



Our Lady of Lebanon

Maronite Catholic Church

950 North Grace Street, Lombard, IL 60148

Tel: 630-932-9640 / **Fax:** 630-932-9463

www.ollchicago.org

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
Birth of John the Baptist
December 10, 2017



Life is truly a gift from God.

Zechariah was visited by an angel of the Lord who announces that his wife Elizabeth, in her old age, will give birth to a child. Nothing is impossible for God and in due time, Elizabeth delivers a son. And they gave him the name John as the angel told Zechariah. What could God's plan be for John? As the years pass, it becomes evident that John is to be the last prophet before the coming of the Messiah.

What does God expect from us? What could his plan be for us? He has given us life for a purpose. Perhaps God's plan for us includes preparing the way for others so that they may come to believe. We are asked to be holy as our Father is holy and to accept the graces that God so generously places in our paths.

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 17, 2017

09:30 am

Helen Shaker *(By the Shaker Family)* - **Jacqueline Shaker** *(By John Shaker)*
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

“What then will this child become?”
For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him.

Luke 1: 66

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

Brothers and Sisters, 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.

Praise be to God Always!

From the Gospel of our Lord according to Luke 1:57-66

The Evangelist said: 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.

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



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT CHURCH OFFICE @ (630) 932-9640
Mona Akouri Tarabay 847-456-8070 fadimona2006@gmail.com

	Mass Celebration	
	Birth of John the Baptist: Page 48 Anaphora of Saint Peter: P. 774	
	Sunday Readings	
	Reading: Galatians 4:21-5:1 Holy Gospel: Luke 1:57-66	
	Mass Intentions	
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>09:30 am</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Faris Elias Zahra <i>(BY Margret Budz)</i> Mariam Harb ElKhoury <i>(By ElKhoury Family)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>11:30 am</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(1 year) Chukri Elia Daniel <i>(BY the Daniel Family)</i> Karim El Tenn and Rachel Sayegh El Tenn <i>(BY the Tenn Family)</i></p>	
Schedules	Sunday 9:30 am	Sunday 11:30 am
Altar Servers	Mauricio Saad, Dany Chlela Anthony & Isabella Jazarelian,	Antonio & Marcelino Jaber Yousef & Reem Hattar, Jason Bendok
Readers	Andrea Chalouhi	MRE Children
Ushers	Nabil Zahra Frank Kermend	Ed Kneip, William Harb, Sami Tabet, Stephen Georges

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✳ **Children Christmas Party:** After 11:30 Mass – (Children Christmas Carol – Lunch and Santa)
- ✳ **CHOIR PRACTICE:** Tuesdays @ 7:30 pm
- ✳ **Christmas Toy Drive:** We are collecting new toys or \$20 Gift Card. Deadline is Next Sunday December 17, 2017.
- ✳ **BAKE SALE:** Christmas Bake sale fundraising event is on Sunday, December 17th.
- ✳ **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**
 - Christmas Toy Drive:** Friday December 17 (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 7:00 PM

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 03, 2017: \$ 3,326.00

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

St. Ignatius de Loyola