



Saint John Maron Church

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We are a growing family of God that celebrates and witnesses the saving presence of Christ among us through worship, social interaction, and charity. While in full communion with the Pope, our worship follows the ancient Syriac Maronite Catholic Tradition with a vibrant, modern balance. We constantly seek to renew ourselves that we may set aside personal divisions and welcome everyone in a spirit of Christian Love!

The Year of Our Lord 2017, Dec 24

GENEALOGY OF JESUS

Liturgy of the Word pg.66, Creed pg. 748 -

Anaphora of St. John Maron pg. 897

9:30 am Liturgy is offered for your intentions

11:30 am Liturgy is offered for the repose of the soul of Hanian Gorgis Abouna, as requested by her children, Hanaa, Nancy, Sousan, Layla, Kais, Shathic & Salman. May she rest in heavenly peace.

Christmas Eve Liturgy: 12:00 am is offered for parish members living and deceased

Christmas Day Liturgy: 11:30 am is offered for parish members living and deceased

WEEKDAY LITURGY

- Wednesday, Dec 27, 7:00 pm
- Thursday, Dec 28, 7:00 pm
- Friday, Dec 29, 7:00 pm
- Saturday, Dec 30, 6:00 pm

New Year's Eve Liturgy: 7:00 pm

New Year's Day Liturgy: 11:30 am

Thank you

December 17 was a special day at St John Maron Church, On that day, we shared the true meaning of Christmas; we gave gifts of understanding, compassion, service, and friendship. The enthusiasm of our parishioners for the Giving Tree was remarkable; they brought cheer to 104 children living in shelters. The Christmas caroling of our talented children was so beautiful end enchanting. Sharing a meal together as one big loving family, buying beautiful gifts specially made for the occasion, taking pictures with Santa, enjoying a good time together... was a doorway to receive Christmas, as it is, a gift of hope and love. May we always be guided by the light of Christmas and may the birth of our Savior inundate you all with joy! Merry Christmas

Christmas Reflection

It is Christmas. The celebration of a birth. The incarnation of God. The joy of life. The gathering of well-wishers.

Christmas is filled with imagination and wonder. There are animals and shepherds, wise men and angels, all praising and glorifying the newly born.

But then there are the crowds coming in from all directions to register, as was the decree. All of these oblivious to the birth of this child. For life goes on and people get caught up in their own little world.

And days come and days go and there are births and deaths. So where are we as life passes us by?

The birth of Jesus was unexpected and unnoticed by most. Just another birth, in time for the registration occurring as decreed by Emperor Augustus. Soon Mary and Joseph and their newborn would head off elsewhere. Yet it is more than a birth – it is just the beginning.

Christmas is when God becomes human. The journey of God's life matters. The life Jesus lived revolutionized human understanding. From birth to death, Jesus would shape the course of history.

So like the many who took no notice of the birth, they would later come to recognize Jesus' importance. Christmas is only the beginning. We have a lifetime to grow with Jesus and to discover why God who becomes human is so important to us.

May this Christmas offer us new beginnings, fresh hope and great promise as we journey with our God. Amen

"Margaret Ghosn msh"

Last Week's Collections:

Saturday 6:00 pm- Sunday Vigil: \$110

Sunday, 9:30 am: \$1,055

Sunday, 11:30 am: \$1,218

Contributions: \$2,300

Welcome



Please Join us for a New Year's Eve Party

Dec 31, at 8:00 pm

Grand Catered Events

300 S Flower Street, Orange CA.92868

Open bar - Mezza - Dinner - DJ

Free Parking

Tickets available starting Sunday Nov 19,

Adults: \$ 100 or \$125 after Dec 20

**Children: \$ 25, in the children's room until
11:30pm, or \$100 in the hall**

