



Our Lady of Lebanon

Maronite Catholic Church

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Church Clergy

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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 10:20 am – 11:20 am.

Season of the Glorious Birth of Our Lord
Announcement to Zechariah
November 13, 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:
Samir Rizkallah, Chukri Daniel, Valentine Tabet.

Mass Intentions for Next Sunday November 20, 2016

09:30 Mass:

Maurice Lebbos *(By the Shaker Family)*

Ida Yousif *(By Dr. and Mrs. Ray Daou)*

11:30 Mass:

40 days Memorial for Maurice Lebbos *(By the Lebbos Family)*

Lucile and Victor Wertz & Tammer and Mary Caleel –

Marie Louise Caleel *(By Annette and the Caleel Family)*

Bible Verse for the Week

Do not be afraid, Zechariah, because your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall name him John.

Luke 1:13

From the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans 4:13-25

Brothers and Sisters,

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith.

If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) — in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb.

No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.

Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Praise be to God always!

From the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke 1:1-25

The Evangelist Luke said:

Since many have undertaken to set down an orderly account of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as they were handed on to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, I too decided, after investigating everything carefully from the very first, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may know the truth concerning the things about which you have been instructed.

In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly order of Abijah. His wife was a descendant of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. Both of them were righteous before God, living blamelessly according to all the commandments and regulations of the Lord. But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were getting on in years.

Once when he was serving as priest before God and his section was on duty, he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the sanctuary of the Lord and offer incense.

Now at the time of the incense offering, the whole assembly of the people was praying outside. Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified; and fear overwhelmed him.

But the angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John. You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He must never drink wine or strong drink; even before his birth he will be filled with the Holy Spirit. He will turn many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. With the spirit and power of Elijah he will go before him, to turn the hearts of parents to their children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.”

Zechariah said to the angel, “How will I know that this is so? For I am an old man, and my wife is getting on in years.” The angel replied, “I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. But now, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time, you will become mute, unable to speak, until the day these things occur.”

Meanwhile the people were waiting for Zechariah, and wondered at his delay in the sanctuary. When he did come out, he could not speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the sanctuary. He kept motioning to them and remained unable to speak.

When his time of service was ended, he went to his home. After those days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she remained in seclusion.

She said, “This is what the Lord has done for me when he looked favorably on me and took away the disgrace I have endured among my people.” This is the truth. Peace be with you.

This is The Truth, Peace be with you.

	Mass Celebration	
	Announcement to Zechariah: P. 20 Anaphora of Saint Peter: P. 774	
	Sunday Readings	
	Reading: Romans 4:13-25 Holy Gospel: Luke 1:1-25	
	Mass Intentions	
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>09:30 Mass</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">The deceased of the Shaker Family <i>(By the Breit Family)</i> Kristo Yasmine <i>(By Dr. and Mrs Ray Daou)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>11:30 Mass:</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">John Desalvo <i>(By Henry and Mirna Abboud)</i> Yvonne Cisarik <i>(By Salem Rogers)</i></p>	
Schedules	9:30 A.M. Mass	11:30 A.M. Mass
Altar Servers	Andres Ballines, Leila Nehra Anthony Jazarlian	Miriam Dandan, Cassandra Chahoud, Estifan Azzo, Yousif & Reem Hattar
Readers	Gisele Mulcahey	Theresa ElTen (English) Rania Lutfallah (Arabic)
Ushers	Robert Antoon Frank Kermend	Ed Kneip, Tony Boumitri Elie Masud, Sami Tabet

Announcements

✳ **Bible Study:** Fr. Pierre will lead a bible study (Gospel of Mark) in the Shaker Hall during the time that our Children are attending religious education. Bring your Bible.

✳ **Feed My Starving Children**

Our youth group MYO will be helping packing food at “Feed My Starving Children” organization in Aurora On Saturday November 19th, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. After that, MYO will have a breakfast with Abouna. All the youth who would like to join us please contact Tim and Gisele Mulcahey or Father Pierre ElKhoury.

✳ **Children Christmas Party**

On 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.

✳ **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.

✳ **Bake Sale**

Our annual Christmas Bake sale is on Sunday, December 18th. Pick up a pre-order flyer from the Church narthex. All pre-Orders need to be submitted no later than December 14th. Your generosity and your support are appreciated!

Let us remember

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

† Jackie Shaker	† Herbert Jage	† Joseph Basil	† Salee Gossan
† George Gage	† Theodore W. Jage	† Farida Khattar	† Joseph Windsor
† Regina Gage	† Thomas A. Neely	† Selma Jage Vokal	† Linda T. Fischer
† Anton Ibrahim	† William Halowi	† Sarah Bolis	† Nasafe Kassis
† Joanne Ibrahim	† George J. Hanna	† Robert D. Kooiker	† Richard Gorra, Jr.
† Helen Dandan			

COLLECTION

Sunday November 06, 2016: \$ 3,548.00

“Give, but give until it hurts.

Otherwise, there is no true love in you.”

Mother Teresa