



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.

BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

DECEMBER 08, 2019



Ordinarily the Church observes the day of a saint's death as his feast, because that day marks his entrance into heaven. To this rule there are two notable exceptions, the birthdays of Virgin Mary and of St. John the Baptist.

Today's feast anticipates the feast of Christmas. Taking an overall view, we keep during the course of the year only two mysteries that of Christ's Incarnation and that of His Redemption. The Redemption mystery is the greater of the two; the Incarnation touches the human heart more directly.

The Christmas season has for its object the mystery of God-become-Man. Christmas is a "light" feast; the same is true today. St. John was a lamp that burned and shone. We Christians should be the light of the world.

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 15, 2019

09:30 AM

Helen Shaker *(The Shaker Family)*

Fr. Dr William Nijm & Joseph Dacloush *(Ghada Nijm)*

11:30 AM

**Lucille and Victor Wertz & Tammer and Mary Caleel –
Maria Louise Caleel and Dr. George Caleel** *(The Caleel Family)*

Bible Verse

Love and truth will meet; justice and peace will kiss.

Psalms 85:11

Psalm 85

You have been gracious to us, O Lord, you have restored us.
You have forgiven the iniquity of your people, and blotted out all their sins.
Restore us then, O God our Savior; let your anger depart from us.
Give us life again, that your people may rejoice in you?
Show us your mercy, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.
Listen to the Lord God, for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
Salvation is very near to those who fear him, those who turn their hearts to him.
Love and truth will meet; justice and peace will kiss. **Alleluia!**

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

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.

From the Holy Gospel according to Saint 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 them and said, "What then will this child become?" For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him.

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

SATURDAY
DEC. 7TH



Christmas Retreat

*Our Lady of Lebanon Church
Invites you for*



Christmas Recital & Potluck

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





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

Mass and Children Christmas Party

December 8, 2019



Practice for all Children

Sunday December 1st & Friday December 6 at 7:00 pm.

Merry Christmas

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

Phoenician

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

101th ANNUAL APPRECIATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS DINNER & CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday, December 7, 2019

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. Rania Agha, Humanitarian of the year

Deacon Tony Shehadeh, Man of the year

Tonia Khouri, 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 Ghasan 630 357-8457 Nick Malik 630 305-8519

Charlie Barbari 708 997-7307 George Kfoury 630 974-0331

Featuring 5 course dinner of soup, salad, choice of **Chicken or Salmon** plus
Chateaubriand, dessert, coffee, tea and soft drink.

Please make check payable to the **Phoenician Club of Chicago** and mail, no later
than **November 28, 2019** to: Carol Kfoury, (630 520-2579)




29w120 Smith Rd.

West Chicago, IL 60185

Name:

No. of Tickets..... donation \$.....

Amount Enclosed \$..... Food Selection.....

	Mass Celebration	
	Birth of John the Baptist: Page 50 Anaphora of Saint Peter: P. 774	
	Sunday Readings	
	Psalm 85 Reading: Galatians 4:21-5:1 Holy Gospel: Luke 1:57-66	
	Mass Intentions for THIS SUNDAY	
	<p><u>09:30 AM</u></p> <p>1 year Memorial for George Antoon <i>(The Antoon Family)</i></p> <p><u>11:30 AM</u></p> <p>Samir Rizkallah <i>(Mona and Rizkallah family)</i> For all Children in our Parish Community and for our teachers and their families</p>	
Schedules	Sunday 9:30 am	Sunday 11:30 am
Readers	Margaret Budz	Laude Tenn <i>(Arabic)</i> Mireille Estephan <i>(English)</i>
Ushers	Nabil Zahra Frank Kermend	Ed Kneip, Henry Aboud John Albani, Naji Abiad

Announcements

✳ **Christmas Retreat:** Saturday December 7 at 9:00 am. Contact Jeanne D'arc Yasmine

✳ **Children Christmas Party: Practice for all Children: Sunday 1st & Friday 6 @ 7pm**
On Sunday December 08, we will celebrate a special Mass for our children followed by a children's Christmas party. Come and celebrate with your Children the joy of Christmas.

✳ **Christmas Bake Sale**

Christmas Bake sale, Sunday, December 15th. Pre-Orders need to be submitted by December 11th. Your generosity and your support are appreciated. Contact Samira Marcus & Joumana Pavkov.

✳ **Christmas Toy Drive:** We have about 30 peoples between adults and kids and this year we are going to provide Christmas lunch and party for about 15 peoples who lives in a shelter on December 21. Share the joy by adopting a person. Please make sure your wrap the gift and put a name on it. For more info contact Micheline myhgold@yahoo.com or call at 331-7176511

✳ **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.

✳ **Phoenician Club Party: Dec 7 @ New Crystal Palace in Mt Prospect.**

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 01, 2019: \$ 3,264.00

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

2 Corinthians 9:7