

**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 5:30PM. Kids in grades 7 through 12 are invited to join.

**Publication of Banns**

3rd Banns of marriage is announced for Samuel Khoury of Australia & Dora Elias of Easton. If anyone has a reason why this couple should not be united in Holy Matrimony speak now, only to the Pastor, or forever hold your peace.

**PARISH ORGANISTS:**

Patty Boulous, Paul Boulous

**PASTORAL COUNCIL:**

**President:** Naomi Karam-Koerwitz

**Vice-President:** Maynard Melhem

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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 12 - 14, 2015

**OUR LADY OF LEBANON  
MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

54 South 4th Street, Easton, PA 18042

PH: 610-252-5275



Mar 21 - Apr 5, 2015

**Sixth Sunday of Lent  
Healing of the Blind Man**

Email: ololchurch@yahoo.com  
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Website: mountlebanon.org  
Website: ololeaston.org



**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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**The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ  
according to Saint Mark 10:46-52**

They came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!' Jesus stood still and said, 'Call him here.' And they called the blind man, saying to him, 'Take heart; get up, he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, 'What do you want me to do for you?' The blind man said to him, 'My teacher, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has made you well.' Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

**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. Thank you for your support!



**BIBLE STUDY CLASS (Date Change)**

Will be held Monday, March 23 in the church hall from 7:00 to 8:00 PM. Bibles are not needed. Please use this opportunity to deepen your understanding of the scriptures.



**WEEKEND of MAR 21 - MAR 22 *Sixth Sunday of Lent - Healing of the Blind Man***

**Sat., Mar 21 - 5:00 PM - Catherine Melan (Birthday Remembrance) by the Family**  
**Sun., Mar 22 - 10:00 AM - Eva Oliver (1st Anniversary) by daughters Sandy & Jodi and their Families.**  
 Coffee hour to follow

Monday	Mar 23	6:00 pm	Lynne Tone Starke by Deacon & Mrs. Anthony Koury & Family
Tuesday	Mar 24	6:00 pm	Rose Symia by Mrs. Bessie Moseillie
Wednesday	Mar 25	7:00 pm	The Annunciation to the Virgin Mary - Holy Day of Obligation - Soubhi & Lillian Constantine by the Family (No Fasting or abstinence)
Thursday	Mar 26	6:00 PM	Sara Staszewski by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Jabbour
Friday	Mar 27	7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross and Benediction-Confessions from 6 - 6:45 PM

**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.

EASTER WEEK SCHEDULE			
Monday	Mar. 30	6:30 pm	<u>Mass Intention:</u> Available Stations & Adoration of the Cross
Tuesday	Mar. 31	6:30 pm	<u>Mass Intention:</u> Available 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> غسل قداس ورتبة الغسل <u>Mass intention :</u> For all priests who served the 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	3:00 pm & 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 8:00 & 11:00 pm	Confessions- Fr Robert George & Fr. Robert Kosek /Fr. Simon-Arabic Easter Vigil Mass – Offered for parishioners.
Easter Sunday	Apr. 5	10:00 am	Offered for Parishioners Coffee Hour will follow, Hosted by the Holy Name Society.

**LECTORS**

Saturday, March 21	Melan Family
Sunday, March 22	Oliver Family
Saturday, March 28	Boulos Family
Sunday, March 29	St. Theresa Sodality
Saturday, April 4	Pioneers/MYA
Sunday, April 5	Holy Name Society

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Healing of the Blind Man**  
 2 Cor 10:1-7 / Mk 10:46-52

**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 \$1,518.00.** 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 by Sunday, March 22



**St. Maron's Day 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.

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK**

**Who are the Maronites?**

Did you know...  
 ....there are six major traditions in the Catholic Church (Alexandrian, Antiochene, Armenian, Chaldean, Byzantine and Latin)? Maronites are of the Antiochene tradition.

**Visits To Seven Churches (5 seats left)**

Thursday of the Holy Mysteries is April 2, 2015. Following the liturgy we will visit seven area churches. If you would like to travel by bus to join us for the visits, please make your reservation with Deacon Anthony by March 22nd. You will be given a ticket once you sign up. We have 5 seats left on the bus and there is no charge for transportation. The bus will leave OLOL parking lot 15 minutes after the conclusion of services. If you prefer to drive your own car, a list of churches that we will visit follows:

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

**LITURGY OF THE CHRISM**

Will take place on Wed., March 25th at 12:00 noon in Our Lady of Lebanon Cathedral in Brooklyn. A luncheon will follow. Parishioners who plan on attending should be ready to leave no later than 9:15 AM. Please contact Fr. Simon or Deacon Anthony by Sunday, March 22nd



**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 & suffering members of our parish family. Anyone who would like to help is asked to come to the hall on Sunday, March 22nd at 1:00 PM and Friday, April 3rd at 7:00 AM.

BINGO	FLOOR	KITCHEN
Mar 24	Mike Boulos	Beverly Karam
Mar 31	NO BINGO	NO BINGO
Apr 7	Volunteers	Jenny Vaccaro, Jennifer Vaccaro, Hulwe Moussa