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1st Sunday after Epiphany 11 January 2026



SUNDAY READINGS

EPISTLE - 2 Corinthians 10:1-11

Now I myself, Paul, urge you through the gentleness and clemency of Christ, I who am humble when face to face with you, but brave toward you when absent, I beg you that, when present, I may not have to be brave with that confidence with which I intend to act boldly against some who consider us as acting according to the flesh. For, although we are in the flesh, we do not battle according to the flesh, for the weapons of our battle are not of flesh but are enormously powerful, capable of destroying fortresses. We destroy arguments and every pretension raising itself against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive in obedience to Christ, and we are ready to punish every disobedience, once your obedience is complete.

Look at what confronts you. Whoever is confident of belonging to Christ should consider that as he belongs to Christ, so do we. And even if I should boast a little too much of our authority, which the Lord gave for building you up and not for tearing you down, I shall not be put to shame. May I not seem as one frightening you through letters. For someone will say, "His letters are severe and forceful, but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech contemptible." Such a person must understand that what we are in word through letters when absent, that we also are in action when present.

GOSPEL - John 1:29-34

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.' I did not know him, but the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known to Israel." John testified further, saying, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from the sky and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the holy Spirit.' Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."

PARISH LIFE

Safro (Morning Prayer)

Monday—Friday - 7:30am

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday —9:30am - 10:30am

Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 9:30am - 10:15am
and by appointment

Mystery of Crowning

Contact the pastor 6 months
in advance

Baptism and Chrismation

Make arrangements as soon
after birth as possible

Parish Calendar. Please see stanthonymaronitechurch.org for the parish calendar.

Liturgical Hours. Monday through Saturday 9:00am daily Divine Liturgy in the chapel.

Sunday 8:30am and 11am Divine Liturgies. Summer Hours: Sat 5:30 pm, Sun 10 am

First Saturday of the Month. Marian devotions at 9:30am.

St. Sharbel Devotions. Third Sunday of the month at 11:00am Divine Liturgy

POINTS OF INTEREST

Feast of the Epiphany (Holy Day of Obligation). Divine Liturgies will be on Tuesday, 6 January at 9 am and 6:30 pm.

Maronite Women's Fellowship. Join us on Sunday, January 11, at noon for our monthly meeting and start the new year with chair exercises led by Sandra Joseph Brown.

Girls Club. Let's start a girls' club! All girls in 3rd to 8th grades are invited to join us for our first meeting on January 11 at noon in the club room of the hall.

Second collection. On Sunday, 25 January, a second collection will be taken for the United States Catholic Bishops' Worldwide Charities.

Pilgrimage to Biblical Turkey with Chorbishop John D. Faris, October 14–25, 2026. Visit Istanbul, the grand Hagia Sophia, Cappadocia, Konya, Pisidian Antioch, Colossae, Laodicia, Ephesus, and all Seven Churches of Revelation. With comfortable 4–5 star hotels, daily breakfast and dinner, expert guides, and fellowship with other pilgrims, this journey from Dulles Airport (\$5,897 per person, double occupancy) promises to be a truly life-changing experience of faith, history, and spiritual renewal. Sign up on Flocknotes. See flier below.

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Sunday, 11 January at 9:30 am. MCF Preschool - Eighth Grades

Sunday, 11 January at 12 noon. Maronite Women's Fellowship Meeting

Sunday, 11 January at 12 noon. Girls Club Meeting

Tuesday, 13 January at 7 pm. Pastoral Council Meeting

Sunday, 18 January at 9:30 am. MCF Preschool - Sixth Grades, MCF/MYO for
Seventh - Twelfth Grades

LITURGY SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Sunday, 11 January Sunday after Epiphany, St. Theodosius of Antioch

8:30 am

In memory of Tom Brown, requested by Sam and Maral Haboush

11:00 am

In memory of Tommy and Anne Dailey and deceased family members, requested by Chris and Mary Siefke

Monday, 12 January St. Tatiana of Rome

In memory of Barbara Joseph, requested by Faith Hendricks

Tuesday, 13 January St. Jacob of Nisibis

Wednesday, 14 January St. Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers

For the living and deceased members of the Saad Family

Thursday, 15 January Our Lady of the Sowing, St. John Calybites

Friday, 16 January Memorial of the Chains of St. Peter

Saturday, 17 January St. Anthony the Great

In memory of Gwen Thomas, requested by Gregory Anthony

Sunday, 18 January Second Sunday after Epiphany, St. Athanasius, St. Cyril, Establishment of the Chair of St. Peter in Rome

8:30 am

For the intention of Eddie and Jackie Shibley (wedding anniversary), requested by Teresa and John Nadder

11:00 am

In memory of Barbara Joseph, requested by Chris and Mary Siefke

USHERS SCHEDULE

Dates	8:30 Divine Liturgy	11:00 Divine Liturgy
11 Jan	Trey Shibley, Mason Shibley, Dave Howard, Joseph Fodill	Raymond Khoury, Milad Habboush, Charbel Chaoul
18 Jan	Andy Shulleeta, William Shulleeta, Frank Greco, Marshall Stephenson	Bill Maust, John Saad, Sam LaNeave, Diana Yaqoo

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

Dates	8:30 Divine Liturgy	11:00 Divine Liturgy
11 Jan	Ben Wright, Brycen Howard, Owen Hendrix, Arthur Oley	Vincent Carr, George ChouEIFati, Matthew Habboush
18 Jan	Ben Wright, Nicholas, Tobias, Philip Edwards	Patrick Savage, Grayson Funk, Christian Funk

TRANSFER OF GIFTS

Dates	8:30 Divine Liturgy	11:00 Divine Liturgy
11 Jan	Millie Howard, Amina Howard, Sadie Gill, Evelyn Oley	Maria Sakr, Magdalena ChouEIFati, Emily Carr
18 Jan	Rosie Boykin, Lili Boykin, Ivy Boykin	Alyssa Maust, Alexa Haddad, Anna Haddad

LECTORS SCHEDULE

Dates	8:30 Divine Liturgy	11:00 Divine Liturgy
11 Jan	Kelly Edwards	Chloe Saad
18 Jan	Jacqueline Gray	Mary Shaia

STEWARDSHIP

4 Jan

Collections: \$2372

Contributions: \$1335

End of Year Contributions: \$4325

COLLECTION COUNTERS

Jan: Joe George & Anthony Shibley

Feb: George Yesbeck

Mar: John Zeheb and Patricia Nadder

Sunday	Jan. 4	MCF Schedule for Winter/Spring 2025 All Students	9:30 a.m
Sunday	Jan. 11	PreS – 8th	9:30 am
Sunday	Jan. 18	St. Anthony Feast Day Celebration PreS – 6th 7th-12th grades—MYO	9:30 am 9:30 - 11 am
Sunday	Jan. 25	PreS – 8th	9:30 am
Sunday	Feb. 1	All Students	9:30 am
Sunday	Feb. 8	PreS – 8th	9:30 am
Sunday	Feb. 15	PreS – 6th 7th-12th grades—MYO	9:30 am 9:30 - 11 am
Sunday	Feb. 22	PreS – 8th Parent First Communion Class	9:30 am
Sunday	Mar. 1	All Students	9:30 am
Sunday	Mar. 8	PreS – 8th Parent First Communion Class	9:30 am
Sunday	Mar. 15	All Students	9:30 am
Saturday	Mar. 21	MYO Retreat at St. Elias	
Sunday	Mar. 22	PreS – 8th	9:30 am
Sunday	Mar. 29 Apr. 5	Palm Sunday Easter Sunday	No classes
Sunday	Apr.12	All Students	9:30 am
Sunday	Apr. 19	PreS – 6th 7th-12th grades—MYO	9:30 am 9:30 - 11 am
Tuesday	Apr. 21	First Communion Practice	6:30 pm
Sunday	Apr. 26	First Communion Families arrive by 10:20	11:00 am



New Year * New Resolutions * New You

Slip into Your Comfy Clothes and Join Us for Chair Exercises!



Sandra Brown will guide the ladies through a refreshing chair exercise session, where each pose presents an opportunity to embrace grace and discover purpose in movement. Whether you're an experienced yogi or just starting out, our class provides a gentle and supportive atmosphere to appreciate the beauty in every moment.



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October 23, 2025

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From Dulles Airport (IAD) and all US major gateways as per <https://www.206tours.com/airports/>

Selling price based on a minimum of 20 paying passengers:

\$ 5,897.00 per person in double

\$ 1,150.00 private room supplement

Incentives/Free trips based on a minimum of 20 paying:

1 free trip per 20 paying + 10% commission (\$590.00) on each fully paid passenger

Inclusions:

† Round-trip airfare from Dulles Airport (IAD) and other airports per www.206tours.com/airports

† Airport Taxes and Fuel Surcharges

† Prepaid seat assignments

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† 10 nights accommodation as follows (or similar):

3 nights: October 15-18: Movenpick Hotel Istanbul Bosphorus, Istanbul

1 night: October 18-19: Crowne Plaza Hotel, Nevsehir

1 night: October 19-20: Hilton Garden Inn, Konya

2 nights: October 20-22: Spa Hotel Colossae Thermal, Pamukkale

3 nights: October 22-25: Movenpick Hotel, Izmir

† Breakfast and Dinner daily

† Wine and mineral water with dinners

† Free Wifi and water on bus

† Transfers as per itinerary

† Transportation by air-conditioned motor coach

† Whisper headsets where needed

† Assistance of a local guide throughout

† Sightseeing and admissions fees as per itinerary

† Mass daily & Spiritual activities

† Luggage handling (1 piece per person)

† Flight bag & PDF digital confirmation of all travel documents

Not Included: Lunches and beverages not mentioned, Tips to your guide & driver.

Available at optional: Travel Insurance (<http://www.206tours.com/insurance>), Cancel for Any reason waiver @ \$399

<https://www.206tours.com/cancelforanyreason/>



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Sample Day by Day Itinerary:

Day 1 | Wednesday, October 14: Depart USA

Make your way to your local airport, where you will board your overnight flight. Meals will be served on board. Be sure to take some time to meditate about the life-changing journey upon which you are embarking.

Day 2 | Thursday, October 15: Istanbul

Arrive at Istanbul Airport, claim your baggage and exit the customs area into the arrivals hall, where you will meet your tour guide and/or driver. You will be transferred to your hotel in Istanbul. There will be a welcome briefing followed by dinner and a restful overnight.

Day 3 | Friday, October 16: Istanbul

Following breakfast, we will begin our full day guided tour exploring the ancient city, including the magnificent Topkapi Palace (the main residence of the Ottoman Sultans) and the Byzantine Hippodrome, the scene of chariot races. We will visit St. Sophia Basilica, the historic seat of the Byzantine Church. Built in 360 A.D., this church is now a museum, whose mosaics, stained glass windows, and decorated domes have been crafted to create breathtaking beauty. Enjoy a short walk through the gardens and proceed to the Blue Mosque of Sultan Ahmet the First, built in 1616, famous for its unparalleled ceramic tile work. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 4 | Saturday, October 17: Istanbul

Following breakfast, we will visit the Galata Tower and Bridge. Many Catholic churches are located in the Galata District. We will visit the Basilica of St. Anthony of Padua, the most prestigious Catholic church in Istanbul. It was originally built on this site in 1725 but was demolished in the early 20th century to make way for a tramway. The church was rebuilt by the architect, Giulio Mongeri, and completed in 1912. After Mass, you will have time for lunch and then visit the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes. This is an historic parish of the Georgian Greek Catholic Church in the Istanbul district of Bomonti. We will also stop at SS Peter and Paul Catholic Church, important for historical reasons. The church owns an icon of the Virgin of the Hodegetria type, which originally came from a Dominican church in Caffar, Crimea. We will end our day with a visit to the Grand Covered Bazaar, a maze of streets and shops featuring the aroma of the stalls and the sounds of old Turkey. Dinner and overnight in Istanbul.

Day 5 | Sunday, October 18: Istanbul - Cappadocia

This morning we will take a short flight to Kayseri and visit the “moon-like” topography and unique landscape of Cappadocia. We will visit the underground city of Kaymakli, where thousands of early Christians lived concealed from persecutors in eight-story complexes of subterranean dwellings. We will enjoy picturesque views of this ancient and historic land as we make our way to our hotel. We will enjoy dinner and a restful overnight in Nevsehir.

Day 6 | Monday, October 19: Cappadocia - Konya

Early in the morning you may experience an optional hot-air balloon ride. Cappadocia is one of Turkey’s most fanciful and recognizable landscapes. During the balloon ride, take in a unique panorama with fairy-tale chimneys in the light of dawn. Following breakfast we will visit the famous Goreme “open-air museum.” Goreme features chapels carved by early Christians and decorated with frescoes dating from the sixth and tenth centuries. After this unforgettable experience, you will continue on a short drive to Uchisar Castle, the most panoramic point in Cappadocia. This afternoon we will drive to Konya. Paul and Barnabas visited the city on Paul’s first missionary journey (Acts 13:51-14:7). Here they preached in the synagogue and then in the city. Paul revisited the city on his second missionary journey (Acts 16:2) and probably his third journey as well. In the center of the modern city of Konya, directly on the hill on which the ancient city of Iconium stood, is the Church of St. Paul, built in 1910 by the Sultan for the numerous Catholic workers on the Anatolian Railway. Dinner and overnight in Konya.



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Day 7 | Tuesday, October 20: Konya – Pisidian Antioch - Pamukkale

After breakfast we drive to Pisidian Antioch. The history of Pisidian Antioch goes back to some time between 310-280 BCE. The first Biblical reference to this city is Paul's mention of it in Acts 13:14-16. In this city's synagogue, he preached his first recorded sermon during his first missionary journey. We continue to Pamukkale, the white cotton castle formed by lime cascades. Enjoy a leisurely bath in the warm mineral waters of your hotel's thermal pools before dinner and a restful night's sleep.

Day 8 | Wednesday, October 21: Pamukkale – Hierapoli -Laodicea – Collosae - Pamukkale

Today we will enjoy a full day excursion and visit the ancient city of Hierapolis, meaning "sacred city," Philip the Evangelist's home. Tour the extensive necropolis, churches, and baths. We continue with a scenic drive to Laodicea, located in the Lycus River Valley of Western Asia Minor, a primary trade route between the cultures of the West and the East. This was described as a "lukewarm" church with a faith that was neither hot nor cold (Rev. 3:14-22). Continue to nearby Colossae, which is well known throughout Christian circles as the receiver of the letter of Paul's Letter to the Colossians. The town has fallen into obscurity and nothing remains. Return to Pamukkale for dinner and overnight.

Day 9 | Thursday, October 22: Pamukkale – Ephesus - Izmir

After breakfast at the hotel, we will depart for Ephesus, which was the most influential capital city of Asia Minor and the Aegean Sea. "Ephesus receives praise for its perseverance" (Rev. 2:1-7). You will explore some of the best-preserved theaters, fountains, and buildings in the world. We then visit the House of the Virgin Mary, which was miraculously discovered hidden on a wooded hilltop. This is a pilgrimage site which has been accepted by the Vatican. Finally, visit the Basilica of St. John, which stands over the believed burial site of St. John, who is identified as the apostle, evangelist (author of the fourth gospel), and prophet (author of the Book of Revelation). Continue to Izmir, where our day ends with dinner and overnight.

Day 10 | Friday, October 23: Izmir – Philadelphia – Sardis – Thyatira - Izmir

Our day starts with a visit to the site of Philadelphia, one of the Seven Churches of Revelation (Rev. 3:7-13). Christ told those who overcame that He would write upon them "the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is the New Jerusalem" (Rev. 3:12). Continue on to Sardis, another of the Seven Churches of Revelation. Jesus told Sardis, "I know thy works, that thou hast a name, that thou livest and art dead" (Rev. 3:1-6). The church of Sardis was described as dead and it was called to wake up. Sardis is located on the banks of the Pactolus River in Western Asia Minor. We continue to Thyatira, known for its textiles and dyeing trade. It is now known as the Turkish city of Akhisar. It is "praised for its increasing faith and service" (Rev. 2:18-29). Return to Izmir for dinner and overnight.

Day 11 | Saturday, October 24: Izmir – Smyrna – Pergamum - Izmir

We wake up in the modern Turkish city of Izmir. It was called "Smyrna" in ancient times, and it was in a powerful trading position on the Aegean Sea, known for its harbors, commerce, and marketplace. Visit the archeological remains of the Agora, an ancient Roman marketplace, located in the heart of the city. It was originally built in the fourth century BCE and later expanded by the Romans. The site features impressive ruins, including colonnaded streets, a large courtyard, and the remains of various public buildings. The Agora served as a central hub for commerce, politics, and social activities in ancient times. Today it stands as a significant historical site and a popular attraction for visitors interested in exploring Izmir's rich history and ancient architecture. Continue to Pergamum, located on the plains and foothills along the Caicus River in western Turkey. The city is "praised for its martyrdom and perseverance but those who hold false teachings are criticized" (Rev. 2:12-17). Here you will see the Acropolis, famous for Greek and Roman temples, as well as the unique Greek theater built into the steep hillside. You will also visit the Asclepion, an ancient medical center for the Greeks. Return to Izmir for dinner and overnight.



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Day 12 | Sunday, October 25: Izmir - USA

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your return flight home to the USA, filled with memories of a spiritually enriching journey.

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Though every effort will be made to follow the itinerary, it should be considered as an indication, rather than a contract of places to be visited. Occasionally local religious holidays, national days, weather, traffic conditions and other events may necessitate changes in the sequence of visits or the missing of certain visits.

Group Utilization Schedule:

Unless otherwise agreed, 206 Tours will receive registrations online, handle billing and send out confirmations
150 days prior – Preliminary name list, rooming list and deposits are reviewed
120 days prior – 50% of allotment should be sold. Prices are subject to change afterward
90 days prior – Final Payment is Due

Promotional Material / Terms of Bookings:

- Website: We will provide you with a custom website for promotion, safe and easy registration.
- Website will be made public, unless you advise us otherwise
- We prefer that all pilgrims sign-up online and that all communications are done digitally (via email)
- PDF copy of 1-page Flyer will be available on the website. If needed, limited number of flyers will be provided but we encourage online registrations v. mailing credit card information.
- Terms and Conditions as per www.206tours.com/terms

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