



# **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

### Birth of John the Baptist

December 09, 2018



The day on which a saint is usually honored is the day on which he departed the earthly life for the spiritual kingdom of heaven. But exceptions are made for three persons. First and foremost is the celebration of the birth of Christ on December 25. The second birthday observance is that of the Virgin Mary, the Mother of the Savior, and the third is reserved for St. John the Baptist.

To the West a person's birthday takes precedence over the so-called name day in which a person is given his name. The Eastern tradition calls for a celebration, both joyous and solemn, on the day when a person receives his name. So important is this day because when a person is given a name he receives, as well, his mission in God's plan.

The name John means graced by Yahweh or God is gracious. His mission was to pave the way for Christ, by calling people to repentance, and by baptizing Jesus in the Jordan.

## **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 16, 2018**

### **09:30 AM**

**Jackie Haddad** *(Robert and Rima Antoon)*

**Helen Shaker** *(The Shaker Family)*

**Fr. Dr. William Nijm** *(The Nijm Family)*

### **11:30 AM**

**Karim El Tenn and Rachel Sleiman Tenn** *(The Tenn Family)*

**George Bohakel** *(By Richard & Marianne Bohakel)*

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

## **Bible Verse**

**Love and truth will meet; justice and peace will kiss.**

**Psalms 85:11**

## **Psalm 85**

You have been gracious to us, O Lord, you have restored us.  
You have forgiven the iniquity of your people, and blotted out all their sins.  
Restore us then, O God our Savior; let your anger depart from us.  
Give us life again, that your people may rejoice in you?  
Show us your mercy, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.  
Listen to the Lord God, for he is speaking peace to his faithful people  
Salvation is very near to those who fear him, those who turn their hearts to him.  
Love and truth will meet; justice and peace will kiss. **Alleluia!**

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

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.

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

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.

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# OUR LADY OF LEBANON NEW YEAR'S EVE 2019

## Live Entertainment

7:30 Cocktail

8:30 Dinner

**Cash Bar**

**Limited Seating**

**Please RSVP**

## Ticket Price

Adult \$65

Children \$35\*

**Cash Bar**



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	<b>Mass Celebration</b>	
	<b>Birth of John the Baptist: P. 50</b> <b>Anaphora of Saint Peter: P. 774</b>	
	<b>Sunday Readings</b>	
	<b>Psalm 85</b> <b>Reading: Galatians 4:21-5:1</b> <b>Holy Gospel: Luke 1:57-66</b>	
	<b>Mass Intentions</b>	
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>09:30 AM</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Jackie Haddad</b> <i>(Lillian Hanna)</i>  <b>Deceased of the Shaker and Abraham Family</b> <i>(The Shaker Family)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>11:30 AM</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Jackie Haddad</b> <i>(Sami and Lina Daou)</i>  <b>Nabil Tabet</b> <i>(Emil Haddad)</i>  <b>Lucille and Victor Wertz &amp; Tammer and Mary Caleel –</b>  <b>Maria Louise Caleel and Dr. George Caleel</b> <i>(The Caleel Family)</i></p>	
<b>Schedules</b>	<b>Sunday 9:30 am</b>	<b>Sunday 11:30 am</b>
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Stephanie and Leila Nehra, Dan Chlala, Tony and Julien	Youssef, Reem and Fadi Hattar Cassie Chahoud, Rames Sayegh
<b>Readers</b>	Jackie Tamer	Diala Chahoud (Arabic) Simona Haddad (English)
<b>Ushers</b>	Nabil Zahra Frank Kermend	Ed Kneip, Nakhoul Nehra Sami Tabet, John Albani

## **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 Charities 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.

### **\* Christmas Bake Sale**

Christmas bake sale: Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. Pre-Orders by December 12<sup>th</sup>. 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 31<sup>st</sup>, 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 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 December 02, 2018: \$4,433.00**

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

**2 Corinthians 9:7**