



# Saints Peter & Paul Maronite Catholic Church

**January 2025**

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**Weekend Mass Saturday Vigil 6:00 pm - Sunday 11:30 am**

**Saint John Don Bosco, your heart was a merciful one, and it was touched by the plight of many suffering boys living in poverty and imprisonment. You loved them with the heart of Christ and brought them hope. Please pray for me that I may see Christ in all people, never condemning or judging, but working to build them up as a loving minister of God's compassionate heart. Saint John Bosco, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.**

**( his feast on January 31)**



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Baptism:** By appointment, one parent and one sponsor must be practicing Catholics

**-Confession:** One hour before the Divine Liturgy. At other times by appointment.

**-First Holy Communion :** Celebrated publicly once a year . Please contact Father Fadi to sign up for classes.

### - Communion of the Sick:

Please let us know when a loved one is sick, hospitalized, or homebound.

**- Last rites:** Please let us know immediately when a loved one is gravely ill and in danger of death. Be sure to provide for the spiritual needs of your loved ones.

**- Mass intentions:** If you would like to have a Mass offered for your intentions or the intentions of a loved one, living or deceased, please contact the Pastor before two weeks at least .

## The Transformative Power of Baptism.

Baptism is the sacrament in which believers are “reborn as sons of God” (CCC 1213) by “water and Spirit” (John 3:5). It incorporates us into the Mystical Body of Christ (1 Cor. 12:13) and makes us sharers in the mission of the Church (CCC 1213).

“Just as the gestation of our first birth took place in water,” the Catechism adds, “so the water of baptism truly signifies that our birth into the divine life is given to us in the Holy Spirit” (694).

This divine life in the Spirit, also known as sanctifying grace, is the reason why St. Peter can say in 2 Peter 1:4 that in Christ we become “partakers of the divine nature.”

“New birth in the Holy Spirit” (CCC 1262) is not the only effect of baptism. There is also purification from sins. In baptism, all our sins are forgiven, along with all temporal punishment due for sin. The purification that takes place in baptism is so complete that in those who have just received it, “nothing remains that would impede their entry into the kingdom of God; neither Adam’s sin, nor personal sin, nor the consequences of sin, the gravest of which is separation from God” (1263).

These two principal effects of baptism—new birth in the Spirit and purification from sins—is brought about within the soul by the gift of sanctifying grace, also called “the grace of justification” (1266), that the Holy Spirit infuses in baptism (2024).

Sanctifying grace is the healing gift of God’s life that makes us holy and pleasing to him. In the words of St. Paul, sanctifying grace makes us “a new creation” (2 Cor. 5:17).

## Announcements

- Join us us for the Mass on January 5th at 11:30 am as we celebrate Epiphany Day! During the Divine Liturgy, we'll bless holy water, a traditional practice symbolizing spiritual renewal.

To make the occasion even sweeter, we'll be serving traditional Lebanese pastries.

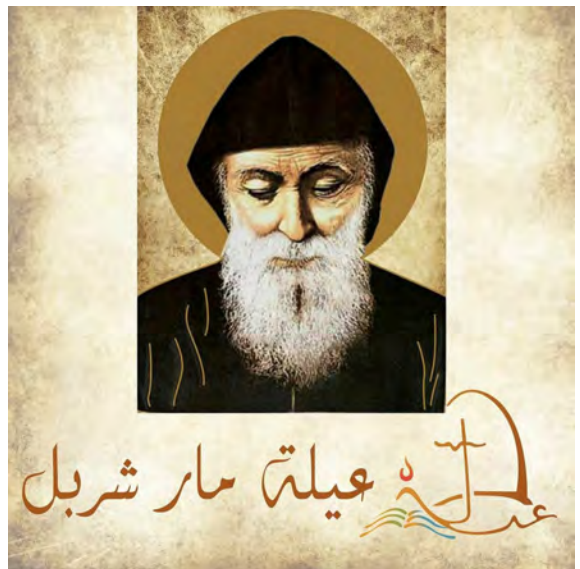
Please bring your own bottle of water to be blessed during the ceremony.

- Inspired by the devotion of some parishioners, our church is launching a new prayer group, aptly named St. Charbel Family.

This spiritual community aims to gather faithful individuals who seek to deepen their prayer life and emulate the saint's virtuous example.

The St. Charbel Family group will convene monthly on the 22nd, under the guidance of Mr. Badwi. All parishioners are warmly invited to join this spiritual endeavor, fostering a sense of community and devotion to St. Charbel's inspiring legacy.

First meeting: January 22/ 2025 at the church. 7 pm .





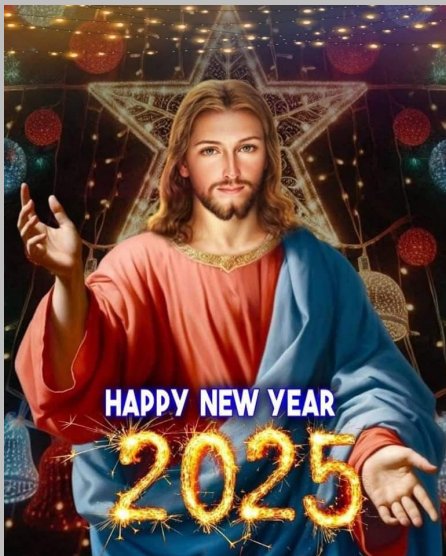
## MCF

On December 14th, the MCF group gathered at 10:30 AM for a joyous Christmas celebration.

The children watched the Christmas story and learned about the life of Saint Nicholas from Mrs. Lorraine, discovering his connection to the modern-day Santa Claus.

The kids then showcased their creativity with beautiful Christmas crafts.

The highlight of the day was a surprise visit from Santa Claus, who distributed gifts and colorful bags to the delighted children. The morning concluded with a delicious meal and wonderful memories. Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!"



## Maronite Sisters in Christ Sodality Gathering

The "Maronite Sisters in Christ" group gathered on December 11th at 7:00 PM for their monthly meeting.

The evening began with Eucharistic adoration, where they prayed for the Divine Child to bring peace to their families and healing to the sick.

They concluded this sacred time with the Litany of the Blessed Sacrament.

The group then enjoyed a fun-filled Christmas celebration, complete with games and a gift exchange.

Future events were also discussed, including their participation in the Bishop's dinner on February 21st and the consecration of five new members - Lana, Liliane, Eileen, Yogi, and Ghada - during Mass on February 23rd.

The evening concluded with a shared meal and warm fellowship, strengthening the bonds of sisterhood in Christ. Their next meeting is scheduled for January 8th at 7:00 PM.



Join Us for  
**COFFEE HOURS**



- January 5: Maryamett: Souad Nohra, Lana Shield , Nouha Moubarak.
- January 12: Mr Kenneth & Mrs Rawan Faas
- January 19: Mr. Tony & Mrs. Hyam Bathany
- January 26: Mr Nizar & Mrs Dolly Saker



## MYA

The MYA gathering in December 2024 was a resounding success.

Clara warmly welcomed everyone, delivering a heartfelt introduction that highlighted the true meaning of Christmas - the birth of Jesus Christ, from whom all blessings flow.

The evening proceeded with Eucharistic adoration, where members poured out their intentions, worries, hopes, and challenges before the Blessed Sacrament. A fun-filled white elephant gift exchange followed, bringing joy and laughter to the group. Important announcements were made, including the upcoming spring break retreat to South Carolina in March, the Bishop's dinner on February 21, and the kneffe day fundraiser to support the retreat.

The evening concluded with a delightful pizza dinner and delectable desserts, nourishing both body and spirit.



## *FEAST Days*

- 01/ 2:** Circumcision of Jesus (Holy Day of Obligation)
- 01/02:** The Finding of Our Lord in the Temple.
- 01/5:** Vigil of the Glorious Epiphany
- 01/06:** Feast of the Glorious Epiphany (Holy Day of Obligation)
- 01/17:** Feast of Saint Anthony the Great.
- 01/24:** Feast of Saint Francis De Sales, Doctor of the Church.
- 01/28:** Feast of Saint Ephrem the Syriac.
- 01/31:** Feast of Saint John Boco

## MYO

The MYO group came together on December 24th at 3:30 PM for a festive Christmas gathering.

Maryangel beautifully introduced the true meaning of Christmas, followed by a heartfelt prayer led by Father Fadi. As a token of appreciation for his guidance and leadership, Nicole and Maryangel presented Father Fadi with a thoughtful Christmas gift on behalf of the group.

The afternoon was filled with joy and laughter as the MYO group participated in a fun game of White Elephant, savored delicious pizza together, and enjoyed an exciting skating adventure.

May the joy and peace of the Christmas season fill your heart and guide you throughout the year.





## *You're Cordially Invited!*

*Join us for an enchanting evening of fellowship and fine dining,  
honored by the presence of His Excellency Bishop Gregory Mansour!*

***February 21st, at 8:00 pm  
Hunter's Green Country Club  
18101 Longwater Run Dr,  
Tampa, FL 33647***

*Individual Tickets: \$100 per person  
VIP Table (10 persons): \$2,000*

*Mark your calendars and prepare for a memorable night  
of camaraderie and exquisite cuisine!*

*We look forward to sharing this special evening with you!*





## November 2024 Financial Standing Position

### Ordinary Income:

-Collections on the Weekends, Holy Week Collection, ACH, Church's Stipends from Marriages, Funerals, Baptisms, Candles, Coffee Hour, Dues etc..

**Total: \$11,102.30**

**Extraordinary Income:** Donations to Church ; Donation to Festival & Festival Income

**Total=\$152,524.37**

**TOTAL REVENUE: \$ 163,626.67**

### Ordinary Expenses:

Electricity , Water, Bookkeeping, Medical Insurance, Assessments, Retirement, Mortgages, Internet, Phone, Alarm, Waste Management, Eparchy Appeals, Cleaning, Maintenance ( Landscaping, AC, Pest Control), Church Supplies, Charity, Salary and Activity Expenses for CCD, MYO and MYA

**Total : \$14,338.95**

### Extraordinary Expenses :

-Festival Expenses: \$43,352.18

**TOTAL EXPENSES: \$57,691.13**

As of November 29th 2024

Total Income Vs. Expenses:+ \$105,935.54

Total Amount in Checking: \$ 128,372.17

Total Amount in Savings: \$82,136.86

Money Market: \$11,352.35

Father Fadi Rouhana

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