



Our Lady of Lebanon

Maronite Catholic Church

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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.

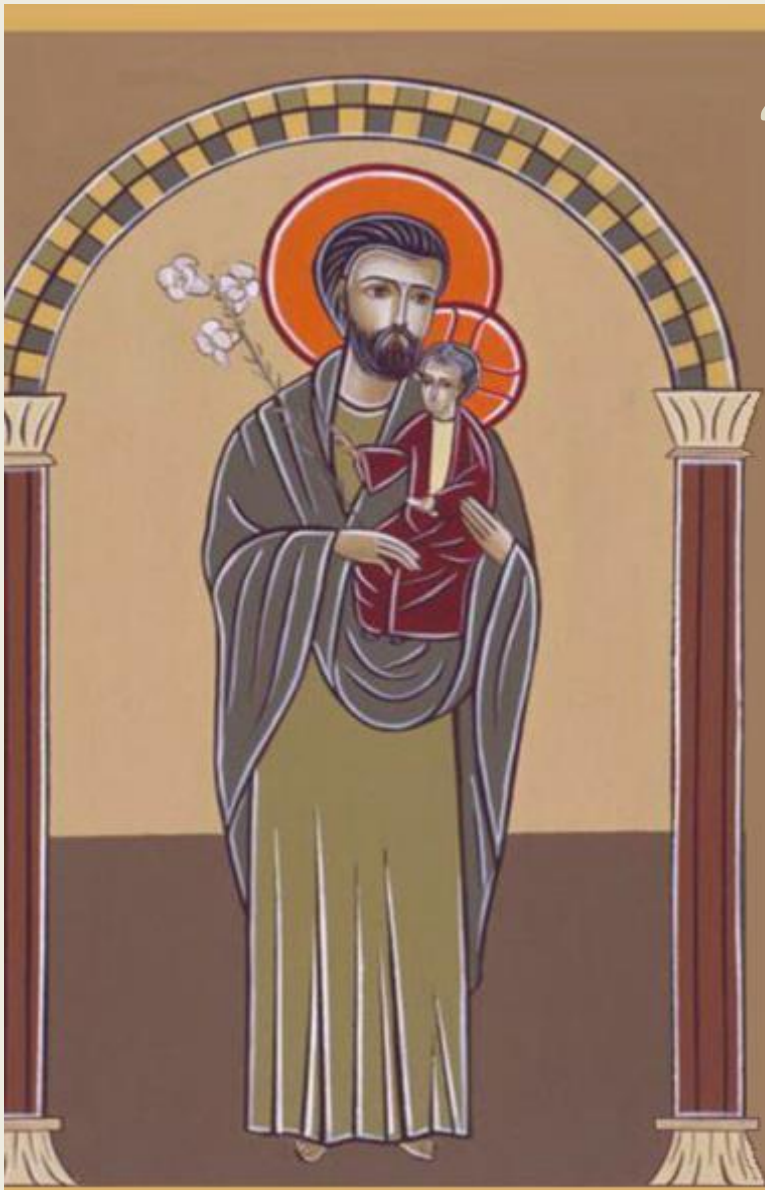
Ministry of the Sick

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
Revelation to Joseph
December 17, 2017



“Joseph, son of David,
do not be afraid to
take Mary as your
wife, for the child
conceived in her is
from the Holy Spirit.
She will bear a son,
and you are to name
him Jesus, for he will
save his people from
their sins.”

Matthew 1:20-21

Saint Joseph, patron of Fathers, Families, and the universal church

You were chosen by God to be the foster father of his son Jesus. Just as you protected the Holy Family, we ask you to inspire fathers to support their wives, and to protect and nurture their families. St. Joseph, Intercede for those who are seeking refuge from danger. Amen.

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:
Pierre Naffah, Bobby Sfire, Laure Zayeck, Julia Parkinson, Hank Yario.

Mass Intentions for Next Sunday December 24, 2017

09:30 am

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

11:30 am

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

Bible Verse for the Week

... And he named him Jesus.

Matthew 1: 25

Psalm 150

Halleluiah! Praise God in his sanctuary; Praise him in his mighty heavens.
Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness.
Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre,
Praise him with timbrel and dancing, praise him with the strings and pipe,
Praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals.
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. **Halleluiah!**

From the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians 3:1-13

Brothers and Sisters, In reading this, you will be able to understand the mystery of Christ made known to me by revelation, which was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets.

This mystery is that, through the gospel, we are all heirs, members of one body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus.

I became a servant of this gospel by God's grace through the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to preach the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things.

So that through the church, the wisdom of God in its rich variety, might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms. This was in accordance with his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. In him and through faith in him we may approach God with boldness and confidence. **Praise be to God Always!**

From the Gospel of our Lord according to Matthew 1:18-25

The Apostle said: Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus. **This is the truth. Peace be with you.**

OUR LADY OF LEBANON NEW YEAR'S EVE 2018

Entertainment:
Singer - Simon Khoury & Band
DJ - AL Sharrk

7:30 Cocktail
8:00 Dinner
Cash Bar

Limited Seating
Please RSVP

Ticket Price:
Adult \$60
Children \$30
Cash Bar



HAPPY NEW YEAR



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT CHURCH OFFICE @ (630) 932-9640
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	Mass Celebration	
	Revelation to Joseph: Page 57 Anaphora of Saint Peter: P. 774	
	Sunday Readings	
	Psalm 150 Reading: Ephesians 3:1-13 Holy Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25	
	Mass Intentions	
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>09:30 am</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Helen Shaker <i>(By the Shaker Family)</i> Jacqueline Shaker <i>(By John Shaker)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>11:30 am</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mitri Khairallah <i>(By the Khawaja Family)</i></p>	
Schedules	Sunday 9:30 am	Sunday 11:30 am
Altar Servers	Mauricio Saad, Dany Chlela Anthony & Isabella Jazarelian,	Rayana and Rayme Mounsef, Estefan Azzo, Casandra Chelala, Yousef & Reem Hattar,
Readers	Anthony Shaker	Simona Haddad (Arabic) Julie Akouri (English)
Ushers	Nabil Zahra Frank Kermend	Ed Kneip, Tony Boumitri, John Albani, Naji Abiad

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✳ **BAKE SALE:** in the Shaker Hall after both Masses
- ✳ **Christmas Recital:** in the Church after 11:30 Mass
- ✳ **Christmas Toy Drive:** Thank you all.
- ✳ **Evening Prayer:** Friday December 22nd @ 7 pm
- ✳ **New year Party:** Sunday December 31 @ 7:30 pm. We started now a waiting list.
- ✳ **Sunday December 24:** day of obligation - 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM
- ✳ **Christmas Masses:** Monday December 25 – **Midnight - 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM.**

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 10, 2017: \$ 3,118.00

"Lord, teach us to give and not count the cost."

St. Ignatius de Loyola