

## Sunday Readings

Epistle Reading: ..... Eph 2:11-22

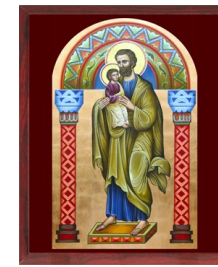
Gospel Reading: ..... Lk 2:21-24

**Gospel:** When eight days were completed for His circumcision, He was named Jesus, the name given Him by the angel before He was conceived in the womb. When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, they took Him up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of The Lord, “Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord,” and to offer the sacrifice of “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons,” in accordance with the dictate in the law of The Lord.

*This is the truth. Peace be with you*

## Liturgy Intentions

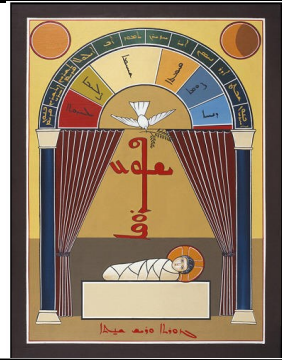
- Sat, Dec 31 *The Circumcision of Jesus (Holy Day of Obligation)*  
*St. Zoticus, M*  
The living & deceased Parishioners of St. Joseph’s  
By: Fr. Claude ..... **4:00 PM**
- Sun, Jan 1 *The Circumcision of Jesus (Holy Day of Obligation)*  
*Sts. Basil and Gregory, Doctors of the Church, C*  
Repose of Mr. & Mrs. Fred Ash  
By: The John Ash Family ..... **10:00 AM**
- Mon, Jan 2 *Pope St. Silvester I (+335), C*  
No Liturgy
- Tues, Jan 3 *Malachi the Prophet, C*  
As of yet NO INTENTION ..... **9:00 AM**
- Wed, Jan 4 *Pope St. Caius (+296), M*  
Anthony & Theresa Harenda & Walter  
& Mary Zeznick Families  
W/Love from Anthony & Rose Harenda  
Family ..... **9:00 AM**
- Thurs, Jan 5 *St. Paul, the First Hermit, C*  
In loving memory of Carol Calbi  
W/Love The Sawaya Families ..... **9:00 AM**
- Feast of the Glorious Epiphany (Holy Day of Obligation)*  
For the living & deceased parishioners of St. Joseph’s  
By: Fr. Claude..... **6:30 PM**
- Fri, Jan 6 *Feast of the Glorious Epiphany (Holy Day of Obligation)*  
Repose of Grace Ash  
By: Bob Ash..... **9:00 AM**
- Sat, Jan 7 *Praises of St. John the Baptist, M*  
Fr. Claude & his Family  
W/Love The Peter & Norma Sawaya  
Family..... **4:00 PM**
- Sun, Jan 8 *1st Sunday after Epiphany*  
The spiritual renewal of St. Joseph’s  
By: Joe Hollister ..... **10:00 AM**



# Saint Joseph Maronite Church

January 1, 2023

The Circumcision  
of Jesus



## Divine Liturgy

Weekdays (Tuesday — Friday) ..... 9:00 AM  
Saturday ..... 4:00 PM  
Sunday ..... 10:00 AM  
Holy Days ..... (unless otherwise specified) 6:30PM

## Confession

30 Minutes before each liturgy or upon request

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Peace Be With You

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**Please Pray for those who are Sick, in the Hospital, Homebound or Quarantined, especially:**

- ◆ Roberta Mahar (Eden Heights)
- ◆ Vicky Eddy (recovering from a fall)
- ◆ Bob Ash
- ◆ Rocky Baire
- ◆ Nancy Fitzpatrick (Friend of Liz Ash)
- ◆ Kaitlyn Schnitzer (Niece of Cherie LaValley)
- ◆ Christian Gray (Niece of Fr. Claude)
- ◆ Michelle Garcia (Sister of Fr. Claude)
- ◆ Maria Oszwaldowska & Family (Special Intention)
- ◆ Phyllis Gayton (Sister of Jo Ann Snyder)

*Please let us know if anyone should be added to or removed from the prayer list.*

**Please Contact the Office if you would like a Pastoral Visit!**

**The Sanctuary Lamp**

**For the Weeks of 1/1-1/15/2022**

**The Sawaya, Lian & Bader Families**

**By: The Peter & Norma Sawaya Families**

*In the same way, let your light shine before others that they may*

*See your charitable deeds and glorify your Father in Heaven.*

**SACRAMENTS**

**BAPTISM / CHRISMATION (CONFIRMATION):**

Please notify the Priest at least a month ahead for preparations.

**CROWNING (MARRIAGE):**

Contact the Priest at least 6 months ahead for preparations and necessary paperwork.

**ANNOINTING OF THE SICK:**

Please notify the Priest if a family member is sick.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:**

Thursdays at noon to Laurie Losey (Parish Secretary)

**Weekly Collection**

|                                     |                    |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Weekend Liturgies: .....            | <b>\$1,046.00</b>  |
| Candles:.....                       | <b>\$29.00</b>     |
| Total Collected: .....              | <b>\$1,075.00</b>  |
| <b>Approx. Needed Weekly:</b> ..... | <b>\$3,250.00</b>  |
| Weekly Deficit: .....               | <b>-\$2,175.00</b> |

**Sunday Lector Schedule:**

|   |   |
|---|---|
| <b>January 1, 2023</b><br>Mykal Karl    | <b>January 22, 2023</b><br>Brandon LaValley |
| <b>January 8, 2023</b><br>Daria Cavallo | <b>January 29, 2023</b><br>Mikki Cole       |
| <b>January 15, 2023</b><br>Lisa Zlockie | <b>February 5, 2023</b><br>Paul Sawaya      |

**Welcome Fr. Chuck & His wife Marie:**

Fr. Chuck Van Heusen will be covering in Fr. Claude's absence. Fr. Chuck will celebrate the Divine Liturgies this weekend! *Please make Fr. Chuck & Marie feel at home @ St. Joseph's!*

**Feast of the Glorious Epiphany (Holy Day of Obligation)**

You have 2 opportunities at St. Joseph's to fulfil your Holy Day of Obligation for the Glorious Epiphany  
Thursday, January 5th at 6:30 PM *OR*  
Friday, January 6th at 9:00 AM

**Eucharistic Adoration:**

On the "First Friday" of each month, beginning January 6th, 2023, St. Joseph Maronite Church will have a Divine Liturgy at **9:00 AM**, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament *until 11:00 AM*, concluding with Maronite Benediction.

We invite you to come and spend an hour with our Lord to pray for the renewal of the Catholic Church.

If you are unable to attend in person, set aside this hour at home to pray with us.

**"Could you not watch with Me for one hour?" (Mt 26:40)**

**CODE BLUE:**

Pastor Bruce Levine informed us that the *John Ash Community Center* may need to be opened for people in need of a place to keep warm in urgent or community emergencies, such as cases of extreme weather, including major snow storms or below zero temperatures. Volunteers from the Faith Community are needed to be present & stay overnight in most cases. If you would like to volunteer please contact Pastor Bruce @ 716-378-6773.

**Liturgies & Sanctuary Lamp scheduling:** Please find the lists of availability for liturgies and the Sanctuary lamp in the foyer. *We are currently out of requested intentions.* You may also contact Laurie at the Church office to schedule either of these.

**716-379-8436 or office@stjosepholean.com**

**Parish Council Meeting:**

There will be a Parish Council meeting on Sunday, January 8, 2023 immediately following the Divine Liturgy. Parish Council members are asked to please attend.

**Dessert Donations:**

We are asking for dessert donations for the Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser on **Saturday, January 14th**. We will have a "free will offering" for anyone who would like a dessert with their dinner or to take home with them.

**Spaghetti & Meatball  
Dinner**



**Saturday, January 14, 2023**

**4PM - 6:30PM**

**Saint Joseph's Church Hall**

**\$10.00 Per Dinner**

**Dinner Includes: Spaghetti, Meatballs,  
Salad and Garlic Bread**

**Dine-In & Take-Out Available**

**For Orders Call: 716-379-8436**

*Desserts will be available for a Free-Will Offering!*