



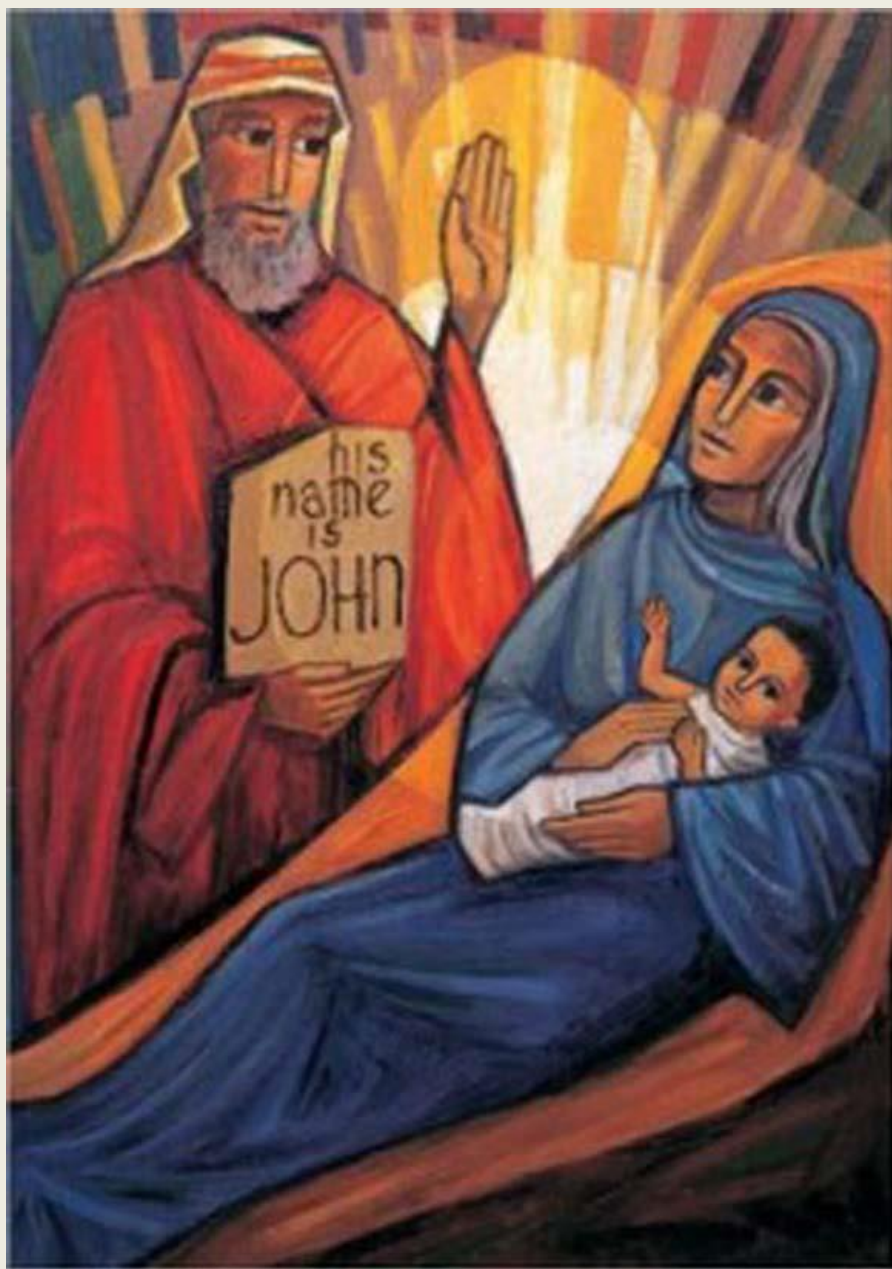
Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Season of Glorious Birth Birth Of John The Baptist December 06, 2020

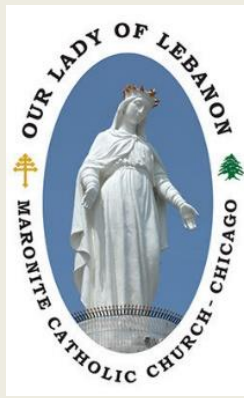


John's greatness consisted in his always pointing to the one who was greater than him, the one whose sandals he felt unworthy to bear. John's whole disposition and mission is summed up in his words: "He must increase, but I must decrease" (John 3:30).

John like all the great saints points beyond himself to Jesus Christ. As such he is a model for Christian living.

The Canticle of Zechariah:

As for you, little child, you shall be called a prophet of God, the Most High. You shall go ahead of the Lord to prepare his ways before Him, to make known to His people their salvation through forgiveness of all their sins, the loving-kindness of the heart of our God who visits us like the dawn on high... (Luke 1:76-78).



Subject: Reopening guidelines for Our Lady of Lebanon Church amid COVID-19

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I pray that you and your loved ones are enjoying good health and continuing to join us in prayer via the Facebook Livestream. I look forward to being able to pray together again.

- Our Lady of Lebanon Church has developed a reopening plan under the guidance of the Diocese of Joliet and the State of Illinois.
- These guidelines have been created to keep everyone safe and healthy, while maintaining due respect and reverence for the sacraments and liturgical norms of our faith. These instructions will be under evaluation and are subject to change.
- Although public Masses are resuming, please note, as per our bishop, a dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass will continue until further notice.
- We will continue to livestream Mass and prayers on our Facebook page: **Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church.**

Mass will be celebrated at:

- **9:30 am and**
- **11:30 am.**
- Because of social distancing requirements, seating will be limited to every other pew with social distancing between those attending. We will have an **online reservation system at our website ollchicago.org** where you can reserve a seat at Mass. **Unreserved attendance will be turned away.**
- Please instruct those who do not have access to a computer to call the Parish Office at **630-932-9640**. The office is checking messages daily.

The following guidelines have been put in place for the safety of all attending:

- If you are sick or vulnerable to infection, or care for someone who is vulnerable, we ask that you please do not attend.
- **Plan to arrive no later than 15 minutes prior to the Mass you have signed up for.**
- All attendees must wear face masks inside the Church premises **AT ALL TIMES.**

- To ensure the safety and health of all our parish family and friends, we ask that you **do not congregate or meet up before or after Mass.**
- Please comply with the instructions of the ushers.
- **PLEASE NOTE** - you will be escorted to a pew.
- All attendees must use hand sanitizers, which is available at the entrance.
- All attendees will have their temperature taken before entering Church.
- Collection baskets will be placed at the main entrance of the Church. However, we encourage online donations at our website.
- The crying room and the Shaker Hall will be temporarily closed. Devotional candles will not be available. Please do not bring any strollers into the Church.
- To avoid cross contamination, Mass books will not be provided.
- You will notice that there are no Holy Water fonts. However, you should make the sign of the Cross when entering the Church.
- Instructions for receiving Holy Communion will be announced during each Mass. Please note that the consecrated Host will be distributed **IN THE HAND ONLY** until further notice.
- The Church will be sanitized and disinfected after each Mass.

We appreciate your patience and cooperation as we come together for Mass with measures in place to minimize risks during this time. It is good to note that we do this together as we learn from the Bible that we indeed are “our brother’s keeper” (**Genesis 4:9**). Our collective patience, willingness to help, and the care we take to reopen are demonstrations of our strong faith, unity and love for one another.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 713-972-2990. May God protect you and grant you His grace during this difficult time.

Yours in Christ,



Father Pierre El Khoury MLM
Pastor

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Readings for Sunday December 06

الْمَرْمُورُ الْخَامِسُ وَالْثَمَانُونَ

أَرِنَا يَا رَبِّ رَحْمَتَكَ وَهَبْ لَنَا خَلَاصَكَ.

إِنِّي أَسْمَعُ مَا يَتَكَلَّمُ بِهِ اللَّهُ: الرَّبُّ يَتَكَلَّمُ بِالسَّلَامِ لِشَعْبِهِ.

خَلَاصُ الرَّبِّ قَرِيبٌ مِمَّنْ يَتَّقُونَهُ. سَيَسْكُنُ الْمَجْدُ فِي أَرْضِنَا.

الرَّحْمَةُ وَالْحَقُّ تَلَاقِيَا الْبِرَّ وَالسَّلَامُ تَعَانَقَا.

مِنَ الْأَرْضِ نَبَتَ الْحَقُّ وَمِنَ السَّمَاءِ نَزَلَ الْبِرُّ.

الرَّبُّ يُعْطِي الْخَيْرَاتِ وَأَرْضُنَا تُعْطِي ثَمَرَهَا.

أَمَامَ الرَّبِّ يَسِيرُ الْبِرُّ وَبِخَطَوَاتِهِ يَشُقُّ الطَّرِيقَ. هَلِّلُوْا!

Galatians 4:21-5:1

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.

تَمَّ زَمَانُ الْيَصَابَاتِ لِتِلْدٍ، فَوَلَدَتْ ابْنًا. وَسَمِعَ جِيرَانُهَا وَأَقَارِبُهَا أَنَّ الرَّبَّ قَدْ عَظَّمَ رَحْمَتَهُ لَهَا، فَفَرَحُوا مَعَهَا.

وَفِي الْيَوْمِ الثَّامِنِ جَاءُوا لِيُخْتِنُوا الصَّبِيَّ، وَسَمَّوْهُ بِاسْمِ أَبِيهِ زَكَرِيَّا. فَأَجَابَتْ أُمُّهُ وَقَالَتْ: «لَا! بَلْ يُسَمَّى يُوَحْنَا!». فَقَالُوا لَهَا: «لَا أَحَدٌ فِي قَرَابَتِكَ يُدْعَى بِهَذَا الْاسْمِ». وَأَشَارُوا إِلَى أَبِيهِ مَاذَا يُرِيدُ أَنْ يُسَمِّيَهُ. فَطَلَبَ لَوْحًا وَكَتَبَ: «إِسْمُهُ يُوَحْنَا!». فَتَعَجَّبُوا جَمِيعُهُمْ.

وَأَنْفَتَحَ فَجْأَةً فَمُ زَكَرِيَّا، وَأَنْطَلَقَ لِسَانُهُ، وَجَعَلَ يَتَكَلَّمُ وَيُبَارِكُ اللَّهَ، فَاسْتَوَى الْخَوْفُ عَلَى جَمِيعِ جِيرَانِهِمْ، وَتَحَدَّثَ النَّاسُ بِكُلِّ هَذِهِ الْأُمُورِ فِي كُلِّ جَبَلِ الْيَهُودِيَّةِ. وَكَانَ كُلُّ مَنْ سَمِعَ بِذَلِكَ يَحْفَظُهُ فِي قَلْبِهِ قَائِلًا: «مَا عَسَى هَذَا الطِّفْلُ أَنْ يَكُونَ؟». وَكَانَتْ يَدُ الرَّبِّ حَقًّا مَعَهُ.

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

Mass Intentions for SUNDAY DECEMBER 06, 2020

09:30 AM

Owen Petrzelka *(The Shaker Family)*
Sophia Abraham, Virginia Nimer,
Genevieve Abraham *(The Shaker Family)*

11:30 AM

Farida Daniel *(The Daniel Family)*
Rachel and Karim Tenn *(Joe and Laude Tenn)*
Elie Rantisi *(George and Antoinette Estephan)*

Schedules	Sunday 9:30 am	Sunday 11:30 am
Readers	Dany Tabet	Subdeacon George Romanos
Ushers	Nabil Zahra Sami Tabet Eddy Moinnes	Ed Kneip, William Harb Henry Abboud, Elie Masud Naji Abiad, John Albani

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Sunday November 29

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**Thank you for your continued financial support
and generosity and prayers as our country and
people get through this most difficult situation.**

May God keep you safe and watch over you.

Let Us Remember

our Beloved Ones who passed into Heaven during the **Month of DECEMBER**

Farida Daniel - Chukri Daniel - George Antoon - Sophia Abraham - Genevieve Abraham -
Virginia Nimer - Helen Botwin - Emil Haddad, Sr. - Teresa Ensley - Sophie Fahel - Samir
Rizkallah - 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 - Geroges Hattar - Michael Ibrahim - Anton Kassis -
Patrick O'Shea – Genevieve Salem - Nicola Shahwan - Alice C. Thomas