



Our Lady of Lebanon

Maronite Catholic Church

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Church Clergy

Father Pierre ElKhoury, M.L.M., Pastor

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Mass Schedule

Sundays : 9:30 am (English) & 11:30 am (English & Arabic)

Confession

Contact the priest or the church office to arrange your confession during the week.

Baptism

Please call the Church office for arrangements one month prior to the celebration of the Sacrament.

Marriage

Please allow at least six months of preparation time. Date arrangements are made after the initial meet with pastor before any other commitments are made.

Ministry of the Sick

If any parishioner is seriously ill at home or in a hospital, please call the pastor or the Church office to arrange for Communion, Confession or Anointing of the Sick.

Maronite Catholic Education

Catechism Classes for children are on Sundays from 10:20 am – 11:20 am.

Season of Glorious Birth
Revelation to Joseph
December 16, 2018



Joseph was a “just” man. When he found out that Mary was with child, he resolved to quietly divorce her. But he was visited by an angel in a dream, who told him not to fear, for the child Mary was carrying was of the Holy Spirit.

Joseph had to move from a plan to divorce Mary to a total leap of faith, to believe that something was happening—a woman was pregnant by the Holy Spirit. The Bible doesn’t tell us if he wrestled with the idea - only that he took the role that God asked of him. He stayed with Mary.

Like Joseph, we all have our moments of doubt. The most virtuous thing about him is that he voluntarily assumes his role in God’s plan of salvation, even though he doesn’t fully understand what that role is. Each of us is called to play the role of Joseph - to be “present” in our faith, to not leave even when we don’t understand. Each of us has a role in God’s plan for salvation.

Pray For

Please call the parish office to inform us of an illness or hospitalization of a parishioner or family member. If you would like to add or remove your name or a relative's name from our prayer list, please contact us.

We pray for those who are hospitalized or homebound, including:
Bobbi Sfire, Julia Parkinson

Mass Intentions for Next Sunday, December 23, 2018

09:30 AM

George Antoon *(The Parish)*

11:30 AM

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Bible Verse

**Do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife,
For the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.**

Matthew 1:20

Psalm 89

I will sing of the Lord's great love forever; I will declare his faithfulness.
The heavens praise your wonders; for who can be compared with the Lord?
Who is like you, Lord God Almighty? You, Lord, are mighty and exalted.
You rule over the surging sea; when its waves mount up, you still them.
The heavens and the earth are yours; you founded the world and all that is in it.
Your arm is endowed with power; your hand is strong.
Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;
Blessed are those who walk in the light of your presence.
For you are their glory and strength.
Praise be to the Lord forever! Amen and Amen. **Alleluia!**

From the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians 3:1-13

The mystery of Christ was made known to me by revelation. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, all peoples are called to be heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring everyone to the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

From the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew 1:18-25

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

OUR LADY OF LEBANON NEW YEAR'S EVE 2019

Live Entertainment

Lebanese Star
Rawad Saab

Limited Seating
Please RSVP



Program

7:30 Cocktail

8:30 Dinner

Cash Bar

Ticket Price

Adult \$65

Children \$35*

Cash Bar



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT CHURCH OFFICE @ (630) 932-9640

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	Mass Celebration	
	Birth of John the Baptist: P. 59 Anaphora of Saint Peter: P. 774	
	Sunday Readings	
	Psalm 89 Reading: Ephesians 3:1-13 Holy Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25	
	Mass Intentions	
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>09:30 AM</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Helen Shaker <i>(The Shaker Family)</i> Jackie Haddad <i>(Robert and Rima Antoon)</i> Fr. Dr. William Nijm <i>(The Nijm Family)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>11:30 AM</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">40 days Rezeq Hattar <i>(father of Raed Hattar)</i> George Bohakel <i>(Richard & Marianne Bohakel)</i> Maysam Rahal <i>(Camil Rahal)</i> Lucille and Victor Wertz & Tammer and Mary Caleel – Maria Louise Caleel and Dr. George Caleel <i>(The Caleel Family)</i></p>	
Schedules	Sunday 9:30 am	Sunday 11:30 am
Altar Servers	Stephanie and Leila Nehra, Gaby & Elias Tamer	Christy, Reem and Fadi Hattar Jason Bendok, Ramez Sayegh
Readers	Anita Zodo	Raed Hattar (Arabic) Youssef Hattar (English)
Ushers	Nabil Zahra Frank Kermend	Ed Kneip, Elie Masud Naji Abiad, John Albani

Announcements

✳ **MRE Classes** Resume on January 13, 2019.

✳ **Jackie Haddad Christmas Toy Drive.** Contact Micheline Hanna Dwyer.

✳ **Christmas Bake Sale**

Christmas bake sale: Sunday, December 16th. Pre-Orders by December 12th. Your generosity and your support are appreciated. For more info contact Therese Abboud and Laudy Tenn.

✳ **Christmas potluck Lunch:** Sunday December 23 after 11:30 Mass. Sweets after 9:30 Mass.

✳ **New Year's Party**

Monday, December 31st, in the Shaker Hall from 7 PM to 1 AM with live music Entertainment, Dj, and a holiday raffle. Tickets 65 and \$35 for children 10 years and under. Contact Elie Masud.

✳ **Christmas Activities and Celebrations 2018**

Sunday December 16, **Deadline for Christmas Toy Drive**

Sunday December 16, **Christmas Bake Sale**

Sunday December 23, **Christmas potluck Lunch**

Monday December 24, **Christmas Eve Mass at 5 pm served by the youth.**

Tuesday Midnight December 25, **Christmas Midnight Mass**

Tuesday December 25, **Christmas Day Mass at 11:30 A.M.**

Let us remember

We pray for our Beloved Ones who died during the Month of December

George Antoon - Sophia Abraham - Genevieve Abraham - Virginia Nimer - Helen Botwin – Emil Haddad – Sophie Fahel - Samir Rizkallah - Chukri Daniel - Karim El Tenn - Jamile Maalouf - Hattie Yorecki - Emil Aya - Michelle York - George Bohakel - Jeannette Youssef - Eugene D. Bodan - Helen Cordell - George L. George - Safa Ghandour - Rose Halowi – George Hanna - Gerges Hattar - Michael Ibrahim - Anton Kassis - Patrick O'Shea – Genevieve Salem - Nicola Shahwan - Alice C. Thomas.

COLLECTION

Sunday December 09, 2018: \$3,502.00

"Each one must give from his heart, for God loves a cheerful giver."

2 Corinthians 9:7