### Mass Times

**December 1, 2019  Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth**

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<td>Saturday 5:00 PM</td>
<td>English &amp; Aramaic (in the Chapel)</td>
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<td>Sunday 9:00 AM</td>
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<td>Sunday 11:00 AM</td>
<td>English, Arabic &amp; Aramaic</td>
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<td>Tuesday-Friday 10:00 AM</td>
<td>(in the Chapel)</td>
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<td>Confessions</td>
<td>30 minutes before every Divine Liturgy</td>
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<td>Eucharistic Adoration</td>
<td>First Friday of every month 6:30 PM</td>
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**Our Clergy**

- Rev. Tony K. Akoury
  - Pastor
- Rev. Mr. Robert Calabrese
  - Deacon
- Rev. Mr. David Nasser
  - Sub deacon
- Rev. Mr. Michel Bassil
  - Sub deacon

We are the Maronite Eastern Catholic Community of Saint Joseph Parish in Sandy Springs GA, part of the Universal Catholic Church. We follow and preserve the rich traditions and heritage of the Monastic Maronite Antiochene Catholic Eastern Syriac rite. Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we are empowered by our baptismal promises and the Lord’s disciples as stewards of God’s bountiful gifts. Our purpose is to joyfully proclaim the presence of Christ to the total community by dedicating ourselves to worshiping, teaching, learning and living the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are a family of God who works together for the spiritual, physical and social growth of the community. We respect every individual regardless of race or ethnic origin and we welcome them as part of our community. We are committed to preserve and pass-on our Eastern Antiochene tradition and spiritual heritage to our children.
Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 1
9:00 AM
For Madeline Shababy, requested by Tommy Mansour

11:00 AM
For Rocco Calabrese, requested by Fred and June Isaf

Sunday, December 8
9:00 AM
For Madeline Shababy, requested by Mary Anne Shamatta, Lisa and David Nasser, and Ann Hartle

11:00 AM
Forty Day Liturgy for Madeline Shababy, requested by Ladies Altar and Rosary Society

Readings of the Week

Sunday, 12/1  Eph 1:1-14  Lk 1:39-45
Monday, 12/2  Eph 1:15-23  Lk 1:46-56
Tuesday, 12/3  Eph 2:1-10  Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday, 12/4  Eph 2:11-16  Lk 19:1-10
Thursday, 12/5  Eph 2:17-22  Jn 4:39-42
Friday, 12/6  Eph 3:14-21  Mk 7:24-30
Saturday, 12/7  Eph 4:1-7  Lk 5:27-32

Visiting the Sick

If you know a parishioner who is sick or shut-in, and who would like Father to visit, please send that person’s contact information to the parish office: info@sjmcc.org or 404-525-2504.

Rosary on December 8 for Madeline Shababy

The Ladies Altar and Rosary Society will be leading the Rosary on December 8th, in English, immediately following the 9:00 AM liturgy, and in Arabic at 10:20 AM. Each of these rosaries will be offered for Madeline Shababy. All are welcome to attend.

PRAYER REQUESTS

To offer a Mass for a loved one, please stop by the parish office or call us to check the schedule and book your Mass.
### Calendar December 2019

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<td>Saturday, December 7</td>
<td>Men’s Club Christmas Hafli, 8PM</td>
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<td>Sunday, December 8</td>
<td>Birth of John the Baptist; Feast of the Immaculate Conception; Rosary for Madeline Shababy immediately following the 9am Liturgy in English and at 10:20 in Arabic in the chapel.</td>
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<td>Friday, December 13</td>
<td>Retreat on the Annunciation, 7PM</td>
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<td>Sunday, December 15</td>
<td>Revelation to Joseph; Ladies Society Christmas Luncheon</td>
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<td>Sunday, December 22</td>
<td>Genealogy Sunday; No MCF classes</td>
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<td>Wednesday, December 25</td>
<td>Glorious Birth of Our Lord; Second Collection (Pastor’s Collection)</td>
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<td>Sunday, December 29</td>
<td>Sunday after the Birth of Our Lord; No MCF classes</td>
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**ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY**

An Invitation to all ladies of the parish:
Please join us for our Ladies Society Christmas Luncheon.

Date: December 15, 2019  
Time: 1:30 pm   
Location: Santorini Taverna  
Address: 4600 Roswell Rd, Sandy Springs, GA 30342  
Cost: $38.00 (cost includes lunch, soft drinks, wine, dessert, tax and gratuity)

There is limited seating. To secure your seat and redeem payment please see Mireille Teeny 770-883-5389 or Lara Francis 214-546-4534.

Payment can also be mailed to **Mereille Teeny, 3634 Childers Way NE, Roswell, GA 30075**
Saint Joseph Maronite Church Presents

Welcoming the Word
A Retreat Guide
On The Annunciation

Friday Dec 13, 2019 @7:00pm

Please join us to experience the spirit of the Virgin Mary at the Annunciation, a video presentation by Fr. John Bartunek.

All are invited to delve into:
- the amazing fact that God never stops thinking of us.
- the three attitudes that made the Blessed Virgin Mary one of the Bible’s greatest listeners
- three attitudes that we can all develop.
- and the five common messengers that God uses to send us His words.

Email: info@sjmcc.org or Phone: 404-525-2504
To the Knights of Columbus for their generosity and many hours of work doing the mulching of our church property!!

ANGEL GIVING CHRISTMAS TREE
From Sunday, November 24th through Sunday, December 15th, the Knights of Columbus will have an “Angel Giving” Christmas tree in the vestibule of the church. All parishioners are invited to take an angel off the tree to see a shelter child’s wish for a Christmas gift. Please get the gift for the child, wrap it, and attach the angel to the gift. Place the gift in the donation box by the tree. The gifts will be delivered to the children currently living at the Nicholas House Shelter for Homeless Families in Atlanta.

To all who donated food for the Atlanta Community Food Bank. Your gifts helped many families enjoy a very happy Thanksgiving!

Help Needed!

On Sunday, December 1, after the 11AM Liturgy, Denise Farhat will need the men of the parish to set up the Christmas trees in the church. Please plan to help if you are available. Denise will begin to decorate for Christmas on Tuesday, December 3, at 10AM.
If you would like to donate poinsettias for the Christmas altars, please contact Charlene Hiffa mchiffa@bellsouth.net

If you would like to donate flowers for the altars in memory of a loved one or for a special intention, contact Elizabeth Mahfoud (bettymahfoud@aol.com.)

If you would like to donate bread, wine, or sanctuary candles for the altars, please contact us at info@sjmcc.org.

Gift of Flowers

Flowers for the month of December are donated by Pete and Nancy Mondalek in memory of their deceased parents: Pete and Effie Mondalek, Sabin Wisson, and Bill Perkins.

Flowers arranged by FlowerCraft, Inc.

Arabic Classes

It is not too late to register for Arabic classes!! For information, please contact: Nelly Younes Daou at nellyydaou@hotmail.com or Perla Osta at perlaosta1@gmail.com.

If you are of Lebanese descent and want to obtain your Lebanese nationality, contact: Nelly Younes Daou, representative for "Project Roots".
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