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.
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.

**Readings of the Week**

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**Mass Intentions**

**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

**Sunday, December 15**
9:00 AM
For all who donated food for the poor in the Knights of Columbus Thanksgiving Food Drive, requested by Tommy Mansour

11:00 AM
For Rocco Calabrese, requested by the Knights of Columbus

**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.
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<td>Glorious Birth of Our Lord; Second Collection (Pastor’s Collection)</td>
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Thank You!

We are so deeply grateful to the ladies of the Altar and Rosary Society for their extremely successful Bake Sale. Thanks especially to Nancy Mondalek who chaired this event, which raised $5000 for the parish!!
Our annual Christmas Pageant will be presented on Christmas Eve, December 24th, during the 5PM Liturgy.

Practice for the pageant will be held on Saturday, December 7, from 2-5PM.

Children ages 7 through MYO are invited, welcomed, and encouraged to participate!

Please contact Rima Najem at 678-468-4196 or najmrema@gmail.com for information.
Thanks to all who participated! The homeless children of Nicholas House Shelter will have a merrier Christmas thanks to your generosity!

Support Knights of Columbus Charities while you enjoy Fun and Good Food!
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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