

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

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!

PARISH ORGANIST: Patty Boulous
PASTORAL COUNCIL:
President: Naomi Karam-Koerwitz
Vice-President: Maynard Melhem
Secretary: Rhonda Elias
 George Baurkot, Esq.
 Roseann Joseph, Esq.
 Patty Boulous
 Alex Karam, Jr., Esq.
 Abe Kassis, Esq.
Heritage Day Chairperson: Steve Koorie
Financial Controller: Ferris Koorie

Pioneers of Mary
 Meetings will be held every Sunday, at 5:30PM.
 Kids in grades 7 through 12 are invited to attend.

Blessed Mother Statue - We have a beautiful new Blessed Mother statue dedicated to the memory of Barbara Kassis. A very special thank you to all those who contributed toward its purchase, especially Mr. Joseph Kassis & Family. May God reward you a thousand fold for your generosity!

MYA MEETING - A meeting will be held Sunday December 14th at 7:00 PM. All parishioners ages 18 to 35 are welcome to attend.

BINGO COMMITTEE	Eva Farhat, Patty Boulous, Anthony Koury, Jr
MCF COORDINATOR	Deanna Baurkot
ST. THERESA SODALITY	Rosemary Canone
HOLY NAME SOCIETY	David Elias
MYA	Layla Karam / Isaac Jabbour
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
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**Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ
 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.

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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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.

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

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

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 & Sister Monique Abood by the Karam Family

Monday	Dec 15	6:30 pm	John Boulos by Mr. & Mrs. William Joseph
		7:00 pm	Christmas Novena - Fr. Keith from Our Lady of Mercy will be our guest homilist
Tuesday	Dec 16	6:30 pm	Edward Geosits (birthday remembrance) by the Family
		7:00 pm	Christmas Novena - Fr. Mark from Sacred Heart will be our guest homilist
Wednesday	Dec 17	6:30 pm	Mary Simon by Mary Shumar
		7:00 pm	Christmas Novena - Fr. Stan from St. Anthony will be our guest homilist
Thursday	Dec 18	6:30 pm	George Jabbour by James Canone
		7:00 pm	Christmas Novena - Guest homilist to be announced
Friday	Dec 19	6:30 pm	Doura Anthony by Judge & Mrs. Robert Ellwood (ARABIC)
		7:00 pm	Christmas Novena - Guest homilist to be announced

WEEKEND of DEC 20 - 21 * GENEALOGY SUNDAY *****

Sat., Dec 20 – 5:00 PM – Andrew & Mary Baka (Birthday Remembrance) by Mr. & Mrs. John J. Melhem & Family

Sun., Dec 21 – 10:00 AM - Elias & Souad Haddad by the Family

Sun., Dec 21 - Immediately following 10:00 AM Mass - Children's Christmas Pageant - Coffee Hour to Follow

LECTORS

Saturday, Dec 6	Mawad Family
Sunday, Dec 7	Rizk Family
Saturday, Dec 13	Koorie Family
Sunday, Dec 14	Karam Family
Saturday, Dec 20	Melhem Family
Sunday, Dec 21	Haddad Family

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

Genealogy Sunday
Rom 1:1-12 / Mt 1:1-17



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.

Limited seating is available. Don't wait... buy your tickets now!

Rosie 610-360-5020
Peter 610-905-7067
Eddy 718-916-1003

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 PM 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.

Special Guest: Santa Claus

Grief Support Group

Our Lady of Lebanon Church Hall, Wednesday, December 10th from 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.

BINGO	FLOOR	KITCHEN
Dec 9	Volunteers	Naomi Shiner, Noelle Richardson
Dec 16	Rosie Canone, Marta Gabriel, Sharon John	Jawhara Karam, Rosann Constantine
Dec 23	Mike Boulos	Violin Karam