

SAVE THE DATE!

St. Maron's Day Hafli

Saturday, February 7, 2014

Details in upcoming bulletins

Pioneers of Mary

Meetings will be held every Sunday, at 5:00 PM.
Kids in grades 7 through 12 are invited to attend.
(No meeting on Sunday, November 30, 2014)

FOOTPRINTS MINISTRY (CANCER SUPPORT GROUP)

What is it? A Supportive ministry to serve those who are involved with cancer
Who's Invited? Cancer patients, cancer caregivers, cancer survivors.
When & Where? The second Monday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Msgr Anthony J. Luisini Parish Center
St. Mary Church, 830 Fifth Avenue, Alpha, NJ 08865
To register or ask questions call Sandy Moore at 908-454-7993

PARISH ORGANIST: Patty Boulous

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BINGO COMMITTEE	Eva Farhat, Patty Boulos, Anthony Koury, Jr
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MCF COORDINATOR	Deanna Baurkot
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ST. THERESA SODALITY	Rosemary Canone
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HOLY NAME SOCIETY	David Elias
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MYA	Rhonda Elias
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CHOIR DIRECTOR	Patty Boulous
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MYO/PIONEERS	Antoinette Elias
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ARABIC CLASSES	Yasmine Karam
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CONFESSIONS:

SUNDAY: 9:20 am to 9:45 am (before mass)
SATURDAY: 4:00 pm to 4:40 pm (before mass)
Also Available by Appointment

BAPTISMS:

Please Call The Parish Rectory
(non-parishioners sponsors must
provide a certificate from their Catholic church)

OCTOBER TO MAY

Arabic Classes: Friday 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Religious Education: Saturday 3:30 pm - 4:45 pm

MARRIAGES:

Please Notify The Pastor
At Least 6 Months Ahead of Time

Mission Statement

Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church has been a fixture in the Easton, Pennsylvania community for over 75 years. Our parish is entrusted with the care and guardianship of all Maronite Catholics in the Lehigh Valley area, as well anyone who wishes to join our community. We are charged with the preservation of the faith, traditions and heritage of the Maronite Catholic Rite through the teachings of Jesus Christ and the doctrines of the Roman Catholic Church. As Maronite Catholics, our mission is to share the spirituality and Liturgy, the treasures of our Eastern heritage, our culture, family ethics and traditions, with all our brothers and sisters in the Lehigh Valley. While promoting the Christian faith, we are called to reach out with compassion to the less fortunate and the needy in our society, especially through our charitable work in the community. All are welcome to join us in worship and in our way of life, as humble servants seeking to glorify our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and live by his eternal life giving commandments.



**OUR LADY OF LEBANON
MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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Nov 15 - Dec 5, 2014

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**ANNOUNCEMENT TO
ZECHARIAH**

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**Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ 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.'

CLERGY

Father Simon El Hajj, Pastor
Deacon Anthony Koury
OFFICE VOLUNTEER: Claire Willard
PARISH OFFICE HOURS:
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
LITURGY: Saturdays 5:00 PM
Sundays 10:00 AM

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WEEKEND of NOV 15 – 16 * ANNOUNCEMENT TO ZECHARIAH *****
Sat., Nov 15 – 5:00 PM – Edward & Louise Joseph (birthday remembrances) and Henry Donnelly by Charlene Symia and Roseann Joseph & Families. Coffee hour to follow.
Sun., Nov 16 – 10:00 AM - Victor Karam (10 Yr. Anniversary) by the Family. Coffee Hour to follow

Monday	Nov 17	6:00 pm	Oscar Canone by Rosie, Marissa & Anthony Symia
Tuesday	Nov 18	6:00 pm	Josephine Saad by The Honorable & Mrs. Robert Ellwood
Thursday	Nov 20	6:00 pm	John Tony by Canon Anthony
Friday	Nov 21	-----	NO MASS

WEEKEND of NOV 22 - 23 * ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE VIRGIN MARY*****
Sat., Nov 22 – 5:00 PM – Cheffie Melhem (2nd Anniversary) by the Family
Sun., Nov 23 – 10:00 AM - Michael J. Koury, Sr. by the Family. Coffee hour to follow.

Monday	Nov 24	6:00 pm	Julia Stevens by Mr. & Ms. Robert Buesing
Tuesday	Nov 25	6:00 pm	Dr. Ed Geosits - 2nd Anniversary by the Family
Thursday	Nov 27	9:00 AM	In Thanksgiving for all parishioners
Friday	Nov 28	-----	No Mass

WEEKEND of NOV 29 - 30 * VISITATION OF THE VIRGIN TO ELIZABETH *****
Sat., Nov 29 – 5:00 PM – Rose Symia (1st Anniversary) by the Family
Sun., Nov 30 – 10:00 AM - Fr. Boulos Constantine by Daoun Boulos & Family. Coffee hour to follow.

Monday	Dec 1	6:00 pm	Sara Staszewski by Mr. & Mrs. Peter Shaheen
Tuesday	Dec 2	6:00 pm	Mary Shumar 100th Birthday Celebration Mass by the Family
Thursday	Dec 4	6:00 pm	Georgette Ciambone by Kassis, Koorie & Pijut Families
Friday	Dec 5	6:00 pm	Unis Baurkot by Joseph & Suzanne Jabbour (Arabic Mass)

LECTORS



Saturday, Nov 15	Symia Family
Sunday, Nov 16	Naomi Koerwitz
Saturday, Nov 22	Melhem Family
Sunday, Nov 23	Koury Family
Saturday, Nov 29	Symia Family
Sunday, Nov 30	Boulos Family

Scripture Readings

Announcement to Zechariah
 Rom 4:13-25 / Lk 1:1-25

Announcement to the Virgin Mary
 Gal 3:15-22 / Lk 1:26-38

Visitation of the Virgin to Elizabeth
 Eph 1:1-14 / Lk 1:39-45

Grief Workshop with Dr. Paul LaChance:
 Our Lady of Lebanon Church (Church Hall) Monday, November 17 at 6:30-8 p.m. This is a workshop for those dealing with the loss of a loved one through death and provides an opportunity to explore spiritual and psychological aspects of loss and healing. Topics could include the process of grieving, the emotions of grief, ways to move forward and our relationship with God. Individuals will have an opportunity to share their experiences of grief and what the loss has meant for them. For more information and to let us know you are coming, Please contact Paul at 908-235-8489; email: pjlachance@outlook.com.

Hospital/Sick
 Father Simon would like to be notified when parishioners are in the hospital or sick at home and would like him to pray with them for a speedy recovery. Father is available at your convenience. Please call the rectory anytime at **610-252-5275**


MCF
 (Maronite Christian Formation)
MCF Classes are held every Saturday at 3:30 pm.
 Please note - both 2nd & 3rd grade children will be making their communion in May 2015. Make certain that your 2nd grader is attending weekly classes in order to receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion!
No classes on Saturday, Nov 29, 2014

NEW YEAR'S EVE HAFLI - Wednesday, December 31st in the Church Hall! Tickets are \$30.00 for Adults and \$15 for children 12 and under. Kids under the age of 3 are free. Doors open at 7:00 PM. Full dinner buffet will be served at 8:00 PM. This is a BYOB event, however a champagne toast will be served at midnight. Soda, Coffee & Water will be available. DJ will entertain with both Arabic & American music. Proceeds to benefit the church and children's organizations. Please consider spending the last night of the year with your church family!

Children's' Christmas Party
 The St. Theresa Sodality will hold its annual children's Christmas Party on **Sunday, December 7th at 2:00 PM.** There will be music, light refreshments and a Christmas craft for young children. All parishioners are welcome to attend.
 Special Guest: Santa Clause

On the occasion of the Independence Day of Lebanon.
The Consul General of Lebanon in New York Mr. Majidi Ramadan and Mrs. Vanessa Raphael Ramadan Request the pleasure of your company at a reception on Friday November 21, 2014 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm.
 RSVP by Nov 19, 2014 (212) 744-7905 ext. 201 or info@nylebcons.org.
 Grand Ballroom 630 Second Ave at 35th Street NY, NY 10016
 Business Attire

Children's' Christmas Pageant
 This year's Christmas pageant will be held on **Sunday, December 21, after 10:00 AM Liturgy.**
 Mon., December 1st, at 5:00 PM - Roles will be chosen
 Wed., December 3rd - First rehearsal will be held - time TBD
 Rehearsals - will be held every Sunday, Wednesday & Thursday up to and including December 18th. Please mark your calendars. All children are invited to attend.

	BINGO	FLOOR	KITCHEN
Nov 18	Rosie Canone, Marta Gabriel, Sharon John		Beverly Karam
Nov 25	Mike Boulos		Jenny Vaccaro, Jennifer Vaccaro, Hulwe Mousa
Dec 2	Labebe Buesing, DeeDee Ellwood		Susie Karam

Volunteers Needed !!