



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

Subdeacon George Romanos

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 from 10:20 am – 11:20 am.

REVELATION TO JOSEPH

DECEMBER 15, 2019



The incarnation is by far the most amazing miracle of the entire Bible – far more amazing than the resurrection and more amazing even than the creation of the universe.

The infinite, omnipotent, eternal Son of God became man and joined himself to a human nature forever. The fact that the infinite God became one person with finite man, will remain the most profound miracle and the most profound mystery in all the universe.

Infinite and yet an infant. Eternal and yet born of a woman. Almighty, and yet nursing at a woman's breast. Supporting the universe, and yet needing to be carried in a mother's arms. Heir of all things, and yet the carpenter's despised son.

God becoming a human in the person of Jesus Christ for us and for our salvation should forever define our lives. No other religion believes God became breakable or had a body. There is no reality more breathtaking than God becoming a man. He is Emmanuel, God with us. There is no reality more breathtaking than Jesus Christ.

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.

Mass Intentions for NEXT SUNDAY December 22, 2019

09:30 AM

For all who serve at Our Lady of Lebanon Parish Community

11:30 AM

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Bible Verse

Emmanuel, God with us

Matthew 1:23

Psalm 147

I will sing of the Lord's great love forever; I will declare his faithfulness.
The heavens praise your wonders; for who can be compared with the Lord?
Who is like you, Lord God Almighty? You, Lord, are mighty and exalted.
You rule over the surging sea; when its waves mount up, you still them.
The heavens and the earth are yours; you founded the world and all that is in it.
Your arm is endowed with power; your hand is strong.
Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;
Blessed are those who walk in the light of your presence.
For you are their glory and strength.
Praise be to the Lord forever! Amen and Amen. **Alleluia!**

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

The mystery of Christ was made known to me by revelation. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, all peoples are called to be heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring everyone to the news of 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 places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

From the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew 1:18-25

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.

Upcoming Events at Our Lady of Lebanon

October (2019)

Monday 21	Relics of St. Veronica Giuliani
Saturday 26	All Saints Party (Halloween)

November (2019)

Sunday 3	Mass for all souls followed by potluck lunch
Sunday 10	Start of Christmas Toy Drive
Saturday 16	Lebanese Independence Party
Sunday 17	Deadline for Thanksgiving Food Drive

December (2019)

Saturday 7	Christmas Retreat
Sunday 8	Children's Christmas Party
Sunday 15	Christmas Bake Sale
Saturday 21	Deadline for Christmas Toy Drive
Sunday 22	Christmas Recital followed by potluck lunch

Christmas Celebration (2019)

Tuesday 24	5pm: Christmas Eve Mass
Wednesday 25	12am: Christmas Midnight Mass
Wednesday 25	11:30am: Christmas Day Mass
Sunday 29	Feast of the Holy Family
Tuesday 31	New Year's Party

January (2020)

Wednesday 1	5pm: Mass – beginning of Year 2020
Sunday 5	Feast of Epiphany (End of season)

Weekly/Monthly Events

Tuesdays	7pm: Choir Practice
Fridays	7:30pm: Bible Study and gathering
1st Saturday of the month	3pm: Rosary with Oumouna Mariam



Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church
CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE MENU - Sunday, December 15, 2019

ITEM	PRICES				
	DESCRIPTION	PACKAGE	PRICE	QUANTITY	PRICE
Fatayer	Spinach Pies	Dozen	\$13.00		
Sfiha	Meat Pies	Dozen	\$15.00		
Warak a'arish	Veggie stuffed grape leaves	2 Dozens	\$15.00		
Kibbeh 'rass – Frozen	Crushed wheat w/meat mix ball stuffed with meat	Dozen	\$18.00		
Kibbeh bilsaniye	Crushed wheat w/meat mix 1/2 sheet stuffed with meat	1/2 sheet	\$30.00		
Za'atar Twist	Stick Za'atar	1 Bag	\$ 8.00		
Mana'eesh w/Za'atar	Pizza w/oregano & sesame seeds	1/2 Dozen	\$ 8.00		
Mana'eesh w/Cheese	(Pizza w/cheese)	1/2 Dozen	\$10.00		
Shish Barak	Stuffed dough w/meat	2 Dozen	\$12.00		
Sablet cookies	Cookies w/Jam	Dozen	\$12. 00		
Sha'aybiyet	Phyllo dough w/ custard stuffing	1/2 Dozen	\$10.00		
Nammoura	Semolina cake	1/2 Dozen	\$10.00		
Ka'ak btammer	Cookies w/dates	Dozen	\$12.00		
Ka'ak bhalib	Milk based cookies	Dozen	\$12.00		
Ka'ak Yansoon	Yansoon based cookies	Dozen	\$12.00		
Tabouleh	½ sheet (4-6 people)		\$15.00		
Red Wine			\$25.00		
Arak			\$30.00		
Almaza Beer			\$35.00		
Add your item here					
	TOTAL				

Kindly place and pay your order no later than Wednesday, December 11th, 2019
 All items/pre-orders to be picked-up at the Church hall on Sunday, December 15th, 2019
 Name: _____

Phone#: _____

Make checks payable to: Our Lady of Lebanon Church, 950 North Grace Street, Lombard, IL 60148

*Our Lady of Lebanon Church
Invites you for*



Christmas Recital & Potluck

**Sunday December 22
(After 11:30 Mass)**



OUR LADY OF LEBANON NEW YEAR'S EVE 2020

Entertainment:
DJ - Ibrahim

7:30 Cocktail
8:00 Dinner
Cash Bar

Ticket Price:

Adult \$60
Children \$35 (10 & under)
Cash Bar

Limited Seating
Please RSVP



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT CHURCH OFFICE @ (630) 932-9640
Elie Masud (630) 991-1111

	Mass Celebration	
	Revelation To Joseph: Page 59 Anaphora of Saint Peter: P. 774	
	Sunday Readings	
	Psalm 147 Reading: Ephesians 3:1-13 Holy Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25	
	Mass Intentions for THIS SUNDAY	
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>09:30 AM</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Helen Shaker <i>(The Shaker Family)</i> Fr. Dr William Nijm & Joseph Dacloush <i>(Ghada Nijm)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>11:30 AM</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Raymond Kass Hanna and Ezzat Kass Hanna <i>(The Yamin Family)</i> Lucille and Victor Wertz & Tammer and Mary Caleel – Maria Louise Caleel and Dr. George Caleel <i>(The Caleel Family)</i></p>	
Schedules	Sunday 9:30 am	Sunday 11:30 am
Readers	Nabil Zahra	Laude Tenn <i>(Arabic)</i> Joe Tenn <i>(English)</i>
Ushers	Nabil Zahra Frank Kermend	Ed Kneip, Elie Masud Naji Abiad, John Albani

Announcements

✳ **Second Collection for Lebanon**

✳ **MRE Classes** Resume on January 12, 2019.

✳ **Christmas Bake Sale** : Christmas Bake sale, Sunday, December 15th.

✳ **Christmas Toy Drive:** Saturday Dec 21st.

✳ **Christmas Recital followed by a potluck lunch:** Sunday December 22.

✳ **New Year's Party:** Our Lady of Lebanon will host a New Year's Eve Party on Tuesday, December 31st in the Shaker Hall from 7:30 PM to 1 AM with DJ music Entertainment and holiday raffle. Contact Elie Masud.

Let us remember

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

George Antoon - Sophia Abraham - Genevieve Abraham - Virginia Nimer - Helen Botwin – Emil Haddad, Sr. – 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

December 08, 2019: \$ 2,811.00

"Each one must give from his heart, for God loves a cheerful giver."

2 Corinthians 9:7