



# **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

### **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 10:20 am – 11:20 am.

**Season of the Glorious Birth of Our Lord  
Birth of John the Baptist  
December 04, 2016**

**Pray For Our Sick**

*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:  
**Chukri Daniel, Pierre Naffah, Andrew Sullivan, Mark Tarabey.**

**Mass Intentions for Next Sunday December 11, 2016**

**09:30 Mass:**

**The deceased of the Shaker Family** *(By the Breit Family)*

**11:30 Mass:**

**Samir Rizkallah** *(By Sam & Siham Ibrahim)*

**Lucile and Victor Wertz & Tammer and Mary Caleel –  
Marie Louise Caleel** *(Req. by Annette and the Caleel Family)*

**Bible Verse for the Week**

Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed,  
and he began to speak, praising God.

**Luke 1:64**

## **From the Letter of Saint Paul to the Galatians 4:21-31; 5:1**

**Brothers and Sisters,**

Tell me, you who desire to be subject to the law, will you not listen to the law? For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by a slave woman and the other by a free woman. One, the child of the slave, was born according to the flesh; the other, the child of the free woman, was born through the promise. Now this is an allegory: these women are two covenants. One woman, in fact, is Hagar, from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery. Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia and corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. But the other woman corresponds to the Jerusalem above; she is free, and she is our mother. For it is written, "Rejoice, you childless one, you who bear no children, burst into song and shout, you who endure no birth pangs; for the children of the desolate woman are more numerous than the children of the one who is married." Now you, my friends, are children of the promise, like Isaac. But just as at that time the child who was born according to the flesh persecuted the child who was born according to the Spirit, so it is now also. But what does the scripture say? "Drive out the slave and her child; for the child of the slave will not share the inheritance with the child of the free woman." So then, friends, we are children, not of the slave but of the free woman. For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

**Praise be to God always!**

## **From the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke 1:57-66**

**The Evangelist Luke said:**

Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her.

On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. But his mother said, "No; he is to be called John." They said to her, "None of your relatives has this name."

Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. He asked for a writing tablet and wrote, "His name is John." And all of them were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God.

Fear came over all their neighbors, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. All who heard them pondered them and said, "What then will this child become?" For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him.

**This is The Truth, Peace be with you.**

# New Year's Eve Party



**Entertainment by**  
DJ AlSharrk




**Our Lady of Lebanon**  
950 N Grace Street,  
Lombard, IL, 60148

7:00pm Cocktail  
8:30pm Dinner

**\$50 Per Person**  
Cash Bar  
No Babysitting

**Limited Seating**  
**Please RSVP**  
**The Church Office**  
**(630) 932-9640**

**Mona Akouri**  
**(847) 456- 8070**  
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	<b>Mass Celebration</b>	
	<b>Visitation to Elizabeth: P. 50</b> <b>Anaphora of Saint Peter: P. 774</b>	
	<b>Sunday Readings</b>	
	<b>Reading: Galatians 4:21-31; 5:1</b> <b>Holy Gospel: Luke 1:57-66</b>	
	<b>Mass Intentions</b>	
	<p><b><u>09:30 Mass</u></b>  <b>Christo Yasmine</b> <i>(By Dr. &amp; Mrs. Ray Daou)</i></p> <p><b><u>11:30 Mass:</u></b>  <b>Samir Rizkallah</b>  <b>Fr. Dr. William Nijm</b> <i>(By Sam &amp; Siham Ibrahim)</i>  <b>Tom &amp; Nabiha Basile – Chuck Basile – Dr. Simon Basile</b>  <i>(Req. by Mr. &amp; Mrs Pierre &amp; Ann Naffah)</i></p>	
<b>Schedules</b>	<b>9:30 A.M. Mass</b>	<b>11:30 A.M. Mass</b>
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Andres Ballines, Leila Nehra Anthony Jazarlian	Miriam Dandan, Cassandra Chahoud, Estifan Azzo, Yousif & Reem Hattar
<b>Readers</b>	Liliane Hanna	Dr Daniel Yousif (English) Josiane Dandan (Arabic)
<b>Ushers</b>	Robert Antoon Frank Kermend	Ed Kneip, William Harb, Sami Tabet, Stephen George



## Announcements

### ✳ Children Christmas Party

Next Sunday December 11, we will celebrate a special Mass for our children followed by a children's Christmas party in the Shaker Hall. Come and celebrate with your Children the joy of Christmas.

### ✳ Bake Sale

Our annual Christmas Bake sale is on Sunday, December 18th. Next Tuesday, the ladies in our community are meeting at 10 a.m. in the church to start cooking and preparing for bake sale. Please come and join us. For pre-order, Pick up a flyer from the Church narthex. All pre-Orders need to be submitted no later than December 14th. Your generosity and your support are appreciated!

### ✳ Breakfast with Abouna

Please mark your calendars to attend a Christmas breakfast with Abouna on Saturday December 17th from 10 am to 12 Noon. There is a sign-up sheet in the Church Narthex for those who would like to attend. All are invited. All are welcome.

### ✳ New Year's Party

Our Lady of Lebanon will host a New Year's Eve Party on Saturday, December 31st in the Shaker Hall from 7 PM to 1 AM with DJ music Entertainment and holiday raffle. For more information contact **Mona Akouri (847) 456-8070**.

## Let us remember

And pray for our Beloved Ones who died during the Month of November

† Sophie Abraham	† Gerges Hattar	† Emil Ayan	† Patrick O'Shea
† Eugene D. Bodan	† Anton Kassis	† George L. George	† Michelle York
† Sophie Fahl	† Rose Halowi	† Hattie Yorecki	† Nicola Shahwan
† Michael Ibrahim	† Helen Cordell	† Alice C. Thomas	† Helen Botwin
† Jamile Maalouf	† Genevieve Salem	† Safa Ghandour	† George Hanna
† Herbert Jage	† George Bohakel		

## COLLECTION

**Sunday November 27, 2016: \$ 2,569.00**

*"Give, but give until it hurts.*

*Otherwise, there is no true love in you."*

***Mother Teresa***