



# **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**  
**Visitation of the Virgin to Elizabeth**  
**December 03, 2017**



**Happy is that house which the Mother of God visits!**

After the Blessed Virgin had heard from the archangel Gabriel that her cousin Elizabeth had been six months pregnant, she was enlightened by the Holy Spirit to go in haste to the house of Zechariah, to share and impart the blessing of her Son to that house and that family.

Mary was 'the first to salute' Elizabeth. As soon as the voice of the salutation of Mary sounded in Elizabeth ears, the infant in her womb leaped for joy and was sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

Mary became the channel through which the grace of Jesus was communicated to John Baptist, the Holy Spirit to Elizabeth, the gift of prophecy to Zachary and so many other blessings. God made Mary the channel of his Grace.

My most sweet Queen and Mother obtain for me from your Son those graces which you know to be the most expedient and necessary for my soul. 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 10, 2017

09:30 am

**Mariam Harb ElKhoury** *(By ElKhoury Family)*

11:30 am

**(1 year) Chukri Elia Daniel** *(BY the Daniel Family)*

## Bible Verse for the Week

Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.

**Luke 1: 45**

## **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 1:1-1**

**Brothers and Sisters,** 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. **Praise be to God Always!**

## **From the Gospel of our Lord according to Luke 1:39-45**

**The Evangelist said:** During those days Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah. 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." **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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<b>Mass Celebration</b>		
	<b>Visitation To Elizabeth: Page 38</b> <b>Anaphora of Saint Peter: P. 774</b>	
<b>Sunday Readings</b>		
	<b>Psalm 113</b> <b>Reading: Ephesians 1:1-1</b> <b>Holy Gospel: Luke 1:39-45</b>	
<b>Mass Intentions</b>		
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>09:30 am</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>John Zodo (2 years)</b> <i>(By the Zodo Family)</i>  <b>Sophia Abraham</b> <i>(By Joseph and Teresa Shaker)</i>  <b>Jamie Dawaliby</b> <i>(By Issam and Betty Dawaliby)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>11:30 am</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Samir Rizkallah (1 year)</b> <i>(By Mona and the Rizkallah Family)</i>  <b>Tom &amp; Nabiha Basile – Chuck Basile</b>  <b>&amp; Dr. Simon Basile</b> <i>(By Pierre &amp; Ann Naffah)</i></p>	
<b>Schedules</b>	<b>Sunday 9:30 am</b>	<b>Sunday 11:30 am</b>
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Isabella & Anthony Jazarlian, Danny Chalala, Mauricio Saad	Miriam Dandan, Lynn Harb, Yousef & Reem & Fadi Hattar
<b>Readers</b>	Nabil Zahra	Dr. Nadia Haddad (Arabic) Dany Tabet (English)
<b>Ushers</b>	Nabil Zahra Frank Kermend	Ed Kneip, Elie Masud, Nakhoul Nehra, Albert Dakhoul

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

✳ **CHOIR PRACTICE:** Tuesdays @ 7:30 pm

✳ **Kids Clubs Next Friday @ 7 pm**

✳ **Christmas Toy Drive:** We are collecting new toys or \$20 Gift Card. All donations will go to Catholic Charity Children program. Help us Spread the Joy of Christmas.

✳ **BAKE SALE:** Christmas Bake sale fundraising event is on Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>.

✳ **New year Party:** Sunday December 31 @ 7:30 pm. Entertainment: Singer Simon Khoury and DJ Al Sharrk. Tickets: Adults \$ 60 - Children \$ 30. Contact person: Mona Akouri.

✳ **Holy Days Schedule & Events**

**Children Christmas Party:** Sunday December 10 after 11:30 Mass

**Christmas Toy Drive:** Friday December 15 (deadline)

**Christmas Concert:** Sunday December 17 after 11:30 Mass

**Bake Sale:** Sunday December 17.

**Christmas Masses:** Monday December 25 – Midnight - 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM.

**New year party:** Sunday December 31 at 7:0 AM

✳ **Death Notice of Faris Elias Zahra (1924-2017),**

Faris is the father of Nabil Zahra. He passed away in Lebanon on November 20, 2017. He is survived by his wife Souad and seven children: Renee, Mona, Tony, Marleine, Nabil, Emile and Georges. May his soul rest in Peace. Amen

### **Let us remember**

**We pray for our Beloved Ones who died during the Month of December**

Sophia Abraham - Genevieve Abraham - Virginia Nimer - Helen Botwin - Samir Rizkallah - Chukri Daniel - Jamile Maalouf - Hattie Yorecki - Emil Aya - Michelle York - George Bohakel - Jeannette Youssef - Eugene D. Bodan - Helen Cordell - Sophie Fahl - 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 26, 2017: \$ 1,520.00**

**“Lord, teach us to give and not count the cost.”**

***St. Ignatius de Loyola***