



Our Lady of Lebanon

Maronite Catholic Church

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Father Pierre ElKhoury, M.L.M., Pastor

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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.

Opening of Liturgical Year
Announcement To Zechariah
NOVEMBER 18, 2018



What if I pray and all I hear is the crippling sound of silence in return?

God seems to be silent when the world is pressing in on us from all sides. There is a truth about the way God works that is difficult to swallow: God is not in a hurry.

The Christmas story does not begin with Jesus. Or even Jesus' parents. It begins with a priest who has been treading water in the waiting place for many years. He and his wife are now old, and presumably, have given up hope. The silence of waiting went on too long. Finally, an angel appears and breaks the silence with words of remarkable hope: "Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard.

Your prayer has been heard. You are not abandoned. You have not spoken your needs into thin air. You have expressed your desires to a God who listens and cares. God's response to Zechariah's prayer was greater than Zechariah ever could have imagined. But that answer came with a price: the pain of waiting for God's timing to be right.

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:
George Antoon, Eva Sassine, Bobbi Sfire, Julia Parkinson.

Mass Intentions for Next Sunday, NOVEMBER 25, 2018

09:30 AM

Jackie Haddad (*Margret Budz*)

Deceased of the Shaker and Abraham Family (*The Shaker Family*)

11:30 AM

Memorial Mass for Nabil Tabet (*Brother of Nadia Yammine*)

Josephine Mikhayel Ziade (*Tony Ziade*)

Lucille and Victor Wertz & Tammer and Mary Caleel –

Maria Louise Caleel and Dr. George Caleel (*The Caleel Family*)

Bible Verse

Because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time,
you will become mute, unable to speak, until these things occur.

Luke 1:20

From the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans 4:13-25

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. Hoping against hope, Abraham believed the word of God 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.”

From the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke 1:1-25

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.”

OUR LADY OF LEBANON

Thanksgiving

FOOD DRIVE

Give Thanks By Helping

Items Needed: NON-PERISHABLE FOOD
FOOD GIFT CARDS

Drop off Deadline: NOVEMBER 18

Drop off Location: OUR LADY OF LEBANON

	Mass Celebration	
	Announcement To Zechariah: 18 Anaphora of Saint Peter: P. 774	
	Sunday Readings	
	Reading: Romans 4:13-25 Holy Gospel: Luke 1:1-25	
	Mass Intentions	
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>09:30 AM</u></p> Jackie Haddad <i>(The Shaker Family)</i> Fr. Dr. William Nijm <i>(The Nijm Family)</i> Joseph Saieg <i>(Sister Marianne Saieg)</i> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>11:30 AM</u></p> Jackie Haddad <i>(Madelaine Malek)</i> Joseph Saieg <i>(Sister Marianne Saieg)</i>	
Schedule	Sunday 9:30 am	Sunday 11:30 am
Altar Servers	Stephanie Nehra, Pierre Malik Miriam Dandan, Dan Chelala	Ramez Sayegh, Cassie Chahoud Jason Sayegh, Christa
Readers	Nabil Zahra	Andrew Basil (Arabic) Celine Zakhem (English)
Ushers	Nabil Zahra Frank Kermend	Ed Kneip, Elie Masud John Albani, Naji Abiad

Announcements

✳ **Thanksgiving Food drive:** Deadline is this Sunday, November 18.

✳ **Jackie Haddad Christmas Toy Drive**

This Christmas Toy Drive is in memory of Jackie Haddad.

You can adopt one family member up and purchase a gift up to \$25 or buy gift cards of \$25.

✳ **Christmas Activities and Celebrations 2018**

Sunday December 09, **Children Party**

Sunday December 16. **Deadline for Christmas Toy Drive**

Sunday December 16, **Christmas Bake Sale**

Sunday December 23, **Christmas potluck Lunch**

Monday December 24, **Christmas Eve Mass at 5 pm served by the youth.**

Tuesday Midnight December 25, **Christmas Midnight Mass at 12:00 A.M.**

Tuesday December 25, **Christmas Day Mass at 11:30 A.M.**

Let Us Remember

We pray for our Beloved Ones who passed into Heaven during the Month of **NOVEMBER**

Jackie Shaker - Bernice Karsa - Bernice Simon - 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 11, 2018: \$2,599.00

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

2 Corinthians 9:7