

**MCF (Maronite Christian Formation)**

Classes are held every **Saturday at 3:30 pm.**  
Please have your children attend weekly.

**PIONEERS OF MARY**

Meetings will be held every Sunday at 5:30 PM.  
Kids in grades 7 through 12 are invited to join.

**MYA MEETING** - will be held on May 3, 2015 at 7:30 PM. Everyone ages 18 to 35 years old is invited to attend.

**PARISH ORGANISTS:**

Patty Boulous, Paul Boulous

**PASTORAL COUNCIL:**

**President:** Naomi Karam-Koerwitz

**Vice-President:** Maynard Melhem

**Secretary:** Rhonda Elias

George Baurkot, Esq.

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Patty Boulous

Alex Karam, Jr., Esq.

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**Heritage Day Chairperson:** Steve Koorie

**Financial Controller:** Ferris Koorie

**BINGO COMMITTEE**

Eva Farhat, Patty Boulous,  
Anthony Koury, Jr

**MCF COORDINATOR**

Deanna Baurkot

**ST. THERESA SODALITY**

Rosemary Canone

**HOLY NAME SOCIETY**

David Elias

**MYA**

Leila 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.



Week 13 - 14, 2015

**OUR LADY OF LEBANON  
MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

54 South 4th Street, Easton, PA 18042

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Mar 28 - Apr 5, 2015

**HOSANNA SUNDAY**

Email: [ololchurch@yahoo.com](mailto:ololchurch@yahoo.com)  
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Website: [mountlebanon.org](http://mountlebanon.org)  
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**Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ  
according to Saint John 12,12-22.**

The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord the King of Israel!'

Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written: 'Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!'

His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him. So the crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to testify. It was also because they heard that he had performed this sign that the crowd went to meet him.

The Pharisees then said to one another, 'You see, you can do nothing. Look, the world has gone after him!'

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.

**CLERGY**

Father Simon El Hajj, Pastor  
Deacon Anthony Koury

**OFFICE VOLUNTEER:**

Claire Willard

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,  
Thursday, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM  
No office hours or Liturgy on Fridays.

**LITURGY:** Saturdays: 5:00 PM  
Sundays: 10:00 AM

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**Easter Flowers**

Anyone who would like to offer a donation for Easter Flowers is asked to place your contribution in the envelopes marked "Easter Flowers". Please check the appropriate box, In Honor of, or in Memory of, the person's name and the amount of the donation. You may place the envelope in the collection basket or give it to Fr. Simon. A list of donors will be published in next week's bulletin. Thank you for your support!



**WEEKEND of MAR 28 - MAR 29 Hosanna Sunday (Palm Sunday)**

Sat., Mar 28 - 5:00 PM - Merhej Sassine, wife Anna & all deceased members of their Family by Grandchildren  
 Sun., Mar 29 - 10:00 AM - Hosanna Sunday - For all living & deceased members of our parish Coffee hour to follow - Hosted by the St. Theresa Sodality.



**GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2015 - HOLY LAND COLLECTION**

**EASTER WEEK SCHEDULE**

Monday	Mar. 30	6:30 pm	<u>Mass Intention:</u> Samuel Joseph (Birthday remembrance) by Marie Joseph Stations & Adoration of the Cross
Tuesday	Mar. 31	6:30 pm	<u>Mass Intention:</u> Elias & Margaret Merhi by Claire Willard & Family Stations & Adoration of the Cross
Wednesday اربعاء أيوب	Apr. 1	7:00 pm	<u>Rite of the Lamp Liturgy:</u> For the Sick in the parish Mass with the Rite of Blessing of the oil & anointing of all those who are present in the church. اربعاء ايوب : قداس ورتبة القنديل - تبريك الزيت والمسحة للحاضرين
Holy Thursday خميس الأسرار	Apr. 2	7:00 pm	<u>Washing of the Feet &amp; Liturgy</u> قداس ورتبة الغسل <u>Mass intention :</u> For all priests and deacons who served and belong to our parish. Mass followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 12:00 AM يلي القداس والرتبة سجود متواصل أمام القربان حتى الساعة الثانية عشرة ليلا
Good Friday الجمعة العظيمة	Apr. 3	11:00 AM 3:00 & 7:00 pm	Good Friday Service - Burial Service / Procession / Kissing of the Crucifix الجمعة العظيمة - رتبة الصلب والدفن والزيح - يلي الزيح تقبيل الصليب المقدس
Saturday of The Light	Apr. 4	9:30 -11:30 am	Confessions- Fr Robert George & Fr. Robert Kosek /Fr. Simon-Arabic

**EASTER, APRIL 5, 2015 - BISHOP APPEAL ENDS**

**WEEKEND of APR 4 - APR 5 \*\*\*Easter Sunday\*\*\***

Saturday, Apr 4 - 8:00 PM & 11:00 PM - For all living & deceased members of our parish  
 Sunday, Apr 5 - 10:00 AM - For all living & deceased members of our parish - Coffee hour to follow - Hosted by the Holy Name Society

Monday April 6 - 7:00 PM - **Felicitations to the Virgin Mary (White Week)** Lillian Isaac by Sam Canone

**LECTORS**

Saturday, March 28	Boulos Family
Sunday, March 29	St. Theresa Sodality
Saturday, April 4	Pioneers/MYA
Sunday, April 5	Holy Name Society

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Hosanna Sunday**  
 Phil 1:1-13 / Jn 12:12-22  
**The Glorious Resurrection**  
 Saturday - Phil 2:1-11 / Mt 28:1-10  
 Sunday - 1 Cor 15:12-26 / Mk 16:1-8



**Annual Lenten Appeal**

Dear Beloved Parishioners,  
 The Annual Lenten Appeal for the Eparchy of St. Maron Brooklyn is now taking place. The Bishop relies upon you to help him serve our Maronite parishes, open new missions, train our future Maronite priests, and support our retired priests. We have been asked to contribute \$6,500 as a parish. The **Collection total to date is \$1,789.00.** Every family is asked to participate in the Appeal at a level which is meaningful for them, and to be as generous as possible. An envelope dated March 8th is included in your weekly offering box for your convenience. In the event sufficient funds are not raised, the church will have to pay the difference. The Appeal ends **Easter Sunday, April 5th.** Please give what God has put in your heart to give.

**Thank you for your generosity!**  
 Fr. Simon

**Easter Egg Hunt**

Will take place on Saturday April 4th, 12:00 Noon at Notre Dame High School. Everyone is invited. For more info call Rhonda Elias at 610-905-0050



**TWELVE APOSTLES**

Young men who are seniors in high school or in college, and would like to serve as one of the twelve apostles for this year's washing of the feet ceremony are asked to contact Fr. Simon or Deacon Anthony



<b>BINGO</b>	<b>FLOOR</b>	<b>KITCHEN</b>
Mar 31	NO BINGO	NO BINGO
Apr 7	Volunteers	Jenny Vaccaro, Jennifer Vaccaro, Hulwe Moussa

**St. Maron's Hafli**

Will be held at our Lady of Lebanon Church Hall on **Saturday, April 25, 2015**  
 Doors will open at 6:30 PM. Appetizers will be available from 6:30 pm to 7:15 pm. A short program will begin at 7:15 followed by a dinner buffet. Entertainment will be provided by **Ayad Attallah**  
 Tickets are \$50.00 for adults, \$25.00 for ages 13 - 18, and \$15.00 for children under 12. Deadline for ticket purchases is April 12th. For tickets and table reservations please see Elaine Koury or Minerva Jacob.  
 We are still accepting ads for the Memoriam Ad book up until March 31, 2015. Please consider an ad in memory of a loved one.

**DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION TO SICK AND ELDERLY**

Fr. Simon will distribute communion this Tuesday, March 31st, after 10:00 AM, to all sick and elderly parishioners. Please notify the parish office if this day is not convenient for you.

**LEBANESE CITIZENSHIP REGISTRY**

Please contact the parish office for information on registering in Lebanon at 610-252-5275

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK**

**Who are the Maronites?**  
 Did you know.....  
 .....the words of Consecration in the Maronite Liturgy are said in Syriac/Aramaic, which is the language that Christ spoke.

**Visits To Seven Churches**

*(Bus is full)*

Thursday of the Holy Mysteries is April 2, 2015. Following the liturgy we will visit seven area churches. The bus will leave OLOL parking lot 15 minutes after the conclusion of services. If you're driving your own car a list of churches that we will visit follows:

- 1st Stop - Sacred Heart Church-Miller Heights
- 2nd Stop - St Jane Frances de Chantal
- 3rd Stop - St. Anthony's Parish Center Chapel
- 4th Stop - Our Lady of Mercy
- 5th Stop - St. Mary's in Alpha
- 6th Stop - St Phillip & James, P'burg
- 7th Stop - Our Lady of Lebanon



**MONK'S SOUP SALE:** The annual Monk's Soup sale will take place Friday, April 3rd, beginning at 11:30 AM in the church hall. You may eat the soup in the hall or carry out. Please bring your own containers for take out orders. Proceeds from the Monk soup sale will be offered to the church on behalf of all the sick and suffering members of our parish family. Anyone who would like to help is asked to come to the hall on Friday, April 3rd at 7:00 AM.