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3rd Sunday after Epiphany



St Ephrem ~ Harp of the Holy Spirit

St Ephrem was born in Nisibis, Mesopotamia, in 306. He became a disciple to St. Jacob who was a noted ascetic and denouncer of the Arians. St. Jacob entrusted Ephrem with preaching the Word of God and the instruction of school children. St. Ephrem accompanied St. Jacob to the First Ecumenical Council in Nicaea in 325.



St Ephrem earned many titles among them “Deacon of Edessa” and the most popular “Harp of the Holy Spirit”. His writings greatly influence the Church, especially in the East. It is believed that St Ephrem began writing hymns to counteract the heresies that were rampant at that time. The originality, imagery and skill of his hymns captured the hearts of the Christians so well, that St. Ephrem is given credit with awakening the Church to the importance of music.

No one wrote about Mary more than St Ephrem. He called his devotion to the Blessed Mother “The unlocking of the gates of the heavenly Jerusalem”

At his death, St Ephrem’s advice to his disciples was: “Be humble and love one another, do not eulogize me and bury me in my religious clothing. Distribute whatever money collected at my funeral to the poor”

St Ephrem died in 378 and was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Pius XI, in 1925.

CLERGY

Fr. Paul Damien, Pastor
Deacon Chuck VanHeusen
Subdeacon Ronald Foster

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday through Friday
10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

LITURGY:

Saturday: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 10:30 AM
Weekdays Tues - Fri : 9:00 AM

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*God is Everything
I am Nothing
That is enough for today.
~ St. Pope John XXIII*

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*****Third Sunday after Epiphany*****

Saturday, January 22 - 5:00 PM: Jean Rose Watson (Memorial) By Pete and Honey Paoni

Sunday, January 23 - 10: 30 AM: Cindy Montalvo (Healing) by Ace and Patty Acevedo
The Donors & Intentions of the Catholic Extension

2nd Collection: US Bishops Worldwide Charities - Jan. 23, 2021

We Share: St Michael's on-line giving option at <https://stmichaelsmaronite.weshareonline.org>

Tuesday	Jan. 25	9:00 am	Conversion of St. Paul	The Donors & Intentions of the Catholic Extension
Wednesday	Jan. 26	9:00 am	St. Agnes	Kim Nguyen (Intentions) By Thanh and Han Vo - Nguyen
Thursday	Jan. 27	9:00 am	St. Paula	The Donors & Intentions of the Catholic Extension
Friday	Jan. 28	9:00 am	St. Ephrem Doctor of the Church	Lien Than (Intentions) by Thanh and Han Vo-Nguyen

*****Fourth Sunday after Epiphany*****

Saturday, January 29 - 5:00 PM: The Donors & Intentions of the Catholic Extension

Sunday, January 30 - 10: 30 AM: The Donors & Intentions of the Catholic Extension

When not listed Fr Jack will offer his Masses for The Donors and Intentions of the Catholic Extension

**SCRIPTURE
READINGS**

3rd Sunday of Epiphany
Gal 3:23-29 / Jn 3:1-16

4th Sunday of Epiphany
Rom 7:1-6 / Jn 4:5-7, 9-26

Sunday of the Priests
1 Tim 4:6-16 / Lk 12:42-48

Sunday of the Righteous & Just
Heb 12; 18-24 / Mt 25: 31-46



READERS

1/22: Darling Darlene 1/23: Marie Reale

1/29: Lynn Vaughan 1/30: Kim Phalen

2/5: Kathy Criminger 2/6: Chris Cooper

GIFTS OF THANKSGIVING

Make a donation to offer the Incense,
Candles and Wine for one month in memory or
to honor of someone.

JANUARY GIFT OF THANKSGIVING

**For the repose of the soul of
MSGR. Bill Bonczewski**

By The VanHeusen Family

Sunday Collection	\$ 1068.00
Special Donation	\$ 2000.00
Candles / Altar Gifts	\$ 28.00

God Bless You for your support

SUNDAY SOCIAL HOUR HOST SCHEDULE

January 23rd Ace and Patty Acevedo
 January 30th Betty Gurney/Kim Phelan
 February 6th Feast of St Maron Potluck
 February 13th AVAILABLE



There are open dates in February!

CATHOLIC SOCIAL MINISTRIES


St. Michael's has been asked to contribute **jams/jellies and peanut butter (ANY SIZE)** Place donations in the basket next to the confessional.



We Gave . . .
 45 lbs in December
 684 lbs total for 2021

ADORATION TEMPORARY CHANGE

A request was made to move Adoration. It is now every **Friday**.



9:30am - 6:00pm with Rosary and Benediction at 6:00 pm

Sign up sheets available for at the church entrance!

RELIGIOUS ED / ADULT DISCUSSION GROUP

Wednesdays from 6:30—7:30 PM in the Social Hall.

Adults will be finalizing the response to the Bishop for the Synod


CONFESSION

Confession is offered every Sunday from **9:30am - 10:20am, before the Divine Liturgy.**

*Father asks that you arrive early enough so that the priests are able to reserve ten minutes before Mass to prepare.

VOCATION CHALICE

1/22: Volunteer
1/23: Dinse Family



1/29: Volunteer
1/30: Kim Phelan

*Your prayers are needed to encourage vocations to the priesthood & religious life.

Consider taking the Vocation Chalice into your home for a week.

SOUP-ER BOWL COLLECTIONS


Every year St. Michaels hosts a month-long "Soup-er Bowl" collection to raise money for feeding the homeless at Operation InAsMuch. Please place your donations in the bucket at the entrance of the Church.

There is also a **2nd Collection on February 13th** the weekend of the Super Bowl.

God Bless Your Generosity!


JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Patricia Acevedo, Tim Kenny, Gabby Butcher, Finn Chapman, Bill Morgan, Allison Averitt, Brenda Murray, Mary Rorke, Matthew Vaughan, Gabby Parkhurst, Maritas Goulet, Elizabeth Blalock, Ines Page, Clara Blalock, Charly Riipi, Matthew Stoeckley, Shannon Talley, Stella Ducote, Leo Stoeckley, Betty Gurney, Dylan Vaughan.



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Aaron and Maria Ackley
 Ron and Kathy Criminger




PRAYER CHAIN

Please contact **Lucy Zahran** at church or call the church office to **join the prayer chain** or with **prayer requests.**

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

We support **Operation InAsMuch** helping to serve breakfast to the homeless. Call Ray Miller 580-0396 if interested in serving on **Tuesday, February 1st** or in the future.

Feast Of St. Maron Potluck Celebration

In celebration of the feast of our spiritual father St Maron, we will have a **potluck meal** following the 10:30 Divine Liturgy on

Sunday Feb.6th.

Please sign up on the sheet at the entrance of the church so that we can plan appropriately.



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MONASTIC CREATION SOAPS, BOOK AND CANDLES FOR SALE

Tresa will be selling soaps, the St Maron children’s book and beeswax
candles in the church social hall following Sunday Divine Liturgies
for two consecutive weekends

Sunday January 30th and Sunday February 6th

Tresa moves to Ohio on Feb. 10th, this is your last chance to purchase these items!

There is a slot on the rack for those who want to donate to this ministry.

DEACON CHUCK’S FAREWELL

As many of you may know, Bishops in the Maronite Church are authorized to ordain married Deacons to the priesthood. I have discerned and discussed this possibility with Bishop Gregory. He has invited me to participate in a nine-month discernment/formation period with the possibility of ordination to the priesthood after that period. Part of the requirements is that I leave for assignments in other parishes. I will be leaving the end of February with Marie following me shortly after the first week of March. We will be at the cathedral in Brooklyn for my initial assignment and formation. **We will deeply miss our family at St Michael’s! Please keep us in your prayers, as we will keep all of you in ours!**

SEMINARIAN GIFT BAGS

For the Feast of St. Maron the youth of St. Michael’s will be filling “Gift Bags” (with the donations from our parish) for each of our seminarians and the priests that instruct them. Our goal is to show them they are in our thoughts and prayers.

A few suggested donations:

\$25 visa gift cards / Starbucks Gift Cards

Books of stamps / Hand warmers

Candles / Chapstick

Boxes of Emergen-C packets

+ Your ideas are welcome!!

Operation Inasmuch Special Needs

Operation Inasmuch is in need of socks and gloves for both men and women to be distributed to the homeless during these cold days of winter. If you are able to contribute please bring to Divine Liturgy anytime weekdays, Saturdays or Sundays and put in the basket next to the confessional!

BIBLE TRACES OF OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

KNOW TO DEFEND YOUR FAITH!

WORSHIP STATUES?

- Ex 20:4-5... God prohibits worshipping statues.
- Ex 25: 18-19; Num 21:8, Jn 3:14-15; 1 Kg 7:27-29... God does not prohibit image making.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

- Lk 1:28... Hail full of Grace, the Lord is with you.
- Lk 1:30... You have found favor with God.
- Lk 1:47... my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

MOTHER OF GOD

- Mt 1:23... a virgin will bear a son and his name shall be called Emmanuel (which means, God with us).
- Lk 1:43... and why is this granted to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?
- Gal 4:4... God sent forth his Son, born of woman.

CATHOLIC CHURCH

- Acts 2:42... doctrine, community, sacred rite (bread).
- Eph 5:25-26... Christ loved the Church.
- 1 Tim 3:15... church is pillar/foundation of truth.
- Mt 16:19... whatever you bind on earth is bound in Heaven, and whatever you shall loose on earth shall be loosed in Heaven.
- Mt 18:17-18... church as final authority.
- Jn 20:23... If you forgive, the sins of any, they are forgiven, if you retain them, they are retained.

PETER & PAPACY

- Mt 10:1-4; Mk 3:16-19; Lk 6:14-16; Acts 1:13... Peter always mentioned first, as foremost apostle.
- Mt 18:21; Mk 8:29... Peter speaks for the apostles.
- Acts 3:6-7... Peter worked first healing.
- Acts 10:46-48... Gentiles to be baptized revealed to Peter.
- Jn 1:42... Simon is Cephas (Aramaic: Kephah for rock).
- Mt 16:18-19... "on this Rock... keys of the Kingdom."
- Is 22:22; Rev 1:18... keys as symbol of authority.
- Jn 21:17... "feed my sheep"
- Lk 22:31-32... "strengthen your brethren."

CONFESSION

- Jn 20:22-23... "If you forgive sins of any, they are forgiven."
- Mt 18:18... whatever you bind on earth is bound in heaven.
- 2 Cor 5:18... ministry of reconciliation.
- Jas 5:14-16... forgiveness of sins, anointing of the sick, confession.

PURGATORY

- Rev. 21:27... nothing unclean shall enter Heaven.
- 2 Sam 12:13-14... David, though forgiven, still punished for his sins.
- 2 Macc 12:44-46... atoned for the dead to free them from their sins.
- 1 Pt 3:19... in which he went and preached to the spirits in prison...

SAINTS

- Mk 12:26-27... "not God of the dead, but of the living..."
- 1 Cor 12:25-27; Rom 12:4-5... body of Christ.
- Eph 6:18; Rom 15:30; Col 4:3; 2 Thess 1:11... intercessory prayer.
- Jos 5:14; Dan 8:17; Tob 12:16... veneration of angels united with God (Mt 18:10).
- 1 Cor 13:12; 1 John 3:2... saints also united with God. Lk 20:34-38... those who died are like angels.
- 2 Mac 15:11-16... deceased Onias and Jeremiah interceded for Jews.
- Rev 8:3-4; Jer 15:1... saints' intercession.

SOLA SCRIPTURA

- Jn 21:25... not everything is in the Bible.
- 2 Tim 2:2; 1 Cor 11:2... St. Paul speaks of oral tradition.
- Acts 2:42... early Christians followed apostolic tradition.
- 2 Jn 1:12... more oral tradition.
- 2 Pet 1:20-21... against personal interpretation.
- Heb 5:12... guidance needed to interpret scriptures

SOLA FIDEI

- Jas 2:14-17, 24... what good is faith without works?
- Heb 10:26... must avoid sin. Jas 5:20... "earning" forgiveness.
- Lk 6:46; Mt 7:21; Mt 19:16-21; Jn 5:29... must do will of God.
- Phil 2:12; 2 Cor 5:10; Rom 2:6-10; Mt 25:32-46; Gal 6:6-10; Rev 20:12... works have merit.
- 1 Jn 2:3-4; 1 Jn 3:24; 1 Jn 5:3... keep commandments.

EUCCHARIST

- Jn 6:53-56... truly, truly I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you have no life in you.
- Mt 26:26-28... take, eat; this is my body.
- Mk 14:22-24... Take, this is my body. And he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and they all drank of it. This is my blood of the covenant...

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