



# Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

## Maronite Rite

**Pastor:** Chorbishop Michael G. Thomas, JCD  
**Deacon:** John Jarvis

<b>WEEKEND MASSES</b>	Saturday at 4:00 pm (English) Sunday at 11:00 am (English + Arabic)
<b>WEEKDAY MASSES</b>	Monday through Thursday at 12:00 noon
<b>OFFICE HOURS</b>	Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm <i>Closed on: Holy Days of Obligation and Federal Holidays</i>

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November 19, 2023

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

As we will soon celebrate a special day to give thanks to God for all the benefits he has given us, it also reminds us that the feast of Christmas is very soon to follow.

In honor of the Birth of Our Lord Jesus, I am happy to share some good news with you: Our parish has been offered a matching grant of up to \$7,000.00. In other words, whatever we can collect from our parishioners and friends by Christmas Day (not counting the Sunday and holy day collections taken at Mass), will be matched, up to \$7,000.00.

This is a wonderful opportunity for our parish. Any contribution you can make, large or small, would be greatly appreciated. Simply place your donation in the enclosed envelope and either mail it to us or drop it off when you come to the church. Remember that the deadline is Christmas Day.

I wish all of you a very Happy Thanksgiving and a Blessed preparation for Christmas.

Thank you and God reward you for your kindness!

Fr. Michael



## VISITATION OF THE VIRGIN TO ELIZABETH

DECEMBER 1, 2024



### MASS INTENTIONS

**Sat. 11/30**

**4:00 pm**

For the intentions of Nancy Zloch  
By Jan Rush

**Sun. 12/01**

**Visitation of the Virgin to Elizabeth**

**11:00 am**

For Amira Chidiac (40 Days)  
By The Family

**Mon. 12/02**

**12:00 noon**

**Habakkuk the Prophet, C**

For Salibe Tartak and Family  
By Antoinette Tartak

**Tues. 12/03**

**12:00 noon**

**St. Francis Xavier, C**

For Boutros Bakhos and Family  
By Antoinette Tartak

**Wed. 12/04**

**12:00 noon**

**St. Barbara, M**

For Anthony and Geneviev Abraham  
By Chorbishop Michael G. Thomas

**Thurs. 12/05**

**12:00 noon**

**St. Saba the Hermit, C**

For Salibe Tartak and Family  
By Antoinette Tartak

**Fri. 12/06**

**NO MASS**

**Sat. 12/07**

**4:00 pm**

For Doctor James Yezbick  
By Susan Yezbick, Natalie Yezbick, and  
Matthew Bruno, on behalf of Gary and  
Kathy Bruno

**Sun. 12/08**

**Birth of John the Baptist  
The Immaculate Conception**

**11:00 am**

For the Jarjoura and El Hajj Families  
By Elias and Kamal Jarjoura

### LADIES GUILD

The next meeting of the Ladies Guild will be this  
**Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>** in the parish hall.

### FOOD DRIVE FOR THE

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The food drive sponsored by the Knights of Columbus  
will be this **Sat. Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> & Sun. Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>.**



### FAMILY OF THE SACRED HEART

**This Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> – Before Mass**

The Family of the Sacred Heart will be gathering for  
prayers to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.



### Thanksgiving Luncheon

Thank you to the Ladies Guild for sponsoring our  
Thanksgiving Luncheon. Everyone had a great time

**The Church realized a profit of \$800.00**

### PARISH FINANCES

*November 23 & 24*

Collection Basket	\$ 920.00
Automated Bank Checks	\$ 380.00
Electronic Payments	\$ 165.00
Candles	\$ 74.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,539.00</b>

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## Immaculate Conception Luncheon

*(Sunday, December 8 after Mass in the Parish Hall)*

### Menu:

- 🎄 Chicken Skewers
- 🎄 Kafta
- 🎄 Rice
- 🎄 Hummos
- 🎄 Salad
- 🎄 Desert
- 🎄 Soft Drinks

**Donation: \$15**

*Children enrolled in Religious Education Classes are Free.*

**✚ Sponsored by Elias and Kamal Jarjoura ✚**



# WHO ARE THE MARONITES?

The Maronite Church is one of 22 Eastern Rites of the Catholic Church, under the authority of the Pope. It dates back to the early Christians of Antioch (Syria) where Jesus' followers "were called Christians for the first time" (Acts II:26). The actual name "Maronite" is derived from the name of Saint Maron, who was a priest and hermit, and died around the year 410 AD.



*Pope Saint John Paul II, Bishop Frank Caggiano, Chorbishop Michael Thomas  
The Vatican - June 1992*

As part of the Roman Catholic Church, the Maronites profess the same beliefs in the Dogmatic and Moral teachings of the Church and celebrate the same seven Sacraments. Their liturgical celebrations are more unique and reflect their early Apostolic beginnings. For example, in some prayers and hymns of the Mass, the Maronites still use Syriac, a dialect of the Aramaic language spoken by Jesus and his Apostles, and incense is regularly used.

During the civil and religious persecutions of the 7th century, the Maronites fled their churches and monasteries in the plains of Syria, and took refuge in the verdant mountains and caves of nearby Lebanon. Since then, Lebanon has been considered the homeland of the Maronite Church.

Millions of Maronites now live in various countries throughout the world, but their Mother Church remains in Lebanon. The current Maronite Patriarch, Bechara Peter Rai, was made a Cardinal by Pope Benedict XVI, in November of 2012. Cardinal Rai lives at the Maronite Patriarchal residence in Bkerke, Lebanon.

The United States is home to two Maronite Eparchies (Dioceses). The Most Reverend Gregory Mansour is our Bishop who resides in Brooklyn, New York. Bishop Mansour is a member of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), as is the Maronite Bishop of the Western Eparchy, the Most Reverend Elias Zaidan who resides in Los Angeles.

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