



# St. Michael the Archangel Maronite Catholic Church

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## Revelation to Joseph



### The Liturgy as Typology

This week we hear that Joseph is considering what to do about his ‘situation’. He is engaged to Mary and she is pregnant and not from him.

We hear in the entrance hymn:

*Joseph thought within his heart to dismiss her quietly, but in sleep an angel came and spoke in a dream to him: “Be not afraid, Joseph, David’s son. Truly this child that she bears is the One who made the world.”*

The cantor announces the Gospel with a verse from Genesis about another Joseph in the Old Testament (Gen 39:4):

*“He made him overseer of his house, and put him in charge of all he had.”*

Why would the liturgy refer to another Joseph? So often our liturgy uses typology which draws on something from the past so that we can understand in the present. **Everything is placed in the liturgy with purpose.**

Both Joseph son of Jacob and Joseph of Nazareth have dreams in which angels come to them and tell them what will happen. Both Josephs’ are made overseers of households. Joseph son of Jacob is made overseer of the household of his Egyptian master and Joseph of Nazareth is made overseer of the household of God, that is, Mary and the baby Jesus within her womb.

The typology does not end there. In Genesis we learn that Joseph was rejected by his jealous brothers and sold as a slave. Joseph was taken to Egypt where he became successful and was promoted in the Court of Egypt. He ultimately saved his brothers who came to him desperate and hungry. Joseph son of Jacob is a type of Christ, sent to save his brothers who rejected him.

Joseph of Nazareth also saves his family. When Jesus and Mary’s lives are threatened by Herod, Joseph takes his family and flees, the Son of God returns to Egypt.

**So what is the purpose of the typology?** It is a way of teaching adopted by the early Church. We often misunderstand the Gospels because we do not understand the use of typology by the early Syriac thinkers and writers that continues to be used by our Maronite Liturgy.

Joseph son of Jacob. Joseph of Nazareth and Christ himself all remind us that even in times of despair to trust in what God has told us.

We are all dreamers. The liturgy at the Prayer of Forgiveness reminds us that the divine revelation is also ours. The divine revelation that Joseph received dispelled his fear and **the divine revelation we receive this Sunday should dispel our own fears and fill us with joy.**

### 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

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Maronite Catholic Church

**“Be in good spirits under the  
fatherly mantle of St. Joseph,  
a place of safest refuge in trials  
and tribulations.”**

~ St. Joseph Marello

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**\*\*\*Revelation to Joseph\*\*\***

Saturday, December 11 - 5:00 PM: Juanita Enriquez (Healing) By Bert Andres

Sunday, December 12 - 10: 30 AM: Mary Louise Saieed (Memorial) By Joseph and Kathy Kannan and Mary Alice DeMoli  
Alberto Acevedo (Memorial) By Ace and Patty Acevedo

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

**2nd Collection ~ December 25th - Pastor's Collection**

Tuesday	Dec. 14	9:00 am	St. Nemtallah El-Hardini	Fr Bill Bonczewski (Healing) By Tresa VanHeusen
Wednesday	DEC 15	9:00 am	St Eleutherius and His Mother	Kim Nguyen (Intentions) By Thanh and Han Vo - Nguyen
Thursday	Dec 16	9:00 am	Haggai The Prophet	Marie Reale-Catalana (Healing) By the Ladies Guild
Friday	Dec 17	9:00 am	The 3 Young Men Ananias, Azarias & Misael	Intentions of Lien Tran By Thanh and Han Vo - Nguyen

**\*\*\*Genealogy Sunday\*\*\***

Saturday, December 18 - 5:00 PM: Tom Delahunty (40 Day Mass) By the VanHeusen Family

Sunday, December 19 - 10: 30 AM: Mario Acevedo (Healing) By Ace and Patty Acevedo  
Intentions of Anthony Georges By Cassandra Georges

**When not listed Fr Jack will offer his Masses for Pilar Ayala by the family**

**MASS INTENTIONS / MASS CARDS**

Call Parish Office to request Divine Liturgy (Mass) Intention.  
Mass Cards are also available upon request.

**READERS**

12/11: MJ Hahn      12/12: Betty Gurney  
12/18: Nels Kinnerup      12/19: Josh Deason  
12/24: Annika Nesbitt      12/25: Lynn Vaughan  
12/25: Kim Phelan      12/26: Marie Catalana

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Revelation to Joseph**  
Eph 3:1-13 / Mt 1:18-25

**Genealogy Sunday**  
Rom 1:1-12 / Mt 1:1-17

**Glorious Birth of Our Lord**  
Heb 1:1-12 / Lk 2:1-20



**GIFTS OF THANKSGIVING**

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

**DECEMBER GIFT OF THANKSGIVING**

**In Loving Remembrance of Jim Reale and Lucy Zahran**  
By Marie Reale -Catalana

**Sunday & Immaculate**  
**Conception Offering** \$ 3207.00  
**Candles** \$ 89.00  
**Fuel /Building** \$ 45.00  
**Christmas Flowers total** \$ 490.00  
**Special Donation** \$ 3000.00  
**God Bless You for your support!**

**SUNDAY SOCIAL HOUR HOST SCHEDULE**

December 12th Gabby Parkhurst  
 December 19th Lucy Zahran and Patty Reynolds  
 December 26th Ray and JoAnn Miller



**Dates open in the New Year**

**RELIGIOUS ED  
 ADULT DISCUSSION**

Religious Education  
 & Adult Discussion Group  
 Every Wednesday Evening  
 beginning at 6:30PM  
 in the parish social hall.

\*Adults will be discussing  
 the Synodal Process.

**CATHOLIC SOCIAL  
 MINISTRIES**

St. Michael's has been  
 asked to contribute **jams/  
 jellies and peanut butter**  
**(ANY SIZE)**

Place donations  
 in the basket of  
 church



**NOV. total was 47lbs.**

**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

**Bill Hoadley, John Page, Josh Deason,  
 Carissa Finney, Don Matheson, Tom  
 Piner, Carson Duncan, Carol Kannan,  
 Teresa Piner, Steve  
 Berti, Travis Blalock,  
 Ricky Butcher, Gunnar  
 Nesbitt, Paddy Kenny, Clementine  
 Stoeckley, Erica Talley, Ryan Palmer  
 and Tresa VanHeusen**



**DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

**Ron and Wanda Foster (55 years) HAPPY  
 Scott and Melissa Dinse  
 Thanh and Han Vo-Nguyen ANNIVERSARY!**



**ADORATION**  
 Every Thursday  
 9:30am - 6:00pm  
**Rosary & Benedic-  
 tion begin at 6pm**



Please sign up today, at the  
 church entrance to spend an  
 hour with our Lord!

*To fall in love with God  
 is the greatest romance;  
 to seek him the greatest  
 adventure; to find him, the  
 greatest human achievement.  
 ~ Saint Augustine*

**VOCATIONS CHALICE**

12/:4 Volunteer  
 12/5: Grantonic Family  
 12/11: Volunteer  
 12/12: Hahn Family



\*The Church needs men &  
 women eager to commit their  
 lives to serving the Church  
 through the priesthood &  
 religious life.  
**Consider taking the  
 Vocation Chalice into your  
 home for a week.**

**PRAYER CHAIN**

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



**CHRISTMAS FOOD CARDS**



The Knights of Columbus are  
 collecting donations for Food  
 Gift Cards.

**The Knights purchase \$35.00  
 cards from Carlie C's IGA.**

The cards are distributed among the needy in the  
 Parish, to Catholic Charities, and to Urban Ministries.  
 Contact Jon Deason (737-701-7547) or Chris Cooper  
 (910-850-4841) to make a donation.

**If you are writing a check make it payable to  
 St Michael Church.**

**CHRISTMAS NOVENA**

Please join us in praying the Christmas Novena  
**Wednesday Dec 15th thru Thursday Dec. 23rd**  
**6:30pm on Weekdays**  
 and immediately following  
**Divine Liturgy on Saturday & Sunday**



St. Michael Maronite Church  
**Children's Christmas Pageant**  
**Save the Date**  
 Friday, December 17th  
 (following the Christmas  
 Novena at 6:30 PM)





### St. Michael Archangel Ladies Guild

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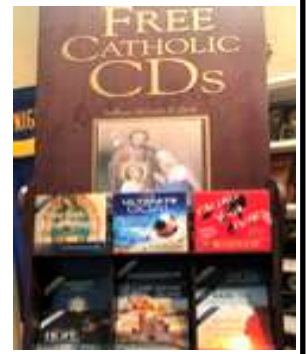
**All proceeds go to the Parish!**

### Fellowship / Refreshments - Free Catholic CDs



Take a minute following our Sunday Divine  
Liturgy to join us in the Social Hall  
For some light refreshments, conversation  
and to check out our Free CDs.

There's a slot on the rack for those  
who want to donate to this ministry!



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### Blessing of a Child in the Womb

The “Rite for the Blessing of a Child in the Womb” was created to support parents awaiting the birth of their child, to encourage parish prayers for, and recognition of, the precious gift of the child in the womb and to foster respect for human life within society.

Our parish is blessed with so many expected babies in the womb. Let us all join our voices in prayer for the babies and their parents!

*God, author of all life, bless, we pray,  
all the unborn children of our parish:  
give constant protection and grant a healthy birth  
that is the sign of our rebirth one day into the  
eternal rejoicing of heaven.  
~excerpt from the Prayer of Blessing*



## **St. Michael's Christmas Flowers**

**Ngoc Em Nguyen by Thahn and Han Vo-Nguyen**

**Deceased Members of the Catalana and Reale Family by Frank and Marie Catalana**

**Deceased Members of the VanHeusen and Griswold Family  
Jim Desy, and Paul Merrick by the VanHeusens**

**John and Elizabeth Criste by Rick and Lori Criste**

**Tom, Vonnie and Tommy Mason by Margaret Grantonic**

**Jerry and Leah Berti, James and Mary Monsour, Carolyn Dorroll, Eddie Monsour, James  
Monsour Jr. and Carl Berti by Steve and Rosalie Berti**

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Kusakabe and Tomiko Kusakabe by Phil and Emma Montaldo**

**Charlie and Eileen Cooper by Chris Cooper**

**Subdeacon Claude Franklin Sr., Anne Antill, Mac Antill, Lucille Currie, Lozie Currie,  
and Perry Franklin by Ingrid Franklin**

**Nydia Andres and Maria Lourdes by Bert Andres**

**Sam and Lucy Zahran by Lucy Zahran**

**Esteban, Rosa and Ruth Baez by Ed Baez**

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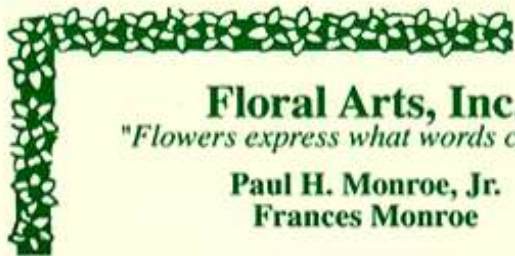


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