



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
Mary Visits Elizabeth
December 02, 2018



When Mary hears the message of the angel, she sets out for the hill country. She believed God's word, and she goes eagerly in purpose, dutiful in conscience, hastening for joy.

Filled with God, she hastens: The Holy Spirit does not proceed by slow, laborious efforts. Quickly, too, the blessings of her coming and the Lord's presence are made clear - as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb, and she was filled with the Holy Spirit [Luke 1:41].

Elizabeth is the first to hear Mary's voice, but John is the first to be aware of grace. She hears with the ears of the body, but he leaps for joy at the meaning of the mystery. She is aware of Mary's presence, but he is aware of the Lord's: a woman aware of a woman's presence, the forerunner aware of the pledge of our 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:
George Antoon, Bobbi Sfire, Julia Parkinson

Mass Intentions for Next Sunday, December 09, 2018

09:30 AM

Jackie Haddad *(Lillian Hanna)*

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

11:30 AM

Nabil Tabet *(Emil Haddad)*

**Lucille and Victor Wertz & Tammer and Mary Caleel –
Maria Louise Caleel and Dr. George Caleel** *(The Caleel Family)*

Congratulations to

Victor and Berta Rafidia on the birth of their new baby boy Joseph.

Psalm 113

Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD; praise the name of the LORD.
Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time on and forevermore.
From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the LORD is to be praised.
The LORD is high above all nations, and His glory above the heavens.
Who is like the LORD our God, who is seated on high,
Who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?
He raises the poor from the dust, and lifts the needy from the ash heap,
to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people.
He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children.
Praise the LORD! Alleluia!

From the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, to the saints who are in Ephesus and are faithful in Christ Jesus: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

From the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke 1:39-45

During those days Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

	Mass Celebration	
	Visitation to Elizabeth: P. 38 Anaphora of Saint Peter: P. 774	
	Sunday Readings	
	Psalm 113 Reading: Ephesians 1:1-14 Holy Gospel: Luke 1:39-45	
	Mass Intentions	
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>09:30 AM</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">40 days Jackie Haddad <i>(Emil Haddad and Family)</i> Francis and Shirley Zamito <i>(Caleen Reily)</i> John Zodo <i>(Jean Zodo)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>11:30 AM</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">40 days Jackie Haddad <i>(Emil Haddad and Family)</i> 2 Years Samir Rizkallah <i>(Mona Rizkallah and Family)</i> Tom & Nabiha Basile - Chuck Basile - Dr. Simon Basile <i>(Ann Naffah)</i></p>	
Schedules	Sunday 9:30 am	Sunday 11:30 am
Altar Servers	Gaby and Elias Tamer Stephanie Nehra, Dan Chlala	Gaby and Elias Tamer Estefan Azzo, Rames
Readers	Jackie Tamer	Jouliette Zakhem (Arabic) Jackie Tamer (English)
Ushers	Nabil Zahra Frank Kermend	Ed Kneip, Joe Gharib George Zakhem, Albert Dakhoul

Announcements

*** Jackie Haddad Christmas Toy Drive**

This Christmas Toy Drive is in memory of and named for our dear parishioner Jackie Haddad. This Drive is through Catholic Charity and the Diocese of Joliet. This year you can adopt a family member up or get gift cards or pick a special request. For more info see Micheline Hanna Dwyer.

*** Children Christmas Party**

On Sunday, December 9, we will celebrate a special Mass for our children @ 11:30 am followed by a children's Christmas party in the Shaker Hall. Practice next Friday for all MRE students.

*** Christmas Bake Sale**

Christmas bake sale: Sunday, December 16th. Pre-Orders need to be submitted by December 12th please. Your generosity and your support are appreciated. Contact Therese About and Laude Tenn.

*** New Year's Party**

Our Lady of Lebanon will host a New Year's Eve Party on Monday, December 31st, in the Shaker Hall from 7 PM to 1 AM with DJ music Entertainment and a holiday raffle. Contact Elie Masud for info.

*** Christmas Activities and Celebrations 2018**

Sunday December 09, **Children Party**

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

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 November 25, 2018: \$3,059.00

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

2 Corinthians 9:7