



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
Announcement to Zechariah
November 19, 2017



The angel said to him:
“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

The Gospel of Luke describes the Archangel Gabriel visiting a Jewish priest named Zechariah to tell him that he would become the father of John the Baptist -- the person God had chosen to prepare his people for the arrival of the Messiah, and for the coming 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:
Pierre Naffah, Bobby Sfire, Laure Zayeck, Julia Parkinson, Hank Yario.

Mass Intentions for Next Sunday November 26, 2017

09:30 am

Chamel El Khoury *(By El Khoury Family)*

11:30 am

Minister Pierre Amin Al Gemayel *(By Kataeb Chicago)*

Josephine Mikhael Ziadé *(By Tony and Maha Ziade)*

Bible Verse for the Week

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.
O my GOD, in you I trust.

Psalm 25: 1-2

Psalm 25

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame;

Do not let my enemies exult over me.

Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;

Let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;

For you I wait all day long.

Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love,

For they have been from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

According to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O LORD!

Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,

for those who keep his covenant and his decrees. **Alleluia!**

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! **Praise be to God Always!**

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

The Evangelist 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.**

Phoenician

=====*Club of Chicago*=====

99th ANNUAL APPRECIATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS DINNER & CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday, December 2, 2017

***New Crystal Palace
1070 S. Elmhurst Rd.
Mt. Prospect, IL 60056***

Cocktails: 6:00PM (cash bar) Dinner: 7:00 PM
Ticket: \$50.00 Adult \$25.00 (Children under 12)

Awards Recipients:

Dr. Ghassan Aldurra, Humanitarian of the year
Mr. Tawfic Salem, Man of the year
Dr. Zeina Kalache, Woman of the year

ARABIC AND AMERICAN MUSIC by DJ Fares Chamoun

For information and tickets please call:

Patricia Antoon	630 717-5232	Fahim Shadid	630 852-8224
Cheryl Ghassan	630 357-8457	Nick Malik	630 305-8519
Charlie Barbari	708 997-7307	George Kfoury	425 786-6911

Please make check payable to the **Phoenician Club of Chicago** and mail, no later than **November 28, 2017** to:
Carol Samaha, (630 520-2579)

29w120 Smith Rd.
West Chicago, IL 60185

***Proceeds from this event will be used for our scholarship recipients
And the needy children in the Middle-East***

	Mass Celebration	
	Announcement To Zechariah : Page 18 Anaphora of Saint Peter: P. 774	
	Sunday Readings	
	Psalm 25 Reading: Romans 4:13-25 Holy Gospel: Luke 1:1-25	
	Mass Intentions	
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>09:30 am</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lucille and Victor Wertz & Tammer and Mary Caleel – Maria Louise Caleel and Dr. George Caleel <i>(By The Caleel Family)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>11:30 am</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Elie Abiad <i>(By Sam & Siham Ibrahim)</i></p>	
Schedules	Sunday 9:30 am	Sunday 11:30 am
Altar Servers	Isabella & Anthony Jazarlian, Danny Chalala, Andres Ballines	Antonio & Marcelino Jaber, Yousef & Reem Fadi Hattar, Cassandra Chahoud,
Readers	Christopher Chalouhi	Simona Haddad (Arabic) Josiane Dandan (English)
Ushers	Nabil Zahra Frank Kermend	Ed Kneip, Elie Masud Naji Abiad, Stephen Georges

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✳ **Happy thanksgiving and safe travels!**
- ✳ **Thanksgiving Food drive:** Thank you for all your donations.
- ✳ **CHOIR PRACTICE:** Tuesdays @ 7:30 pm
- ✳ **No Kids Clubs Next Friday.** MYO will hold a Mini Retreat and lock in
- ✳ **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 17th.
- ✳ **Holy Days Schedule & Events**
 - Thanksgiving Day:** Thursday November 23 – Mass at 9 AM
 - 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 7:30 AM
- ✳ **Phoenician Club Christmas party:** December Saturday 2nd.

Let us remember

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

Jackie Shaker - Bernice Karsa - Micki O'Connell - Anton Ibrahim - George Gage - George Hanna - John De Salvo - Richard Gorra, Jr. - Samir Rizkallah - Robert D. Kooiker - Herbert Jage - Thomas A. Neely - Joanne Ibrahim - William Halowi - Joseph Basil - Farida Khattar - Selma Jage Vokal - Theodore W. Jage - Joseph Windsor - Helen Dandan - Linda T. Fischer - Regina Gage - Nasafe Kassis - Saleme Gossan - Sarah Bolis

COLLECTION

Sunday November 12, 2017: \$ 3,965.00

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

St. Ignatius de Loyola