## Our Clergy

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

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### Summer Schedule

**Saturday 5:00 PM**  
English & Aramaic

**Sunday 11:00 AM**  
English & Aramaic and Arabic

**Tuesday-Friday 10:00 AM**  
(in the Chapel)

- **Confessions**  
  30 minutes before every Divine Liturgy

- **Eucharistic Adoration**  
  First Friday of every month 7:00 PM

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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**

**Sunday, 9/20**
Tim 2:1-10  
Mk 10:35-45

**Monday, 9/21**
Rev 1:1-8  
Mk 8:34—9:1

**Tuesday, 9/22**
Rev 1:9-20  
Mk 9:33-37

**Wednesday, 9/23**
Rev 2:1-7  
Mk 9:38-50

**Thursday, 9/24**
Rev 2:8-11  
Mk 10:17-27

**Friday, 9/25**
Rev 2:12-17  
Mk 10:28-31

**Saturday, 9/26**
Rev 2:18-29  
Mt 20:1-16

**Mass Intentions**

**Sunday, September 20**
11:00 AM  
Birgine Dib Abou Zeidan  
Requested by Zeiden Abou Zeidan and Family

**Tuesday, September 22**
10:00 AM  
For Rhameen Kolyani,  
Requested by Marlene Kolyani

**Wednesday, September 23**
10:00 AM  
For Michael Gannon,  
Requested by Christa Isaf

**Thursday, September 24**
10:00 AM  
For Judith McLouth,  
Requested by Fred and June Isaf

**Friday, September 25**
10:00 AM  
For Michael Gannon,  
Requested by Julie Isaf Walker

**Saturday, September 26**
5:00 PM  
For Mark Stevens,  
Requested by David and Lisa Nasser
Order of Saint Sharbel Sunday, October 11

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Father Dominique Hanna at (718) 624-7228 or cathrectory@verizon.net.
Guidelines for Liturgy

The Archbishop of Atlanta encourages all who are healthy to return to church for Mass and the Sacraments.

The dispensation from the obligation to attend Divine Liturgy remains in effect through September, if you are in a vulnerable condition and believe it is too soon for you to return to church.

For reasons of health and safety and to conform to our governor’s guidelines, we shall continue to hold our Liturgies in the following manner:

There will be two Divine Liturgies on weekends during September, one at 5 PM on Saturday and one at 11 AM on Sunday. In order to ensure that we will have enough room for the required social distancing, please attend the 5PM Liturgy on Saturday if possible, so that the 11 AM Liturgy on Sunday will not be too crowded.

• The Divine Liturgy will have a 50% seating capacity. Acolytes will not serve.
• Every second pew will be available for seating. Members of the same household can sit together. Everyone else should maintain social distance of six feet when seated, in the Communion line, and while entering / leaving church.
• No one will be admitted without a mask (bring your own), which must be worn during the entire Divine Liturgy.
• Parishioners over the age of 65, or those with compromised immune systems, or those who are in contact with persons with vulnerable health conditions are encouraged not to attend the Divine Liturgy. Parents are discouraged from bringing children under the age of 5.
• Our Maronite bishop wants us to continue our practice of receiving Holy Communion on the tongue. However, if you wish to receive in your hands, you may do so.
• Parishioners should not congregate in vestibule or parking lot and should proceed directly to their cars. The Sunday Coffee hour remains canceled until further notice. These norms will remain in effect until circumstances require or permit a change.

May our Blessed Mother protect all of us from all evil.
Devotedly yours in Christ,
Rev Tony Akoury
We would love for you to join us ....On Sunday, September 27th, at 6:30 p.m., PAC is hosting its 2020 “Evening for Life” fund-raising event, with this year’s theme being “Courageous Love.”

The content-rich program will feature the Archbishop of Atlanta, The Most Reverend Gregory John Hartmayer, OFM Conv., internationally-acclaimed, pro-life speaker, Stephanie Gray, nationally-recognized speaker and best-selling author, Dr. Allen Hunt, and much more...

This will be a fully digital, live-streamed online event. Register now to get full access to an evening of our inspiring speakers, offering hope, affirmation and encouragement in our work to protect life. (There is no cost to register.)

All registered parties will be invited to the live-streamed event. Password-protected links to be emailed prior September 27th. On-line Silent Auction will be opening soon.

We would greatly appreciate it if you would "spread the word" about this inspiring event.

Additional information may be found at https://www.pregnancyaidclinic.com/love2020.html. Please remember to register -- there is no cost to do this.

We are looking forward to you joining us -- we appreciate you so much....
We are now working with FlowerCraft to create arrangements befitting our beautifully renovated sanctuary! Parishioners are welcome to donate a month’s altar flowers in memory of or in honor of a loved one, and families may like to contribute together. If you would like to donate, please contact Maryse Murad at marysemurad@gmail.com

The flowers for the altar are given by Fred and June Isaf in honor of Christa Isaf and Mark Worley.

The Knights of Columbus have placed donation boxes in the church vestibule for contributions of non-perishable food for various food pantries in Atlanta. The Food Drive will continue through September. Donations thus far have gone to the Ronald McDonald House, Nicholas House, and Our House shelters.

Please continue to be generous. Donations may include paper products (plates, napkins, cups, toilet paper, etc.). As always, Thank you.
Demand a COVID-19 Vaccine Free from Abortion

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has asked all Catholics to contact the Secretary of Health and Human Services, Alex Azar, to prevent the use of cell lines from aborted babies in vaccines for the corona virus. Please follow this link to the website where you will be able to write directly to Secretary Azar.
https://www.votervoice.net/USCCB/Campaigns/73486/
Respond

Thank Sanofi Pasteur for Pro-life Vaccines

The FDA recently approved Sanofi Pasteur’s request to switch from using an aborted fetal cell line (MRC-5) to using an ethical animal cell line to produce its polio combination vaccines Pentacel and Quadracel. The drug company has also chosen to discontinue production of its stand-alone polio vaccine, Poliovax, which also used MRC-5 for its production, and to retain another stand-alone polio vaccine, IPOL, that is ethically produced. Furthermore, Sanofi-Pasteur’s ongoing effort to develop a vaccine for COVID-19 also does not rely on cell lines linked to elective abortion.

One important step we can take to ensure the production of ethical vaccines is to recognize and thank drug companies, like Sanofi Pasteur, when they move away from unethical vaccine production. We can hope that, with some encouragement, other vaccine manufacturers may consider creating other morally acceptable vaccines.

Any motivation to create additional, morally acceptable products will certainly be strengthened if we can show a market demand for ethical sources.

Please TAKE ACTION NOW to thank Sanofi-Pasteur and to encourage others to do so as well.
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