



## St. Michael the Archangel Maronite Catholic Church

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**A Community of Prayer,  
Love and Fellowship.  
We Welcome You!**

**“The Eastern Churches are the treasures of the Catholic Church”** Saint John XXIII

**Divine Liturgy Schedule: Saturday at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 10:30 a.m.**

**Daily Liturgy Schedule: Tuesday through Friday at 9:00 a.m.**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: First Tuesday of Month 6:30 p.m. Benediction at 7:00 p.m.**

**Pastoral Care of the Sick:** If you wish to receive Holy Communion, Reconciliation, or Anointing of the Sick, please call the Church Office.

**Mystery of Reconciliation:** In order to provide greater availability, the Mystery of Reconciliation is normally celebrated one half hour before Divine Liturgy and by appointment.

**Mystery of Crowning:** Engaged couples must be registered, active members of the parish. Please make an appointment with the pastor at least six months prior to the requested date of marriage.

**Inquiry Sessions:** For those interested in finding out more about what it means to be Catholic, or seeking information toward the possibility of becoming members of the Catholic Church, please call the Church Office for more information.

**Hospital Calls** – If someone is in the hospital, please call the Church Office to inform Father Sam.

**Parish Trustees:** Chairperson – Lynn Vaughan, **Members:** Eileen Hicks, Dr. John Handley, Mary Joan Fredette-Hahn, and Michael Gamble. Ex-officio: Subdeacons Ron Foster and Chuck VanHuesen.

**Knights of Columbus:** William Hoadley **Ladies Guild:** Marie Reale

**Youth Advisors:** Chuck and Marie VanHeusen **Altar Guild:** Betty Morgan

**Young Adult Advisor:** Michael Gamble **Sacristan:** Ray Miller **Organist/Choir Dir:** Francis Younger

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**LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK  
SEASON OF THE GLORIOUS BIRTH OF OUR LORD  
DECEMBER 19-20, 2015**

**GENEALOGY SUNDAY**

Readings: Rom. 1:1-12; MT 1:1-17; Liturgy begins on page 66.

Sat. December 19 5:00 p.m. +Jim Rorke (AV) by Mary Rorke.  
Sun. December 20 10:30 a.m. +Linda Younger by Francis Younger.  
Mon. December 21 NO LITURGY (Pastor's Day Off)

**CHRISTMAS NOVENA  
DECEMBER 21-23, 2015: 6:30 P.M.**

Tue. December 22 9:00 a.m. +Lucy Zahran by Marie Reale.  
Wed. December 23 9:00 a.m. +George Thomas by Marie & Lucy.  
Thu. December 24 9:00 a.m. +Eric Foss by Ken & Karen Clark.

**VIGIL OF THE GLORIOUS BIRTH**

Reading Heb. 1:1-12; Luke 2:1-20; Liturgy begins on page 76.

Thu. December 24 5:00 p.m. The Parish & Our Faithful Departed.

**GLORIOUS BIRTH OF OUR LORD (Holy Day of Obligation)**

Reading Heb. 1:1-12; Luke 2:1-20; Liturgy begins on page 76.

Fri. December 25 10:30 a.m. The Parish & Our Faithful Departed.

**DECEMBER 26-27, 2015**

**FELICITATIONS TO THE VIRGIN MARY  
SUNDAY AFTER THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD**

Readings: 2 Cor. 11:1-9; MT 23-29-24:2; Liturgy begins on page 76.

Sat. December 26 5:00 p.m. +Ingrid Handley by John Handley.  
Sun. December 27 10:30 a.m. +Stephen Fredette by M.J. Fredette & Family.

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| Tithes & Offerings | \$1,306.00   |
| Christmas Flowers  | 200.00       |
| Candles            | 58.00        |
| Fuel               | <u>25.00</u> |
|                    | \$1,589.00   |

Building Fund (Restricted): \$5.00

God Bless You for Your Support

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**SANCTUARY CANDLE, BREAD & WINE – DECEMBER**

In Memory of Jack & Gladys & David & Florence & Linda Lewis.

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**VOCATIONS CHALICE**

| Saturday |    |             | Sunday |    |                 |
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| Dec      | 19 | The Cristes | Dec    | 20 | Francis Younger |
| Dec      | 26 | Mary Rorke  | Dec    | 27 | Chris Cooper    |

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**READERS – Contact Subdeacon Ron Foster (910) 818-8682.**

| Saturday |    |              | Sunday |    |                 |
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| Dec      | 19 | John Handley | Dec    | 20 | Marie VanHeusen |
| Dec      | 24 | Wanda Foster | Dec    | 25 | M.J. Hahn       |
| Dec      | 26 | Rick Criste  | Dec    | 27 | Kathy Criminger |

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**LOVE LUNCH:** First Wednesday at the Salvation Army on Alexander Street.

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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING:** First Sunday at 12 Noon. Contact Grand Knight William Hoadley at (910) 867-1010.

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**ST. MICHAEL LADIES GUILD MEETING:** Second Sunday at 12 Noon. Contact President Marie Reale at (910) 723-1093.  
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**USHERS & GREETERS – DECEMBER:** Zahran & Susan Holt.  
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**REFRESHMENTS – DECEMBER:** Marie Reale and Lucy Zahran.  
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**ROSARY** is prayed every 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of the month 30 minutes prior to Liturgy.  
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**BIRTHDAYS – DECEMBER:** Jimmy Monsour, John Page, Bill Hoadley, Chris Kropik, Tom Delahunty, John Thetford, Don Matheson, Tom Piner, Carol Kannan, Teresa Piner, Declyn Hurley, Steve Berti, Alexis Rager, Henry Phillips, David Librande, Padraic Kenny, Erica Talley, Heather Talley, Laura Mortensen, Ian Weiser, and Ryan Palmer.  
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**ANNIVERSARIES – DECEMBER:** Zahran & Susan Holt; Ron & Wanda Foster, and William & Susan Fiden.  
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**+IN MEMORIAM – DECEMBER:** Jim Rorke, Ingrid Novack, Shelby Kannan, Lucy Zahran, Bobby Kozma, Juliet Zahran, Stephen Fredette, Jim Reale, and Ingrid Handley.  
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**PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS WHO ARE DEPLOYED& THOSE IN UNIFORM:**

Chaplain Tim Meier, Peter Shamatta, Neil Milan, Edwin G. Rosales, C.J. Guerrero, Scott Miller, and Robert Roccio.  
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**PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS, OUR SISTERS, AND FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD, RELIGIOUS LIFE AND OTHER MINISTRIES OF THE CHURCH.**  
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**CATHOLIC SOCIAL MINISTRIES:** St. Michael's has been asked to contribute 32 oz. jars of jams or jellies and sample size personal toiletry items. Please place your items in the basket located at the entrance to the Church.  
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**PRAYER CHAIN:** Contact for the prayer chain is Lucy Zahran at 910-868-1147.  
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**PRAYERS FOR THOSE AT HOME AND IN HOSPITALS:** Pray for all who have called in to the prayer chain. May they have a speedy recovery.  
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**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** Classes every Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Office. Adult discussion group continues at the same time.  
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**TEXTING IN CHURCH:** You got the message about **TEXTING** during Liturgy. My promise to post names in the bulletin still stands.  
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**RELIGIOUS GOOD STORE:** The Ladies Guild has opened a religious goods corner in the parish hall. The inventory is limited but the items have been requested in the past, so they decided to stock on a limited basis. Special orders are also available. Please see any of the ladies or Fr. Sam.  
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**SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND FOR MARONITE PATRIARCHAL CHARITIES.**  
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**WORLD YOUTH DAY – 2016:** Our Youth & Young Adults are involved in fundraisers and sponsorships for their trip to Poland next year for World Youth Day 2016 with Pope Francis. Each is required to contribute \$1,000 per person for their portion of the trip. Also, required is they must be active in the Youth/Young Adult groups and be present for all fundraisers. Thank you in advance for your support.  
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**PASTOR'S CORNER:**

The Knights of Columbus are selling "Keeping Christ in Christmas" Christmas Card. Available in the Parish Hall. Father Sam has "Keep Christ in Christmas" auto magnets: \$5.00 each!

The Knights of Columbus is collecting for Christmas Basket Gift Cards: \$35.00 each or whatever you can donate. All contributions accepted.

Envelopes are available for your Christmas Flower Offering.

Weekly Offering Envelopes for 2016 are now available. If you are new and take a set, please be sure that you print your name clearly the first few times you use them so you will receive proper credit.

Help yourself to the 2016 Maronite Calendars.

God Bless and Have A Wonderful Week,



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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**2015**

- 20 December – Open House at the Rectory following the 10:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy.
- 24 December – Vigil of the Birth of Our Lord: Divine Liturgy 5:00 p.m.
- 25 December – Birth of Our Lord: Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m.

**2016**

- Happy New Year
- 1 January – Circumcision of Our Lord (Holy Day of Obligation) Divine Liturgy 12 Noon
- 5 January – Vigil of the Epiphany: Divine Liturgy 6:30 p.m.
- 6 January – Feast of the Epiphany: Divine Liturgy 12 Noon

**ICON OF GENEALOGY SUNDAY**



**ICON OF THE CHRISTMAS NOVENA**



**ICON OF THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD**



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"The Church (like so many other things in life) is not so much something we inherit from generations past or take over from our predecessors as it is something on loan to us from future generations" (Matthew Kelly)

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## CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

### IN MEMORIAM

Ruth-Rosa Esteban Baez by Ed Baez

Robert & Doris Gurney by Betty Gurney

James & Mary Monsour; Jerry & Leah Beti; Carolyn Dorroll; Eddie Monsour by Steve & Rosalie Berti

Claude Franklin, Sr., Mac Antill, Anna Antill, Lucille Currie, Lonzie Currie, Perry Franklin by Ingrid Franklin

Bert and Charles Fadel by Frieda Fadel

George VanHeusen, Ralph VanHeusen, Paul Merrick, Robert & Genevieve Griswold by Chuck & Marie VanHeusen

The Ringmann & Paoni Families; Ingeborg Vinent by Peter & Honey Paoni

Shelby Kannan, Emily & Angelo Stefanello, Mary & Fred Kannan by Carol and Chris Kannan

Charlie & Eileen Cooper by Chris Cooper

Lowell Villars, Florence Villars, Robert McDonald, Helen Kenny, Walter Kenny, Mary Kenny, Catherin Kenny, and Linda Younger by Maria & Stephen Kenny

Sammy & Alicia Najjar by the Family

Deceased Members of the Powers Family.

Doris & Warren G. Han; John Rabez, by Warren Hahn

Stephen Fredette, Chet & Rita Guzinski; Doris & Al Fredette, by M.J. Fredette.

Jim Reale & the Deceased Members of the Reale Family by Marie Reale.

Jacob & Lucille Zahran; Sam & Lucy Zahran; Stefan & Marietta Iovino by Lucy Zahran.

Jennifer Talley, Thomas & Stella Blackard, Brian Chase by Bill & Robin Talley.

James Robert Barefoot, Rosalie & Alfred Zahran by Mary Louise Barefoot & Family.

Edward & Marjorie Barry, Melvin & Margie Criminger, Dale Kins Barbara Baker by Ronnie & Kathy Criminger.

Maria Elisa, Ramon, Pepe, and Marisa.

The Lindsey and Vaughan Families by Lynn & Ed Vaughan.

John & Elizabeth Criste by Rick & Lori Criste.

John Delahunty by Sheila Delahunty.

