

SAVE THE DATE!
St. Maron's Day Hafli
 Saturday, February 7, 2014 - Memoriam Ad Book
 will be published. Details to follow.

Grief Support Group: Our Lady of Lebanon Church (Church Hall) Wednesday, December 10 that 6:30-8 p.m. This is a support group 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 LaChance at 908-235-8489; email: pjlachance@outlook.com.

PARISH ORGANIST: Patty Boulous
PASTORAL COUNCIL:
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Pioneers of Mary
Meetings will be held every Sunday, at 5:30PM.
Kids in grades 7 through 12 are invited to attend.
 (No meeting on Sunday, November 30, 2014)

MCF (Maronite Christian Formation)
 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

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

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 29 - Dec 19, 2014

**VISITATION OF THE VIRGIN
 TO ELIZABETH**

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Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke 1:39-45.
In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

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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Maronite Young Adult Workshop!
 Please join us on Saturday, November 29, 2014 from 7:00 to 8:00 PM in the church hall, to kick off our first MYA workshop. Parishioners ages 18 to 35 (married or single) are invited to participate. For more info contact Fr. Simon at 610-252-5275 or email at ololchurch@yahoo.com

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

WEEKEND of NOV 29 - 30 * VISITATION OF THE VIRGIN TO ELIZABETH *****

Sat., Nov 29 – 5:00 PM – Rose Symia (1st Anniversary) by the Family. Coffee hour to follow.

Sun., Nov 30 – 10:00 AM - Fr. Boulos Constantine by Daoun Boulos & Family. Coffee hour to follow.

Monday	Dec 1	6:00 pm	Sara Staszewki 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 Ciabrone by Kassis, Koorie & Pijut Families
Friday	Dec 5	6:00 pm	Unis Baurkot by Joseph & Suzanne Jabbour (Arabic Mass)

Sunday Dec 7th - 2nd Collection - Maronite Patriarchal Charities

WEEKEND of DEC 6 - 7 * BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST *****

Sat., Dec 6 – 5:00 PM – Emil & Dorothy Mawad by the Family

Sun., Dec 7 – 10:00 AM - Rizk, Aurore, & Victor Rizk by Mr. & Mrs. Tony Rizk & Family

Monday	Dec 8	7:00 pm	THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (Holy Day of Obligation) Cheffie Melhem by Patty Mosellie
Tuesday	Dec 9	6:00 pm	Edward Geosits by Mr. & Mrs. Mike Merring
Thursday	Dec 11	6:00 pm	Joey Jabeir by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Moussa & Family
Friday	Dec 12	6:00 pm	Lillian Isaac Symia by Mr. & Mrs. Habouk Shumar & Family (Arabic Mass)

WEEKEND of DEC 13 - 14 * REVELATION TO JOSEPH *****

Sat., Dec 13 – 5:00 PM – Richard Lichty by Mr. & Mrs. Steve Koorie & Family. Coffee hour to follow.

Sun., Dec 14 – 10:00 AM - Peter Karam by Samuel & Valerie Saad

Monday	Dec 15	6:30 pm	Christmas Novena - John Boulos by Mr. & Mrs. William Joseph
Tuesday	Dec 16	6:30 pm	Christmas Novena - Edward Geosits (birthday remembrance) by the Family
Thursday	Dec 18	6:30 pm	Christmas Novena - George Jabbour by James Canone
Friday	Dec 19	6:30 pm	Christmas Novena - Doura Anthony by Judge & Mrs. Robert Ellwood (ARABIC)

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS - Anyone wishing to donate money toward the purchase of Poinsettias, to decorate the altar, should contact Fr. Simon or Deacon Anthony. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

LECTORS

Saturday, Nov 29	Symia Family
Sunday, Nov 30	Boulos Family
Saturday, Dec 6	Mawad Family
Sunday, Dec 7	Rizk Family
Saturday, Dec 13	Koorie Family
Sunday, Dec 14	Karam Family

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Visitation of the Virgin to Elizabeth

Eph 1:1-14 / Lk 1:39-45

Birth of John the Baptist

Gal 4:21 - 5:1 / Lk 1:57 -66

Revelation to Joseph

Eph 3:1-13 / Mt 1:18-25



The Sixth Annual Angel Giving Tree

This year's MCF Classes are working with ProJeCt of Easton to provide youth in our community with gifts at Christmas. *No child ever chooses to live in poverty.* The Angel Giving Tree attempts to bring some sunshine into their lives at Christmastime: a time when every other "good little boy or girl" they know receives gifts. Our Angel Tree provides much needed clothing items, special needs and other wished-for toys to some of our city's children. These gifts, in truth, give poor children "food for the soul", the hope of a brighter future and the reassurance that someone does indeed care about them.

Starting Saturday, December 6th, you may contribute to this worthy cause by taking an Angel from the Angel Tree in the vestibule. Each Angel contains the age of a boy or girl from the community. Please purchase a gift for the child and return the Angel (attached securely to the unwrapped gift) to the Social Hall on Saturday, December 13th from 3pm - 5pm or on Sunday, December 14th after Mass until 12pm. Please do not bring gifts after these dates. The gifts will be given to ProJeCt of Easton on Monday, December 15th and delivered to the children in time for Christmas.

Here are some suggestions of gifts: cold weather clothing (coats, hats/gloves/scarves, sweaters, boots), slippers, PJs, sweatshirts and pants, baby clothes and equipment, blankets, backpacks, sneakers/shoes, books, crayons/paints, coloring/activity books/craft kits, board games, toys, bicycles etc.

Some of you may wish to go in together and purchase a gift(s) from the Angel Tree...

Thanks so much and God bless you,

The MCF classes of the Our Lady of Lebanon Church 2014-2015

Please make The Angel Giving Tree a part of your Christmas tradition...

NEW YEAR'S EVE HAFLI

On Wednesday, Dec 31st in the Church Hall! Tickets are \$30.00 for Adults and \$15 for children *14 and under. Kids under the age of 3 are free. Doors will open at *8:00 PM. Full dinner buffet and champagne toast included.

*Cash bar will have soft drinks and wine for sale. **BYOB for any other beverages.**

DJ will entertain with both Arabic and American music.

Proceeds to benefit the Church and children's organizations.

Please consider spending the last night of the year with your church family!

*Please note changes in Bold

PROJECT HOPE CHRISTMAS DINNER!

Sunday, December 14, 2014
Our Lady of Lebanon Church Hall

Project Hope of Easton is a not for profit organization that provides for the less fortunate in the Easton Area with a complete holiday dinner, holiday gifts for kids, warm clothing and a grocery bag. Please consider a donation to help fill important needs for families at this blessed time of the year.

Volunteers, 15 years and older, are needed on Saturday, Dec 13th @ 7:30 AM and Sunday, Dec 14th at 11:00 AM in the church hall to help with Project Hope's Christmas dinner for the poor. Please contact Fr. Simon to volunteer.



Volunteers Needed !!

Children's Christmas Party

The St. Theresa Sodality will hold its annual children's Christmas Party on Sunday, Dec. 7th at 2:00 PM.

There will be music, light refreshments and a Christmas craft for young children.

All parishioners are welcome to attend.



St. Theresa Sodality Monthly Meeting

Will be held on Monday December 1st after 6:00 PM Liturgy & Benediction.

BINGO

FLOOR

KITCHEN

Dec 2

Labebe Buesing, DeeDee Ellwood

Susie Karam

Dec 9

Volunteers

Naomi Shiner, Noelle Richardson

Dec 16

Rosie Canone, Marta Gabriel, Sharon John

Jawhara Karam, Rosann Constantine