Sun	Nov 15 8:30AM	Habib	Soul of Victor Joseph	The Pastor
	11:00AM		Souls of Tony Barack & Elidio Monoriti	Family
			Soul of Joseph Betters	Family
Mon	Nov 16		No Liturgy	
Tues	Nov 17		No Liturgy	
Weds	Nov 18		No Liturgy	

St. Sharbel Mass of Prayer & Healing at the Saint Sharbel Spiritual Life Center

Thurs	Nov 19 5:00PM	Eucharistic Adoration, Confession Available
	6:00PM	Rosary
	6:30PM	Divine Liturgy, Blessing with Holy Oil and Veneration of the Relic of St. Sharbel
Fri	Nov 20 5:00PM	No Liturgy

Announcement to the Virgin Mary

Sat	Nov 21 4:00PM		Soul of Pietro Molinaro	Elisbetta Molinaro
			Soul Rita Tamburri	Marie Smith
			Soul of Chaz Joseph	Ronna George
Sun	Nov 22 8:30AM	Joachim &	Soul of Henry Berrick	Judi Perry
	11:00AM	Anne	Soul of Sonia Hoskowicz	Barack Family

If you would like to schedule a liturgy intention, please call the office (412-278-0841).

Our collections are as follows:
November 14 & 15, 2026
Weekly Offering
& Christmas Flower Offering
November 21 & 22, 2026
Weekly Offering
& Monthly Church Fund



November 2026	1-Nov	8-Nov	Total
Collection	$2,453	$1,451	$3,904
Mail Collection	$1,145	$320	$1,465
Online Giving	$175	$125	$300
Candles	$42	$73	$115
Patriarchal Charities	$325	$0	$325
Help for the Needy	$50	$340	$390
Christmas Flowers	$0	$0	$0
Church Fund	$165	$0	$165
Total	$4,355	$2,309	$6,664
Expenses	-$3,934	-$1,696	-$5,630
Balance	$421	$613	$1,034

Saint Joseph House
OLOV Winter Coat Drive

Saint Joseph House of Hospitality provides safe housing and supportive serivces for men over the age of 50. They are in desperate need of men's winter coats. There's a bin in the church vestibule.

Thank you for your kindness!





GET YOUR GRAPE LEAVES AND BAKED KIBBEE FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

GRAPE LEAVES—$200 PER TRAY

BAKED KIBBEEE—$50 PER TRAY

PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE TO PLACE YOUR ORDER AND SCHEDULE PICK UP.

THANK YOU!

ENJOY!

Mystery of Reconciliation/Confession: Confession is available before and after Liturgies on Saturday and Sunday, and by appointment during the week.

Baptism & Chrismation: Arrangements for these Mysteries may be preceded by instructional classes for Parents & Sponsors. The Parents themselves should contact the office. Both sponsors must be Catholic and must be 18 years of age or older. Sponsorship Forms are required for sponsors.

Marriages: The couple should contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance and before any other arrangements or commitments are made. No weddings outside of the parish.

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.

The Season of (Happy) Announcement

The Season of Announcement consists of the following six Sundays which precede the feast of the Glorious Birth of our Lord.

The Announcement to Zechariah
The Announcement to Mary
The Visitation to Elizabeth
The Birth of John the Baptizer
The Revelation to Joseph
Genealogy of Jesus

The Announcement to Zechariah - November 15th



The Season of Announcement is a commemoration of those events surrounding and culminating with the birth of Jesus. The season opens with the dramatic Announcement to Zechariah that John, the Forerunner of Jesus, was to be born.

Mention of the archangel Gabriel, whose name means "*God is strong*," is found in the Old Testament. The archangel appeared to the prophet Daniel and spoke of the end of time when God will come to judge his people (Daniel 8: 16-26; 8: 21-27). In the New Testament, the appearance of Gabriel to Zechariah is an indication that Gabriel is completing his mission and that the final days have begun. Although almost two millennia have intervened since the birth of John the Forerunner, it must always be recalled that we are living in the "end times" -- the fulfillment of all that has been promised.

Gabriel appeared to Zechariah, a descendent of Aaron, a member of the priestly caste. This appearance took place while Zechariah was fulfilling one of the priestly functions, the offering of incense at the Temple altar.

The prophecy of a birth of a son was not only good news for Israel, but also good news for the aged Zechariah and Elizabeth. For years they had been living under the curse of having no children. Gabriel now told them that Elizabeth, in her old age, was to give birth to a son. The news given to Zechariah and Elizabeth recalls the promise given to Abraham and Sarah: they too were childless, but were promised descendants.

Although he knew that nothing is impossible for God, Zechariah doubted the message. In order to bring him to belief, Gabriel gave him a sign: Zechariah was to be mute until the birth of his son. This sign is intended for all of us. John the Forerunner is the link between the Old and New Covenants. With the coming of the Savior, the Old will be silenced and the New Covenant proclaimed. Filled with the spirit, we cry out with Zechariah, "*Blessed are you, O God*."

The early Fathers provide us with an interesting epilogue to this account. They taught that Zechariah was martyred because he refused to disclose John's hiding place to Herod's soldiers (Matthew 23:35).

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Please keep in your prayers: Chuck Borik, Michael Rattie, Alicia Hruby, Helen McGoun, Dr. Adnan Abla, Ashley Ayoob, David Ingrid Franklin, Faten Fatfat, Franice Pattinato, Helen Mierski, Rebecca Rodgers, Patty Doerzbacker, Anna Marie Mecca, Ken Kovach, Frank Joseph, Alex Joseph, Rosemary Thomas Hartman, Celeste Cancilla, Stephanie Vail, 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, Valerie Bonner, John Kavulic, Jaime Perrucci, Kattie Fitzpatrick, Lyuva Lazovski, Barbara Routh Cappy, Josephine, Veronica Moore, Fadaa Sadaka, Grace Kaduck, Traci Orr, Hampartsoum Nazarian, Mary Elizabeth Leonard, John Bauer, James Routh Cappy, and all who are in need of our prayers.

Scripture Readings

Announcement to Zechariah
(November 14 & 15, 2026)
Gen 17:15-22
Rom 4:13-25 Lk 1:1-25

Announcement to the Virgin Mary
(November 21 & 22, 2026)
2 Sam 7:8-10, 11b-12, 13b-17
Gal 3:15-22 Lk 1:26-38

All Readings are taken from the NRSVCE.
All Gospel Readings are take from the Revised Edition of the New American Bible

Month of November 2026

Altar Bread & Wine
In loving memory of Josephine and Carl Hess
requested by Family.

Sanctuary Lamps
In loving memory of John A.Kail
requested by Bob & Cathy Hoag.



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

Scholarships for Our Youth!

We are pleased to announce that we will again award scholarships. The recipients will receive their scholarship Saturday, February 13, 2027 following our St. Maron liturgy. All students are encouraged to participate and will need to complete an application (available in the vestibule and will also be sent via email). The deadline to submit an application is Sunday, January 17, 2027.



HELP FOR THE NEEDY

We will be making lunches on
Saturday, November 28, 2026.
The lunches are delivered to
Second Avenue Commons.
We are collecting new gloves, socks and hats.
There's a basket in the church
vestibule for you to place your donations. Thank you!



PARISH REGISTRATION

New parishioners are asked to register as are newlyweds and single young adults, even if registered previously with their families. Please call the office for a registration form. Forms are also available in the church vestibule and can be completed and placed in the collection basket.



DONATE ONLINE

Consider using our online giving tool. Go to our website OLOVPGH.ORG and set up recurrent payments or make a one-time gift.



OLOV Christmas Party
Sunday, December 20, 2026

11AM Liturgy
Children's Play
Christmas Party

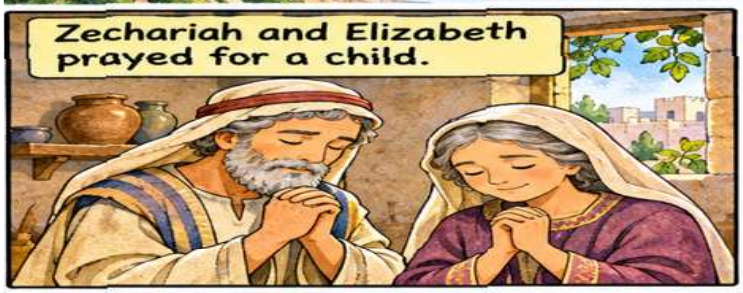
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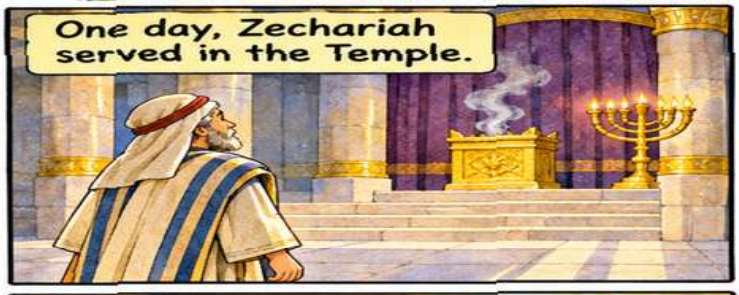




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The Story of Zechariah — Part 1

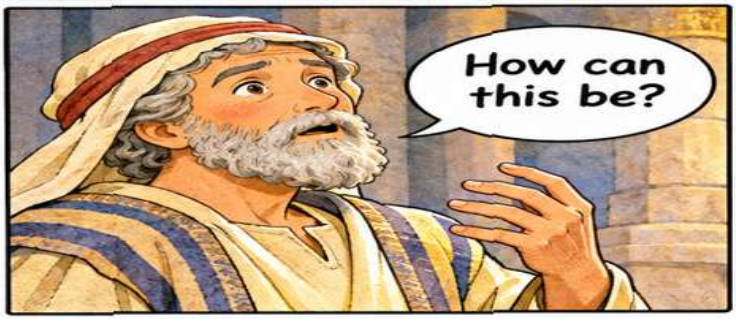








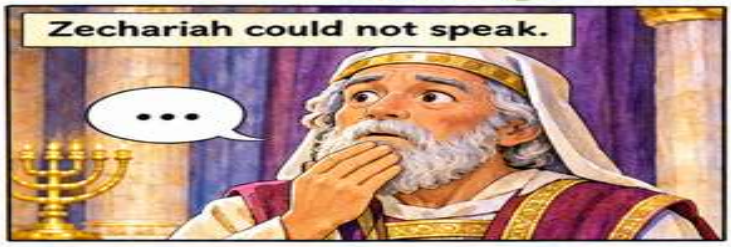


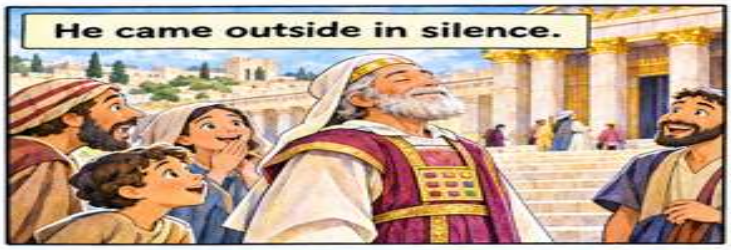


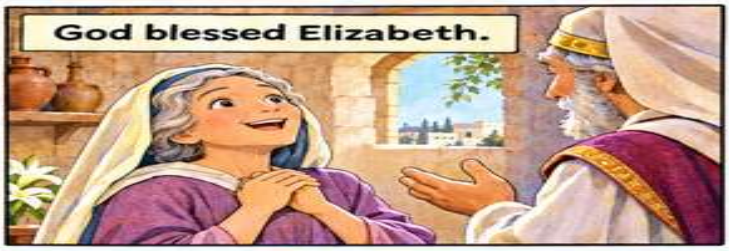
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The Story of Zechariah — Part 2













THIS WEEK: *Pray, trust, and be patient!*

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Embracing our Future

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A SPECIAL INVITATION
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Blessed Are You

MYO MID-ATLANTIC WEST
DAY RETREAT 2026

Saturday, December 5, 2026
10:00 AM – 7:00 PM

Our Lady of Victory Church • Pittsburgh, PA

Christmas-themed retreat honoring our Blessed Mother Mary

Faith • Friendship • Fun • Joy

FREE FOR OUR OLOV STUDENTS!
Our church covers the $30 retreat fee.

Grades 7–12

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You are loved. You belong here.
Bring a friend!

With love and prayers,
Fr. Samir Chebli