



Our Lady of Lebanon

Maronite Catholic Church

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Church Clergy

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

Deacon John Sfire

Subdeacon Thomas Podraza

Subdeacon George Roumanos

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
Genealogy of Jesus
December 23, 2018



Emmanuel, “God with us”: That is the essential truth of Christianity and the most essential truth of all truth because it is the only truth that can save us. The almighty God who made everything that exists, He chose to come to this world as a helpless baby.

Jesus is God in human flesh: Matthew and Luke give us the earthly elements, the historical features. John gives us the heavenly elements, the supernatural features. The message is about the deity of Christ. Jesus is God.

“In Him was Life”: He wasn’t given life, He contains Life in Himself. He’s the source of life. Everything is becoming... everything changes, they are always becoming. God is pure being, He doesn’t become anything other than He is.

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 Christmas, December 25, 2018

Christmas Eve 05:00 AM

Lillian Soucek *(Margaret Budz)*

Midnight 12:00 AM

Deceased of Shaker and Abraham families *(the Shaker Family)*

Christmas Day 11:30 AM

For peace

Bible Verse

**No one has ever seen God. The only Son of God,
Who is at the Father's side, has revealed Him.**

John 1:18

Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
The spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

Not by appearance shall he judge, nor by what his ears shall hear;
but he shall judge the poor with Justice, and decide fairly for the land's afflicted.
The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
The calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. **Alleluia!**

From the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans 1:1 -12

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed throughout the world. For God, whom I serve with my spirit by announcing the gospel of his Son, is my witness that without ceasing I remember you always in my prayers, asking that by God's will I may somehow at last succeed in coming to you. For I am longing to see you so that I may share with you some spiritual gift to strengthen you — or rather so that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine.

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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. From his fullness we have all received, grace in place of grace. No one has ever seen God. The only Son of God, who is at the Father's side, has revealed him.

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



Genealogy: P. 66
Anaphora of Saint Peter: P. 774

Sunday Readings



Isaiah 11:1-10
Reading: Romans 1:1-12
Holy Gospel: John 1:1-18

Mass Intentions



09:30 AM
George Antoon (*The Parish*)

11:30 AM
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Zaya Brakhia (*Henry and Mirna Abboud*)

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

Michael Proccacio

Gisele Mulcahey (Arabic)
 Mary Mulcahey (English)

Ushers

Nabil Zahra
 Frank Kermend

Ed Kneip, John Albani
 Naji Abiad, Sami Tabet

Announcements

*** 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 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.**

*** Epiphany:** Saturday, January 05, 2019 - Mass at 6 pm with blessing of the Water followed by Cheese and Wine and playing Cards.

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 - Geroges Hattar - Michael Ibrahim - Anton Kassis - Patrick O'Shea – Genevieve Salem - Nicola Shahwan - Alice C. Thomas

COLLECTION

Sunday December 16, 2018: \$4,243.00

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

2 Corinthians 9:7